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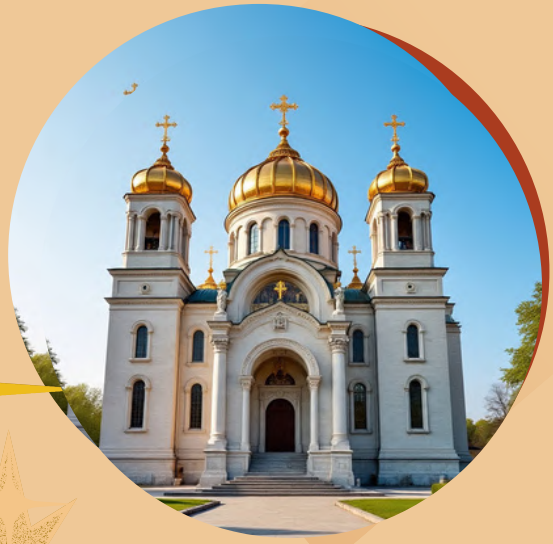

500+ MCQ with detailed explanation

- Banking & finance
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Ques : Which Indian bank collected the highest penalty amount for minimum balance breach between FY21 to FY25?
FY21 से FY25 के बीच न्यूनतम बैलेंस उल्लंघन के लिए सबसे अधिक जुर्माना किस भारतीय बैंक ने वसूला?

A. Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
B. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
C. Indian Bank / इंडियन बैंक
D. Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
E. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• Between FY21 to FY25, 11 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) collected over Rs.8,936 crore in penalties for non-maintenance of minimum balance in savings accounts.
• Among them, Indian Bank collected the highest penalty, amounting to Rs.1,828 crore.

Other major contributors were:

- Punjab National Bank – Rs.1,662 crore
- Bank of Baroda – Rs.1,532 crore
- Canara Bank – Rs.1,213 crore

• State Bank of India (SBI) stopped collecting minimum balance penalties in March 2020.
• The Department of Financial Services (DFS) has advised banks to rationalize these charges, especially for rural and semi-urban customers.
• RBI permits such charges if they follow a board-approved policy that ensures transparency and customer service.

Ques: What is the IMF's revised GDP growth forecast for India for FY26 and FY27?
IMF ने FY26 और FY27 के लिए भारत की GDP वृद्धि दर का संशोधित अनुमान क्या लगाया है?

A. 6.1%
B. 6.5%
C. 6.4%
D. 6.2%
E. 6.8%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised India's GDP growth forecast to 6.4% for FY2025–26 and 6.4% for FY2026–27, reflecting a 20 basis point hike for FY26 and a 10 basis point hike for FY27.
• The revision is attributed to stronger-than-expected investment and a resilient domestic economy, despite global uncertainties and US tariff tensions.
• This forecast is slightly below RBI's projection of 6.5% but within the Economic Survey range of 6.3%–6.8%.
• In contrast, ADB and India Ratings (Ind-Ra) lowered their FY26 forecast to 6.2%, citing global slowdown risks and policy uncertainties.
• Globally, the IMF expects growth of 3.0% in 2025 and 3.1% in 2026, slightly higher due to anticipated front-loading before potential US tariff hikes.

Ques: What was the year-on-year percentage increase in RBI's Digital Payments Index (DPI) as of March 2025?
मार्च 2025 तक भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) के डिजिटल पेमेंट्स इंडेक्स (DPI) में वर्ष-दर-वर्ष कितनी प्रतिशत वृद्धि दर्ज की गई?

A. 8.3%
B. 9.1%
C. 10.7%
D. 11.5%
E. 12.0%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Digital payments in India continued to grow steadily.
• The Reserve Bank of India's Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) recorded a 10.7% year-on-year increase as of March 2025.
• The index stood at 493.22 in March 2025, up from 445.5 in March 2024 and 465.33 in September 2024.
• The rise was primarily driven by improvements in payment infrastructure (supply-side) and payment performance across the country.

About Reserve Bank of India – Digital Payments Index :

• Launched : January 1, 2021 with March 2018 as base
• Parameters : 1. Payment Enablers (25% weight) 2. Payment Infrastructure – Demand-side factors (10%) 3. Payment Infrastructure – Supply-side factors (15%) 4. Payment Performance (45%) 5. Consumer Centricity (5%)
• Frequency : Twice a year, for March and September, with a four-month lag

Ques: What is the minimum assessed net worth required for UCBs to expand beyond their state under ECBA norms?
ECBA मानदंडों के तहत UCBs को राज्य से बाहर विस्तार करने के लिए न्यूनतम मूल्यांकनित निवल संपत्ति कितनी होनी चाहिए?

A. Rs.25 crore
B. Rs.50 crore
C. Rs.40 crore
D. Rs.75 crore
E. Rs.80 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Under the proposed Eligibility Criteria for Business Authorisation (ECBA) norms by the RBI, only Tier 3 or Tier 4 Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) with:

• Assessed Net Worth (ANW) of at least Rs.50 crore, and
• Full compliance with ECBA, are allowed to expand operations beyond their home state, with prior RBI approval.

• Additionally, such UCBs can expand into a maximum of 2 new states per year, provided they have capital to open at least 5 branches per state.

Ques: What is the main objective of the 'Gyan Bharatam Mission (GBM)' announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी द्वारा घोषित 'ज्ञान भारतम् मिशन (GBM)' का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Promoting Sanskrit education in schools / स्कूलों में संस्कृत शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देना
B. Establishing new central universities / नए केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालयों की स्थापना
C. Digitising and conserving ancient Indian manuscripts / प्राचीन भारतीय पांडुलिपियों का डिजिटलीकरण और संरक्षण
D. Training scholars in Vedic literature / वैदिक साहित्य में विद्वानों को प्रशिक्षण देना
E. Creating AI tools for cultural heritage / सांस्कृतिक विरासत के लिए कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) उपकरण बनाना

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Gyan Bharatam Mission (GBM) is a major initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi aimed at the digitisation, documentation, and conservation of over one crore (10 million) ancient manuscripts across India.
• It involves the surveying, cataloguing, and digital preservation of manuscripts currently held by libraries, museums, academic institutions, and private collectors.
• The mission is a restructured version of the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM), which was originally set up in 2003 under the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) during the 10th Five-Year Plan.
• Under the Union Budget 2025–26, the GBM has been launched as a Central Sector Scheme for the period 2024–31, with a total allocation of ₹482.85 crore.
• The Government of India increased the annual allocation for manuscripts conservation from Rs.3.5 crore to Rs.60 crore.
• A National Digital Repository will be created to provide global access to this rich manuscript heritage for students and scholars worldwide.

Ques: Which Indian cricketer became the first captain to score four centuries in his debut Test series during the 2025 series against England?
2025 में इंग्लैंड के खिलाफ टेस्ट सीरीज़ के दौरान कौन से भारतीय कप्तान ने अपनी डेब्यू टेस्ट सीरीज़ में चार शतक लगाकर नया रिकॉर्ड बनाया?

A. Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
B. KL Rahul / केएल राहुल
C. Rishabh Pant / ऋषभ पंत
D. Shubman Gill / शुभमन गिल
E. Hardik Pandya / हार्दिक पंड्या

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Shubman Gill, the Indian Test team captain, created history by scoring four centuries in his debut Test series as captain during the 2025 Test series against England at Old Trafford.
• He became the first player in Test history to achieve this feat.
• Previously, five players – Warwick Armstrong, Don Bradman, Greg Chappell, Virat Kohli, and Steven Smith – had scored three centuries each in their debut series as captain.
• Gill also set a new record for the most 100-plus scores by a captain in a Test series against England.
• With this performance, he joined legends like Don Bradman and Sunil Gavaskar, who also scored four centuries in a single Test series as captains.

Ques : Who has been appointed as the first Indian-origin CEO of Procter & Gamble (P&G)?
प्रॉक्टर एंड गैम्बल (P&G) के पहले भारतीय मूल के सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Shailesh Jejurikar / शैलेश जेजुरीकर
B. Raj Subramaniam / राज सुब्रमण्यम
C. Sundar Pichai / सुंदर पिचाई
D. Arvind Krishna / अरविंद कृष्णा
E. Satya Nadella / सत्य नडेला

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

• Mumbai-born Shailesh Jejurikar has been named the first Indian-origin President & CEO of Procter & Gamble (P&G) in its 187-year history, effective January 1, 2026.
• He is currently the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the company.
• Jejurikar will succeed Jon Moeller, who will take on the role of Executive Chairman.
• He has been associated with P&G for 36 years, starting his journey as an Assistant Brand Manager in P&G India.
• P&G has also nominated him for election to the Board of Directors at its October 2025 shareholder meeting.
• India contributes approximately 2.5% to P&G's global revenue.

lQues: Where is the Ministry of Defence establishing a state-of-the-art testing facility under the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS)?
रक्षा परीक्षण अवसंरचना योजना (DTIS) के तहत रक्षा मंत्रालय अत्याधुनिक परीक्षण सुविधा कहां स्थापित कर रहा है?

A. Coimbatore / कोयंबटूर
B. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
C. Pune / पुणे
D. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
E. Tiruchirappalli / तिरुचिरापल्ली

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Defence signed a MoU to establish a state-of-the-art testing facility in the Mechanical & Material domain at Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, under the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS).
• The DTIS provides up to 75% government funding as Grant-in-Aid, while the remaining 25% is contributed by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) consisting of Indian private entities and State/Central Governments.
• Micro Labs is the lead SPV member for this facility. Other members include Tamilnadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO), Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Vaidheswaran Industries
• The DTIS, with a total outlay of Rs.400 crore, was launched by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh to promote collaboration between the private sector and government in building high-end defence testing infrastructure.

Ques: Who won the 70th edition of the Belgian Grand Prix held at Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps in 2025?
2025 में सर्किट डी स्पा-फ्रैंकोरशॉम्प्स में आयोजित 70वीं बेल्जियम ग्रां प्री किसने जीती?

A. Max Verstappen / मैक्स वेरस्टैपेन
B. Lewis Hamilton / लुईस हैमिल्टन
C. Charles Leclerc / चार्ल्स लेक्लर
D. Lando Norris / लैंडो नॉरिस
E. Oscar Piastri / ऑस्कर पियास्त्री

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Oscar Piastri, representing UK-based team McLaren, won the 70th edition of the Belgian Grand Prix held at Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Stavelot, Belgium.
• This marked his 6th win in 13 races in the 2025 Formula One season.
• With this victory, he extended his lead in the F1 World Championship standings, now 16 points ahead of teammate Lando Norris.

Recent Grand Prix Winner :

• 2025 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Miami Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Bahrain Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix : Max Verstappen
• 2025 F1 Monaco Grand Prix : Lando Norris
• 2025 Austrian Grand Prix : Lando Norris
• 2025 British Grand Prix : Lando Norris
• 2025 Spanish Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Canadian Grand Prix : George Russell

Ques: Under which scheme is the Indian government installing 25 crore smart meters **across the country?**
भारत सरकार देशभर में 25 करोड़ स्मार्ट मीटर किस योजना के तहत स्थापित कर रही है?

A. SAUBHAGYA / सौभाग्य
B. UDAY / उदय
C. RDSS / आरडीएसएस
D. IPDS / आईपीडीएस
E. PM Kusum / पीएम कुसुम

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Power Ministry is implementing the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) to install 25 crore smart meters across India.
• The deadline for this installation has been extended by 2 years, now set for March 2028.
• As of now, 20.33 crore meters have been sanctioned and 2.44 crore installed.
• The total outlay of RDSS is Rs.3.03 lakh crore, with Rs.97,631 crore as budgetary support from the Central Government.
• Delays in installation have been due to new technology, tendering issues, and setup of direct debit systems.
• In February 2025, around 80,000 meters were being installed daily, with expectations to reach 1 lakh/day soon.

Ques: How many medals did India win at the FISU World University Games 2025 held in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany?
राइन-रुहर, जर्मनी में आयोजित FISU वर्ल्ड यूनिवर्सिटी गेम्स 2025 में भारत ने कितने पदक जीते?

A. 8 medals
B. 10 medals
C. 12 medals
D. 15 medals
E. 26 medals

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• India concluded its campaign at the FISU World University Games 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany with a total of 12 medals, including 2 Gold, 5 Silver and 5 Bronze
• About 300 Indian athletes participated in the Games, which took place from July 16 to 27, 2025.
• This was the 32nd edition of the biennial multi-sport event.
• India's best-ever performance at the Games was in Chengdu 2023, where the country finished 7th overall with 26 medals, including 11 golds—8 of them in shooting.
• However, shooting was not included in the 2025 edition, affecting India's medal prospects.

Ques : What is the title of Kiran Desai's new novel that made it to the Booker Prize 2025 longlist?
बुकर पुरस्कार 2025 की लॉन्गलिस्ट में शामिल किरण देसाई के नए उपन्यास का नाम क्या है?

A. The Inheritance of Loss / द इनहेरिटेंस ऑफ लॉस
B. The Story of Sonia and Sunny / द स्टोरी ऑफ सोनिया एंड सनी
C. The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny / द लोनलीनेस ऑफ सोनिया एंड सनी
D. Indians in America / इंडियंस इन अमेरिका
E. Echoes of Silence / इकोज़ ऑफ साइलेंस

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• Kiran Desai, the Indian author who won the Booker Prize in 2006 for The Inheritance of Loss, has made her comeback to the Booker longlist after 18 years.
• Her new novel, titled The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny, is a 677-page work that explores the lives of two young Indians in the United States.
• It is among the 13 books longlisted for the prestigious £50,000 Booker Prize 2025.
• This is her first novel since winning the Booker Prize in 2006.
• The final six nominees will be announced on September 23, and the winner on November 10 in London.

Ques: Where were the Global Tiger Day 2025 celebrations held and what major initiatives were announced by the Environment Minister?
ग्लोबल टाइगर डे 2025 का आयोजन कहां किया गया और पर्यावरण मंत्री द्वारा कौन-कौन से प्रमुख कार्यक्रमों की घोषणा की गई?

A. Jim Corbett National Park / जिम कॉर्बेट नेशनल पार्क
B. Sundarbans Tiger Reserve / सुंदरबन टाइगर रिज़र्व
C. Kanha National Park / कान्हा राष्ट्रीय उद्यान
D. National Zoological Park, Delhi / राष्ट्रीय प्राणी उद्यान, दिल्ली
E. Ranthambore Tiger Reserve / रणथंभौर टाइगर रिज़र्व

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav presided over the Global Tiger Day 2025 celebrations held at the National Zoological Park, New Delhi.
• The Minister announced that the number of tiger reserves in India has increased from 46 in 2014 to 58 as of 2025.
• A nationwide tree plantation drive was launched — over 1 lakh saplings will be planted across all 58 tiger reserves, making it one of the world's largest such efforts.
• The Minister highlighted the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) launched by India to protect the seven big cats globally; 24 countries have already joined, with IBCA HQ to be based in India.

Four important publications were unveiled under the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA):

• Status of Small Cats in the Tiger Landscape of India
• STRIPES Magazine – Global Tiger Day Special Edition
• Waterfalls of Tiger Reserves in India
• Water Bodies inside Tiger Reserves of India by Sh. Bharat Lal and Dr. S.P. Yadav

Ques: What is the purpose of the COP-33 Cell established by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)?
पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय (MoEFCC) द्वारा स्थापित COP-33 सेल का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Managing biodiversity data / जैव विविधता डेटा का प्रबंधन
B. Overseeing India's forest certification / भारत के वन प्रमाणन की देखरेख
C. Preparing for the COP-33 UN Climate Conference / COP-33 संयुक्त राष्ट्र जलवायु सम्मेलन की तैयारी
D. Coordinating with international wildlife bodies / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव निकायों के साथ समन्वय
E. Monitoring air quality across metros / महानगरों में वायु गुणवत्ता की निगरानी

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has established a dedicated COP-33 Cell under its Climate Change Division, headed by Joint Secretary Ved Prakash Mishra.
• The cell will manage professional and logistical requirements for hosting the 33rd Conference of the Parties (COP-33) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), proposed to be held in India in 2028.
• If approved, COP-33 will be India's second time hosting a UN Climate Conference after COP-8 in 2002 (New Delhi).
• The COP-33 Cell comprises 11 members, including directors, consultants, and support staff.
• Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed India's bid to host COP-33 during his address at COP-28 in Dubai, UAE.
• COPs are annual global summits under the UNFCCC (established in 1992) where nations assess progress toward climate goals, especially the Paris Agreement target of limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

Ques: Which tribal community performs the 40-day dance-drama festival called Gavri in southern Rajasthan?
दक्षिण राजस्थान में 40-दिवसीय नृत्य-नाट्य उत्सव 'गवरी' का आयोजन किस जनजातीय समुदाय द्वारा किया जाता है?

A. Meena / मीणा
B. Sahariya / सहारिया
C. Garasia / गरासिया
D. Bhil / भील
E. Damor / डामोर

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Gavri is a 40-day dance-drama festival performed by the Bhil tribal community of Mewar region in southern Rajasthan.
• It is a fusion of dance and theatrical performance depicting the eternal battle between good and evil, often featuring Goddess Amba and the demon Bhiamwal.
• The origin of Gavri dates back to as early as the 3rd or 4th century, and it was prevalent during the reign of SiddhRaj Jai Singh of Gujarat.
• The core narrative is rooted in the myth of Lord Shiva and demon Bhasmasur.
• The festival is not just a performance—it is a ritual to ensure the well-being of sisters and daughters living in other villages after marriage.
• All roles are performed by men, and the performance includes mime, dialogue, and scenes known as 'Khel', with narration provided by a character called Kutkadiya.
• It is also known by another name – Rai Nach.

Ques: What is the name of the first AI language model being developed specifically for Latin America, and who is leading the initiative?
लैटिन अमेरिका के लिए विशेष रूप से विकसित की जा रही पहली एआई भाषा मॉडल का नाम क्या है, और इस पहल का नेतृत्व कौन कर रहा है?

A. Andes-AI / एंडीज-एआई
B. Latam-GPT / लैटम-जीपीटी
C. HispanoAI / हिस्पानोएआई
D. PanLat-AI / पैनलैट-एआई
E. CENIA-AI / सेनिया-एआई

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Latam-GPT is the name of the first large artificial intelligence language model being developed specifically for Latin America.
• It is designed to understand the region's diverse cultures and linguistic nuances better than global models, which are often predominantly trained on English data.
• The project is an open-source initiative led by Chile's state-run National Center for Artificial Intelligence (CENIA).
• More than 30 regional institutions are collaborating on the project.
• Development began in January 2023, and the official launch is expected in September.
• Latam-GPT aims to increase AI adoption and accessibility across the Latin American region.

Ques: What new educational modules is NCERT introducing in school curricula?
एनसीईआरटी स्कूल पाठ्यक्रम में कौन से नए शैक्षणिक मॉड्यूल शामिल करने जा रहा है?

A. Digital coding and robotics / डिजिटल कोडिंग और रोबोटिक्स
B. Global literature and arts / वैश्विक साहित्य और कलाएँ
C. Ancient civilizations of Asia / एशिया की प्राचीन सभ्यताएँ
D. Space mission & Operation Sindoor / अंतरिक्ष मिशन और ऑपरेशन सिंदूर
E. Financial literacy and banking basics / वित्तीय साक्षरता और बैंकिंग की मूल बातें

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is introducing new curriculum modules on Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's space mission and India's Operation Sindoor, a decisive military operation.
• These modules aim to educate students about India's progress in defence, diplomacy, space exploration, and sustainability.
• The content is being developed under the Ministry of Education and will be part of the curriculum for Classes 3 to 12.
• The modules will also include information about Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), led by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
• Two modules are in progress: one for Classes 3 to 8 and another for Classes 9 to 12.

About NCERT :

• Established : 1 September 1961
• HQ : New Delhi
• Director : Dr. Dinesh Prasad Saklani

Ques: Which Indian tiger reserve now has the third-highest density of tigers globally as per 2024 data?
2024 के आंकड़ों के अनुसार भारत का कौन सा टाइगर रिज़र्व अब वैश्विक स्तर पर तीसरी सबसे अधिक बाघ घनता वाला बन गया है?

A. Bandipur Tiger Reserve / बांदीपुर टाइगर रिज़र्व
B. Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve / जिम कॉर्बेट टाइगर रिज़र्व
C. Kaziranga Tiger Reserve / काजीरंगा टाइगर रिज़र्व
D. Nagarhole Tiger Reserve / नागरहोल टाइगर रिज़र्व
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Kaziranga Tiger Reserve in Assam now ranks third globally in tiger density with 18.65 tigers per 100 sq km, as per the 2024 Status of Tigers report.
• In 2024, the reserve recorded a total of 148 tigers, a significant rise from 104 in 2022.
• The survey covered 1,307.49 sq km using 293 camera traps over 103 days, capturing 4,011 tiger images.
• The inclusion of the Biswanath Wildlife Division contributed to this rise, adding 27 new tigers.
• The identified tiger population included 83 males, 55 females, and 10 of undetermined gender.
• Despite this conservation success, Kaziranga faces threats from habitat degradation, human-wildlife conflict, and climate change.

LQues: What was the codename of the joint anti-terror operation launched in Jammu and Kashmir that eliminated the mastermind of the Pahalgam attack?
जम्मू और कश्मीर में पहलगाम हमले के मास्टरमाइंड को मार गिराने के लिए शुरू किए गए संयुक्त आतंकवाद विरोधी अभियान का कोडनेम क्या था?

A. Operation Rakshak / ऑपरेशन रक्षक
B. Operation Kargil / ऑपरेशन कारगिल
C. Operation Snow Leopard / ऑपरेशन स्नो लेपर्ड
D. Operation Trinetra / ऑपरेशन त्रिनेत्र
E. Operation Mahadev / ऑपरेशन महादेव

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• The Indian Army, in coordination with the J&K Police and CRPF, launched an anti-terror operation codenamed Operation Mahadev in the Lidwas area of Jammu & Kashmir.
• The operation was spearheaded by the Chinar Corps.
• Three terrorists were eliminated, including Hashim Musa, a top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander and the mastermind behind the Pahalgam attack.
• Other terrorists neutralized included Suleiman, Afghan, and Jibran, as confirmed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Ques: What is the objective of the SPARSH Pension System launched by the Ministry of Defence?
रक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा शुरू की गई SPARSH पेंशन प्रणाली का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Managing pensions for state government employees / राज्य सरकार के कर्मचारियों के लिए पेंशन का प्रबंधन
B. Automating salaries for paramilitary forces / अर्धसैनिक बलों के वेतन का स्वचालन
C. Disbursing pensions for defence personnel / रक्षा कर्मियों के लिए पेंशन का वितरण
D. Providing insurance cover to armed forces / सशस्त्र बलों को बीमा कवर प्रदान करना
E. Funding veterans' welfare programs / पूर्व सैनिकों के कल्याण कार्यक्रमों का वित्तपोषण

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• SPARSH stands for System for Pension Administration (Raksha) and is an initiative of the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.
• The objective is to manage pension sanction and disbursement for Armed Forces — including the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Defence Civilians.
• It is administered by the Defence Accounts Department through the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions), Prayagraj.
• It is a centralized, web-based system that directly handles pension claims and deposits pension payments into pensioners' bank accounts without any third-party intermediary.
• SPARSH also allows digital identification, self-verification, and rectification of data, aiming to minimize the need for physical visits to pension offices.
• Despite its digital approach, many ex-servicemen have reported difficulties, including interface inaccessibility and persistent data correction issues.

Ques: What is the role of the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) as per the amended Disaster Management Act, 2025?
संशोधित आपदा प्रबंधन अधिनियम, *2025* के अनुसार राष्ट्रीय संकट प्रबंधन समिति *(NCMC)* की भूमिका क्या है*?*

A. Conducting financial audits of disaster relief funds / आपदा राहत निधियों का वित्तीय लेखा-परीक्षण करना
B. Overseeing drought relief in rural areas / ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में सूखा राहत की देखरेख करना
C. Coordinating national disaster response efforts / राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रतिक्रिया प्रयासों का समन्वय करना
D. Managing rural employment schemes / ग्रामीण रोज़गार योजनाओं का प्रबंधन करना
E. Supervising health policies during pandemics / महामारी के दौरान स्वास्थ्य नीतियों का पर्यवेक्षण करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) has been given statutory status under the amended Disaster Management Act, 2025, making it the apex body for coordinating national disaster response.
• It was formally constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs under Section 8A(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005. Earlier, it operated without formal statutory backing.
• The committee is headed by the Cabinet Secretary. Other key members include the Union Home Secretary, Defence Secretary, Secretary (Coordination), and senior officials from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
• The chairperson can co-opt experts or officers from central/state agencies based on the type of crisis.
• Its primary functions include Assessing disaster preparedness, Issuing directives for improvement, and Coordinating and monitoring disaster response efforts across central and state governments, NDMA, and other relevant agencies.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

In a significant step towards transforming the capacity-building landscape of civil servants in Chhattisgarh, the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), Karmayogi Bharat, and the Government of Chhattisgarh signed a Memorandum of Understanding

The Indian Army(IA) carried out 'Exercise Drone Prahaar' near the Myanmar border to test and validate the integration of drone technologies into frontline operations.

India's first private test facility for depleted heavy water upgradation has been commissioned by TEMA India Ltd in collaboration with BARC and NPCIL. It is a privately-built test infrastructure for upgrading depleted heavy water, a crucial component used in Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs)

India's Tejaswin Shankar has set a new national decathlon record for the second time, scoring 7,826 points to finish fourth at the Wieslaw Czapiewski Memorial 2025 athletics meet held in Poland.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hailed the return of the sacred Piprahwa relics of Bhagwan Buddha to India after 127 long years. It may be recalled that the Piprahwa relics were discovered in 1898 but were taken away from India during the colonial period.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

छत्तीसगढ़ में सिविल सेवकों के क्षमता निर्माण परिदृश्य को बदलने की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाते हुए, क्षमता निर्माण आयोग (सीबीसी), कर्मयोगी भारत और छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार ने एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

भारतीय सेना (आईए) ने अग्रिम पंक्ति के अभियानों में ड्रोन तकनीकों के एकीकरण का परीक्षण और सत्यापन करने के लिए म्यांमार सीमा के पास 'ड्रोन प्रहार अभ्यास' किया।

टेमा इंडिया लिमिटेड ने बार्क और एनपीसीआईएल के सहयोग से भारत में घटित भारी जल के उन्नयन के लिए पहली निजी परीक्षण सुविधा शुरू की है। यह घटित भारी जल के उन्नयन के लिए एक निजी तौर पर निर्मित परीक्षण अवसंरचना है, जो दाबित भारी जल रिएक्टरों (पीएचडब्ल्यूआर) में उपयोग किया जाने वाला एक महत्वपूर्ण घटक है।

भारत के तेजस्विन शंकर ने पोलैंड में आयोजित विस्लाव ज़ापिएव्स्की मेमोरियल 2025 एथलेटिक्स मीट में 7,826 अंक प्राप्त कर चौथा स्थान प्राप्त करते हुए दूसरी बार एक नया राष्ट्रीय डेकाथलॉन रिकॉर्ड बनाया है।

प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने 127 वर्षों के लंबे अंतराल के बाद भगवान बुद्ध के पवित्र पिपरहवा अवशेषों के भारत लौटने पर प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की। गौरतलब है कि पिपरहवा अवशेषों की खोज 1898 में हुई थी, लेकिन औपनिवेशिक काल के दौरान इन्हें भारत से बाहर ले जाया गया था।

Ques: As per Finance Ministry data (June 2025), which bank holds the highest amount of unclaimed deposits in India?
प्रारंभिक आंकड़ों के अनुसार (जून 2025), भारत में सबसे अधिक बिना दावे की जमा राशि किस बैंक के पास है?

A. Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
B. ICICI Bank / ICICI बैंक
C. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
D. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
E. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• As of June 30, 2025, Indian banks have transferred Rs.67,000+ crore in unclaimed deposits to the RBI's Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund.
• Public sector banks contributed the bulk: Rs.58,330.26 crore (87% of total).
• State Bank of India (SBI) had the highest share, holding Rs.19,329.92 crore in unclaimed funds.
• Among private banks, ICICI Bank topped with Rs.2,063.45 crore, part of the Rs.8,673.72 crore from the sector.
• Accounts that are inactive for over 10 years are classified as unclaimed, and the RBI encourages banks to help claimants recover such deposits.

Ques: According to SEBI's new mechanism, what is the minimum investment threshold for Specialized Investment Funds (SIF)?
SEBI के नए तंत्र के अनुसार, विशेष निवेश कोष (SIF) के लिए न्यूनतम निवेश सीमा क्या है?

A. Rs.5 lakh
B. Rs.7 lakh
C. Rs.10 lakh
D. Rs.15 lakh
E. Rs.20 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced a compliance framework for Specialized Investment Funds (SIFs) to monitor and maintain a minimum investment threshold.
• As per the new rules, investors must maintain a minimum investment of Rs.10 lakh across all investment strategies of a SIF.
• If an investor's total holding falls below Rs.10 lakh due to sale, redemption, or transfer, it will be considered an "active breach."
• In such cases, all units held by the investor will be frozen for debit across all strategies.
• However, if the investor rebalances their investment and restores the minimum threshold within 30 calendar days, the units will be unfrozen.
• The move is aimed at ensuring minimum investor commitment and preventing misuse of the SIF platform.

Ques: Which global financial institutions did LIC sign USD 1 billion worth of Forward Rate Agreements (FRAs) with in 2025?
2025 में एलआईसी ने 1 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर मूल्य के फॉरवर्ड रेट एग्रीमेंट (FRA) किन वैश्विक वित्तीय संस्थानों के साथ किए?

A. Goldman Sachs and HSBC / गोल्डमैन सैक्स और एचएसबीसी
B. Citi Bank and UBS / सिटी बैंक और यूबीएस
C. JPMorgan Chase & Bank of America / जेपी मॉर्गन चेस और बैंक ऑफ अमेरिका
D. Barclays and Credit Suisse / बार्कलेज और क्रेडिट सुइस
E. Deutsche Bank and Wells Fargo / डॉयचे बैंक और वेल्स फार्गो

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) signed Forward Rate Agreements (FRAs) worth USD 1 billion (~Rs.8,300 crore) with JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America Corporation (BoA).
• These agreements aim to hedge against declining interest rates and stabilize long-term returns amidst equity market volatility.
• Since May 2025, LIC has accounted for 38% of India's total FRA volume of USD 2.6 billion.

About Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) :

• Established : 1 September 1956
• HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
• MD & CEO : R. Doraiswamy
• MDs : Ratnakar Patnaik & Dinesh Pant

Ques: How many crore digital payment transactions did India log between FY19 and FY25?
भारत ने FY19 से FY25 के बीच कितने करोड़ डिजिटल भुगतान लेनदेन दर्ज किए?

A. 45,000 करोड़
B. 55,000 करोड़
C. 60,000 करोड़
D. 65,000 करोड़
E. 75,000 करोड़

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Between FY19 and FY25, India recorded over 65,000 crore digital payment transactions worth Rs.12,000 trillion, highlighting the rapid adoption of digital financial services.
• Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary emphasized that digital tools are now reaching small towns and rural areas, reducing cash dependency.
• The RBI launched the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) in 2021 to promote digital infrastructure in underserved regions.
• As of May 31, nearly 4.77 crore digital touch-points have been deployed under the PIDF to support this transformation.
• This surge in digital transactions reflects India's progress toward a less-cash, more formal economy.

lQues: Who delivered the keynote address at the 20th edition of the "Re-imagining Governance: Discourse for Excellence (RGDE)" series hosted by PDUNASS under EPFO?
PDUNASS (EPFO) द्वारा आयोजित "री-इमैजिनिंग गवर्नेंस: डिस्कोर्स फॉर एक्सीलेंस (RGDE)" श्रृंखला के 20वें संस्करण में किसने मुख्य भाषण दिया?

A. Naseeruddin Shah / नसीरुद्दीन शाह
B. Adil Hussain / आदिल हुसैन
C. Rajkummar Rao / राजकुमार राव
D. Anupam Kher / अनुपम खेर
E. Pankaj Tripathi / पंकज त्रिपाठी

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Celebrated actor and theatre personality Shri Adil Hussain delivered the keynote address at the 20th edition of the RGDE series.
• The theme of his address was “Speaking to be Understood: From Informing to Connecting.”
• The RGDE (Re-imagining Governance: Discourse for Excellence) series is a monthly thought leadership event hosted by the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS) under the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Ministry of Labour & Employment.
• It was launched on Good Governance Day, 25th December 2023, and aims to foster cross-sectoral learning and dialogue on governance excellence.

About EPFO :

• Established : 4 March 1952
• HQ : New Delhi
• CPFC : Ramesh Krishnamurthi

Ques: How many smart classrooms have been approved under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme across India?
समग्र शिक्षा योजना के तहत भारत भर में कितनी स्मार्ट कक्षाओं को मंजूरी दी गई है?

A. 96,000
B. 1,25,040
C. 1,46,040
D. 1,38,500
E. 1,56,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• A total of 1,46,040 smart classrooms have been approved under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme, covering all States and Union Territories.
• Major contributors include Madhya Pradesh (9,531), Maharashtra (5,155), and Dadra & Nagar Haveli (192).
• Each school receives a non-recurring grant of Rs.2.40 lakh and a recurring grant of Rs.38,000 for digital learning components.
• The scheme aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to ensure inclusive, equitable, and quality digital education.
• Additionally, the BharatNet project, announced in Union Budget 2025, aims to connect rural government secondary schools with broadband internet.

Ques: What is the name of the scheme launched by the Ministry of Culture to promote scientific temper and awareness through the establishment of Science Centres in India?
भारत में विज्ञान केंद्रों की स्थापना के माध्यम से वैज्ञानिक सोच और जागरूकता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए संस्कृति मंत्रालय द्वारा शुरू की गई योजना का नाम क्या है?

A. Vigyan Bharat Abhiyan / विज्ञान भारत अभियान
B. Science for Society Scheme / समाज के लिए विज्ञान योजना
C. Scheme for Advancement of Science & Technology / विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी उन्नयन योजना
D. Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) / विज्ञान संस्कृति संवर्धन योजना (SPoCS)
E. National Scientific Awareness Mission / राष्ट्रीय वैज्ञानिक जागरूकता मिशन

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) is an initiative by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
• As of mid-2025, 27 Science Centres have been established under this scheme across the country.
• The objective is to promote scientific temper and awareness among the general public and students.
• The scheme includes the development of Science Cities, Innovation Hubs, Digital Planetariums, and Science Centres, particularly in remote and underrepresented regions.
• The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture, is the nodal agency for its implementation.
• NCSM ensures compliance with the scheme's guidelines and provides both technical and administrative support.

lQues: What is the total amount of the 20th installment of the PM-Kisan scheme to be released by PM Modi on August 2, 2025?
प्रधानमंत्री मोदी 2 अगस्त 2025 को पीएम-किसान योजना की 20वीं किस्त के रूप में कितनी राशि जारी करेंगे?

A. Rs.15,000 crore
B. Rs.18,500 crore
C. Rs.20,500 crore
D. Rs.25,000 crore
E. Rs.22,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the 20th installment of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana worth Rs.20,500 crore on August 2, 2025, from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
• The installment will benefit 9.7 crore farmers via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
• A high-level review meeting was held under Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to ensure event preparedness.
• Launched in 2019, the PM-Kisan scheme provides Rs.6,000 per year to eligible farmers in three equal installments of Rs.2,000.
• This is part of the government's continued effort to support farmers' income and promote agricultural welfare.

Ques: When was the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF), the national body for hockey, officially formed?
भारतीय हॉकी महासंघ (IHF), जो हॉकी की राष्ट्रीय संस्था है, का आधिकारिक गठन कब हुआ था?

A. January 26, 1930
B. November 7, 1925
C. August 15, 1947
D. October 2, 1924
E. December 18, 1926

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) was officially formed on November 7, 1925, in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
• To mark 100 years of Indian hockey, Hockey India organized the 15th Hockey India Congress in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu.
• A nationwide celebration has been announced for November 7, 2025 to commemorate this historic milestone.

Financial Grants:

• Rs. 70 lakhs : Each for hosting the Senior Men's and Senior Women's National Championships
• Rs. 30 lakhs : Each for Junior Men, Junior Women, Sub-Junior Men, and SubJunior Women National Championships
• Rs. 25 lakhs : Per state to support the organisation of district and state-level competitions

About Hockey India :

• Established : 2009
• HQ : New Delhi
• President : Dilip Tirkey

Ques: Which two initiatives were presented in the 29th National Good Governance Webinar under the theme 'Innovation – State' as winners of the PM's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024?
'इनोवेशन – राज्य' थीम के अंतर्गत प्रधानमंत्री उत्कृष्टता पुरस्कार 2024 जीतने वाली किन दो पहलों को 29वें राष्ट्रीय सुशासन वेबिनार में प्रस्तुत किया गया?

A. e-Sanjeevani and KAVACH / ई-संजीवनी और कवच
B. UK-GAMS and Shiksha Setu, Axom / यूके-जीएएमएस और शिक्षा सेतु, एक्सोम
C. Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Digital Gram / जल शक्ति अभियान और डिजिटल ग्राम
D. Mission Buniyaad and Pragati Path / मिशन बुनियाद और प्रगति पथ
E. Poshan Tracker and e-Vidya / पोषण ट्रैकर और ई-विद्या

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The 29th National Good Governance Webinar was organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) as part of monthly sessions held since April 2022.
• These webinars are meant to encourage the dissemination and replication of award-winning initiatives under the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration.
• Around 1,000 officials from various departments and training institutes attend each session.

In the 29th webinar, held under the 'Innovation – State' theme for 2024 awardees, the following two initiatives were presented:

• Uttarakhand Government Assets Management System (UK-GAMS), presented by Ms. Nitika Khandelwal, District Magistrate, Tehri Garhwal.
• Shiksha Setu, Axom, presented by Dr. Om Prakash, Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Government of Assam.

Ques: India recently signed a Maritime Security and Safety Cooperation agreement with which country during the 13th JDCC meeting?
भारत ने हाल ही में 13वीं JDCC बैठक के दौरान किस देश के साथ समुद्री सुरक्षा और संरक्षा सहयोग समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

A. Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब
B. Oman / ओमान
C. United Arab Emirates / संयुक्त अरब अमीरात
D. Qatar / कतर
E. Bahrain / बहरीन

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• India signed a Maritime Security and Safety Cooperation agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) during the 13th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting held in New Delhi.
• The agreement was signed between Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Director General Rakesh Pal and UAE's Brigadier Staff Khalid Obaid Shamsi.
• This is the 10th such agreement signed with Coast Guards of Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs).

The cooperation focuses on key areas including:

• Search and Rescue (M-SAR)
• Transnational Maritime Crime
• Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE)
• Marine Pollution Response (MPR)
• Joint Capacity Building

Ques: Which organization signed an MoU with Ather Energy to boost startups under the Build in Bharat initiative?
बिल्ड इन भारत पहल के तहत स्टार्टअप्स को बढ़ावा देने के लिए एथर एनर्जी के साथ किस संगठन ने समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

A. DPIIT / डीपीआईआईटी
B. Ministry of Power / विद्युत मंत्रालय
C. Ministry of Road Transport / सड़क परिवहन मंत्रालय
D. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
E. Invest India / इनवेस्ट इंडिया

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ather Energy.
• This partnership is part of the Build in Bharat initiative launched by the Startup Policy Forum (SPF), which represents over 50 innovation-driven startups.
• The MoU focuses on key areas such as Mentorship and deep-tech support, EV value chain innovation & Talent and skill development
• The goal of the partnership is to promote EV manufacturing, foster clean energy innovation, and support India's sustainable transport transition

Ques: Which team won the 14th UEFA European Women's Championship (Women's Euro Cup) in 2025 by defeating the defending World Champions Spain?
2025 में महिला विश्व चैंपियन स्पेन को हराकर 14वीं यूईएफए यूरोपीय महिला चैम्पियनशिप (यूईएफए महिला यूरो कप) किस टीम ने जीती?

A. Germany / जर्मनी
B. France / फ्रांस
C. Netherlands / नीदरलैंड्स
D. Sweden / स्वीडन
E. England / इंग्लैंड

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• England, the defending champions, won the 14th edition of the UEFA European Women's Championship (UEFA Women's Euro Cup) by defeating Spain in the final.
• The final match was held at the St. Jakob-Park Stadium in Basel, Switzerland.
• This Euro Cup final was a repeat of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup final, where Spain had defeated England 1-0.
• A total of 16 European national women's teams competed in the final stages of the tournament.
• Switzerland hosted the tournament from 2nd to 27th July 2025.

About UEFA Women's Championship :

• Founded : 1982
• Number of teams : 16 (finals) 52 (qualifiers)
• Most successful team : Germany (8 titles)
• Current champions : England (2nd title)

lQues: In which district of Bihar is the newly constructed "Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum and Memorial Stupa" located, which is being inaugurated by CM Nitish Kumar?
मुख्यमंत्री नीतीश कुमार द्वारा उद्घाटित "बुद्ध सम्यक दर्शन संग्रहालय एवं स्मारक स्तूप" बिहार के किस जिले में स्थित है?

A. Nalanda / नालंदा
B. Gaya / गया
C. Patna / पटना
D. Vaishali / वैशाली
E. Rajgir / राजगीर

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The "Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum and Memorial Stupa" is located in Vaishaligarh, Vaishali district, Bihar.
• It is being inaugurated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and is expected to become a major spiritual and tourist attraction.
• Built over 72 acres with an investment of over Rs.550 crore, the structure is an architectural marvel.
• The stupa is made entirely of stone using tongue-and-groove techniques, with no cement, bricks, or concrete—a first in modern Indian history.
• It is almost twice as tall as the Sanchi Stupa and consists of 42,000 sandstone blocks.
• Designed to be earthquake-resistant, the complex also includes a meditation centre, library, museum, amphitheatre, cafeteria, solar plant, and more.
• A statue of Lord Buddha crafted by Odisha-based artists is also installed as a symbolic centerpiece.
• Buddhist monks from 15 countries including China, Japan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal, and Myanmar will attend the inauguration.

Ques: As of 29 July 2025, which Indian Chief Minister holds the record for the longest continuous tenure in office in Uttar Pradesh?
29 जुलाई 2025 तक उत्तर प्रदेश में सबसे लंबे समय तक लगातार मुख्यमंत्री पद पर रहने का रिकॉर्ड किसके नाम है?

A. Mulayam Singh Yadav / मुलायम सिंह यादव
B. Mayawati / मायावती
C. Govind Ballabh Pant / गोविंद बल्लभ पंत
D. Yogi Adityanath / योगी आदित्यनाथ
E. Akhilesh Yadav / अखिलेश यादव

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• As of 29 July 2025, Yogi Adityanath has served as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for 8 years and 133 days, breaking the previous record.
• The previous record-holder, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, served for 8 years and 127 days, including his tenure as Premier before independence.
• Yogi Adityanath was sworn in as CM on 19 March 2017, succeeding Akhilesh Yadav.

The list of longest-serving Chief Ministers in UP includes:

• Yogi Adityanath – 8 years, 133 days
• Govind Ballabh Pant – 8 years, 127 days
• Mayawati – 7 years, 16 days
• Mulayam Singh Yadav – 6 years, 274 days

LQues: As per the article, what penalty has the US added on top of the 25% tariffs imposed on Indian goods?
प्रस्तुत लेख के अनुसार, अमेरिका ने भारतीय वस्तुओं पर लगाए गए 25% शुल्क के अतिरिक्त कौन सा जुर्माना जोड़ा है?

A. Penalty for exporting to Europe / यूरोप को निर्यात करने पर जुर्माना
B. Penalty for buying Chinese goods / चीनी वस्तुएं खरीदने पर जुर्माना
C. Penalty for oil import from Iran / ईरान से तेल आयात पर जुर्माना
D. Penalty for buying arms and oil from Russia / रूस से हथियार और तेल खरीदने पर जुर्माना
E. Penalty for trade with ASEAN nations / आसियान देशों के साथ व्यापार पर जुर्माना

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Former US President Donald Trump imposed 25% reciprocal tariffs on Indian goods from August 1.
• In addition, the US added an unspecified penalty on India for buying arms and oil from Russia, citing strategic and geopolitical concerns.
• The move was more severe toward India compared to other nations like Vietnam, Indonesia, and the EU.
• India called the move “unacceptable” and reaffirmed its commitment to defending economic sovereignty, especially in protecting MSMEs and exporters.
• India also signaled its intention to challenge such unilateral trade measures on international platforms.

LQues: What are BHISHM cubes recently gifted by India to the Maldives on its 60th Independence Day?
मालदीव के 60वें स्वतंत्रता दिवस पर भारत द्वारा उपहार में दिए गए BHISHM क्यूब क्या हैं?

A. Indigenous mobile hospital units / स्वदेशी मोबाइल अस्पताल इकाइयाँ
B. Mobile library units / मोबाइल पुस्तकालय इकाइयाँ
C. Disaster relief drones / आपदा राहत ड्रोन
D. Renewable energy kits / नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा किट
E. Smart classroom kits / स्मार्ट क्लासरूम किट

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• India gifted two BHISHM cubes to the Maldives as a gesture of regional cooperation and healthcare diplomacy in the Indian Ocean region.
• BHISHM stands for Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog, Hita and Maitri, and is part of Project Arogya Maitri.
• These are state-of-the-art indigenous mobile hospital units, designed to respond to medical emergencies quickly and efficiently.
• BHISHM cubes are modular and portable, with medical supplies organized in 15-inch boxes, based on injury type and medical need.
• Transport flexibility allows them to be carried by air, land, sea, or drone, with each cube weighing around 20 kg.
• A BHISHM cube = 2 Mother Cubes = 36 mini cubes x 2.
• One Mother Cube provides first-line care, shelter, and food for up to five people for 48 hours, while the second supports 10–15 surgeries per day.
• Each BHISHM Cube can support care for around 200 emergency cases, including trauma, burns, fractures, and shock, and is capable of generating its own power and oxygen for limited durations.

Ques: Which Indian state became the first to launch a statewide, evidence-based anti-drug curriculum in government schools starting August 1, 2025?
1 अगस्त 2025 से सरकारी स्कूलों में राज्यव्यापी साक्ष्य-आधारित नशा विरोधी पाठ्यक्रम शुरू करने वाला पहला भारतीय राज्य कौन सा बना?

A. Delhi / दिल्ली
B. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
C. Punjab / पंजाब
D. Kerala / केरल
E. Gujarat / गुजरात

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Punjab Government, led by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), is launching a statewide, evidence-based anti-drug curriculum in government schools starting August 1, 2025.
• The initiative is a part of its larger campaign “Yudh Nasheyan Virudh” (War Against Drugs).
• Developed by J-PAL South Asia, an organization led by Nobel Laureate Prof. Abhijit Banerjee, the curriculum targets Classes IX to XII, impacting nearly 8 lakh students.
• It features 35-minute sessions every fortnight for 27 weeks, using documentaries, quizzes, posters, and interactive activities.
• The curriculum was rigorously tested through randomised trials in 78 government schools in Amritsar and Tarn Taran during 2024–25.
• With this move, Punjab becomes the first Indian state to implement such a structured and evidence-driven approach to drug prevention starting from the classroom level.

Ques: Who launched the Sanchar Saathi mobile app in multiple Indian languages to combat telecom frauds?
टेलीकॉम धोखाधड़ी से निपटने के लिए संचार साथी मोबाइल ऐप को कई भारतीय भाषाओं में किसने लॉन्च किया?

A. Ashwini Vaishnaw / अश्विनी वैष्णव
B. Nirmala Sitharaman / निर्मला सीतारमण
C. Jyotiraditya Scindia / ज्योतिरादित्य सिंधिया
D. Rajeev Chandrasekhar / राजीव चंद्रशेखर
E. Amit Shah / अमित शाह

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the Sanchar Saathi mobile app in 22 Indian languages, including Hindi and 21 regional languages, to enhance accessibility and combat telecom frauds.
• The app was originally launched in January and helps users to Report suspicious communications, Block or trace lost/stolen phones and Check for unauthorized mobile connections
• As of now, the app has crossed 46 lakh downloads.
• The multilingual launch took place during a stakeholders' meeting in New Delhi, focusing on telecom-related cybercrimes.
• The event was attended by representatives from law enforcement agencies, telecom providers, financial institutions, and web developers.
• The initiative is aimed at protecting citizens and increasing digital safety in India's rapidly growing telecom sector.

Ques: What is the name of India's first quasi-ballistic missile, successfully tested by DRDO from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha?
DRDO द्वारा ओडिशा के डॉ एपीजे अब्दुल कलाम द्वीप से सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण की गई भारत की पहली क्वासी-बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल का नाम क्या है?

A. Agni Prime / अग्नि प्राइम
B. Shaurya / शौर्य
C. Pralay / प्रलय
D. Sagarika / सागरिका
E. Prahaar / प्रहार

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted user trials of India's first quasi-ballistic missile, Pralay, from the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha.
• The Pralay missile has already been integrated with the Indian Army, and a version is also being developed for the Indian Air Force.
• The Government of India sanctioned the project in March 2015 to serve as a tactical missile system for the armed forces.
• Pralay is designed to replace the Prithvi-I missile and is capable of carrying a conventional warhead.

Key Features of Pralay Missile:

• Class: Short-range surface-to-surface missile
• Range: 150 to 500 km
• Weight: 5 tonnes
• Dimensions: Length between 7.5 to 11 meters, diameter 520 mm
• Warhead: Conventional, weighing between 600 to 1000 kg
• Max Speed: 6.1 Mach during terminal phase
• Developed by: Research Centre Imarat (RCI), a DRDO lab
• Other collaborators 1. DRDO, Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL), 2. Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL), 3. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) and 4. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

Ques : Which country has announced a ban on YouTube accounts for children under 16 starting from December 2025?
किस देश ने दिसंबर 2025 से 16 वर्ष से कम उम्र के बच्चों के लिए YouTube अकाउंट पर प्रतिबंध लगाने की घोषणा की है?

A. Canada / कनाडा
B. United States / संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
C. Germany / जर्मनी
D. United Kingdom / यूनाइटेड किंगडम
E. Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• The Australian government has classified YouTube as an age-restricted social media platform, effective December 2025, requiring users to be at least 16 years old.
• Previously, YouTube was exempted from these rules when the Australian Parliament passed the social media safety legislation in November 2024.
• This exemption has now been revoked, and the new regulations, announced by Communications Minister Anika Wells, clearly list YouTube among age-restricted platforms.
• The law aims to protect minors under 16 from potential dangers such as harmful content and excessive exposure to social media.

Ques: Which Indian state has declared August 7 as "Sustainable Agriculture Day" to honor the legacy of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan?
भारत रत्न डॉ. एम. एस. स्वामीनाथन की स्मृति में 7 अगस्त को "सस्टेनेबल एग्रीकल्चर डे" घोषित करने वाला भारतीय राज्य कौन सा है?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Punjab / पंजाब
C. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
D. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
E. Haryana / हरियाणा

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The Maharashtra Government has announced that August 7 will be observed annually as "Sustainable Agriculture Day" to commemorate the birth centenary of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, the father of India's Green Revolution.
• Dr. Swaminathan's groundbreaking research in wheat and rice productivity enabled India to achieve food self-sufficiency and economic stability.
• In recognition of his impact on Indian agriculture and sustainability, the Government of India awarded him the Bharat Ratna in 2024.
• The United Nations also recognized him as the father of the economic environment.
• As a tribute, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Bio-Happiness Centres will be established in all agricultural universities across Maharashtra to carry forward his legacy.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Stardour Aerospace Technologies Private Limited successfully testfired India's first hydrogen-oxygen propulsion engine at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru

On the occasion of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, a renewed MoU was signed between the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and the National Commission for Women (NCW) to facilitates the organization of structured training programs and sensitization initiatives for RPF personnel.

Remona Evette Pereira, the BA student from St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, entered the Golden Book of World Records with her 170-hour-long Bharatanatyam performance.

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has kicked off construction of its first indigenously built Air Cushion Vehicle (ACV) with the Girder Laying and Commencement of Erection ceremony at Chowgule & Company Pvt. Ltd. in Goa

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

स्टारडॉर एयरोस्पेस टेक्नोलॉजीज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड ने भारतीय विज्ञान संस्थान (आईआईएससी), बेंगलुरु में भारत के पहले हाइड्रोजन-ऑक्सीजन प्रणोदन इंजन का सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण किया।

विश्व मानव तस्करी विरोधी दिवस के अवसर पर, रेलवे सुरक्षा बल (आरपीएफ) और राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग (एनसीडब्ल्यू) के बीच आरपीएफ कर्मियों के लिए संरचित प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमों और संवेदीकरण पहलों के आयोजन को सुगम बनाने हेतु एक नए समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए।

मंगलुरु स्थित सेंट एलॉयसियस (मान्य विश्वविद्यालय) की स्नातक छात्रा रेमोना एवेट परेरा ने 170 घंटे लंबे भरतनाट्यम प्रदर्शन के साथ गोल्डन बुक ऑफ वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड्स में अपना नाम दर्ज कराया।

भारतीय तटरक्षक बल (आईसीजी) ने गोवा स्थित चौगुले एंड कंपनी प्राइवेट लिमिटेड में गर्डर बिछाने और स्थापना समारोह के साथ अपने पहले स्वदेश निर्मित एयर कुशन व्हीकल (एसीवी) के निर्माण की शुरुआत की।

Ques: What is the main objective of the "Saksham Niveshak" campaign launched by IEPFA in July 2025?
IEPFA द्वारा जुलाई 2025 में शुरू किए गए "सक्षम निवेशक" अभियान का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Promoting investment in mutual funds / म्यूचुअल फंड में निवेश को बढ़ावा देना
B. Attracting foreign portfolio investors / विदेशी पोर्टफोलियो निवेशकों को आकर्षित करना
C. Creating awareness about unclaimed dividends and assisting shareholders in reclaiming them / बिना दावे के लाभांश के बारे में जागरूकता फैलाना और शेयरधारकों को उन्हें वापस पाने में सहायता करना
D. Promoting digital currency among investors / निवेशकों के बीच डिजिटल मुद्रा को बढ़ावा देना
E. Funding start-ups through equity investments / इक्विटी निवेश के माध्यम से स्टार्ट-अप को फंडिंग देना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs launched the 100-day "Saksham Niveshak" campaign from 28th July to 6th November 2025.
• The campaign focuses on empowering investors, especially shareholders, by spreading awareness about unclaimed dividends and helping them update KYC and nomination details to reclaim their rightful assets.
• IEPFA is actively engaged in investor education and protection through initiatives like Niveshak Didi, Niveshak Panchayat, and Niveshak Shivir, promoting financial literacy and investor awareness across India.

Ques: What was the weighted average lending rate (WALR) on fresh rupee loans of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) in June 2025?
जून 2025 में अनुसूचित वाणिज्यिक बैंकों (SCBs) के नए रुपए ऋणों पर भारित औसत उधार दर (WALR) क्या थी?

A. 9.20%
B. 8.62%
C. 9.48%
D. 8.75%
E. 7.99%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The WALR on fresh rupee loans of scheduled commercial banks (excluding RRBs and SFBs) declined to 8.62% in June 2025 from 9.20% in May 2025.
• The WALR on outstanding rupee loans also fell to 9.48% in June 2025, compared to 9.69% in May.
• The 1-year median MCLR declined to 8.75% in July 2025, down from 8.90% in June.
• On the deposit side, the WADTDR on fresh term deposits stood at 5.75% in June 2025, down from 6.11% in May.
• For outstanding term deposits, the WADTDR declined to 6.99% in June, from 7.07% in May.
• MCLR formula: Marginal Cost of Funds + Operating Cost + Tenor Premium + Negative Carry on CRR.
• RLLR formula : RBI Repo Rate + Bank Spread + Credit Risk Premium (if any)

Ques: As per RBI's revised guidelines effective from January 1, 2026, what is the maximum total investment limit that all regulated entities (REs) can contribute to a single AIF scheme?
भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) के संशोधित दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुसार, 1 जनवरी 2026 से किसी एक वैकल्पिक निवेश कोष (AIF) योजना में सभी विनियमित संस्थाएं (REs) अधिकतम कितनी राशि का निवेश कर सकती हैं?

A. 5%
B. 10%
C. 15%
D. 20%
E. 25%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released revised investment guidelines for Regulated Entities (REs) in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), effective from January 1, 2026.
• Under the new framework, no single regulated entity is allowed to invest more than 10% of the total corpus of an AIF scheme.
• Collectively, all REs cannot contribute more than 20% to a single AIF scheme.
• The guidelines apply to Commercial Banks (including SFBs, LABs, and RRBs), Co-operative Banks, AIFIs, and NBFCs (including HFCs).
• The rules aim to curb misuse of the AIF route, especially for evergreening loans and funding stressed assets indirectly.
• If a regulated entity holds more than 5% in an AIF that invests in its debtor companies (except equity), it must provision 100% of such indirect exposure.

Ques: What is the name of the baby star around which astronomers observed the formation of a new solar system for the first time?
खगोलविदों ने पहली बार किस नवजात तारे के चारों ओर एक नए सौरमंडल के निर्माण का अवलोकन किया है?

A. Orion-X
B. Proxima-C
C. HOPS-315
D. Vega-2
E. Sirius-B

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• International astronomers have, for the first time, observed the formation of a new planetary system around a baby star named 'HOPS-315'.
• HOPS-315 is located 1,300 light-years from Earth — around 7.6 quadrillion miles away — in the Orion constellation.
• This marks the earliest stage of solar system formation ever captured.
• The discovery was made using the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA), located in the Atacama Desert, Chile.

Ques: What is the primary objective of the Bills of Lading Bill, 2025 passed by the Indian Parliament?
भारतीय संसद द्वारा पारित बिल ऑफ लैडिंग विधेयक, 2025 का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Increase customs duties on shipping goods / शिपिंग वस्तुओं पर सीमा शुल्क बढ़ाना
B. Introduce subsidies for Indian shipping companies / भारतीय शिपिंग कंपनियों के लिए सब्सिडी लाना
C. Replace the colonial-era Indian Lading Act, 1856 with a simplified legal framework / 1856 के औपनिवेशिक काल के भारतीय लैडिंग अधिनियम को सरल कानूनी ढांचे से बदलना
D. Establish a new ministry for maritime affairs / समुद्री मामलों के लिए नया मंत्रालय स्थापित करना
E. Mandate only digital bills of lading / केवल डिजिटल बिल ऑफ लैडिंग को अनिवार्य करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Bills of Lading Bill, 2025 was passed by Rajya Sabha after being cleared by Lok Sabha, and now awaits Presidential assent.
• It seeks to replace the Indian Lading Act of 1856, which dates back to the British colonial era, with a modern, business-friendly, and globally aligned legal framework.
• The bill aims to simplify shipping documentation, reduce legal ambiguity, and strengthen India's maritime trade compliance with international standards.
• It introduces streamlined terminology, reduces litigation risks, and provides an enabling clause for the Central Government to issue implementation directives.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Director General (DG) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?
सशस्त्र सीमा बल (SSB) के नए महानिदेशक (DG) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Sanjay Singhal / संजय सिंघल
B. Rajiv Singh / राजीव सिंह
C. Amrit Mohan Prasad / अमृत मोहन प्रसाद
D. V. S. Yadav / वी. एस. यादव
E. Kuldiep Singh / कुलदीप सिंह

***Answer**: Option A*

***Explanation*:**

• Sanjay Singhal, currently the Special Director General of Border Security Force (BSF), has been appointed as the new Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
• He will serve till his superannuation on December 31, 2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
• He replaces Amrit Mohan Prasad as DG of SSB.
• Awards received by Singhal include the Police Medal for Meritorious Service (2009) and the President's Police Medal (2015).
• SSB was established in 1963 and is headquartered in New Delhi

Ques: What is the name of the high-altitude technology demonstration exercise conducted by the Indian Army in East Sikkim?
पूर्वी सिक्किम में भारतीय सेना द्वारा किया गया उच्च ऊंचाई वाला प्रौद्योगिकी प्रदर्शन अभ्यास कौन-सा है?

A. Exercise Vajra Prahar / एक्सरसाइज़ वज्र प्रहार
B. Exercise Divya Drishti / एक्सरसाइज़ दिव्य दृष्टि
C. Exercise Shatrujeet / एक्सरसाइज़ शत्रुजीत
D. Exercise Yudh Abhyas / एक्सरसाइज़ युद्ध अभ्यास
E. Exercise Meghdoot / एक्सरसाइज़ मेघदूत

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Exercise Divya Drishti is a high-altitude technology demonstration conducted by the Indian Army in East Sikkim.
• It aimed to test advanced technologies that enhance battlefield awareness, real-time surveillance, and swift decision-making.
• The Trishakti Corps, headquartered in Sukna near Siliguri, participated using ground systems, UAVs, and drones to simulate realistic battle scenarios.
• This exercise underlines India's focus on deploying cutting-edge tech in sensitive and strategically important border areas.

Ques: How much total grant-in-aid has the Union Cabinet approved for the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under the new Central Sector Scheme for 2025–29?
प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने 2025–29 की अवधि के लिए राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम (NCDC) को नई केंद्रीय क्षेत्र योजना के तहत कुल कितनी सहायता राशि स्वीकृत की है?

A. Rs.1,000 crore
B. Rs.1,500 crore
C. Rs.2,000 crore
D. Rs.2,500 crore
E. Rs.5,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a Central Sector Scheme titled “Grant-in-aid to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)”.
• The total outlay is Rs.2,000 crore over four years (2025–26 to 2028–29) — i.e., Rs.500 crore per year.
• Based on this grant-in-aid, NCDC will be able to raise Rs.20,000 crore from the open market during this period.
• The funds raised will be used to provide loans to cooperatives for setting up new projects, expanding existing plants, and meeting working capital needs.
• NCDC will be the executing agency responsible for disbursement, monitoring, project implementation, and loan recovery.

Ques: Where is the Bahmani (Gulbarga) Fort, known for housing the world's longest cannon, located?
'दुनिया की सबसे लंबी तोप' के लिए प्रसिद्ध बहमनी (गुलबर्गा) किला कहां स्थित है?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Telangana / तेलंगाना
C. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
D. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
E. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Bahmani Fort, also known as Gulbarga Fort, is located in Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Karnataka.
• It houses the world's longest cannon, called Bara Gazi Toph, which is 29 feet long and 7.6 feet in circumference.
• The fort featured in Prime Minister Modi's Mann Ki Baat and has drawn attention for being in a state of neglect, prompting calls for restoration.
• The Bahmani Kingdom was founded in 1347 AD by Alauddin Hasan Bahman Shah (Hasan Gangu) after declaring independence from the Delhi Sultanate under Muhammad bin Tughlaq.
• Its capital was established in Gulbarga, and the empire flourished under Mahmud Gawan.

Ques: When did the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship observe the Swachhata Pakhwada campaign in 2025?
कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय ने स्वच्छता पखवाड़ा 2025 कब मनाया?

A. 1st July to 15th July 2025
B. 16th July to 31st July 2025
C. 1st August to 15th August 2025
D. 5th June to 20th June 2025
E. 10th July to 25th July 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship observed Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 from 16th to 31st July 2025.
• This initiative is part of an annual nationwide campaign coordinated by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
• Various cleanliness drives and creative competitions such as painting and slogan writing were held during this fortnight.
• The theme of the campaign was "Swachhata" (cleanliness), and it saw enthusiastic participation from ministry staff, making it a grand success.
• The campaign successfully culminated on 31st July 2025.

Ques: Where will the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 be hosted?
IUCN विश्व संरक्षण कांग्रेस 2025 की मेजबानी कहां की जाएगी?

A. Geneva, Switzerland / जिनेवा, स्विट्ज़रलैंड
B. Nairobi, Kenya / नैरोबी, केन्या
C. Paris, France / पेरिस, फ्रांस
D. Abu Dhabi, UAE / अबू धाबी, यूएई
E. Tokyo, Japan / टोक्यो, जापान

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 will be hosted in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
• It is the largest global gathering of nature conservation experts and decision-makers, held once every four years.
• The theme of the 2025 Congress is “Powering transformative conservation”, addressing five critical themes to promote bold and sustainable actions for nature and humanity.
• The IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), established in 1948, is the world’s largest environmental network, composed of both government and civil society members.

The Congress has three major components:

• Forum – A knowledge-sharing platform
• Exhibition – Showcases innovation, projects, and partnerships
• Members’ Assembly – The highest decision-making body of IUCN

Ques: What is the name of the counter-infiltration mission conducted by the Indian Army in Poonch to eliminate terrorists trying to cross the LoC?
नियंत्रण रेखा पार कर घुसपैठ की कोशिश कर रहे आतंकवादियों को मार गिराने के लिए पुंछ में भारतीय सेना द्वारा चलाया गया प्रतिघुसपैठ मिशन कौन-सा है?

A. Operation SuryaShakti / ऑपरेशन सूर्यशक्ति
B. Operation Mahadev / ऑपरेशन महादेव
C. Operation Sarvashakti / ऑपरेशन सर्वशक्ति
D. Operation Trinetra / ऑपरेशन त्रिनेत्र
E. Operation ShivShakti / ऑपरेशन शिवशक्ति

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Operation ShivShakti is a counter-infiltration mission launched by the Indian Army's White Knight Corps in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Police.
• It was carried out in the Degwar sector of Poonch, especially near Maldivalan, a region known for frequent infiltration attempts.
• The operation successfully eliminated two terrorists attempting to infiltrate across the Line of Control (LoC).
• It followed closely on the heels of Operation Mahadev, in which three Lashkar-e-Taiba operatives were neutralised.

Ques: Which two Indian texts were recently inscribed in the UNESCO Memory of the World International Register?
हाल ही में किन दो भारतीय ग्रंथों को यूनेस्को की मेमोरी ऑफ द वर्ल्ड इंटरनेशनल रजिस्टर में शामिल किया गया है?

A. Vedas and Manusmriti / वेद और मनुस्मृति
B. Upanishads and Arthashastra / उपनिषद और अर्थशास्त्र
C. Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra / भगवद गीता और नाट्यशास्त्र
D. Ramayana and Mahabharata / रामायण और महाभारत
E. Charaka Samhita and Yoga Sutras / चरक संहिता और योग सूत्र

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) hosted a two-day National Symposium titled “Timeless Texts and Universal Teachings” on July 30–31, 2025 in New Delhi.
• This symposium commemorated the UNESCO inscription of two iconic Indian texts—Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra—in the Memory of the World International Register.
• Bhagavad Gita, attributed to Vyasa, is a 700-verse Sanskrit scripture embedded in the Mahabharata (Bhishma Parva).
• Natyashastra, composed by sage Bharata, is an ancient Sanskrit treatise on performing arts, detailing drama (natya), performance (abhinaya), music (sangita), emotions (bhava), and aesthetics (rasa).
• The Memory of the World (MoW) Programme, launched in 1992 by UNESCO, aims to safeguard documentary heritage globally and ensure its accessibility for future generations.

Ques: What is the name of the sixth Adamya-class Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) launched by Goa Shipyard Limited for the Indian Coast Guard?
गोवा शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड द्वारा भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के लिए लॉन्च किए गए एडम्य-क्लास फास्ट पेट्रोल वेसल (FPV) की छठी पोत का क्या नाम है?

A. ICGS Akshar / आईसीजीएस अक्षर
B. ICGS Amulya / आईसीजीएस अमूल्य
C. ICGS Achal / आईसीजीएस अचल
D. ICGS Atal / आईसीजीएस अटल
E. ICGS Akshay / आईसीजीएस अक्षय

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), a defence PSU under the Ministry of Defence, launched ICGS Atal, the sixth Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) of the Adamya-class, in Vasco-da-Gama, Goa.
• The vessel features over 60% indigenous content, supporting the government's "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiative.
• It measures 52 meters in length, 8 meters in beam, and has a displacement of ~320 tonnes.
• It uses a controllable pitch propeller (CPP) propulsion system and reaches a top speed of 27 knots.
• The Adamya-class contract was signed in March 2022 with a total value of Rs.473 crore, for eight FPVs.
• The first in the series, ICGS Adamya, was launched in October 2024 and inducted in July 2025.
• The remaining two FPVs are set to be launched by December 2025.

Ques: On which railway section was the indigenously developed Kavach 4.0 first commissioned in India?
भारत में स्वदेशी रूप से विकसित कवच 4.0 प्रणाली को पहली बार किस रेलवे खंड पर चालू किया गया?

A. Mumbai–Pune section / मुंबई–पुणे खंड
B. Delhi–Ambala section / दिल्ली–अंबाला खंड
C. Howrah–Kharagpur section / हावड़ा–खड़गपुर खंड
D. Mathura–Kota section / मथुरा–कोटा खंड
E. Secunderabad–Hyderabad section / सिकंदराबाद–हैदराबाद खंड

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Kavach 4.0, the latest version of the indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, has been commissioned on the Mathura–Kota section of the high-density Delhi–Mumbai route.
• Kavach was designed to prevent train accidents by monitoring and controlling train speeds, ensuring operational safety.
• The system has been under development since 2015, with its first operational certificate issued in 2018 after trials on the South Central Railway (SCR).
• The upgraded Kavach 4.0, approved in May 2025, supports speeds up to 160 kmph and is now being rolled out as part of India's railway modernization efforts.
• All system components are manufactured indigenously, highlighting the Make in India initiative.

Ques: Who set a new world record by performing Bharatanatyam continuously for 170 hours in July 2025?
किसने जुलाई 2025 में लगातार 170 घंटे भरतनाट्यम करके नया विश्व रिकॉर्ड बनाया है?

A. Sudhir Jagpath / सुधीर जगपथ
B. Remona Evette Pereira / रेमोना एवेट परेरा
C. Sri Vidya / श्री विद्या
D. Meenakshi Iyer / मीनाक्षी अय्यर
E. Rukmini Devi Arundale / रुक्मिणी देवी अरुंडेल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Remona Evette Pereira, a 20-year-old Catholic student from Mangalore, entered the Golden Book of World Records by performing Bharatanatyam non-stop for 170 hours.
• Her performance took place from July 21 to July 28, 2025, totaling 10,200 minutes over 7 consecutive days.
• She broke the previous record of 127 hours, set by Sudhir Jagpath in 2023.
• Remona is a student at St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, and has been training in Bharatanatyam for 13 years under her Guru Sri Vidya.

Ques: Which Indian state received the Centre's nod for the country's first AI-based road safety pilot project?
भारत के किस राज्य को देश की पहली कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आधारित सड़क सुरक्षा पायलट परियोजना के लिए केंद्र की मंजूरी मिली है?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Gujarat / गुजरात
C. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
D. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has granted a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for an AI and Big Data Analytics-based Road Safety Pilot Project proposed by the Uttar Pradesh Transport Department.
• This marks India's first state-led AI intervention in road safety.
• The pilot will be implemented in Lucknow, targeting high-traffic areas like Hazratganj–Parivartan Chowk, Shaheed Path, and other key routes.
• The project aims to deploy an AI-based Intelligent Traffic Management System (AI-ITMS) to enhance road safety and reduce congestion.
• The six-week pilot phase will be executed by ITI Limited (a public sector enterprise) in collaboration with mLogica.
• The Government of Uttar Pradesh has earmarked Rs.10 crore in its 2025–26 state budget for the initiative.

Ques: Who is the author of the book "The Man Who Became Cinema", which deconstructs Dilip Kumar's acting method?
दिलीप कुमार की अभिनय शैली को विश्लेषित करने वाली पुस्तक "The Man Who Became Cinema" के लेखक कौन हैं?

A. Yasir Usman / यासिर उस्मान
B. Ashok Chopra / अशोक चोपड़ा
C. Anupama Chopra / अनुपमा चोपड़ा
D. Bhawana Somaaya / भावना सोमाया
E. Rauf Ahmed / रऊफ अहमद

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• "The Man Who Became Cinema" is authored by Ashok Chopra and published by Penguin Random House.
• The book offers a film-by-film, frame-by-frame deconstruction of Dilip Kumar's cinematic journey, analyzing 57 films.
• It groups his roles into six distinct categories, exploring his deep impact on Indian cinema and his timeless acting style.
• The book aims to decode the method and mastery behind the legend who came to be known as the Tragedy King of Bollywood.

Ques: According to the SOFI 2025 report, what was the estimated percentage of global hunger in 2024?
SOFI 2025 रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2024 में वैश्विक भूख का अनुमानित प्रतिशत कितना था?

A. 7.0%
B. 8.2%
C. 9.5%
D. 10.1%
E. 11.3%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2025 report found that global hunger declined to 8.2% in 2024, compared to 2022 levels.
• The report is published jointly by FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO, and tracks SDG 2 targets.
• Despite improvement globally, hunger continues to rise in subregions of Africa and Western Asia.
• The number of people unable to afford a healthy diet globally fell from 2.76 billion in 2019 to 2.60 billion in 2024.
• However, challenges like rising food prices, anaemia in women, and adult obesity persist worldwide.
• In India, mobile adoption among Kerala fishermen and wholesalers helped reduce waste and price dispersion.

Ques: According to the new trade deal, what flat tariff rate will the US impose on most goods exported from the European Union?
नई व्यापार समझौते के अनुसार, अमेरिका यूरोपीय संघ से निर्यातित अधिकांश वस्तुओं पर कितना फ्लैट टैरिफ लगाएगा?

A. 10%
B. 12%
C. 15%
D. 20%
E. 25%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The United States and European Union finalized a landmark trade agreement, imposing a flat 15% tariff on most goods exported from the EU to the US.
• The deal was announced by US President Donald Trump and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen during a summit in Scotland.
• It helped avoid a potential trade war after months of tense negotiations.
• Steel and aluminium tariffs (50%) remain unchanged, despite this broader agreement.
• Additionally, the EU committed to invest $600 billion in the US economy over the next three years and to spend $750 billion on American energy resources, including LNG, oil, and nuclear fuel.

Ques: What is the primary aim of the Setubandha Scholar Scheme launched by the Ministry of Education?
शिक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा शुरू की गई सेतुबंध स्कॉलर योजना का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Promote foreign language education / विदेशी भाषा शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देना
B. Integrate traditional scholars into IIT research ecosystem / पारंपरिक विद्वानों को IIT के अनुसंधान पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र में शामिल करना
C. Offer scholarships to engineering toppers / इंजीनियरिंग टॉपर्स को छात्रवृत्तियाँ प्रदान करना
D. Support startups in Sanskrit learning / संस्कृत शिक्षण में स्टार्टअप्स का समर्थन करना
E. Fund international conferences in humanities / मानविकी में अंतरराष्ट्रीय सम्मेलनों को वित्तपोषित करना

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Setubandha Scholar Scheme is India's first national-level initiative that enables students from gurukul backgrounds to gain recognition and engage in interdisciplinary research at premier IITs.
• It does not require conventional degrees but focuses on rigorous traditional training and demonstrated knowledge of Shastras.
• The scheme is implemented by the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) division of Central Sanskrit University and backed by the Ministry of Education.
• The goal is to bridge traditional Indian education with modern academic research in fields like Ayurveda, Cognitive Science, Performing Arts, Political Theory, Mathematics, Physics, and more.

Fellowships:

• Rs.40,000/month + Rs.1 lakh/year (PG level)
• Rs.65,000/month + Rs.2 lakh/year (PhD level)

Ques: As per the recent announcement by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, what is the revised incentive amount for ASHA workers?
बिहार के मुख्यमंत्री नीतीश कुमार की हालिया घोषणा के अनुसार, आशा कार्यकर्ताओं को अब कितनी प्रोत्साहन राशि दी जाएगी?

A. Rs.1,000
B. Rs.1,500
C. Rs.2,000
D. Rs.3,000
E. Rs.3,500

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Bihar CM Nitish Kumar announced an increase in honorarium and incentives for ASHA and Mamta workers, who play a crucial role in delivering health services in rural areas.
• ASHA workers will now receive Rs.3,000 per month as incentive, up from Rs.1,000.
• Mamta workers, who promote awareness about safe childbirth and maternal-child health, will receive Rs.600 per delivery, increased from Rs.300.
• This step aims to boost motivation, performance, and rural healthcare outreach in Bihar.

Ques: Which eminent Indian-born economist and UK House of Lords member passed away at the age of 85 in 2025?
वर्ष 2025 में किस प्रख्यात भारतीय मूल के अर्थशास्त्री और यूके हाउस ऑफ लॉर्ड्स के सदस्य का 85 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया?

A. Amartya Sen / अमर्त्य सेन
B. Meghnad Desai / मेघनाद देसाई
C. Raghuram Rajan / रघुराम राजन
D. Kaushik Basu / कौशिक बसु
E. Jagdish Bhagwati / जगदीश भगवती

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Meghnad Desai, an eminent economist, author, and member of the UK House of Lords, passed away in 2025 at the age of 85.
• He was born in 1940 in Vadodara, Gujarat, and became the first Indian-origin peer from the Labour Party in 1991.
• He authored several important books, including Marxian Economic Theory (1973), Applied Econometrics (1976), Marxian Economics (1979) and Marx's Revenge: The Resurgence of Capitalism and the Death of Statist Socialism
• In India, he also established the Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics in Mumbai to nurture future economists.

Ques: What new customer authentication method has India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) introduced for secure transactions?
सुरक्षित लेनदेन के लिए इंडिया पोस्ट पेमेंट्स बैंक (IPPB) ने ग्राहक प्रमाणीकरण की कौन सी नई विधि शुरू की है?

A. Voice recognition authentication / वॉयस रिकग्निशन प्रमाणीकरण
B. Iris scan authentication / आईरिस स्कैन प्रमाणीकरण
C. Face authentication using Aadhaar / आधार आधारित फेस प्रमाणीकरण
D. Smart card authentication / स्मार्ट कार्ड प्रमाणीकरण
E. Palm vein recognition / पाम वेन रिकग्निशन

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has launched a nationwide Aadhaar-based Face Authentication facility for customer transactions.
• Developed in collaboration with UIDAI, this feature allows transactions using facial recognition, eliminating the need for Fingerprints and OTPs
• It is a significant step toward empowering elderly and differently-abled individuals by enhancing security and ease of access.
• This aligns with IPPB's mission: "Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar."
• IPPB, launched on 1st September 2018, is 100% government-owned and operates under the Ministry of Communications.
• It serves over 11 crore customers across 5.57 lakh villages and towns, offering services in 13 languages.

Ques: The Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025, which introduces key reforms across five major banking legislations, came into effect from which date?
बैंकिंग क़ानून (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 2025, जो पाँच प्रमुख बैंकिंग कानूनों में प्रमुख सुधार करता है, किस तिथि से प्रभाव में आया?

A. 1st July 2025
B. 1st August 2025
C. 15th August 2025
D. 1st September 2025
E. 30th June 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 came into force on 1st August 2025, as appointed by the Central Government.
• Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Acts of 1970 and 1980
• Specifically, sections 3, 4, 5, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 of the Act came into effect from this date.

The Act introduces reforms through 19 amendments to the following major banking legislations:

• Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
• Banking Regulation Act, 1949
• State Bank of India Act, 1955

Changing the Meaning of Substantial Interest :

• The threshold for "substantial interest" was raised from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.2 crore, which is a significant adjustment. Eligibility for directorship in banks is based on this cap, which has been in place since 1968.
• They increase banks' minimum paid-up capital from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.2 crore.

The tenure of directors in cooperative banks :

• The Act brings the terms of cooperative bank directors into compliance with the 97th Amendment to the Constitution. With the exception of chairpersons and full-time directors, the maximum term for directors has been increased from eight to ten years.

Unclaimed Amount Transfer to IEPF :

• The Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) can now receive unclaimed shares, interest, and bond redemption sums that have been outstanding for seven years from public sector banks (PSBs).

Giving Statutory Auditors More Power :

• The changes provide PSBs the authority to pay statutory auditors. The measure gives banks the authority to determine their auditor's compensation. (The RBI's earlier repair)

Modifications to Reporting and Regulations :

• The Act updates banks' reporting schedules to the Reserve Bank of India. The meaning of "fortnight" was changed by the RBI Act to be one day to the fifteenth day and two to sixteen days to the last day of the month.

Nomination Facility :

• The Nomination Facility enables account holders to suggest up to four nominations, either concurrently or consecutively.
• Only consecutive nominations will be accepted for Safety Locker.

Ques: What is a new filter introduced under the revised Enhanced Surveillance Mechanism (ESM) framework for companies with market capitalisation under Rs.1,000 crore?
Rs.1,000 करोड़ से कम मार्केट कैप वाले कंपनियों के लिए संशोधित एन्हांस्ड सर्विलांस मैकेनिज्म (ESM) के तहत नया फिल्टर क्या पेश किया गया है?

A. Debt-to-equity ratio filter / ऋण-से-इक्विटी अनुपात फिल्टर
B. Promoter holding filter / प्रवर्तक हिस्सेदारी फिल्टर
C. Price-to-earnings ratio filter / मूल्य-से-आय अनुपात फिल्टर
D. Volume-to-market-cap ratio filter / वॉल्यूम-से-मार्केट कैप अनुपात फिल्टर
E. Dividend payout ratio filter / डिविडेंड पेआउट अनुपात फिल्टर

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and stock exchanges have revised the Enhanced Surveillance Mechanism (ESM) for companies with a market cap under Rs.1,000 crore.
• The revised framework, effective July 28, 2025, impacts 28 companies currently under surveillance.
• Under Stage 1, surveillance was earlier based on high-low price variation. Now, a sustained 3-month upward close-to-close price trend is also considered.
• Under Stage 2, a new Price-to-Earnings (PE) ratio filter has been introduced.
• Only stocks with a PE ratio up to twice that of the Nifty 500 index will qualify to move to Stage 2.
• This helps monitor excessively overvalued stocks more closely.
• Restrictions for Stage 1 include 100% margin from T+2 and Trade-for-trade settlement with a 5% price band
• If the stock already has a 2% band, it stays unchanged.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Vice-Chief of the Army Staff of India?
भारत के नए सेना उपप्रमुख के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani / ले. जनरल एन.एस. राजा सुब्रमणि
B. Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan / ले. जनरल अनिल चौहान
C. Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Singh / ले. जनरल पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह
D. Lt. Gen. R.P. Kalita / ले. जनरल आर.पी. कलिता
E. Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande / ले. जनरल मनोज पांडे

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Singh, a senior officer from the Parachute Regiment, has been appointed as the new Vice-Chief of the Army Staff.
• He will assume charge on Friday, succeeding Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani.
• Lt. Gen. Singh has a distinguished military career spanning over 35 years with key operational and command roles.
• His extensive experience and leadership qualities played a vital role in his appointment as the Vice-Chief.

LQues: Which shipyard delivered the stealth frigate Himgiri (Yard-3022) to the Indian Navy under Project 17A?
प्रोजेक्ट 17A के तहत स्टील्थ फ्रिगेट हिमगिरि (यार्ड-3022) को भारतीय नौसेना को किस शिपयार्ड ने सौंपा?

A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited / मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स लिमिटेड
B. Hindustan Shipyard Limited / हिंदुस्तान शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड
C. Cochin Shipyard Limited / कोचीन शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड
D. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers / गार्डन रीच शिपबिल्डर्स एंड इंजीनियर्स
E. Goa Shipyard Limited / गोवा शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Stealth Frigate Himgiri (Yard-3022) is one of the seven Project 17A Nilgiri-class frigates being built for the Indian Navy.
• It was delivered by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), a defence shipyard based in Kolkata.

Under Project 17A:

• GRSE is building 3 ships: Himgiri, Dunagiri, and Vindhyagiri.
• Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) is building 4 ships: Nilgiri, Udaygiri, Taragiri, and Mahendragiri.

Features of Nilgiri-class Frigates:

• ~6,670 tons displacement
• ~149 meters in length
• 75% indigenous content
• Equipped with BrahMos missiles, MRSAMs, torpedoes, AESA radars, and can carry 2 helicopters

Ques: Which Indian state made it mandatory to register borewells and imposed charges on groundwater extraction starting July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 से किस भारतीय राज्य ने बोरवेल पंजीकरण को अनिवार्य किया और भूजल निकासी पर शुल्क लगाया है?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
C. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
D. Gujarat / गुजरात
E. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Karnataka government implemented groundwater extraction charges from July 2025 to regulate usage and encourage sustainability.
• Charges range from Rs.1 to Rs.35 per cubic metre depending on the category (individuals, societies, industries, etc.).
• No Objection Certificate (NOC) is now mandatory from Karnataka Ground Water Authority (KGWA) for all new borewells.
• All existing borewells must be registered, regardless of when they were drilled.
• Borewell drilling agencies also need to register with KGWA.
• Penalties for violations range from Rs.5,000 to Rs.2,00,000 depending on groundwater consumption levels.

Ques: What is the total estimated cost of the recently approved railway multi-tracking projects across 6 states?
हाल ही में 6 राज्यों में मंजूर की गई रेलवे मल्टी-ट्रैकिंग परियोजनाओं की कुल अनुमानित लागत कितनी है?

A. Rs.10,500 crore
B. Rs.11,169 crore
C. Rs.12,000 crore
D. Rs.9,574 crore
E. Rs.13,829 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Union Cabinet approved 4 major railway multi-tracking projects with a total estimated cost of Rs.11,169 crore, spanning 574 km and covering 13 districts across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, and Jharkhand.
• These projects aim to enhance freight capacity by 96 million tonnes annually, reduce CO_2 emissions by 515 crore kg, and save 16 crore litres of fuel per year.
• They are also expected to generate 2.29 crore man-days of employment and benefit 43.6 lakh people in 2,309 villages by FY 2028–29.

Ques: The recently signed GENIUS Act in the US provides a federal framework for which of the following digital financial instruments?
अमेरिका में हाल ही में हस्ताक्षरित GENIUS अधिनियम किस डिजिटल वित्तीय साधन के लिए एक संघीय ढांचा प्रदान करता है?

A. Central Bank Digital Currencies / केंद्रीय बैंक डिजिटल मुद्राएँ
B. Crypto ETFs / क्रिप्टो ईटीएफ
C. Stablecoins / स्थिर मुद्राएँ
D. NFTs / एनएफटी
E. Digital Bonds / डिजिटल बॉन्ड्स

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Stablecoins are blockchain-based digital currencies that aim to maintain a stable value by pegging to reference assets like the US Dollar or gold.
• Unlike volatile cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, stablecoins offer price stability, making them useful for digital payments and cross-border transactions.
• Major issuers include Tether (USDT), Circle (USDC), and MakerDAO (DAI).
• The GENIUS Act, signed by US President Donald Trump, is America's first federal legislation regulating stablecoins, providing legal clarity and oversight for issuers and users.
• This law has reignited global interest in stable, regulated digital currencies.

Ques: What is the total approved outlay for the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (FCC), as per the recent Union Cabinet decision?
हाल ही में केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल के निर्णय के अनुसार, 15वें वित्त आयोग चक्र (FCC) के दौरान प्रधानमंत्री किसान संपदा योजना (PMKSY) के लिए कुल स्वीकृत व्यय कितना है?

A. Rs.4520 crores
B. Rs.5620 crores
C. Rs.6520 crores
D. Rs.7200 crores
E. Rs.8120 crores

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a total outlay of Rs.6520 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (FCC).

This includes:

• Rs.1000 crore for 50 Multi-Product Food Irradiation Units under the Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (ICCVAI).
• Expected outcome: 20–30 lakh metric tonnes of annual food preservation capacity.
• Support for 100 Food Testing Laboratories (FTLs) under Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FSQAI); to be NABL accredited.
• Rs.920 crore for other component schemes under PMKSY.

About PMKSY Scheme :
• Launched : 2017 as SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters)
• Term : Extended in 2020-21, and continues till 31 March 2026
• Outlay : Rs. 6520 crores
• Ministry : Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)
• To modernize infrastructure from farm gate to retail outlet, enhance farmer incomes, reduce wastage, and boost food processing and exports

Ques : Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of IFFCO after US Awasthi's term ended?
यूएस अवस्थी का कार्यकाल समाप्त होने के बाद इफको का नया प्रबंध निदेशक किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Ramesh Chand / रमेश चंद
B. KJ Patel / केजे पटेल
C. Suresh Narayanan / सुरेश नारायणन
D. Rajeev Sinha / राजीव सिन्हा
E. Anil Kumar / अनिल कुमार

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited) has appointed KJ Patel as its new Managing Director after the retirement of US Awasthi, who stepped down upon turning 80.
• Patel earlier served as Director-Technical and has 32+ years of experience in nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizer plant maintenance.
• He holds a Mechanical Engineering degree from Saurashtra University and also headed IFFCO's Paradip Plant in Odisha.
• Known for his strategic thinking and deep industry expertise, Patel's leadership is expected to align with IFFCO's vision for innovation and long-term growth.
• The appointment was announced by IFFCO Chairman Dileep Sanghani, who expressed confidence in Patel's capabilities.

Ques: What is the name of the first scientifically authenticated monofloral lavender honey developed in India?
भारत में विकसित पहला वैज्ञानिक रूप से प्रमाणित मोनोफ्लोरल लैवेंडर शहद कौन-सा है?

A. Aroma Gold / एरोमा गोल्ड
B. Pulwama Nectar / पुलवामा नेक्टर
C. Lavender Delight / लैवेंडर डिलाइट
D. Lavender Honey / लैवेंडर हनी
E. Himalayan Bloom / हिमालयन ब्लूम

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• India has developed its first scientifically bio-authenticated monofloral Lavender Honey through CSIR–IIIM at its Pulwama Field Station in Jammu & Kashmir under the CSIR Floriculture Mission.
• The honey is derived from Lavandula angustifolia and was validated through advanced techniques like DNA barcoding and microscopy.
• It contains over 61% lavender pollen and 27 bioactive compounds with antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.
• This innovation promotes value addition for farmers and is part of the broader CSIR Aroma Mission, contributing to the “Purple Revolution” praised by Prime Minister Modi.

Ques: What is the primary objective of the 'Benevolence Fund' established by the All India Football Federation (AIFF)?
अखिल भारतीय फुटबॉल महासंघ (AIFF) द्वारा स्थापित 'बेनिवोलेंस फंड' का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To sponsor international football events / अंतरराष्ट्रीय फुटबॉल आयोजनों को प्रायोजित करना
B. To provide medical and financial assistance to retired football community members / सेवानिवृत्त फुटबॉल समुदाय के सदस्यों को चिकित्सा और वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करना
C. To reward best performing teams annually / सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन करने वाली टीमों को वार्षिक पुरस्कार देना
D. To fund AIFF infrastructure projects / AIFF बुनियादी ढांचा परियोजनाओं के लिए धन जुटाना
E. To train new referees and coaches / नए रेफरी और कोचों को प्रशिक्षण देना

Answer: **Option B**

Explanation :

• The All India Football Federation (AIFF) launched the Benevolence Fund to offer one-time medical financial assistance to retired players, coaches, referees, match officials, and support staff.
• The fund was initiated with an initial corpus of Rs.7,00,002, including personal contributions of Rs.1,00,001 each by AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey and Vice President N. A. Haris.
• Additionally, AIFF has proposed a separate ‘Pension Fund’ to provide retirement pensions for long-serving employees.
• Eligibility for Pension Fund: Minimum 20 years of service and retirement at age 60 or above from AIFF.

Ques: Where was India's first-ever Grassland Bird Census conducted between March and May 2025?
भारत की पहली घासभूमि पक्षी जनगणना मार्च से मई 2025 के बीच कहां आयोजित की गई थी?

A. Jim Corbett National Park / जिम कॉर्बेट नेशनल पार्क
B. Keoladeo National Park / केवलादेव नेशनल पार्क
C. Kaziranga National Park / काजीरंगा राष्ट्रीय उद्यान
D. Gir National Park / गिर राष्ट्रीय उद्यान
E. Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary / भरतपुर पक्षी अभयारण्य

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Kaziranga National Park in Assam conducted India's first-ever Grassland Bird Census from March 18 to May 25, 2025.
• The census recorded 43 grassland bird species, with the use of passive acoustic recording monitoring as a key innovation.
• It was a joint effort by forest officials, researchers, conservationists, and park authorities.

The primary objectives were:

• To monitor the grassland bird population,
• Identify rare, endemic, and globally threatened species,
• Understand breeding patterns and assess the ecological health of Kaziranga's grasslands

Ques: Who is the author of the upcoming biography "M S Swaminathan: The Man Who Fed India"?
"एम एस स्वामीनाथन: द मैन हू फेड इंडिया" नामक आगामी जीवनी के लेखक कौन हैं?

A. Harper Lee / हार्पर ली
B. Priyambada Jayakumar / प्रियांबदा जयकुमार
C. Shashi Tharoor / शशि थरूर
D. Gurcharan Das / गुर्चरण दास
E. Ramachandra Guha / रामचंद्र गुहा

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The biography titled "M S Swaminathan: The Man Who Fed India" has been authored by Priyambada Jayakumar.
• It will be published by HarperCollins to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of M S Swaminathan, who is known as the Father of India's Green Revolution.
• Swaminathan played a pivotal role in introducing high-yielding varieties of wheat and rice, significantly enhancing India's food security.

Ques: What is the primary objective of the recently adopted New York Declaration by the United Nations?
हाल ही में संयुक्त राष्ट्र द्वारा अपनाए गए न्यूयॉर्क घोषणा पत्र का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Establishing global climate action targets / वैश्विक जलवायु कार्रवाई लक्ष्यों की स्थापना
B. Creating a demilitarised Palestinian state alongside Israel / इज़राइल के साथ एक निरस्त्र फ़िलिस्तीनी राज्य की स्थापना
C. Promoting international trade regulations / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार विनियमों को बढ़ावा देना
D. Declaring Gaza as a UN-administered territory / गाज़ा को संयुक्त राष्ट्र प्रशासित क्षेत्र घोषित करना
E. Imposing sanctions on countries violating human rights / मानवाधिकार उल्लंघन करने वाले देशों पर प्रतिबंध लगाना

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The New York Declaration was adopted at a major UN conference focused on resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
• It proposes the creation of an independent and demilitarised Palestinian state that would coexist peacefully with Israel.
• The declaration also includes a phased plan to end ongoing warfare in Gaza and restore peace in the region.
• This reflects a growing international consensus on resolving the conflict through diplomatic dialogue and regional integration, rather than prolonged military engagement.

Ques: Which of the following universities was recently issued a Letter of Intent (LoI) to set up a campus in India as per the Union Education Ministry's announcement at ABSS 2025?
हाल ही में एबीएसएस 2025 में केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा भारत में परिसर स्थापित करने के लिए निम्नलिखित में से किस विश्वविद्यालय को आशय पत्र (LoI) जारी किया गया?

A. Harvard University / हार्वर्ड विश्वविद्यालय
B. University of Southampton / यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ साउथैम्पटन
C. Yale University / येल विश्वविद्यालय
D. Stanford University / स्टैनफोर्ड विश्वविद्यालय
E. Western Sydney University / वेस्टर्न सिडनी विश्वविद्यालय

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan issued Letters of Intent (LoIs) to four international universities to set up campuses in India Western Sydney University (Australia), Victoria University (Australia), La Trobe University (Australia) and University of Bristol (UK)
• The announcement was made during the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) in New Delhi, celebrating 5 years of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
• India aims to host up to 15 foreign university campuses.
• Campuses already being set up include Deakin University and University of Wollongong at GIFT City, Gujarat and University of Southampton in Gurugram, Delhi NCR

Ques: T. N. Manoharan, who recently passed away, was associated with which of the following institutions as Chairman at the time of his demise?
हाल ही में निधन हुए टी. एन. मनोहरन निम्नलिखित में से किस संस्था के अध्यक्ष के रूप में कार्यरत थे?

A. Reserve Bank of India / भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
B. Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
C. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
D. Lakshmi Vilas Bank / लक्ष्मी विलास बैंक
E. IDBI Bank / आईडीबीआई बैंक

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• T. N. Manoharan was serving as the Chairman of IDBI Bank at the time of his death. He was appointed to this post in May 2022 for a term of three years.
• He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2010 for his contributions in the field of Trade and Industry.

He was a former President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and held various significant roles in India's banking sector:

• Non-Executive Chairman of Canara Bank (till August 2020)
• Administrator of Lakshmi Vilas Bank before its merger with DBS Bank

Ques: Pramila Medhe, who recently passed away, was associated with which of the following organisations as its Chief?
हाल ही में जिन प्रमिला मेधे का निधन हुआ, वे निम्नलिखित में से किस संगठन की प्रमुख रही थीं?

A. Bharatiya Janata Party / भारतीय जनता पार्टी
B. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh / राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ
C. Vishwa Hindu Parishad / विश्व हिंदू परिषद
D. Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad / अखिल भारतीय विद्यार्थी परिषद
E. Rashtra Sevika Samiti / राष्ट्र सेविका समिति

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Pramila Medhe was the former Pramukh Sanchalika (Chief) of the Rashtra Sevika Samiti, the women's wing ideologically aligned with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).
• She led the organization from 1978 to 2003.
• RSS Chief Dr. Mohan Bhagwat paid tribute to her after her demise in Nagpur.
• The Rashtra Sevika Samiti is one of India’s largest women-led nationalist organizations and works parallel to the RSS.

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Andhra Pradesh achieved a Guinness World Record for hosting the largest parent-teacher meeting (PTM). It saw the participation of over 5.34 million parents and teachers across 61,000 schools

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and BP Exploration (Alpha) Ltd for a Saurashtra basin oil and gas exploration block

In an attempt to check water pollution and promote conservation of the Indus River, Ladakh has declared August 12 as a Safai Andolan Day for the mighty river.

The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2025 will pay tribute to iconic filmmaker Ritwik Ghatak on his 100th birth anniversary with a special retrospective celebrating his cinematic legacy.

Athletes will be eligible to compete in the female category for world ranking competitions such as the World Championships only if they clear a one-time gene test in a bid to protect the integrity of women's sport, World Athletics

Elon Musk's xAI has released "Baby Grok," a child-friendly version of its problematic chatbot Grok.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

आंध्र प्रदेश ने सबसे बड़ी अभिभावक-शिक्षक बैठक (पीटीएम) आयोजित करने का गिनीज वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड बनाया। इसमें 61,000 स्कूलों के 53.4 लाख से ज़्यादा अभिभावकों और शिक्षकों ने हिस्सा लिया।

सौराष्ट्र बेसिन में तेल और गैस अन्वेषण ब्लॉक के लिए रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड (आरआईएल), ऑयल एंड नेचुरल गैस कॉर्पोरेशन (ओएनजीसी) और बीपी एक्सप्लोरेशन (अल्फा) लिमिटेड के बीच समझौता।

जल प्रदूषण को रोकने और सिंधु नदी के संरक्षण को बढ़ावा देने के प्रयास में, लद्दाख ने 12 अगस्त को इस विशाल नदी के लिए सफाई आंदोलन दिवस घोषित किया है।

मेलबर्न का भारतीय फिल्म महोत्सव (आईएफएफएम) 2025, प्रतिष्ठित फिल्म निर्माता ऋत्विक घटक को उनकी 100वीं जयंती पर उनकी सिनेमाई विरासत का जश्न मनाने वाले एक विशेष कार्यक्रम के साथ श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करेगा।

विश्व एथलेटिक्स ने कहा है कि महिला खेलों की अखंडता की रक्षा के लिए, एथलीट विश्व चैंपियनशिप जैसी विश्व रैंकिंग प्रतियोगिताओं में महिला वर्ग में तभी भाग ले पाएँगे जब वे एक बार का जीन परीक्षण पास कर लें।

एलोन मस्क की xAI ने अपने समस्याग्रस्त चैटबॉट Grok का बच्चों के अनुकूल संस्करण "बेबी ग्रोक" जारी किया है।

Ques: What is the new extended implementation date for Phase-III of SEBI's new nomination framework in the securities market?
प्रतिभूति बाजार में सेबी के नए नामांकन ढांचे के चरण-III के कार्यान्वयन की नई विस्तारित तिथि क्या है?

A. September 1, 2025
B. October 31, 2025
C. November 30, 2025
D. December 15, 2025
E. January 1, 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• SEBI extended the timeline for Phase-III of its new nomination framework from September 1, 2025 to December 15, 2025.
• This was announced via a circular issued under powers granted by the SEBI Act, 1992, and relevant regulations.
• Phase-III focuses on full implementation of the nomination framework by intermediaries and systems.
• Earlier, Phase-II was also extended from June 1, 2025, to August 8, 2025, covering digital nomination and video-verified opt-out.
• Phase-I went live on March 1, 2025, covering mandatory nomination and survivorship provisions.

Ques: What was the total GST collection reported for July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 के लिए कुल GST संग्रह कितना रहा?

A. Rs.1.83-lakh crore
B. Rs.1.89-lakh crore
C. Rs.1.96-lakh crore
D. Rs.2.01-lakh crore
E. Rs.1.76-lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• GST collection for July 2025 rose 7.5% year-on-year to Rs.1.96-lakh crore, marking a strong performance driven by imports.
• Domestic net collection declined by 6.7% to Rs.1.43-lakh crore, mainly due to a 117% surge in refunds, resulting in negative net domestic GST.
• In contrast, import GST rose by 9.7%, helping support the overall gross GST figures.
• Experts attribute the domestic dip to reduced urban consumption, including automobile sales and seasonal moderation.
• However, timely processing of refunds by the government was seen as a business-friendly measure to ease working capital stress.
• Tax expert Vivek Jalan noted that this was the first YoY fall in net GST since the Covid era (2020–21).

Ques: As per DIPAM, what is the total percentage of stake that the Government and LIC will divest in IDBI Bank?
DIPAM के अनुसार, सरकार और LIC IDBI बैंक में कुल कितनी हिस्सेदारी का विनिवेश करेंगे?

A. 49.24%
B. 45.48%
C. 94.72%
D. 60.72%
E. 30.24%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• As part of the strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank, both the Government of India and LIC will jointly divest a total of 60.72% stake.
• This includes 30.48% by the government and 30.24% by LIC.
• This is the first-of-its-kind disinvestment where both promoter entities are selling their stakes simultaneously.
• The process has reached the financial bidding stage, expected in Q3 of FY 2025-26, after due diligence and regulatory clearances.

Ques: What is the concessional government guarantee fee notified by the Finance Ministry for NaBFID's borrowings from multilateral and foreign institutions?
बहुपक्षीय और विदेशी संस्थाओं से NaBFID की उधारी के लिए वित्त मंत्रालय द्वारा अधिसूचित रियायती सरकारी गारंटी शुल्क कितना है?

A. 0.05%
B. 0.1%
C. 0.5%
D. 1%
E. 2%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Finance Ministry has notified a 0.1% concessional government guarantee fee for borrowings by NaBFID from multilateral institutions, sovereign wealth funds, and other notified foreign entities.
• The fee is applicable at the time of securing the guarantee and also annually on April 1.
• NaBFID (National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development) was established in 2021, is headquartered in Mumbai, and its Chairman is K. V. Kamath

Ques: What was the total number of UPI transactions recorded in July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 में कुल कितने UPI लेनदेन दर्ज किए गए?

A. 18.40 billion
B. 25.08 billion
C. 19.47 billion
D. 20.20 billion
E. 22.35 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions hit an all-time high of 19.47 billion in July 2025, marking a 35% year-on-year growth, as per NPCI data.
• The total transaction value also surged by 22% y-o-y, reaching Rs.25.08 lakh crore.
• In comparison, June 2025 recorded 18.40 billion transactions worth Rs.24.04 lakh crore.
• This growth reflects the increasing adoption of digital payments by small businesses, local retailers, and last-mile users.

To manage the high UPI load, NPCI introduced new operational guidelines effective August 1, including:

• Balance checks limited to 50 per app/day
• Maximum 25 API requests per user/app/day
• Mandate transactions only allowed in non-peak hours, with a maximum of 4 attempts

Ques: According to S&P Global, India's Manufacturing PMI in July 2025 reached a 16-month high of how much?
एसएंडपी ग्लोबल के अनुसार, जुलाई 2025 में भारत का मैन्युफैक्चरिंग PMI 16 महीनों के उच्चतम स्तर पर कितने पर पहुंच गया?

A. 55.3
B. 57.2
C. 58.4
D. 59.1
E. 60.5

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• As per S&P Global, India's Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 59.1 in July 2025, marking the highest level in 16 months.
• The growth was fuelled by a surge in new orders, production, and inventory purchases.
• A PMI score above 50 indicates expansion, while below 50 signals contraction.
• However, job creation hit its lowest level since November 2024, and business sentiment dropped to a 3-year low due to inflation and market competition.
• Persistent elevated input and output prices signal mild inflationary pressure in Q2 of FY26.

Ques: As per Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, what is India's rank in global fish production?
केंद्रीय मंत्री राजीव रंजन सिंह के अनुसार, वैश्विक मछली उत्पादन में भारत का कौन सा स्थान है?

A. First
B. Second
C. Third
D. Fourth
E. Fifth

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, in a recent programme held in Kolkata, stated that India ranks second globally in fish production.
• He chaired a review meeting with officials from West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh, focusing on ways to improve fish production and address related challenges.
• The discussion also involved important schemes such as the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana and the Kisan Credit Card.
• According to the minister, India's fish production increased by 103% in 2024–25 compared to 2013–14, highlighting the sector's rapid growth.
• He further emphasized that rural ponds in West Bengal hold untapped potential to boost fish production.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the 13th Prime Minister of Myanmar in the newly formed government?
म्यांमार की नवगठित सरकार में 13वें प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Win Myint / विन मिंट
B. Aung San Suu Kyi / आंग सान सू की
C. Than Shwe / थान श्वे
D. Htin Kyaw / हतिन क्याव
E. U Nyo Saw / यू नयो सॉ

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Myanmar recently announced the formation of a new Government and National Security and Peace Commission to oversee defence and elections.
• U Nyo Saw was appointed as the 13th Prime Minister of Myanmar.
• Despite the changes, General Min Aung Hlaing continues to serve as the acting President and Chief of the Armed Forces.
• The newly established National Security and Peace Commission will be led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Ques: Who won the Best Actor award in a leading role at the 71st National Film Awards?
71वें राष्ट्रीय फिल्म पुरस्कार में सर्वश्रेष्ठ अभिनेता (मुख्य भूमिका) का पुरस्कार किसने जीता?

A. Salman Khan & Ranbir Kapoor / सलमान खान और रणबीर कपूर
B. Shah Rukh Khan & Ranveer Singh / शाहरुख खान और रणवीर सिंह
C. Shah Rukh Khan & Vikrant Massey / शाहरुख खान और विक्रांत मैसी
D. Vikrant Massey & Ayushmann Khurrana / विक्रांत मैसी और आयुष्मान खुराना
E. Ranbir Kapoor & Vikrant Massey / रणबीर कपूर और विक्रांत मैसी

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• At the 71st National Film Awards, Shah Rukh Khan won the Best Actor award for his performance in Jawan, while Vikrant Massey also received the award for 12th Fail. Prize - Rajat Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 2 lakhs shared between the two.
• This year, the awards received 332 feature film entries, 115 non-feature films, 27 book entries, and 16 film critics' submissions.
• Ashutosh Gowariker was the Chairperson of the Feature Film Jury, P Sheshadri was the Chairperson of the Non-Feature Film Jury, and Gopalkrishna Pai was the Chairperson of the Best Writing on Cinema Jury.
• Best Actress was awarded to Rani Mukherjee for Mrs. Chatterjee Vs Norway. Prize - Rajat Kamal and cash prize of Rs 2 lakhs
• Best Feature Film went to 12th Fail, directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra. Prize - Swaran Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 3 Lakhs to the producer and director each.
• Best Non-Feature Film was Flowering Man by Soumyajit Ghosh Dastidar.
• Best Direction: Sudipto Sen, 'The Kerala Story' (Hindi). Prize - Swaran Kamal and cash prize of Rs 3 lakhs
• Best Feature Film Promoting Social, National, and Environmental Values : Sam Bahadur (Hindi), Director: Meghna Gulzar. Prize -Rajat Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 2 Lakhs to the producer and director each.
• Best Film in AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming & Comic)- : Hanu-Man (Telugu), Director: Prasanth Varma. Prize - Swaran Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 3 Lakhs to the producer and director each.

Ques: Who was conferred with the 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award in 2025?
2025 में 43वां लोकमान्य तिलक राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार किसे प्रदान किया गया?

A. Sudha Murty / सुधा मूर्ति
B. Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
C. Nitin Gadkari / नितिन गडकरी
D. Sharad Pawar / शरद पवार
E. Dr. K. Kasturirangan / डॉ. के. कस्तूरीरंगन

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Union Minister Nitin Gadkari received the 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award on August 1, 2025, which also marks the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak.
• The award is instituted by the Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust since 1983 to recognize individuals contributing to national progress.
• The award includes a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh and a citation.
• In 2024, the award was given to Sudha Murty, a noted social activist, writer, and Rajya Sabha MP.

Ques: What is the name of the first joint Earth observation mission launched by ISRO and NASA?
इसरो और नासा द्वारा लॉन्च किए गए पहले संयुक्त पृथ्वी अवलोकन मिशन का नाम क्या है?

A. RISAT-2BR1 / रिसैट-2बीआर1
B. Cartosat-3 / कार्टोसैट-3
C. NISAR / निसार
D. Oceansat-3 / ओशन्सैट-3
E. SARal / सारल

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) is the first joint Earth observation mission between ISRO and NASA.
• It was successfully launched aboard the GSLV-F16 rocket from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
• NISAR is the world's first radar imaging satellite to operate with dual-frequency (L-band and S-band) on a single platform.
• The mission will provide high-resolution, all-weather, day-and-night imagery and aims to scan nearly all of Earth's land and ice surfaces every 12 days.
• The satellite weighs 2,392 kg and operates in a sun-synchronous polar orbit at an altitude of approximately 747 km, circling the Earth 14 times daily.
• Corner reflector calibration is being done by IIT Kanpur and IIT Patna during the 90-day commissioning phase.

Ques: What is the initial funding amount allocated by the Tamil Nadu government for the new semiconductor facility in collaboration with IIT Madras?
तमिलनाडु सरकार द्वारा IIT मद्रास के सहयोग से नई सेमीकंडक्टर सुविधा के लिए कितनी प्रारंभिक फंडिंग दी जा रही है?

A. Rs.500 crore
B. Rs.250 crore
C. Rs.100 crore
D. Rs.150 crore
E. Rs.75 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Tamil Nadu Government in collaboration with IIT Madras is setting up a Centre for Advanced Semiconductor Technologies with an initial seed funding of Rs.100 crore.
• This facility will be located at the Central Polytechnic Campus, Chennai, and aims to train over 4,500 candidates.
• It will include 2–6 week training modules on applied research in EVs, data centers, and space technology.
• A prototype fab unit will enable students to learn the end-to-end chip-making process, and the lab will also focus on developing indigenous semiconductor tools to build local capability

Ques: What is the name of the green legacy initiative launched under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' programme in the Aravalli Hills?
अरावली पर्वतमाला में 'एक पेड़ मां के नाम' कार्यक्रम के तहत शुरू की गई हरित विरासत पहल का नाम क्या है?

A. Matri Van / मातृ वन
B. Green India Mission / ग्रीन इंडिया मिशन
C. Van Vikas Abhiyan / वन विकास अभियान
D. Harit Aravalli Yojana / हरित अरावली योजना
E. Aravalli Eco Park / अरावली ईको पार्क

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• The 'Matri Van' initiative was launched under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' programme by the Government of India, aiming to promote ecological preservation and community participation.
• The launch ceremony was presided over by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Union Minister Manohar Lal.
• The initiative will be developed over 750 acres in the Aravalli Hill area, specifically along the Gurugram-Faridabad Road.
• It involves removing invasive species like Kabuli Kikar (Prosopis juliflora) and planting native trees like Dhak and Amaltash, along with theme-based groves to restore the local ecology.

Ques: Which country has adopted Assam's 'Hargila Army' conservation model to protect storks?
किस देश ने सारसों की रक्षा के लिए असम के 'हरगिला आर्मी' संरक्षण मॉडल को अपनाया है?

A. Nepal / नेपाल
B. Bhutan / भूटान
C. Myanmar / म्यांमार
D. Cambodia / कंबोडिया
E. Vietnam / वियतनाम

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Cambodia has adopted the Hargila Army model of Assam, a successful community-led conservation initiative to protect the endangered Greater Adjutant Stork.
• Led by Purnima Devi Barman, the Hargila Army empowers local women in Assam to engage in stork conservation efforts.
• 20 Cambodian women conservationists and rangers are being trained in Prek Toal Bird Sanctuary, located in the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve.
• This model is now seen as a global example of community participation in wildlife conservation.

Ques: Where will the NFDC's fully residential 3D Animation and VFX training program for North East India candidates be conducted?
उत्तर पूर्व भारत के उम्मीदवारों के लिए एनएफडीसी का पूर्ण आवासीय 3डी एनीमेशन और वीएफएक्स प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम कहां आयोजित किया जाएगा?

A. Guwahati, Assam / गुवाहाटी, असम
B. Shillong, Meghalaya / शिलांग, मेघालय
C. Aizawl, Mizoram / आइज़ोल, मिज़ोरम
D. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh / गाज़ियाबाद, उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Imphal, Manipur / इम्फाल, मणिपुर

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) has launched an 8-month fully residential training program in 3D Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) for youth from the eight North Eastern states.
• The training is being conducted in partnership with Aptech Ltd.
• The program will be held at a fully-equipped training facility in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
• Eligibility: Candidates must be at least 18 years old, and minimum 10+2 pass, or 10th pass with 3 years of industry experience.
• Only 100 candidates will be selected through a screening process, and a registration fee of Rs.1,180 applies.

About National Film Development Corporation of India :

• Established : 1975
• HQ : Mumbai
• MD : Prakash Magdum

Ques: Where was India's first indigenously-built 1 MW green hydrogen power plant inaugurated?
भारत का पहला स्वदेशी रूप से निर्मित 1 मेगावाट हरित हाइड्रोजन पावर प्लांट कहां उद्घाटन किया गया?

A. Paradip Port, Odisha / पारादीप पोर्ट, ओडिशा
B. Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh / विशाखापट्टनम पोर्ट, आंध्र प्रदेश
C. Mumbai Port, Maharashtra / मुंबई पोर्ट, महाराष्ट्र
D. Deendayal Port, Gujarat / दीनदयाल पोर्ट, गुजरात
E. Cochin Port, Kerala / कोचीन पोर्ट, केरल

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• India's first indigenously-built 1 MW green hydrogen power plant was inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at the Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) in Kandla, Gujarat.
• The project was established by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Limited.
• It has the capacity to produce 140 metric tonnes (MT) of green hydrogen annually.
• It is the first green hydrogen facility at an Indian port and is part of a 10 MW project under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).
• The initiative supports India's goal to achieve net zero emissions by 2030.

About National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) :

• Launched : January 2023
• Outlay : Rs.19,744 crore
• Implemented by : Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
• Target : To achieve an ambitious production target of 5 million metric tonnes (MMT) of green hydrogen per year by 2030

Ques: Where is Google setting up its first and Asia's largest data centre in India?
भारत में Google अपना पहला और एशिया का सबसे बड़ा डेटा सेंटर कहां स्थापित कर रहा है?

A. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
B. Mumbai / मुंबई
C. Visakhapatnam / विशाखापत्तनम
D. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
E. Chennai / चेन्नई

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Google has planned to establish a 1 Gigawatt Data Centre in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, marking its first data centre investment in India.
• This will be the largest data centre in Asia in terms of both capacity and size.
• The project is part of Alphabet's USD 75 billion global data centre expansion in 2025, including similar initiatives in Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand.
• USD 6 billion will be invested, including USD 2 billion for renewable energy infrastructure (solar/wind) to support sustainable operations.

Ques: FSSAI's definitive list of Ayurveda Aahara is based on which regulation?
एफएसएसएआई की आयुर्वेद आहार की अंतिम सूची किस विनियमन पर आधारित है?

A. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2019 / खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक (आयुर्वेद आहार) विनियम, 2019
B. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2020 / खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक (आयुर्वेद आहार) विनियम, 2020
C. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2021 / खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक (आयुर्वेद आहार) विनियम, 2021
D. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2022 / खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक (आयुर्वेद आहार) विनियम, 2022
E. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2023 / खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक (आयुर्वेद आहार) विनियम, 2023

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Ayush, has released a definitive list of Ayurveda Aahara to mainstream traditional Ayurvedic dietary wisdom.
• This action follows the Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2022, which officially recognize food items based on ancient Ayurvedic texts.
• The list, derived from Schedule A and B of the regulations, aims to bring clarity, authenticity, and credibility to the manufacturing and labeling of Ayurvedic food products.
• Citizens are encouraged to include Ayurveda Aahara in their lifestyle to gain health benefits like stronger immunity, improved digestion, and better overall well-being.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Dakshin Bharat Area, Indian Army, from August 1, 2025?
1 अगस्त 2025 से दक्षिण भारत एरिया, भारतीय सेना के नए जनरल ऑफिसर कमांडिंग (GOC) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Lt. Gen. V. Sreehari / ले. जनरल वी. श्रीहरि
B. Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani / ले. जनरल एन.एस. राजा सुब्रमणि
C. Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Singh / ले. जनरल पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह
D. Lt. Gen. M. Shankar / ले. जनरल एम. शंकर
E. Lt. Gen. K.R. Mehta / ले. जनरल के.आर. मेहता

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Lieutenant General V. Sreehari has been appointed as the General Officer Commanding (GOC), Dakshin Bharat Area, effective August 1, 2025.
• This important Indian Army formation covers Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and the Union Territories of Puducherry and Lakshadweep.
• Lt. Gen. Sreehari is a highly decorated officer, awarded the Shaurya Chakra (1998) during his service with 31 Rashtriya Rifles (Commando), the Sena Medal (Distinguished Services) in 2021, and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2023.

Ques: What date has been declared as 'Safai Andolan Day' for the Indus River under the Mission Indus Clean-up by Ladakh?
लद्दाख द्वारा मिशन इन्डस क्लीन-अप के तहत सिंधु नदी के लिए 'सफाई आंदोलन दिवस' किस तारीख को घोषित किया गया है?

A. August 5
B. August 10
C. August 12
D. August 15
E. August 20

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Union Territory of Ladakh has declared August 12 as Safai Andolan Day under its Mission Indus Clean-up, focusing on cleaning the Indus River and its tributaries.
• The campaign is led by the Leh Hill Council and supported by the UT administration, Indian Army, Air Force, Paramilitary Forces, BRO, and school students.
• The mission aims to reduce river pollution, especially addressing arsenic contamination, while also spreading awareness through social and religious leaders.
• It is a collaborative step toward environmental conservation and sustainable water management in the ecologically fragile Ladakh region.

Ques: Which country will host the 8th Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in 2027?
2027 में 8वें कॉमनवेल्थ यूथ गेम्स (CYG) की मेजबानी कौन सा देश करेगा?

A. India / भारत
B. Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
C. Canada / कनाडा
D. Malta / माल्टा
E. England / इंग्लैंड

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The 8th Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in 2027 will be hosted by Malta, as announced by Commonwealth Sport (formerly Commonwealth Games Federation).
• The games will be held across four venue clusters in the islands of Malta and Gozo.
• More than 1,000 athletes, aged 14 to 18, from 74 countries and territories will participate.
• India hosted the 3rd edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games in 2008, in Pune, Maharashtra.

Ques: Which two-time Olympic biathlon champion of Germany died in a mountaineering accident at Laila Peak in Pakistan?
पाकिस्तान के लैला पीक पर पर्वतारोहण हादसे में मृत जर्मनी की दो बार की बायथलन ओलंपिक चैंपियन कौन थीं?

A. Magdalena Neuner / मैग्डेलेना नॉयनर
B. Laura Dahlmeier / लॉरा डाहलमेयर
C. Kati Wilhelm / काटी विल्हेल्म
D. Denise Herrmann / डेनिस हेरमान
E. Uschi Disl / उशी डिस्ल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Laura Dahlmeier, a two-time Olympic biathlon champion from Germany, died in a mountaineering accident at Laila Peak (5,700 meters) in the Karakoram mountains of Pakistan.
• She was the first woman biathlete to win five gold medals at a single World Championship.
• At the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea, she became the first female biathlete to win gold in both the sprint and pursuit events.

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The 52nd President Scouts and Guides Awards for the years 2018-2021 held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. The President awarded 16 Scouts, Guides, Rovers and Rangers

India has once again demonstrated its commitment to global humanitarian efforts by sending a consignment of humanitarian assistance to Syria. The aid package includes 5 Metric Tonnes of essential medicines

India's resolution titled "Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles for the Wise Use of Wetlands" was formally adopted at Ramsar CoP15 held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe on 30th July 2025.

38 Million euros loan Given by German Export Finance Bank to CEF Group, an Indian cleantech company for the construction of two CBG plants as part of CEF Group's wider plant to construct 22 such facilities across India

The remote Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia's far east witnessed two dramatic natural events — a powerful 8.8 magnitude earthquake followed by the eruption of the Klyuchevskoy volcano, the tallest active volcano in both Europe and Asia.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

आंध्र प्रदेश ने सबसे बड़ी अभिभावक-शिक्षक बैठक (पीटीएम) आयोजित करने का गिनीज वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड बनाया। इसमें 61,000 स्कूलों के 53.4 लाख से ज़्यादा अभिभावकों और शिक्षकों ने हिस्सा लिया।

सौराष्ट्र बेसिन में तेल और गैस अन्वेषण ब्लॉक के लिए रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड (आरआईएल), ऑयल एंड नेचुरल गैस कॉर्पोरेशन (ओएनजीसी) और बीपी एक्सप्लोरेशन (अल्फा) लिमिटेड के बीच समझौता।

जल प्रदूषण को रोकने और सिंधु नदी के संरक्षण को बढ़ावा देने के प्रयास में, लद्दाख ने 12 अगस्त को इस विशाल नदी के लिए सफाई आंदोलन दिवस घोषित किया है।

मेलबर्न का भारतीय फिल्म महोत्सव (आईएफएफएम) 2025, प्रतिष्ठित फिल्म निर्माता ऋत्विक घटक को उनकी 100वीं जयंती पर उनकी सिनेमाई विरासत का जश्न मनाने वाले एक विशेष कार्यक्रम के साथ श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करेगा।

विश्व एथलेटिक्स ने कहा है कि महिला खेलों की अखंडता की रक्षा के लिए, एथलीट विश्व चैंपियनशिप जैसी विश्व रैंकिंग प्रतियोगिताओं में महिला वर्ग में तभी भाग ले पाएँगे जब वे एक बार का जीन परीक्षण पास कर लें।

एलोन मस्क की xAI ने अपने समस्याग्रस्त चैटबॉट Grok का बच्चों के अनुकूल संस्करण "बेबी ग्रोक" जारी किया है।

Ques: Nippon India Mutual Fund opened its first-ever mutual fund office in which high-altitude region, located 11,500 feet above sea level?
निप्पॉन इंडिया म्यूचुअल फंड ने 11,500 फीट की ऊंचाई पर स्थित किस उच्च पर्वतीय क्षेत्र में अपना पहला म्यूचुअल फंड कार्यालय खोला है?

A. Shimla / शिमला
B. Manali / मनाली
C. Leh / लेह
D. Mussoorie / मसूरी
E. Nainital / नैनीताल

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Nippon India Mutual Fund has opened its first-ever mutual fund office in Leh, located at 11,500 feet above sea level, making it the highest-altitude MF office in India.
• The goal is to promote Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) in remote and high-altitude areas.
• The initiative has already empowered local drivers, hotel staff, and army families to begin investing.
• Retired Army Chief Gen VP Malik supported the effort, and over 350 army personnel attended an investor awareness session.
• Nippon India also established a NISM training and online exam centre in Leh, with the first distributor certification exam scheduled for August 22.

Ques: What is the main objective of the 30-member Regulatory Review Cell set up by the RBI in August 2025?
अगस्त 2025 में RBI द्वारा गठित 30-सदस्यीय रेगुलेटरी रिव्यू सेल का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Launching new banking products / नए बैंकिंग उत्पाद लॉन्च करना
B. Implementing monetary policy changes / मौद्रिक नीति में बदलाव लागू करना
C. Eliminating outdated and irrelevant regulations / पुराने और अप्रासंगिक नियमों को हटाना
D. Promoting digital currency adoption / डिजिटल करेंसी को बढ़ावा देना
E. Enhancing RBI's overseas presence / RBI की अंतरराष्ट्रीय उपस्थिति बढ़ाना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The RBI formed a 30-member Regulatory Review Cell (RRC) in August 2025 to identify and remove obsolete, redundant, and irrelevant financial regulations.
• Goal: Reduce the total regulations from 8,000 to 3,000.
• Focus: Simplify compliance, consolidate rules, and avoid regulatory complexity.
• Not aimed at introducing new regulations but at streamlining the existing framework to improve efficiency and transparency.
• Led by a user-centric and systemic reform approach.

Ques: Until which year has the PM E-DRIVE scheme been extended, and will there be any additional budget for it?
पीएम ई-ड्राइव योजना को किस वर्ष तक बढ़ाया गया है, और क्या इसके लिए कोई अतिरिक्त बजट आवंटित किया जाएगा?

A. Till 2026, Yes
B. Till 2027, No
C. Till 2028, No
D. Till 2029, Yes
E. Till 2028, Yes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The PM E-DRIVE (Prime Minister Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement) scheme has been extended till March 2028, but no additional budget has been allocated.
• The scheme will continue using the remaining funds from the Rs.10,900 crore originally sanctioned.
• Focus areas include e-trucks, e-buses, e-ambulances, public EV charging, and e3W L5 vehicles.
• The initiative supports Make in India, aims to reduce oil imports, and encourages environment-friendly mobility solutions.

Ques: Which brand name has been chosen by eight co-operative institutions for launching a new taxi service to compete with Ola and Uber?
ओला और उबर को टक्कर देने के लिए आठ सहकारी संस्थाओं द्वारा किस ब्रांड नाम से नई टैक्सी सेवा शुरू की जा रही है?

A. Sahkaar Cabs / सहकार कैब्स
B. Bharat Taxi / भारत टैक्सी
C. Swadeshi Ride / स्वदेशी राइड
D. Co-op Cabs / को-ऑप कैब्स
E. Desh Yatra / देश यात्रा

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Eight major co-operative institutions, including NCDC, IFFCO, NDDB, and NABARD, have come together to launch a new taxi service under the brand name 'Bharat' by the end of 2025.
• The service will be operated by the Multi-State Sahakari Taxi Co-operative Ltd, formed on June 6, 2025.
• Rs.300 crore has been allocated as authorised capital, and 200 drivers have already been onboarded in Delhi, Gujarat, UP, and Maharashtra.
• This initiative is fully funded by cooperatives with no government stake, and aims to offer safe, affordable rides while ensuring better income for drivers.

Ques: As of July 23, 2025, what is the total amount of deposits under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)?
23 जुलाई 2025 तक प्रधानमंत्री जन धन योजना (PMJDY) के तहत कुल जमा राशि कितनी थी?

A. Rs.2.58 lakh crore
B. Rs.2.60 lakh crore
C. Rs.2.62 lakh crore
D. Rs.2.63 lakh crore
E. Rs.2.64 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

As per official data, total deposits under PMJDY stood at Rs.2.62 lakh crore as of July 23, 2025, slightly lower than the all-time high of Rs.2.63 lakh crore on April 9.
• Average balance per account declined from Rs.4,760 to Rs.4,680.
• Total number of Jan Dhan accounts rose to 559.8 million.
• Scheme started in August 2014, focusing on financial inclusion and zero-balance savings.
• Key benefits include overdraft of Rs.10,000, free RuPay card with Rs.2 lakh accident insurance, and no minimum balance requirement.

Ques: According to NPCI's new circular effective from August 1, 2025, how many times per day can a UPI user check their bank balance per app?
NPCI के नए परिपत्र के अनुसार, जो 1 अगस्त 2025 से प्रभावी हुआ है, एक UPI उपयोगकर्ता प्रति ऐप प्रति दिन अधिकतम कितनी बार बैंक बैलेंस जांच सकता है?

A. 25 times
B. 30 times
C. 50 times
D. 75 times
E. Unlimited

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) issued a new circular that came into effect on August 1, 2025, to manage the increasing load on UPI infrastructure.
• Users can now check their bank balance only 50 times per day per UPI app.
• After every successful UPI transaction, the available balance will be displayed automatically, reducing the need for repeated manual balance enquiries.
• Additionally, the "view linked accounts" feature is limited to 25 views per day per app, and failed/pending transaction status checks are restricted to 3 times a day, with at least 90 seconds between attempts.
• From August 1, a nominal fee will be levied on payment aggregators (e.g. GPay, PhonePe), though users and merchants will not be affected financially.
• UPI IDs not used for 12 months or longer may be automatically deactivated to curb misuse—particularly arising from reused mobile numbers.
• When making payments, the recipient's registered bank name and identity must now be displayed before Confirmation—enhancing user clarity and fraud prevention.
• Scheduled UPI payments (e.g. subscriptions, EMIs, utility bills) will now only execute during these non-peak windows Before 10:00 AM, Between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM and After 9:30 PM
• The system allows up to 4 attempts per mandate (1 initial + 3 retries). Failed executions will result in cancellation and user notification.

Ques: What was the title of the 1st BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival held in New Delhi?
नई दिल्ली में आयोजित पहले बिम्सटेक पारंपरिक संगीत महोत्सव का शीर्षक क्या था?

A. One Asia, One Song / एक एशिया, एक गीत
B. Harmony of Nations / राष्ट्रों की मेलोडी
C. SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody / सप्तसुर: सात राष्ट्र, एक मेलोडी
D. Sound of Unity / एकता की ध्वनि
E. Melodies of the East / पूरब की ध्वनियाँ

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The 1st BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival, titled “SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody”, was held in New Delhi.
• The event showcased the cultural and musical heritage of the seven BIMSTEC nations —India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand
• It was organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
• The festival was inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.
• This initiative aims to promote cultural exchange and strengthen regional ties among BIMSTEC member countries.

Ques: Which company has partnered with Numaligarh Refinery Ltd to deploy India's first 5G captive private network in the refinery sector?
भारत के रिफाइनरी क्षेत्र में पहला 5G कैप्टिव निजी नेटवर्क तैनात करने के लिए नुमालीगढ़ रिफाइनरी लिमिटेड ने किस कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?

A. Jio / जियो
B. Airtel / एयरटेल
C. BSNL / बीएसएनएल
D. MTNL / एमटीएनएल
E. Vi / वीआई

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• BSNL, India's state-run telecom operator, has partnered with Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) to deploy India's first 5G captive non-public network in the refinery sector.
• This network will support secure, ultra-reliable, and real-time industrial connectivity within the refinery.
• It marks a major step in advancing Industry 4.0 technologies and promoting digital innovation in India's energy sector.
• Under this collaboration, BSNL will provide telecom infrastructure, and NRL will use it for refining operations, boosting automation and efficiency.

Ques: Who assumed charge as the Controller Personnel Services (CPS) of the Indian Navy on 31 July 2025?
31 जुलाई 2025 को भारतीय नौसेना के कंट्रोलर पर्सनल सर्विसेज (CPS) का पदभार किसने संभाला?

A. Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi / वाइस एडमिरल दिनेश कुमार त्रिपाठी
B. Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh / वाइस एडमिरल संजय जसजीत सिंह
C. Vice Admiral C R Praveen Nair / वाइस एडमिरल सी. आर. प्रवीन नायर
D. Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh / वाइस एडमिरल अजेन्द्र बहादुर सिंह
E. Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar / वाइस एडमिरल आर. हरि कुमार

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Vice Admiral C R Praveen Nair, AVSM, NM, assumed charge as the Controller Personnel Services (CPS) of the Indian Navy on 31 July 2025.
• Before taking over this role, he served as the Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy.
• He has been honoured with the Nao Sena Medal (for devotion to duty) in 2000, and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) in January 2025.
• As CPS, he is responsible for overseeing key human resource functions in the Indian Navy.

Ques: Which state government has announced insurance coverage for Govindas participating in the Dahi Handi festival during Gokulashtami?
दही हांडी उत्सव में भाग लेने वाले गोविंदाओं के लिए बीमा कवरेज की घोषणा किस राज्य सरकार ने की है?

A. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
B. Gujarat / गुजरात
C. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
D. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
E. Rajasthan / राजस्थान

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Maharashtra Government has announced insurance coverage for 1.5 lakh Govindas participating in the Dahi Handi festival during Gokulashtami.
• The insurance cost of Rs.75 per participant will be fully borne by the state through The Oriental Insurance Company.
• A total of Rs.1.12 crore will be allocated from the Sports Development Fund for this initiative.
• The scheme will be implemented with the help of the Maharashtra State Dahi Handi Govinda Association and the Sports and Youth Services Department.
• This move aims to ensure the safety and well-being of participants in this high-risk festive event.

Ques: Who won the first-ever Chess Esports World Cup held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia?
रियाद, सऊदी अरब में आयोजित पहले शतरंज ईस्पोर्ट्स विश्व कप का विजेता कौन बना?

A. Magnus Carlsen / मैग्नस कार्लसन
B. Hikaru Nakamura / हिकारू नाकामुरा
C. Alireza Firouzja / अलीरेज़ा फिरौज़जा
D. Arjun Erigaisi / अर्जुन एरिगैसी
E. Ian Nepomniachtchi / इयान नेपोमनियाच्ची

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Magnus Carlsen (Norway), the current World No.1 Grandmaster and a member of Team Liquid, won the first-ever Chess Esports World Cup held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
• He secured the title by defeating GM Alireza Firouzja (France) of Team Falcon in the Grand Final with a 2-0 score.
• GM Hikaru Nakamura (USA) of Team Falcon claimed third place, beating India's GM Arjun Erigaisi of Gen.G Esports.
• The tournament featured 16 players from 13 teams and had a total prize pool of 1.5 million USD.
• The event was organized by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF), highlighting a new era of competitive chess in the esports domain.

Ques: Who became the first player in World Test Championship (WTC) history to score over 6000 runs?
वर्ल्ड टेस्ट चैंपियनशिप (WTC) के इतिहास में 6000 से अधिक रन बनाने वाले पहले खिलाड़ी कौन बने हैं?

A. Steve Smith / स्टीव स्मिथ
B. Marnus Labuschagne / मार्नस लाबुशेन
C. Joe Root / जो रूट
D. Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
E. Ben Stokes / बेन स्टोक्स

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• England's Joe Root made history by becoming the first batter to cross 6000 runs in World Test Championship (WTC) history.
• He achieved this milestone during a match played on Sunday, bringing his WTC record to 21 centuries and 23 fifties in 69 matches.
• Root surpassed top Australian batters Steve Smith (4278 runs in 55 Tests) and Marnus Labuschagne (4225 runs in 53 Tests).
• This feat highlights his consistency and dominance in Test cricket under the WTC format.

Ques: Where was the last of the 16 Airbus C-295 aircraft received by Indian officials in 2025?
वर्ष 2025 में 16 एयरबस C-295 विमानों में से अंतिम विमान भारतीय अधिकारियों द्वारा कहाँ प्राप्त किया गया?

A. Madrid, Spain / मैड्रिड, स्पेन
B. Toulouse, France / टूलूज़, फ्रांस
C. Hyderabad, India / हैदराबाद, भारत
D. Seville, Spain / सेविले, स्पेन
E. Bengaluru, India / बेंगलुरु, भारत

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Indian Ambassador to Spain, Dinesh K Patnaik, along with senior officials, received the last of 16 Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft at the Airbus Defence and Space assembly line in Seville, Spain.
• The C-295 is a multi-role tactical airlifter, known for its versatility and reliability with over 300 aircraft under contract globally.
• India had signed a $2.5 billion deal with Airbus for 56 aircraft, of which 40 will be manufactured in India by Tata Advanced Systems, making it the first “Make in India” project in the defence aircraft sector.
• The first C295 was officially handed over to India on September 13, 2023, in Seville, in the presence of IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari.

India's C-295 Procurement Deal :

• In September 2021, India and Airbus inked an agreement for the purchase of 56 C-295 aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
• The entire cost came to Rs.21,935 crore, or almost $2.5 billion.
• The first sixteen planes were supposed to arrive from Spain in flyaway condition.
• Under the Make in India program, Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) would manufacture the remaining 40 aircraft in India.
• The remaining 40 C-295s will be produced domestically by Tata-Airbus in Vadodara, Gujarat.
Assembly Line (FAL) in the private sector.

Ques: Which Indian state became the first to introduce a Sabbatical Leave scheme for government employees?
सरकारी कर्मचारियों के लिए सवैतनिक अवकाश (Sabbatical Leave) योजना शुरू करने वाला पहला भारतीय राज्य कौन बना?

A. Kerala / केरल
B. Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
C. Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड
D. Sikkim / सिक्किम
E. Goa / गोवा

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Sikkim became the first state in India to formally introduce a Sabbatical Leave scheme for its government employees in August 2023.

Under this scheme:

• Regular employees with at least 5 years of continuous service can take leave from 365 to 1,080 days while receiving 50% of their basic pay.
• Seniority is preserved, and the government retains the right to recall employees with one month's notice.
• The scheme was later extended to temporary staff who become eligible after six months of service.

In April 2025, approval authority was delegated:

• Group C & D employees (including temporary staff) – Leave can be approved by Heads of Departments.
• Group A & B employees – Require approval from the Secretary of the Personnel Department.

Ques: What is the name of the mascot unveiled for the Asia Rugby Under-20 (Sevens) Championship 2024 to be held in Rajgir, Bihar?
राजगीर, बिहार में आयोजित होने वाली एशिया रग्बी अंडर-20 (सेवंस) चैंपियनशिप 2024 के लिए अनावरण किए गए शुभंकर का नाम क्या है?

A. Ashoka / अशोक
B. Cheetah / चीता
C. Veer / वीर
D. Sheru / शेरू
E. Agile / एजाइल

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled the mascot 'Ashoka', a rabbit, for the Asia Rugby Under-20 (Sevens) Championship.
• The event will be held at the Rajgir Sports Complex on 9th and 10th August, marking the first time such an international rugby event is being hosted in Bihar.
• The rabbit symbolizes agility, which is a vital trait in rugby.
• Eight top rugby-playing Asian countries, including India, Hong Kong, China, UAE, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Nepal, will participate in both men's and women's categories.
• Rahul Bose is the President of Rugby India.

Ques: The heritage train service on the Patalpani–Kalakund line, recently resumed by Western Railway, was originally envisioned by which historical ruler?
पश्चिम रेलवे द्वारा हाल ही में फिर से शुरू की गई पातालपानी–कालाकुंड लाइन पर विरासती ट्रेन सेवा की परिकल्पना सबसे पहले किस ऐतिहासिक शासक ने की थी?

A. Maharaja Ranjit Singh / महाराजा रणजीत सिंह
B. Maharaja Tukoji Rao Holkar II / महाराजा तुकोजी राव होल्कर II
C. Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad / महाराजा सयाजीराव गायकवाड़
D. Maharaja Shivaji Rao Scindia / महाराजा शिवाजीराव सिंधिया
E. Lord Curzon / लॉर्ड कर्ज़न

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Western Railway has resumed the heritage train service on the 9.5 km Patalpani–Kalakund metre-gauge line in Madhya Pradesh, located on the Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (Mhow)–Khandwa section.
• This scenic line offers breathtaking views of valleys, forests, and waterfalls, making it a popular tourist attraction.
• Operations had been temporarily suspended due to a fall in tourist numbers.
• The line dates back to the 19th century and was first envisioned by Maharaja Tukoji Rao Holkar II (1844–1886) of the Holkar dynasty of Indore.
• Approval from the British government took six years, and the project was funded via a loan of Rs.1 crore at 4.5% interest.

***Ques*: Who is the author of the book "Mohan and Muhammad: Gandhi, Jinnah and the Break-up of British India"?**
"मोहन एंड मुहम्मद: गांधी, जिन्ना और ब्रिटिश भारत का विभाजन" पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?

A. Shashi Tharoor / शशि थरूर
B. Meghnad Desai / मेघनाद देसाई
C. Rajmohan Gandhi / राजमोहन गांधी
D. Ramchandra Guha / रामचंद्र गुहा
E. Salman Khurshid / सलमान खुर्शीद

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The book "Mohan and Muhammad: Gandhi, Jinnah and the Break-up of British India" is written by Meghnad Desai.
• It explores the ideological and personal journeys of Mahatma Gandhi and Muhammad Ali Jinnah, two pivotal leaders in India's independence movement.
• The book focuses on similarities and contrasts in their lives, ideas, and interactions, and delves into the factors that led to the partition of British India.
• It is published by Rupa Publications.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram?
विक्रम साराभाई अंतरिक्ष केंद्र (वीएसएससी), तिरुवनंतपुरम के नए निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. S. Somanath / एस. सोमनाथ
B. Dr. A. Rajarajan / डॉ. ए. राजराजन
C. S. Unnikrishnan Nair / एस. उन्नीकृष्णन नायर
D. K. Sivan / के. सिवन
E. Ritu Karidhal / ऋतु करिधाल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Dr. A. Rajarajan, who was earlier the Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), has been appointed as the Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
• He replaces S. Unnikrishnan Nair as the new head of VSSC.
• Dr. Rajarajan is also a board member of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), which promotes private participation in space activities.
• Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) was established in 1963 and is one of the major ISRO centres for launch vehicle development.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

In a historic step towards the revival of Assam's river-based trade and sustainable logistics, National Waterway-57 (River Kopili) was operationalised with the first-ever cargo trial run from the Govardhan Bridge in Chandrapur, Kamrup to Hatsingimari in South Samara.

Pakistan launched an advanced Earth observation satellite, Pakistan Remote Sensing Satellite with technical assistance from Pakistan's Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre, in Sichuan Province, China.

IIT Madras develops agriculture waste-based packaging materials to eliminate plastic use. The researchers cultivated fungi (mushroom) on agriculture and paper waste to derive the material.

The Guinness World Record for the "Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month" has been awarded to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's flagship program, Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC), which has been effectively run by the Ministry of Education in partnership with MyGov since 2018.

Andhra Pradesh police to launch 'Operation Trace' to identify missing and kidnapped girls from August 1-31

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

असम के नदी-आधारित व्यापार और सतत रसद के पुनरुद्धार की दिशा में एक ऐतिहासिक कदम उठाते हुए, राष्ट्रीय जलमार्ग-57 (कोपिली नदी) को चंद्रपुर, कामरूप में गोवर्धन पुल से दक्षिण समारा में हाटसिंगिमारी तक पहली बार कार्गो परीक्षण के साथ चालू किया गया।

पाकिस्तान ने चीन के सिचुआन प्रांत में स्थित शीचांग उपग्रह प्रक्षेपण केंद्र से पाकिस्तान के अंतरिक्ष और ऊपरी वायुमंडल अनुसंधान आयोग (SUPARCO) की तकनीकी सहायता से एक उन्नत पृथ्वी अवलोकन उपग्रह, पाकिस्तान रिमोट सेंसिंग सैटेलाइट, प्रक्षेपित किया।

आईआईटी मद्रास ने प्लास्टिक के उपयोग को समाप्त करने के लिए कृषि अपशिष्ट-आधारित पैकेजिंग सामग्री विकसित की है। शोधकर्ताओं ने इस सामग्री को प्राप्त करने के लिए कृषि और कागज़ के कचरे पर कवक (मशरूम) की खेती की।

"एक महीने में नागरिक सहभागिता मंच पर सबसे ज़्यादा लोगों के पंजीकरण" का गिनीज़ वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेंद्र मोदी के प्रमुख कार्यक्रम, "परीक्षा पे चर्चा" (पीपीसी) को मिला है। यह कार्यक्रम शिक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा MyGov के साथ साझेदारी में 2018 से प्रभावी ढंग से चलाया जा रहा है।

आंध्र प्रदेश पुलिस 1 से 31 अगस्त तक लापता और अपहृत लड़कियों की पहचान के लिए 'ऑपरेशन ट्रेस' शुरू करेगी।

Ques: What is the name of India's first Specialised Investment Fund (SIF) approved by SEBI in 2025?
SEBI द्वारा 2025 में अनुमोदित भारत का पहला विशेषीकृत निवेश कोष (SIF) कौन सा है?

A. QSIF Equity Long-Short Fund / क्यूएसआईएफ इक्विटी लॉन्ग-शॉर्ट फंड
B. Quant Alpha Advantage Fund / क्वांट अल्फा एडवांटेज फंड
C. QAMC Alternative Growth Fund / क्यूएएमसी अल्टरनेटिव ग्रोथ फंड
D. Quant Startups Select Fund / क्वांट स्टार्टअप्स सेलेक्ट फंड
E. SEBI-SIF Opportunity Fund / सेबी-एसआईएफ अवसर फंड

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Quant Mutual Fund became the first Asset Management Company (AMC) in India to receive SEBI's approval to launch a Specialised Investment Fund (SIF) under the new category.
• The fund is named 'QSIF Equity Long-Short Fund', making it India's first SIF.
• Minimum investment required: Rs.10 lakh per investor.
• If this threshold is breached, the units across strategies are frozen for debit, and investors are given 30 days to rebalance, failing which their holdings are automatically redeemed at the prevailing NAV.
• SIFs are pooled investment vehicles that target alternative assets such as private equity, real estate, hedge funds, venture capital, etc., and are generally suited for institutional or high-net-worth investors.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Australia's $130 million tourism campaign in 2025?
प्रश्न: 2025 में ऑस्ट्रेलिया के 130 मिलियन डॉलर के पर्यटन अभियान के ब्रांड एंबेसडर के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Anushka Sharma / अनुष्का शर्मा
B. Sara Tendulkar / सारा तेंदुलकर
C. Deepika Padukone / दीपिका पादुकोण
D. Rishabh Pant / ऋषभ पंत
E. Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Sara Tendulkar, daughter of cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar, has been appointed brand ambassador for Australia's new $130 million tourism campaign.
• The campaign is part of "Come and Say G'day", a global tourism initiative launched by Tourism Australia in 2022.
• The second chapter of the campaign was unveiled in August 2025 to promote Australia as a top travel destination worldwide

Ques : Who has been appointed as the head coach of the Indian men's national football team in 2025?
2025 में भारतीय पुरुष राष्ट्रीय फुटबॉल टीम के मुख्य कोच के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Igor Stimac / इगोर स्टिमैक
B. Savio Medeira / सैवियो मेडेरा
C. Manolo Marquez / मनोलो मार्क्वेज़
D. Khalid Jamil / खालिद जमील
E. Stephen Constantine / स्टीफन कॉन्स्टेंटाइन

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

• The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed Khalid Jamil as the new head coach of the Indian men's national football team.
• He is the first Indian to be appointed to this post since Savio Medeira (2011–12).
• He replaces Manolo Marquez, who resigned last month.
• Jamil has previously coached several Indian clubs and is considered one of the most experienced Indian football coaches.

About AIFF :

• Established : 1937
• HQ : New Delhi
• President : Kalyan Chaubey
• General Secretary : Anilkumar Prabhakaran

Ques: Abdulla Aboobacker, who recently won the men's triple jump title at the Qosanov Memorial 2025, hails from which Indian state?
अब्दुल्ला अबूबक्कर, जिन्होंने हाल ही में कोसानोव मेमोरियल 2025 में पुरुषों की ट्रिपल जंप का खिताब जीता, वे भारत के किस राज्य से हैं?

A. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
B. Kerala / केरल
C. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
D. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
E. Haryana / हरियाणा

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Athlete: Abdulla Aboobacker — Indian triple jumper, former Asian champion.
• Achievement: Won men's triple jump title at Qosanov Memorial 2025 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
• State: Kerala.
• Next major event: World Athletics Championships — Tokyo, 13–21 September 2025.

Ques: What is the name of the Russian intermediate-range hypersonic ballistic missile capable of reaching speeds of Mach 10 and expected to be deployed in Belarus by the end of 2025?
रूस की उस मध्यवर्ती दूरी की हाइपरसोनिक बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल का क्या नाम है, जो मैक 10 की गति तक पहुँच सकती है और जिसे 2025 के अंत तक बेलारूस में तैनात किया जाएगा?

A. Avangard / अवांगार्ड
B. Zircon / ज़िरकॉन
C. Oreshnik / ओरेश्निक
D. Kinzhal / किंझाल
E. Iskander-M / इस्कंदर-एम

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Oreshnik is Russia's latest intermediate-range hypersonic ballistic missile.
• The name "Oreshnik" translates to "hazel tree" in Russian.
• It was first operationally launched on November 21, 2024, striking a Ukrainian defense facility in Dnipro.
• Belarus (where it will be deployed) borders EU and NATO countries: Poland, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Key features:

• Speed: Up to Mach 10 (10 times the speed of sound)
• Range: Approx. 5,000 km
• MIRV capable: Can hit multiple targets simultaneously
• MaRV tech: Allows mid-flight maneuverability, making interception difficult

Ques: What is the name of the analogue station developed by Protoplanet and ISRO to simulate Moon and Mars conditions in Ladakh?
चंद्रमा और मंगल की परिस्थितियों का अनुकरण करने के लिए प्रोटोप्लैनेट और इसरो द्वारा लद्दाख में विकसित एनालॉग स्टेशन का नाम क्या है?

A. ARES
B. VIKRAM
C. HOPE
D. ASTRA
E. SURAJ

Answer: Option C

Explanation **:**

• The Human Outer Planet Exploration (HOPE) station is an analogue site developed by Bengaluru-based space tech company Protoplanet in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
• It is located in the Tso Kar region of Ladakh at an altitude of over 14,500 feet.
• The location was chosen because its terrain and environment closely resemble those of the Moon and Mars, making it suitable for space analogue simulations.
• Selected crew members will live at the station to undergo physiological and psychological testing, simulating long-term human space missions.

Ques: The 8th edition of which flagship initiative, led by PM Narendra Modi, received the Guinness World Record for the "Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month" in 2025?
प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की किस प्रमुख पहल के 8वें संस्करण को 2025 में "एक माह में नागरिक सहभागिता मंच पर सबसे अधिक पंजीकरण" के लिए गिनीज वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड मिला?

A. Mann Ki Baat / मन की बात
B. Pariksha Pe Charcha / परीक्षा पे चर्चा
C. Fit India Movement / फिट इंडिया मूवमेंट
D. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat / एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत
E. Swachh Bharat Mission / स्वच्छ भारत मिशन

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) – annual event led by PM Narendra Modi, organised since 2018 by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with MyGov.
• 8th edition (2025) set a Guinness World Record: Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month.
• Registrations: 3.53 crore+
• Viewership: Over 21 crore on television.
• Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Jitin Prasada received the Guinness World Record certificate on August 4, 2025.

Ques: On which river is the proposed 2,185 MW Sawalkote Hydropower Project planned?
2,185 मेगावाट क्षमता वाली प्रस्तावित सावलकोट जलविद्युत परियोजना किस नदी पर बनाई जानी है?

A. Jhelum River / झेलम नदी
B. Chenab River / चेनाब नदी
C. Beas River / ब्यास नदी
D. Sutlej River / सतलुज नदी
E. Ravi River / रावी नदी

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Sawalkote Hydropower Project is a 2,185 MW run-of-the-river plant proposed on the Chenab River in Ramban District, Jammu & Kashmir.
• First conceptualised in the 1980s, but delayed mainly due to the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan.
• Estimated cost: Rs.22,704 crore.
• To be executed by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Ltd in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Limited (JKSPDC).
• Will have a 192.5-metre concrete gravity dam and generate over 7,000 million units annually.
• Largest hydroelectric project in the Union Territory and among the biggest in North India.
• Also expected to aid in flood mitigation and water management.

Ques: In August 2025, India conducted a joint naval sail and exercise with which country in the South China Sea?
अगस्त 2025 में, भारत ने दक्षिण चीन सागर में किस देश के साथ संयुक्त नौसैनिक अभ्यास और नौका यात्रा की?

A. Vietnam / वियतनाम
B. Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
C. Philippines / फिलीपींस
D. Malaysia / मलेशिया
E. Brunei / ब्रुनेई

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Event: Two-day joint naval sail and drill between India & Philippines — started 3 August 2025 in the disputed South China Sea.
• Philippines President: Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr — first visit to India since taking office in 2022.
• Diplomatic ties: India & Philippines established relations in November 1949.
• 2025 marks the 75th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations.
• South China Sea : Arm of the western Pacific Ocean, south of the Chinese mainland.

Ques: What is the objective of the Darwin Tree of Life (DToL) project?
डार्विन ट्री ऑफ लाइफ (DToL) परियोजना का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To decode the human genome / मानव जीनोम का अनुक्रमण करना
B. To map extinct species / विलुप्त प्रजातियों का मानचित्रण करना
C. To sequence the genomes of 70,000 eukaryotic species in Britain and Ireland / ब्रिटेन और आयरलैंड की 70,000 यूकैरियोटिक प्रजातियों का जीनोम अनुक्रमित करना
D. To develop genetically modified crops / आनुवंशिक रूप से संशोधित फसलों का विकास करना
E. To track species migration using satellites / उपग्रहों के माध्यम से प्रजातियों के प्रवास को ट्रैक करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Darwin Tree of Life (DToL) project aims to sequence the genomes of 70,000 eukaryotic species found in Britain and Ireland.
• It is part of the broader Earth BioGenome Project, which seeks to sequence all complex life on Earth.
• In its first phase, DToL is collecting representatives of each species and using advanced DNA sequencing technology.
• It also employs cutting-edge computational tools to understand how DNA variations give rise to biological diversity.

Ques: Which organisation signed two MoUs to promote conservation and awareness of medicinal plants in 2025?
2025 में औषधीय पौधों के संरक्षण और जागरूकता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किस संस्था ने दो समझौता ज्ञापनों (MoUs) पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare / स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
B. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences / आयुर्वेदिक विज्ञान में केंद्रीय अनुसंधान परिषद
C. National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) / राष्ट्रीय औषधीय पादप बोर्ड
D. Indian Council of Medical Research / भारतीय चिकित्सा अनुसंधान परिषद
E. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change / पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), under the Ministry of Ayush, signed two important MoUs in 2025:

• One with IshVed-Bioplants Venture, Pune to conserve rare, endangered, and threatened medicinal plants using tissue culture techniques.
• The second tripartite MoU was signed among NMPB, All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), and AIIMS, New Delhi for setting up a national-level medicinal plants garden to spread awareness and share knowledge.

Ques: Under which initiative has the Union Government approved the establishment of PM Ekta Malls in 27 states?
केंद्र सरकार ने 27 राज्यों में पीएम एकता मॉल की स्थापना किस पहल के तहत मंजूर की है?

A. Digital India / डिजिटल इंडिया
B. Make in India / मेक इन इंडिया
C. Smart Cities Mission / स्मार्ट सिटीज मिशन
D. One District, One Product (ODOP) / एक जिला, एक उत्पाद (ODOP)
E. Start-up India / स्टार्टअप इंडिया

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Union Government has approved the setting up of PM Ekta Malls in 27 states under the One District, One Product (ODOP) initiative.
• The initiative was announced by the Ministry of Finance in the 2023–24 Union Budget.
• It has an outlay of Rs.4,796 crore and is part of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) framework.
• States must contribute by either providing land free of cost or bearing the cost of acquisition.
• The objective is to promote indigenous products, GI-tagged items, and local handicrafts by providing dedicated retail spaces.

State-wise Allocation and Locations

• Uttar Pradesh received the highest allocation of Rs.370.25 crore for three malls in Agra, Lucknow, and Varanasi.
• Madhya Pradesh follows with Rs.284 crore for Ujjain.
• Gujarat and Telangana each got Rs.202 crore.
• Maharashtra secured Rs.195.14 crore for Navi Mumbai.
• Assam was sanctioned Rs.226 crore for Guwahati.
• Tamil Nadu and Bihar received Rs.223 crore and Rs.212.69 crore respectively for Chennai and Patna malls.

Ques: Which state received the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) award for having the maximum organ donations in India in 2024?
2024 में भारत में अधिकतम अंग दान के लिए राष्ट्रीय अंग और ऊतक प्रत्यारोपण संगठन (NOTTO) पुरस्कार किस राज्य को मिला?

A. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
B. Telangana / तेलंगाना
C. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
D. Kerala / केरल
E. Gujarat / गुजरात

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Telangana received the NOTTO award for recording the highest rate of organ donations in India in 2024.
• Organ donation rate: 4.88 per 10 lakh population (national average: 0.8 per 10 lakh).
• Award given by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) under the Union Health Ministry.
• Organ transplant surgeries in Telangana are free of cost under the Aarogyasri scheme.
• Governed by the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA) ensuring equitable access irrespective of financial status.

Ques: Where has India's first-ever FIFA Talent Academy for girls been launched in 2025?
2025 में भारत की पहली फीफा टैलेंट अकादमी लड़कियों के लिए कहां शुरू की गई है?

A. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
B. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
C. Mumbai / मुंबई
D. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
E. Chennai / चेन्नई

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The All India Football Federation (AIFF) and FIFA jointly launched India's first-ever FIFA Talent Academy for girls in Hyderabad, Telangana.
• The academy is situated at the Gachibowli Stadium Complex.
• It provides year-round high-performance training with residential, educational, medical, nutritional, and mental wellness facilities for 60 elite players (30 boys under 14 and 30 girls under 16), including 10 players from Telangana in each category.
• This initiative aims to boost women's football in India by offering world-class infrastructure and deelopment support.

Ques: As of June 30, 2025, how many districts across India are covered under the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP)?
30 जून 2025 तक, प्रधानमंत्री राष्ट्रीय डायलिसिस कार्यक्रम (PMNDP) के अंतर्गत भारत के कितने जिलों को कवर किया गया है?

A. 751
B. 600
C. 500
D. 800
E. 900

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• The Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) now covers 751 districts across all 36 States and Union Territories.
• As of June 30, 2025, the programme operates over 1,700 functional dialysis centres.
• It was launched in April 2016 under Union Budget 2016–17 to provide free dialysis services to economically vulnerable patients suffering from end-stage renal disease (ESRD).
• Implemented under the National Health Mission (NHM) by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and hybrid models.

Ques: What is the annual scholarship amount provided under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)?
नेशनल मीन्स-कम-मेरेट स्कॉलरशिप योजना (NMMSS) के तहत वार्षिक छात्रवृत्ति राशि कितनी है?

A. Rs.6,000
B. Rs.10,000
C. Rs.12,000
D. Rs.15,000
E. Rs.18,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is a Central Sector merit-based scholarship scheme launched by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.
• It aims to support economically weaker students to complete their secondary education (Class IX to XII).
• The scholarship amount is Rs.12,000 per annum, disbursed via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) through Aadhaar Payment Bridge, either into the student's or parent's bank account.
• Only students from government or government-aided schools are eligible. Students from Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVS), and other government residential schools are not eligible.
• The state of Uttar Pradesh has the highest quota of 15,000 fresh scholarships annually.
• The scheme is available on the National Scholarship Portal and requires Aadhaar-based registration starting from Class IX, after selection through a written exam post-Class VIII.

Ques: Which species was mistakenly targeted instead of the Alpine musk deer in India's conservation breeding programme, as per a Central Zoo Authority report?
केंद्रीय चिड़ियाघर प्राधिकरण की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत के संरक्षण प्रजनन कार्यक्रम में अल्पाइन कस्तूरी मृग के बजाय किस प्रजाति को गलती से लक्षित किया गया?

A. Red Musk Deer / लाल कस्तूरी मृग
B. Himalayan Musk Deer / हिमालयी कस्तूरी मृग
C. Kashmir Stag / कश्मीर हिरण
D. Chiru / चिरू
E. Barking Deer / काकड़

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) revealed a species identification error — instead of the Alpine musk deer (Moschus chrysogaster), the Himalayan musk deer breeding was initiated.
• Alpine musk deer, Not a true deer; related to Bovidae (antelopes, bovines, sheep, goats).
• It is Found in India, Nepal, Bhutan, China.

Conservation status:

• IUCN: Endangered
• CITES: Appendix I
• Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Schedule I

Ques: Which veteran politician, founder of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), and former Jharkhand Chief Minister passed away in 2025?
किस वरिष्ठ राजनेता, झारखंड मुक्ति मोर्चा (JMM) के संस्थापक और पूर्व झारखंड के मुख्यमंत्री का 2025 में निधन हो गया?

A. Hemant Soren / हेमंत सोरेन
B. Raghubar Das / रघुवर दास
C. Babulal Marandi / बाबूलाल मरांडी
D. Shibu Soren / शिबू सोरेन
E. Arjun Munda / अर्जुन मुंडा

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Shibu Soren, popularly known as 'Dishoom Guru' or 'Guruji', passed away at the age of 81 in New Delhi.
• He was the founding patron of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and played a crucial role in Jharkhand's statehood movement.
• Born on 11 January 1944 in Nemra village, he belonged to the Santhal tribe.
• He served as Chief Minister of Jharkhand three times – in 2005, 2008, and 2009.
• Soren was elected to the Lok Sabha eight times from Dumka constituency and also served in the Rajya Sabha (2020–25).
• He also held the post of Union Coal Minister multiple times during the UPA government.

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Krasheninnikov Volcano, located in Russia's Kamchatka region, erupted recently in what experts are calling the first confirmed eruption in 600 years.

Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki, one of Indonesia's most active volcanoes, erupted for the second consecutive day, sending volcanic ash and materials 18 km into the sky.

Indian Air Force and Assam Rifles Launch 'Operation Sahyog' to Aid Landslide-Hit Villages in Manipur

Repco bank presented a cheque of Rs. 22.90 crore towards dividend for 2024-25 to Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah in New Delhi.

Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi, Former Vice-Chancellor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Passes Away. She was the first woman vice chancellor of a university in Tamil Nadu

To mark its Foundation Day, the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS) inaugurated the first Annual Trident Lecture Series (ATLS) at the Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt on August 05, 2025. Anchored on the theme 'Dominating the Future Battlespace',

Ques: What is the repo rate decided in the 56th meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held in August 2025?
अगस्त 2025 में आयोजित मौद्रिक नीति समिति (MPC) की 56वीं बैठक में रेपो रेट क्या तय किया गया है?

A. 5.25%
B. 5.50%
C. 5.75%
D. 6.00%
E. 6.25%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The 56th MPC meeting was held from August 4–6, 2025, chaired by Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
• Decision: Repo rate kept unchanged at 5.50%.
• FY26 CPI inflation projection was revised downward to 3.1% from 3.7%.
• Monetary policy stance: Neutral.
• Members present: Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Shri Saugata Bhattacharya, Prof. Ram Singh, Dr. Poonam Gupta, and Dr. Rajiv Ranjan.

GDP Growth Projection 2025-26: 6.5%

• Q1: 6.5%
• Q2: 6.7%
• Q3: 6.6%
• Q4: 6.3%
• Q1 2026-27: 6.6%

Inflation Projection for 2025-26: 3.1%

• Q2: 2.1%
• Q3: 3.1%
• Q4: 4.4%
• Q1 2026-27: 4.9%

Ques: PhonePe's Indus Appstore recently partnered with which French consumer technology brand to pre-install its marketplace on all smartphones in India?
फोनपे के इंडस ऐपस्टोर ने हाल ही में भारत में सभी स्मार्टफोनों में अपना मार्केटप्लेस पहले से इंस्टॉल करने के लिए किस फ्रांसीसी उपभोक्ता तकनीक ब्रांड के साथ साझेदारी की है?

A. Lava / लावा
B. Xiaomi / श्याओमी
C. Alcatel / अल्काटेल
D. Realme / रियलमी
E. TCL / टीसीएल

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• PhonePe's Indus Appstore has formed its third OEM partnership — after Lava and Xiaomi — with Alcatel, a French consumer technology brand.
• Under this agreement, the Indus Appstore will come pre-installed on all Alcatel smartphones in India.
• The app store offers 45 categories of verified apps & games, supports 12 Indian languages, voice search in 10 regional languages, and provides video-led app discovery.
• The collaboration is driven by NxtCell India, which operates the Alcatel brand in India.
• The partnership aims to deliver localisation and personalisation for Alcatel users in the country.

Ques: Which department has developed the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) to assess the risk level of mobile numbers in financial fraud?
कौन सा विभाग मोबाइल नंबरों में वित्तीय धोखाधड़ी के जोखिम स्तर का आकलन करने के लिए वित्तीय धोखाधड़ी जोखिम संकेतक (एफआरआई) विकसित किया है?

A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) / भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
B. Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय
C. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) / दूरसंचार विभाग
D. Ministry of Home Affairs / गृह मंत्रालय
E. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) / भारतीय राष्ट्रीय भुगतान निगम

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has developed the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) — a risk-based metric that classifies mobile numbers into Medium, High, or Very High risk of financial fraud.
• FRI empowers banks, NBFCs, and UPI service providers to take preventive measures like alerts, transaction delays, warnings, or even transaction declines for high-risk numbers.
• FRI is made available to stakeholders via the Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP).
• The RBI has issued separate advisories to banks and Payment Service Operators (PSOs) to integrate FRI with their systems and adopt real-time response protocols.
• Based on Action Taken Reports (ATRs) submitted on DIP, 34 banks, financial institutions, and UPI providers have frozen 10.02 lakh bank accounts/payment wallets and placed debit/credit restrictions on 3.05 lakh accounts/wallets.
• The DIU project of DoT, under which DIP and FRI are developed, has a total outlay of Rs.228.16 crore for 5 years.

Ques: Under which initiative has the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launched its new upgraded website?
पेंशन फंड विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण (PFRDA) ने अपनी नई उन्नत वेबसाइट किस पहल के तहत लॉन्च की है?

A. Digital Bharat Mission / डिजिटल भारत मिशन
B. PFRDA CONNECT / पीएफआरडीए कनेक्ट
C. NPS Digital Drive / एनपीएस डिजिटल ड्राइव
D. Pension Portal 2.0 / पेंशन पोर्टल 2.0
E. FinTech Integration Plan / फिनटेक इंटीग्रेशन प्लान

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• PFRDA has launched its upgraded website under the PFRDA CONNECT initiative to enhance digital engagement.
• The launch was done by S. Ramann, Chairperson of PFRDA, in New Delhi.
• It is part of the Technology Architecture (TARCH) digital transformation project aimed at revamping older websites with modern guidelines and technologies.
• PFRDA was established on 23 August 2003, headquartered in New Delhi.
• Chairman: Sivasubramanian Ramann

Ques: IRDAI imposed a penalty of how many crore rupees on Policybazaar for violation of various norms?
IRDAI ने विभिन्न नियमों के उल्लंघन के लिए पॉलिसीबाजार पर कितने करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया?

A. Rs.2 करोड़
B. Rs.3 करोड़
C. Rs.5 करोड़
D. Rs.7 करोड़
E. Rs.10 करोड़

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed a Rs.5 crore penalty on Policybazaar Insurance Brokers.

The fine was for violations under the Insurance Act, 1938 and relevant Rules & Regulations.
Violations included:

• Ranking ULIP plans of only five insurers as 'top products' despite having agreements with others.
• Promoting some plans as "Best Life Insurance Plans in India 2020" and "Top Plans – Health Insurance", which is not permitted.
• Key managerial personnel and employees holding directorships in other companies without disclosing them to the regulator.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank for a three-year term until August 24, 2028?
किसे 24 अगस्त 2028 तक तीन वर्ष के कार्यकाल के लिए इंडसइंड बैंक का एमडी और सीईओ नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Sumant Khatpalia / सुमंत खतपालिया
B. Sunil Mehta / सुनील मेहता
C. Rajiv Anand / राजीव आनंद
D. Aditya Puri / आदित्य पुरी
E. Chanda Kochhar / चंदा कोचर

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IndusInd Bank's board has approved the appointment of Rajiv Anand as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a three-year term starting August 25, 2025.
- Rajiv Anand is currently the Deputy Managing Director at Axis Bank and has extensive leadership experience in global financial institutions.
- He was one of three candidates shortlisted for the position.
- The appointment follows the resignation of CEO Sumant Kathpalia and Deputy CEO Arun Khurana in April 2025.
- IndusInd Bank recently reported a $230 million loss in FY ending March 31, 2025, due to misaccounting of internal derivative trades over several years.

Ques: What is the proposed new base year for GDP, IIP, and CPI in India?
भारत में जीडीपी, आईआईपी और सीपीआई के लिए प्रस्तावित नया आधार वर्ष क्या है?

A. GDP & IIP – 2021-22; CPI – 2023 / जीडीपी व आईआईपी – 2021-22; सीपीआई – 2023
B. GDP & IIP – 2022-23; CPI – 2024 / जीडीपी व आईआईपी – 2022-23; सीपीआई – 2024
C. GDP & IIP – 2020-21; CPI – 2023 / जीडीपी व आईआईपी – 2020-21; सीपीआई – 2023
D. GDP & IIP – 2022-23; CPI – 2023 / जीडीपी व आईआईपी – 2022-23; सीपीआई – 2023
E. GDP & IIP – 2023-24; CPI – 2024 / जीडीपी व आईआईपी – 2023-24; सीपीआई – 2024

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Ministry is working to revise the base year for Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Index of Industrial Production (IIP), and Consumer Price Index (CPI).
• The base year is updated periodically to reflect structural changes in the economy by improving compilation methodology and including new data sources.
• The proposed new base year for GDP and IIP is 2022-23, and for CPI it is 2024.

Ques: In which state was India's first AI-powered Anganwadi centre inaugurated under the Mission Bal Bharari initiative?
मिशन बाल भरारी पहल के तहत भारत का पहला एआई-संचालित आंगनवाड़ी केंद्र किस राज्य में उद्घाटित किया गया?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
C. Gujarat / गुजरात
D. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
E. Rajasthan / राजस्थान

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated India's first AI-powered Anganwadi centre in Waddhamna village, Nagpur.
- Launched under Mission Bal Bharari to strengthen early childhood education in rural areas through advanced digital tools.
- Anganwadi centres cater to children aged 0–6 years in rural and underprivileged areas.
- Features include AI smart dashboards, VR headsets, and interactive digital learning tools — rare even in premium private kindergartens.
- Pilot cost: Rs.9.5 lakh, funded via Zilla Parishad CESS.
- Plan: 40 more such AI-powered Anganwadi centres in Nagpur district.

Ques: Which company has been awarded the ₹792 crore PAN 2.0 project by the Income Tax Department?
आयकर विभाग द्वारा ₹792 करोड़ का पैन 2.0 प्रोजेक्ट किस कंपनी को सौंपा गया है?

A. Infosys / इंफोसिस
B. Wipro / विप्रो
C. LTIMindtree / एलटीआई माइंडट्री
D. Tech Mahindra / टेक महिंद्रा
E. TCS / टीसीएस

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Income Tax Department has awarded LTIMindtree a Rs.792 crore contract for the PAN 2.0 project.
• The project aims to modernize taxpayer registration and streamline PAN/TAN services using advanced e-governance.
• The total expenditure earmarked for the project is Rs.1,435 crore, and it is expected to go live in 18 months.
• It will consolidate multiple platforms for allotment, updates, corrections, Aadhaar-PAN linking, re-issuance, and online PAN validation.
• The project will enhance security and efficiency in the PAN issuance process through technology-driven innovation.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) for a three-year term?
कौन तीन वर्ष के कार्यकाल के लिए क्षमता निर्माण आयोग (CBC) के अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किए गए हैं?

A. Adil Zainulbhai / आदिल जैनुलभाई
B. S Radha Chauhan / एस. राधा चौहान
C. Rajiv Gauba / राजीव गौबा
D. Nripendra Misra / नृपेंद्र मिश्र
E. Alok Kumar / आलोक कुमार

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mrs. S. Radha Chauhan took charge as the Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission in New Delhi.
- She succeeded Shri Adil Zainulbhai, who had served as Chairman since April 2021.
- The Capacity Building Commission was constituted on 1 April 2021 by the Government of India.
- Mandate: To drive standardisation and harmonisation across the Indian civil services landscape.
- It is the custodian of civil services capacity building reforms and plays a key role in the institutional framework of Mission Karmayogi.

Ques: Under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, what record low price was discovered in SECI's first-ever auction for Green Ammonia procurement in 2025?
राष्ट्रीय हरित हाइड्रोजन मिशन के तहत, 2025 में ग्रीन अमोनिया की खरीद के लिए SECI की पहली नीलामी में किस रिकॉर्ड न्यूनतम मूल्य की खोज हुई?

A. Rs.62.10/kg
B. Rs.58.00/kg
C. Rs.55.75/kg
D. Rs.59.25/kg
E. Rs.54.50/kg

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) conducted the first-ever auction for procurement of Green Ammonia under the SIGHT Scheme of the National Green Hydrogen Mission.
• Achieved a record low price discovery of Rs.55.75/kg.
• Auction covers 75,000 MT/year supply of Green Ammonia to Paradeep Phosphates Limited, Odisha.
• This is the first in a planned series of 13 auctions in the coming month, with a total procurement capacity of 7.24 lakh MT/year.

Ques: The critically endangered Asian giant tortoise was recently reintroduced into which reserve in Nagaland?
गंभीर रूप से संकटग्रस्त एशियाई विशालकाय कछुए को हाल ही में नागालैंड के किस रिज़र्व में छोड़ा गया?

A. Puliebadze Wildlife Sanctuary / पुलीबाद्ज़े वन्यजीव अभयारण्य
B. Zeliang Community Reserve / जेलीआंग सामुदायिक रिज़र्व
C. Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary / फकीम वन्यजीव अभयारण्य
D. Ntangki National Park / नटांकी नेशनल पार्क
E. Intanki Community Reserve / इंटांकी सामुदायिक रिज़र्व

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Asian giant tortoise, the largest in mainland Asia and a critically endangered species, was reintroduced into the Zeliang Community Reserve, Peren district, Nagaland.
• 10 individuals were released from Nagaland Zoological Park, Chümoukedima during a community event.
• Organised by the Nagaland Forest Department and the India Turtle Conservation Programme.
• The tortoises were placed in soft-release enclosures to help them adapt and develop site fidelity before dispersal.
• Once abundant, the species had almost disappeared from Nagaland over a decade ago.

Ques: The Indian men's and women's table tennis teams recently qualified for the World Table Tennis Championships (WTTC) 2026 after winning which tournament?
भारतीय पुरुष और महिला टेबल टेनिस टीमों ने हाल ही में विश्व टेबल टेनिस चैम्पियनशिप (WTTC) 2026 के लिए क्वालीफाई करने के लिए कौन-सा टूर्नामेंट जीता?

A. Asian Table Tennis Championships / एशियाई टेबल टेनिस चैंपियनशिप
B. South Asia Regional Championships 2025 / दक्षिण एशिया क्षेत्रीय चैंपियनशिप 2025
C. Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship / कॉमनवेल्थ टेबल टेनिस चैंपियनशिप
D. Central Asia Regional Championships / मध्य एशिया क्षेत्रीय चैंपियनशिप
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Indian men's and women's teams remained undefeated at the 2025 South Asia Regional Championships held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
• With this victory, they secured direct qualification for WTTC 2026, scheduled to be held in London.
• In Asia, only 16 quota spots per gender were available for WTTC 2026.
• Four regional champions (Central Asia, South Asia, South-East Asia, West Asia) directly qualified, while the remaining 12 will be decided through the Asian Championships.
• South Asia Region countries: India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives.

Ques: Where was the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands held?
रामसर कन्वेंशन ऑन वेटलैंड्स के पक्षकारों के सम्मेलन (CoP) की 15वीं बैठक कहाँ आयोजित हुई?

A. Wuhan, China / वुहान, चीन
B. Gland, Switzerland / ग्लैंड, स्विट्ज़रलैंड
C. Victoria Falls National Park, Zimbabwe / विक्टोरिया फॉल्स नेशनल पार्क, ज़िम्बाब्वे
D. New Delhi, India / नई दिल्ली, भारत
E. Nairobi, Kenya / नैरोबी, केन्या

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The 15th CoP to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was held at Victoria Falls National Park, Zimbabwe.
• Organised by: Ramsar Secretariat, headquartered at the IUCN in Gland, Switzerland.
• Hosted by: Government of Zimbabwe.
• Theme: Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future.
• Frequency: Held every three years; 172 countries have signed the Ramsar Convention.
• India's participation: Led by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav.
• Previous edition: 14th CoP held in Wuhan, China (5–13 November 2022).
• The CoP adopted an India resolution on Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles for the Wise Use of Wetlands, focusing on enabling conditions and awareness initiatives for wetland conservation.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the first Indian CEO of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), effective November 2025?
नवंबर 2025 से जगुआर लैंड रोवर (JLR) के पहले भारतीय CEO के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. PB Balaji / पीबी बालाजी
B. Ratan Tata / रतन टाटा
C. N Chandrasekaran / एन चंद्रशेखरन
D. Adrian Mardell / एड्रियन मार्डेल
E. Guenter Butschek / गुन्टर बुचेक

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has appointed PB Balaji as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from November 2025.
• PB Balaji will be the first Indian to head the British luxury automaker.
• He will succeed Adrian Mardell, who is retiring after a 35-year career at JLR, including 3 years as CEO.
• The selection process was conducted by the Tata Motors board over the past few months.
• N Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Jaguar Land Rover PLC, Tata Motors and Tata Sons, thanked Mardell for leading a strong turnaround and delivering record results.

Ques: Which airport operator in India has raised Rs.9,000 crore through the issuance of unlisted Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) in 2025?
2025 में किस भारतीय हवाईअड्डा ऑपरेटर ने सूचीबद्ध न की गई गैर-परिवर्तनीय डिबेंचर (NCDs) जारी करके Rs.9,000 करोड़ जुटाए हैं?

A. Delhi International Airport Limited / दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड
B. Bangalore International Airport Limited / बेंगलुरु इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड
C. Mumbai International Airport Limited / मुंबई इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड
D. Hyderabad International Airport Limited / हैदराबाद इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड
E. Cochin International Airport Limited / कोचीन इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), which operates Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, has successfully raised Rs.9,000 crore by issuing unlisted Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs).
• The fundraising is being executed in two tranches — Rs.4,362 crore completed on July 25, 2025, and Rs.4,638 crore scheduled for early October 2025.
• State Bank of India Capital Markets (SBICAPs) acted as the sole arranger for the issuance.
• The refinancing, with a 15-year tenure, will help BIAL conserve capital and direct resources towards future expansion plans.

Ques: Who released the NITI Aayog report "Unlocking a USD 200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India"?
नीति आयोग की रिपोर्ट "Unlocking a USD 200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India" किसने जारी की?

A. Amitabh Kant / अमिताभ कांत
B. Rajiv Gauba / राजीव गौबा
C. Arvind Panagariya / अरविंद पनगड़िया
D. Bibek Debroy / बिबेक देबरॉय
E. Nirmala Sitharaman / निर्मला सीतारमण

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The report "Unlocking a USD 200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India" was released by Rajiv Gauba, Member of NITI Aayog.
• It outlines a roadmap to achieve 30% share of EVs in total vehicle sales by 2030 and capture a $200 billion market opportunity by 2035.
• EV sales in India rose from 50,000 in 2016 to 2.08 million in 2024, making India 6th globally.
• The report recommends scaling public charging stations from 25,000 in October 2024 to 2.9 million by 2035, supporting high-density e-bus and e-truck corridors, and rolling out a saturation program starting with 5 cities.

Ques: Which Hyderabad-based spacetech start-up will launch its first commercial space mission LEAP-1 aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 in Q3 2025?
कौन-सा हैदराबाद स्थित स्पेसटेक स्टार्ट-अप 2025 की तीसरी तिमाही में स्पेसएक्स के फाल्कन 9 के जरिए अपना पहला वाणिज्यिक अंतरिक्ष मिशन LEAP-1 लॉन्च करेगा?

A. Skyroot Aerospace / स्काईरूट एयरोस्पेस
B. Pixxel / पिक्सेल
C. Dhruva Space / ध्रुवा स्पेस
D. Bellatrix Aerospace / बेलाट्रिक्स एयरोस्पेस
E. Astrogate Labs / एस्ट्रोगेट लैब्स

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Dhruva Space, a Hyderabad-based spacetech start-up, will launch its first commercial space mission, LEAP-1, aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 in Q3 2025.
• This marks the company's transition from technology demonstrations to satellite deployments.

Using its P-30 satellite platform, Dhruva Space will launch two distinct missions:

• Akula Tech's Nexus-01 mission featuring an advanced AI module.
• Esper Satellites' OTR-2 mission featuring a hyperspectral imager.

Ques: Which company has received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire Jaiprakash Associates Limited in 2025?
2025 में किस कंपनी को भारतीय प्रतिस्पर्धा आयोग (CCI) से जयप्रकाश एसोसिएट्स लिमिटेड के अधिग्रहण की मंजूरी मिली है?

A. Ultratech Cement / अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट
B. Shree Cement / श्री सीमेंट
C. ACC Limited / एसीसी लिमिटेड
D. Ambuja Cements / अंबुजा सीमेंट्स
E. Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited / डालमिया सीमेंट (भारत) लिमिटेड

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the 100% acquisition of Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) by Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited.
• The acquisition is being carried out under the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC).
• Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dalmia Bharat Limited (DBL), the ultimate parent company of the Dalmia Bharat Group.

Ques: Which organisation, along with the Ministry of Ayush, organised the inaugural WHO–IRCH workshops on herbal medicines in Ghaziabad in 2025?
किस संगठन ने, आयुष मंत्रालय के साथ मिलकर, 2025 में गाजियाबाद में हर्बल दवाओं पर WHO–IRCH कार्यशालाओं का उद्घाटन किया?

A. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
B. Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) / भारतीय चिकित्सा एवं होम्योपैथी के लिए भेषज संहिता आयोग (PCIM&H)
C. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) / केंद्रीय आयुर्वेदिक विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद (CCRAS)
D. National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) / राष्ट्रीय औषधीय पादप बोर्ड (NMPB)
E. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) / भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद (ICMR)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• PCIM&H (Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy), under the Ministry of Ayush, hosted the inaugural session of the WHO–IRCH Workshops at its headquarters in Ghaziabad.

Workshop themes:
• Working Group-1: Safety and Regulation of Herbal Medicines
• Working Group-3: Efficacy and Intended Use of Herbal Medicines

Organised jointly by Ministry of Ayush and World Health Organization (WHO).Dr. Kim Sungchol, Chairperson WHO–IRCH & Head of Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine at WHO, participated.

Countries represented include:
• EURO: Poland
• SEARO: Nepal, Bhutan
• WPRO: Brunei Darussalam, Japan, Indonesia
• AMRO: Cuba
• EMRO: Iran
• Observers: Sri Lanka, Paraguay
• Delegates from United States, Egypt, Brazil joined virtually.

Ques: Which state recorded the highest marine fisheries growth in India in 2024?
2024 में भारत में समुद्री मत्स्य उत्पादन में सबसे अधिक वृद्धि किस राज्य में हुई?

A. Gujarat / गुजरात
B. Kerala / केरल
C. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
D. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
E. Odisha / ओडिशा

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• In 2024, India's total marine fish landings were 3.47 million tonnes, showing a 2% decline compared to 2023, as per ICAR-CMFRI data.
• Gujarat topped the list in total catch with 7.54 lakh tonnes, followed by Tamil Nadu (6.79 lakh tonnes) and Kerala (6.10 lakh tonnes).
• The Indian mackerel was the most landed species (2.63 lakh tonnes), followed by oil sardine (2.41 lakh tonnes).
• Maharashtra recorded the highest growth rate in marine fisheries landings at 47% compared to the previous year.

Ques: In which state was the Annadata Sukhibhava–Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme formally launched by the Chief Minister in Veerayapalem?
किस राज्य में मुख्यमंत्री ने वीरायपालेम में अन्नदाता सुखीभाव–प्रधानमंत्री किसान सम्मान निधि (PM-किसान) योजना का औपचारिक शुभारंभ किया?

A. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
B. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
C. Telangana / तेलंगाना
D. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
E. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu formally launched the Annadata Sukhibhava–Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme at Veerayapalem in Prakasam district.
• During the event, Rs.3,175 crore was disbursed to 46.86 lakh farmers as part of the first installment.
• Each eligible farmer received Rs.7,000 in the 1st tranche — Rs.5,000 from the State government and Rs.2,000 from the Government of India.
• Under the scheme, each eligible farmer will get Rs.20,000 annually in three installments — Rs.7,000 in two tranches and Rs.6,000 in the third.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

In a major stride towards strengthening the capacity-building framework for civil servants in Jammu & Kashmir, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), and Karmayogi Bharat signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding

Recently, International Crops Research Institute for the SemiArid Tropics (ICRISAT) and ICAR have launched an AI-based context-specific Agromet Advisory Service to boost farming

V.O. Chidambaranar(VOC) Port in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu has become the 1st Indian Port to successfully produce green hydrogen and achieve over 1 Mega Watt of rooftop solar power generation.

Indian Army signed a MOU worth Rs.223.95 Crore with Axiscades Aerospace and Technologies Private Limited for the procurement of 212 advanced 50-ton Tank transporter trailers.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Indian Association of Gold Excellence and Standards have signed MOU to implement a robust accreditation framework for value chain partners in the gold industry, which currently includes an estimated 6 lakh partners across India.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

जम्मू और कश्मीर में सिविल सेवकों के लिए क्षमता निर्माण ढाँचे को मज़बूत करने की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाते हुए, जम्मू और कश्मीर सरकार, क्षमता निर्माण आयोग (CBC) और कर्मयोगी भारत ने एक त्रिपक्षीय समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

हाल ही में, अर्ध-शुष्क उष्णकटिबंधीय क्षेत्रों के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय फसल अनुसंधान संस्थान (ICRISAT) और ICAR ने खेती को बढ़ावा देने के लिए एक कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI)-आधारित संदर्भ-विशिष्ट कृषि-मौसम परामर्श सेवा शुरू की है।

तमिलनाडु के थूथुकुडी में वी.ओ. चिदंबरनार (VOC) बंदरगाह, सफलतापूर्वक हरित हाइड्रोजन का उत्पादन करने और 1 मेगावाट से अधिक की छत सौर ऊर्जा उत्पादन क्षमता हासिल करने वाला पहला भारतीय बंदरगाह बन गया है।

भारतीय सेना ने 212 उन्नत 50-टन टैंक ट्रांसपोर्टर ट्रेलरों की खरीद के लिए एक्सिसकेड्स एयरोस्पेस एंड टेक्नोलॉजीज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के साथ 223.95 करोड़ रुपये के एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

भारतीय चार्टर्ड अकाउंटेंट्स संस्थान और भारतीय स्वर्ण उत्कृष्टता एवं मानक संघ ने स्वर्ण उद्योग में मूल्य श्रृंखला भागीदारों के लिए एक मजबूत मान्यता ढांचे को लागू करने के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं, जिसमें वर्तमान में पूरे भारत में अनुमानित 6 लाख भागीदार शामिल हैं।

Ques: As of March 31, 2025, how many Centres for Financial Literacy (CFLs) have been set up across India under the RBI's initiative to promote financial literacy?
31 मार्च 2025 तक, वित्तीय साक्षरता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए RBI की पहल के तहत भारत में कितने वित्तीय साक्षरता केंद्र (CFL) स्थापित किए गए हैं?

A. 1,842
B. 2,421
C. 3,015
D. 2,210
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• NABARD and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have undertaken various measures to promote financial literacy among the rural population, including microfinance borrowers.
• NABARD provides financial support for conducting financial and digital literacy camps through rural bank branches and Financial Literacy Centres (FLCs) in low-awareness areas.
• The Centre for Financial Literacy (CFL) Project, initiated by the RBI in 2017, aims to adopt community-led, innovative, and participatory approaches to financial literacy.
• As of March 31, 2025, there are 2,421 CFLs across the country, with one CFL covering three blocks on average.

Ques: Under RBI's new guidelines effective from April 1, 2026, what is the maximum partial credit enhancement limit for bonds?
आरबीआई के नए दिशानिर्देश, जो 1 अप्रैल 2026 से प्रभावी होंगे, के अनुसार बॉन्ड के लिए अधिकतम आंशिक क्रेडिट एन्हांसमेंट सीमा कितनी है?

A. 20%
B. 25%
C. 40%
D. 50%
E. 60%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• RBI has expanded the Partial Credit Enhancement (PCE) facility to improve the creditworthiness of bonds and provide partial protection to investors against default risk.
• From April 1, 2026, or earlier as per lenders' internal policies, the maximum PCE limit will be raised from 20% to 50% of the total bond issue size.
• The 50% cap applies across commercial banks, co-operative banks, NBFCs, and development financial institutions.
• This facility will be available only for bonds with an initial rating lower than 'BBB-'.

Ques: Gro Digital Platforms has signed an MoU with which bank to launch FASTag services for fleet owners and transporters in India?
ग्रो डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म ने भारत में फ्लीट मालिकों और परिवहनकर्ताओं के लिए FASTag सेवाएं शुरू करने हेतु किस बैंक के साथ MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

A. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
B. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
C. IDFC FIRST Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक
D. Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
E. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Gro Digital Platforms is a joint venture between Ashok Leyland and Hinduja Leyland Finance.
• The company signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IDFC FIRST Bank.
• Objective: To launch FASTag services and provide a seamless, end-to-end mobility solution for fleet owners and transporters across India.
• Benefits: Faster toll payments, reduced cash handling, and improved operational efficiency for transport businesses.

Ques: Which bank has launched the 'bob FxOne' digital foreign exchange platform for corporate and MSME customers?
किस बैंक ने कॉर्पोरेट और MSME ग्राहकों के लिए 'बॉब FxOne' डिजिटल फॉरेन एक्सचेंज प्लेटफ़ॉर्म शुरू किया है?

A. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
B. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
C. Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
D. Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
E. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Bank of Baroda has launched 'bob FxOne', a digital foreign exchange platform designed for corporate and MSME customers.
• The platform allows seamless execution of forex and derivative transactions with real-time live rates and instant confirmations.
• Key features include downloadable deal tickets, a personalised dashboard with alerts, and a secure, cost-effective interface.
• This initiative improves efficiency, reduces transaction time, and provides easy, user-friendly access to forex services.

Ques: Which Small Finance Bank recently received 'in-principle' approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to transition into a Universal Bank?
हाल ही में किस स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक को भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) से यूनिवर्सल बैंक में परिवर्तन के लिए 'इन-प्रिंसिपल' मंज़ूरी मिली है?

A. Equitas Small Finance Bank / इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
B. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank / उज्जीवन स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
C. AU Small Finance Bank / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
D. Suryoday Small Finance Bank / सूर्योदय स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• On September 3, 2024, AU Small Finance Bank applied to the RBI for voluntary transition from a Small Finance Bank to a Universal Bank.
• The RBI has granted 'in-principle' approval for the transition.

Eligibility criteria for an SFB to transition into a Universal Bank include:

• Scheduled status with satisfactory performance for at least 5 years.
• Shares listed on a recognised stock exchange.
• Minimum net worth of Rs.1,000 crore at the end of the previous audited quarter.
• Prescribed CRAR compliance, net profit in the last two financial years,
• GNPA ≤ 3% and NNPA ≤ 1% in the last two years.

For shareholding, no mandatory promoter requirement exists, but existing promoters (if any) will continue after transition. Diversified loan portfolio SFBs will be preferred.

About AU Small Finance Bank :

• Established : 2017
• HQ : Jaipur, Rajasthan
• CEO & MD : Sanjay Agarwal
• Tagline : Badlaav Humse Hai

Ques: From when to when will public sector banks hold Re-KYC camps for Jan Dhan accounts in 2025?
सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक 2025 में जन धन खातों के लिए री-KYC कैंप कब से कब तक आयोजित करेंगे?

A. 1 June – 31 August 2025
B. 1 July – 30 September 2025
C. 15 July – 15 October 2025
D. 1 August – 31 October 2025
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has completed 10 years, and many accounts are due for Re-KYC.
• Public Sector Banks will organise Re-KYC camps at the panchayat level from 1 July to 30 September 2025, providing doorstep services to account holders.
• Re-KYC (Periodic Updation of Know Your Customer) ensures that bank records remain updated with the latest personal and address details.
• This initiative was announced by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra to make the process easier for rural and semi-urban account holders.

Ques: Which bank has launched the 'Lock FD' feature to safeguard Fixed Deposits from digital frauds?
किस बैंक ने डिजिटल धोखाधड़ी से फिक्स्ड डिपॉजिट की सुरक्षा के लिए 'लॉक एफडी' सुविधा शुरू की है?

A. Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
B. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
C. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
D. IDFC FIRST Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक
E. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक

***Answer*: Option A**

Explanation:

• Axis Bank has launched the 'Lock FD' feature to protect customers' Fixed Deposits from premature closure through digital channels.
• This prevents potential digital frauds targeting fixed deposits.
• Customers opting for this feature will need to visit the branch for premature FD closure requests.
• The feature adds an extra layer of security, ensuring deposits remain safe until maturity.

Ques: Which liquidity management tool did the RBI panel recommend retaining as the main operating target?
आरबीआई पैनल ने किस तरलता प्रबंधन उपकरण को मुख्य परिचालन लक्ष्य के रूप में बनाए रखने की सिफारिश की?

A. Repo Rate / रेपो दर
B. Reverse Repo Rate / रिवर्स रेपो दर
C. Weighted Average Call Rate (WACR) / वेटेड एवरेज कॉल रेट (WACR)
D. Marginal Standing Facility / मार्जिनल स्टैंडिंग फैसिलिटी
E. Bank Rate / बैंक दर

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• RBI's internal working group on liquidity management recommended retaining the overnight Weighted Average Call Rate (WACR) as the main policy operating target.
• Suggested phasing out 14-day Variable Rate Repo (VRR) and Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auctions as the main liquidity tool.
• Short-term liquidity to be managed mainly through 7-day repo/reverse repo operations and other tenors (overnight to 14 days), based on RBI's liquidity assessment.
• Recommended keeping the daily minimum Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirement at 90%, rejecting banks' request to reduce it to 85%.
• WACR was found effective in aligning rates across collateralised segments and in transmitting policy signals to the broader market.

Ques: Generali Group and the Central Bank of India recently unveiled a new brand identity for their life and general insurance joint venture. What is the new name?
जनराली ग्रुप और सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया ने हाल ही में अपने जीवन और सामान्य बीमा संयुक्त उद्यम के लिए नई ब्रांड पहचान का अनावरण किया है। इसका नया नाम क्या है?

A. Central Generali Insurance / सेंट्रल जनराली इंश्योरेंस
B. Generali India Insurance / जनराली इंडिया इंश्योरेंस
C. Central Life & General / सेंट्रल लाइफ एंड जनरल
D. Generali Central / जनराली सेंट्रल
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Generali Group, an insurance provider, and the Central Bank of India (CBI), a leading Public Sector Bank, have rebranded their life and general insurance joint venture as Generali Central.
• The life insurance arm will now be known as Generali Central Life Insurance Company Limited.
• The general insurance arm will now be known as Generali Central Insurance Company Limited.
• The shareholding structure remains unchanged — Generali Group holds 74% and Central Bank of India holds 26% in the joint venture.

Ques: RBI has cut the CPI inflation projection for FY26 to what level?
RBI ने FY26 के लिए CPI महंगाई दर का अनुमान घटाकर किस स्तर पर कर दिया है?

A. 3.7%
B. 3.5%
C. 3.1%
D. 2.9%
E. 6.6%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Reserve Bank of India reduced its CPI inflation forecast for FY26 from 3.7% to 3.1% in its latest monetary policy review.
• The downward revision is attributed to large favourable base effects, steady monsoon progress, healthy kharif sowing, adequate reservoir levels, and sufficient food grain buffer stocks.
• RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said that while the inflation outlook is more benign, risks still exist due to weather uncertainties, unfavourable base effects, and global financial market volatility.
• GDP growth for FY26 is retained at 6.5%, supported by private consumption, public investment, and steady monsoon-driven agricultural output.

Ques: As per the Ministry of Textiles, how many handloom products have been registered under the Geographical Indication (GI) of Goods Act, 1999 in India?
कपड़ा मंत्रालय के अनुसार, भारत में वस्त्रों के भौगोलिक संकेत (GI) अधिनियम, 1999 के तहत कितने हैंडलूम उत्पाद पंजीकृत किए गए हैं?

A. 106
B. 227
C. 112
D. 94
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, promotes registration under the Geographical Indication (GI) of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999 for handloom and handicraft products across India.
• Financial assistance provided includes Rs.1.50 lakh for expenses in registering the designs/products. Rs.1.50 lakh for training personnel of Implementing Agencies (IA) and effective enforcement of GI registration.
• As of now, 106 handloom products, 6 product logos, and 227 handicraft products have been registered under the GI Act, 1999.
• Exhibitions and events like “GI & Beyond – Virasat se Vikas Tak” are organized to promote GI-tagged products and showcase their cultural and historical significance.
• The Silk Samagra-2 scheme supports GI-tagged silk products through the Central Silk Board.
• Registered GI users have legal rights to protect against unauthorized use.
• Additional Rs.1.50 lakh assistance is available for enforcement and legal protection.

Ques: SAP Labs India recently inaugurated its state-of-the-art Innovation Park at Devanahalli, Bengaluru. Once fully operational, how many professionals will it accommodate?
एसएपी लैब्स इंडिया ने हाल ही में देवनहल्ली, बेंगलुरु में अपना अत्याधुनिक इनोवेशन पार्क उद्घाटित किया। पूरी तरह संचालन शुरू होने पर यह कितने पेशेवरों को समायोजित करेगा?

A. 10,000
B. 12,500
C. 15,000
D. 18,000
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• SAP Labs India inaugurated its Innovation Park at Devanahalli, Bengaluru, in line with the Government of India's vision for Digital India, Skill India, and sustainable tech infrastructure.
• Once fully operational, it will house 15,000 professionals, becoming SAP's largest office in India.
• The facility will anchor Global AI roles in Product Engineering and Customer Services & Delivery.
• During the inauguration, SAP and Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) signed an MoU to contribute to the Skill India Mission, specifically empowering the logistics and transport sector with digitally skilled professionals.

Ques: Defence Acquisition Council recently approved defence procurement proposals worth how much?
रक्षा अधिग्रहण परिषद ने हाल ही में कितनी राशि के रक्षा खरीद प्रस्तावों को मंजूरी दी?

A. Rs.45,000 crore
B. Rs.52,000 crore
C. Rs.67,000 crore
D. Rs.75,000 crore
E. Rs.80,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved proposals worth about Rs.67,000 crore for the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
• Indian Navy: Approval for Compact Autonomous Surface Craft, BrahMos Fire Control System and launchers, and upgradation of BARAK-1 Point Defence Missile System for anti-submarine warfare missions.
• Indian Army: Acceptance of Necessity for Thermal Imager-based Driver Night Sight for BMP/infantry vehicles to improve night mobility and operational advantage.
• Indian Air Force: Approval for mountain radars, upgradation of SAKSHAM/SPYDER Weapon System, and integration with the Integrated Air Command and Control System.
• Tri-services: Procurement of Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) Remotely Piloted Aircraft capable of multiple payloads, long endurance, and round-the-clock surveillance.
• Additional approval for sustenance of C-17 and C-130J fleets and maintenance of S-400 Long Range Air Defence Missile System.

Ques: As per the International Air Transport Association (IATA) World Air Transport Statistics (WATS) 2024 report, what was India's rank among the world's largest aviation markets in 2024?
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वायु परिवहन संघ (IATA) की विश्व वायु परिवहन सांख्यिकी (WATS) 2024 रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2024 में दुनिया के सबसे बड़े विमानन बाजारों में भारत का कौन-सा स्थान था?

A. 3rd
B. 4th
C. 5th
D. 6th
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The WATS 2024 report was published by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), Montreal, Canada.
• India ranked as the world's 5th largest aviation market in 2024, handling 211 million passengers, marking an 11.1% year-on-year growth from 2023.
• The United States of America retained the top spot, handling 876 million passengers in 2024.
• The Mumbai–Delhi route ranked 7th among the world's top 10 busiest airport pairs, carrying 5.9 million passengers in 2024.

Ranking of World's Top 5 Biggest Aviation Market in 2024 :

1 USA
2 China
3 UK
4 Spain
5 India

Ranking of World's Top 5 Busiest Airport Pairs in 2024 :

1 Jeju-Seoul Gimpo, South Korea
2 Sapporo-Tokyo Haneda, Japan

3 Fukuoka-Tokyo Haneda, Japan
4 Hanoi-Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
5 Melbourne Tullamarine-Sydney, Australia
7 Mumbai-Delhi, India

Ques: What is the name of India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered learning application launched by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan?
केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्री धर्मेंद्र प्रधान द्वारा लॉन्च किए गए भारत के पहले कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आधारित लर्निंग एप्लिकेशन का नाम क्या है?

A. EduAI / एडुएआई
B. Tutoz / टुटोज़
C. LearnPro / लर्नप्रो
D. SmartPrep / स्मार्टप्रेप
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Tutoz is India's first AI-powered learning app, launched by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.
• It has been developed by Revin Techno Solutions Private Limited, a startup incubated at IIT Palakkad.
• Mentorship was led by Sreenath Viajykumar (IIT Palakkad) and Satyajit Das (IIT Guwahati).
• The app is designed for students preparing for competitive exams like JEE, NEET, and CAT.

Ques: India's largest handloom-focused hackathon, held at IIT Delhi, was organized to coincide with which day?
भारत का सबसे बड़ा हैंडलूम-केंद्रित हैकथॉन, जो IIT दिल्ली में आयोजित हुआ, किस दिन के साथ मेल खाने के लिए आयोजित किया गया था?

A. National Textile Day / राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र दिवस
B. National Handloom Day / राष्ट्रीय हैंडलूम दिवस
C. National Innovation Day / राष्ट्रीय नवाचार दिवस
D. National Startup Day / राष्ट्रीय स्टार्टअप दिवस
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• India's largest handloom-focused hackathon kicked off at IIT Delhi, bringing together over 400 innovators, technologists, and design thinkers from across the country.
• The event was organized to coincide with National Handloom Day (August 7).
• Over 250 teams comprising students, startups, and grassroots entrepreneurs are competing in teams over 36 hours to develop tech-enabled, user-centric solutions for the handloom industry.
• The hackathon is being held under the theme "DREAM IT; DO IT".

Ques: The Government of India recently launched the 1st phase of development projects under the "India–United Nations Global Capacity Building Initiative" for how many partner countries?
भारत सरकार ने हाल ही में "भारत–संयुक्त राष्ट्र वैश्विक क्षमता निर्माण पहल" के तहत विकास परियोजनाओं के पहले चरण की शुरुआत कितने साझेदार देशों के लिए की है?

A. 7
B. 9
C. 10
D. 12
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Government of India launched the first phase of four development projects under the India–United Nations Global Capacity Building Initiative to achieve Sustainable Development Goals for nine partner countries.
• This is a joint initiative of the GoI and the United Nations to support Asia, Africa, and Caribbean countries through South–South cooperation, sharing India's successful development models.
• The initiative was announced in September 2023 during the 78th UN General Assembly as part of India's G20 Presidency legacy by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.
• Training will be provided via the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme in collaboration with UN agencies.
• The ITEC programme offers 12,000 training slots with 400 specialised courses to nearly 160 countries worldwide.

Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated "Kartavya Bhavan" in Delhi. Which of the following ministries will be housed in this new building?
प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने हाल ही में दिल्ली में "कर्तव्य भवन" का उद्घाटन किया। निम्नलिखित में से कौन-कौन से मंत्रालय इस नई इमारत में स्थित होंगे?

A. Ministry of Home Affairs / गृह मंत्रालय
B. Ministry of External Affairs / विदेश मंत्रालय
C. Ministry of Rural Development / ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय
D. All of the above / उपरोक्त सभी
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Kartavya Bhavan was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi.
• It spans 1.5 lakh square metres, with two basements and seven floors.
• The building will house the Ministries/Departments of Home Affairs, External Affairs, Rural Development, MSME, DoPT, Petroleum and Natural Gas, and the Principal Scientific Adviser.
• It replaces the need for several ministries to function from ageing buildings like Shastri Bhawan, Krishi Bhawan, Udyog Bhawan, and Nirman Bhawan, which were constructed between the 1950s and 1970s.

Ques: Satya Pal Malik, who recently passed away at the age of 79, served as the Governor of which state/UT during the abrogation of Article 370?
हाल ही में 79 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हुए सत्यपाल मलिक ने अनुच्छेद 370 को निरस्त करने के दौरान किस राज्य/केंद्र शासित प्रदेश के राज्यपाल के रूप में कार्य किया था?

A. Jammu & Kashmir / जम्मू और कश्मीर
B. Bihar / बिहार
C. Goa / गोवा
D. Meghalaya / मेघालय
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Satya Pal Malik (from Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh) passed away at the age of 79.
• He was the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir during the abrogation of Article 370.
• He also served as the Governor of Meghalaya, Goa, Odisha, and Bihar.
• Appointed as Bihar Governor in October 2017, he was transferred to J&K just over a year later.
• In October 2019, he was moved to Goa, and nine months later to Meghalaya, where he retired on October 4, 2022.

Ques: Hiroshima Day, observed on 6 August each year, marks the anniversary of which historic event?
प्रत्येक वर्ष 6 अगस्त को मनाया जाने वाला हिरोशिमा दिवस किस ऐतिहासिक घटना की वर्षगांठ को दर्शाता है?

A. Signing of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty / व्यापक परमाणु परीक्षण प्रतिबंध संधि पर हस्ताक्षर
B. Atomic bombing of Hiroshima by the US during World War II / द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के दौरान अमेरिका द्वारा हिरोशिमा पर परमाणु बम गिराना
C. End of the Korean War / कोरियाई युद्ध का अंत
D. Founding of the United Nations / संयुक्त राष्ट्र की स्थापना
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Hiroshima Day is observed every year on 6 August to mark the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, by the United States during World War II in 1945.
• On August 6, 1945, the US dropped an atomic bomb called “Little Boy” on Hiroshima using the B-29 bomber Enola Gay.
• On August 9, 1945, a second bomb “Fat Man” was dropped on Nagasaki, leading to Japan’s surrender and the end of World War II.
• The bombs were developed under the Manhattan Project launched in December 1941, led by J. Robert Oppenheimer.
• The incident led to the creation of various nuclear control treaties such as the CTBT, Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Limited Test Ban Treaty, and the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Government of Punjab announced the empanelment of sign language experts, translators, and special educators under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, to ensure access of the judicial system to all the sections of the society.

Republic of Moldova has officially became the 107th member of the International Solar Alliance. Nepal also joined the ISA, raising the membership to 105. Armenia joined the ISA, raising the total membership to 106.

The Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS) will inaugurate the first Annual Trident Lecture Series (ATLS) at the Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt on August 05, 2025. Anchored on the theme 'Dominating the Future Battlespace' ,

RBI's SA-CHET portal recorded 3,454 complaints between April 2020 and March 2025 regarding non-repayment of money collected through various investment schemes. Of these, 1,531 complaints were related to MLM (Multi-Level Marketing), direct selling, and Ponzi schemes, based on complainants' category selection.

Infosys has launched an advanced AI, cybersecurity, and space technology centre at its Hubballi Development Center, Karnataka. It was inaugurated by MB Patil (Minister for Large & Medium Industries, Infrastructure Development)

The Indian Army has joined hands with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras to establish 'Agnishodh' , the Indian Army Research Cell (IARC) on the IIT Madras campus.

Ques: As per RBI's final co-lending norms, what is the minimum loan share an entity must retain in its books under a CLA?
RBI के अंतिम को-लेंडिंग मानदंडों के अनुसार, CLA के तहत किसी संस्था को अपनी पुस्तकों में न्यूनतम कितने प्रतिशत ऋण का हिस्सा रखना आवश्यक है?

A. 5%
B. 8%
C. 10%
D. 12%
E. 15%

Answer : option C

Explanation:

• RBI's final co-lending norms mandate that each entity in a Co-Lending Agreement (CLA) must retain at least 10% of individual loans in its own books.
• The originating lender can provide a default loss guarantee up to 5% of outstanding loans.
• CLAs signed before 1 January 2026 must follow existing rules.
• Loan agreements must clearly mention customer protection, grievance redressal, and identification of partner entity.
• Both entities must record their respective loan shares within 15 days of disbursement.

Ques: IDFC First Bank, in collaboration with SingX, has launched a new digital remittance platform for NRIs. What is the name of this platform?
IDFC फर्स्ट बैंक ने SingX के साथ मिलकर एनआरआई के लिए नया डिजिटल रेमिटेंस प्लेटफॉर्म लॉन्च किया है। इस प्लेटफॉर्म का नाम क्या है?

A. RemitFIRST2India / रेमिटफर्स्ट टू इंडिया
B. RemitNow2India / रेमिटनाउ टू इंडिया
C. IndiaMoneyExpress / इंडिया मनी एक्सप्रेस
D. CrossPay India / क्रॉसपे इंडिया
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• RemitFIRST2India is a modern digital remittance platform launched by IDFC First Bank in collaboration with SingX.
• Licensed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.
• Objective: To enable Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to send money to their families in India with a seamless cross-border payment experience.
• Currently, the platform enables transactions from Singapore and Hong Kong, with plans to expand across other countries

About IDFC First Bank :

• Established : 2015
• HQ : Mumbai
• MD & CEO : V Vaidyanathan
• Tagline : Always You First

Ques: IFC has committed $150 million as anchor investment in which HDFC-promoted fund?
IFC ने 150 मिलियन डॉलर का एंकर निवेश HDFC द्वारा प्रमोट किए गए किस फंड में किया है?

A. HDFC Affordable Housing Fund / HDFC अफोर्डेबल हाउसिंग फंड
B. HDFC Mid-Income Housing Fund / HDFC मिड-इनकम हाउसिंग फंड
C. H-DREAM Fund / H-ड्रीम फंड
D. HDFC Green Growth Fund / HDFC ग्रीन ग्रोथ फंड
E. HDFC Realty Growth Fund / HDFC रियल्टी ग्रोथ फंड

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The International Finance Corporation (IFC) will invest $150 million (about Rs.1,300 crore) as an anchor equity investment in the H-DREAM Fund (HDFC Capital Development of Real Estate Affordable and Mid-Income Fund).
• The fund is promoted by HDFC Capital to promote green, affordable housing and expand sustainable financing for property developers.
• HDFC Capital, the real estate private equity arm of the HDFC Group, will manage the fund.
• The target corpus of the fund is $1 billion – $500 million primary + $500 million green shoe option

Ques: Ant Financial recently sold its entire stake in which Indian company for around Rs.3,981 crore?
एंट फाइनेंशियल ने हाल ही में लगभग Rs.3,981 करोड़ में किस भारतीय कंपनी में अपनी पूरी हिस्सेदारी बेच दी?

A. PhonePe / फोनपे
B. Paytm / पेटीएम
C. Razorpay / रेज़रपे
D. BharatPe / भारतपे
E. PolicyBazaar / पॉलिसीबाज़ार

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Ant Financial, part of the Alibaba Group, sold its 5.8% stake (3.7+ crore shares) in One 97 Communications Ltd. (Paytm) for about Rs.3,981 crore via block deals on the BSE in two lots, marking a complete exit from the company.
• Ant Financial had invested in Paytm around 10 years ago; SoftBank had also exited fully in 2024.
• Buyers included Societe Generale and My Asian Opportunities Master Fund.

Ques: Aadhaar Face Authentication recorded an all-time high in July 2025 with how many transactions?
जुलाई 2025 में आधार फेस ऑथेंटिकेशन ने अब तक का उच्चतम स्तर कितने लेन-देन के साथ दर्ज किया?

A. 5.77 crore
B. 19.36 crore
C. 39.56 crore
D. 1.22 crore
E. 2.36 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Aadhaar Face Authentication recorded 19.36 crore transactions in July 2025, compared to 5.77 crore in the same month of the previous fiscal.
• This was a 22% growth over June 2025.
• On 1 July 2025, the highest-ever single-day transactions were recorded at 1.22 crore, surpassing the previous record of 1.07 crore on 1 March 2025.
• Aadhaar Face Authentication is now integrated with the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), helping 13.66 lakh beneficiaries receive social security benefits securely and contactlessly.
• It is also used in 850 medical colleges under the NMC for attendance and by recruitment agencies like SSC and RRB for registration and verification.
• In July 2025, 39.56 crore e-KYC transactions were also carried out

Ques: What was LIC's standalone net profit in Q1 FY26?
Q1 FY26 में एलआईसी का स्टैंडअलोन शुद्ध लाभ कितना रहा?

A. Rs.10,461 crore
B. Rs.10,987 crore
C. Rs.11,200 crore
D. Rs.9,987 crore
E. Rs.12,030 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) reported a 5% year-on-year rise in standalone net profit to Rs.10,987 crore in Q1 FY26, compared to Rs.10,461 crore last year.
• Growth was driven by higher investment income, net premium income up 4.77% to Rs.1,19,200 crore, and lower operating expenses related to the insurance business.
• Value of New Business (VNB) margin increased to 15.4% from 13.9% due to regulatory product modifications and better margin management.
• The 13th month persistency ratio declined to 64.35% from 67.81%.

Ques: Which insurance company launched the "Shubh Shakti" term plan for women?
"शुभ शक्ति" टर्म प्लान महिलाओं के लिए किस बीमा कंपनी ने लॉन्च किया?

A. LIC / एलआईसी
B. HDFC Life / एचडीएफसी लाइफ
C. Tata AIA Life Insurance / टाटा AIA लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
D. SBI Life / एसबीआई लाइफ
E. Max Life Insurance / मैक्स लाइफ इंश्योरेंस

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Tata AIA Life Insurance has launched "Shubh Shakti", a term insurance plan specifically designed for women.
• The plan offers 15% lower premiums for women and a 1% lifetime discount for single mothers.
• It also provides two 12-month premium breaks after childbirth to support women's financial flexibility.
• The launch comes amid a rise in female workforce participation in India, which reached 41.7% in FY 2024.
• The product is tailored to address women's financial security and health needs.

Ques: As per RBI's proposal, what is the minimum threshold limit for settlement of deceased customer deposit claims in accounts without a nominee?
RBI के प्रस्ताव के अनुसार, बिना नामांकित व्यक्ति वाले खातों में मृत ग्राहक के डिपॉजिट क्लेम निपटान की न्यूनतम सीमा कितनी है?

A. Rs.10 lakh
B. Rs.12 lakh
C. Rs.20 lakh
D. Rs.15 lakh
E. Rs.25 lakh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• RBI has proposed that banks must settle deposit account claims of deceased customers within 15 calendar days from receipt of all required documents.
• For accounts without a nominee or survivorship clause, banks can set a threshold limit, but it must be at least Rs.15 lakh.
• RBI will ensure standardized claim forms and required document lists are available at branches and websites for claimant convenience.

Ques: Who was recently awarded the M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace at the M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference in Delhi?
दिल्ली में आयोजित एम.एस. स्वामीनाथन शताब्दी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन में एम.एस. स्वामीनाथन पुरस्कार फॉर फ़ूड एंड पीस किसे प्रदान किया गया?

A. Dr. Arenare / डॉ. एरेनारे
B. Dr. Norman Borlaug / डॉ. नॉर्मन बोरलॉग
C. Dr. Rattan Lal / डॉ. रतन लाल
D. Dr. Florence Wambugu / डॉ. फ्लोरेंस वाम्बुगु
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace was awarded to Dr. Arenare, a Nigerian scientist, for his transformative work in reducing hunger in Nigeria.
• The award was presented during the M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference held in Delhi.
• It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
• M.S. Swaminathan, who passed away on September 23, 2023 at the age of 98, was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2024 for his monumental contributions to agriculture and food security in India.

Ques: Recently, a previously unknown blood group named CRIB was identified in Karnataka. In which district was it discovered?
हाल ही में कर्नाटक में CRIB नामक एक पहले से अज्ञात रक्त समूह की पहचान हुई। यह किस जिले में खोजा गया?

A. Mysuru / मैसूरु
B. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
C. Kolar / कोलार
D. Tumakuru / तुमकुरु
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• A 38-year-old woman from Kolar district, Karnataka, was admitted to a local hospital for cardiac surgery when doctors discovered a previously unknown blood group.
• CRIB is categorised under the Indian Rare Antigen (INRA) system, which was officially recognised in 2022.

The blood group was named CRIB, where:

• CR: Cromer (blood group system)
• I: India
• B: Bangalore (close to Kolar, the discovery location)

Ques: Which Indian city ranked 26th in the Global AI City Index 2025 and emerged as India's leading hub for AI research, development, and data centres?
कौन सा भारतीय शहर ग्लोबल एआई सिटी इंडेक्स 2025 में 26वें स्थान पर रहा और एआई अनुसंधान, विकास और डेटा सेंटर का भारत का प्रमुख केंद्र बनकर उभरा?

A. Mumbai / मुंबई
B. Delhi / दिल्ली
C. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
D. Chennai / चेन्नई
E. Kolkata / कोलकाता

Answer: Option C

Explanation :
• Global AI City Index, 2025 Published by Counterpoint Research.
• According to a survey by market research firm Counterpoint Research, Bengaluru has become India's premier center for AI research, development, and data centers, ranking 26th in the world's Artificial Intelligence (AI) City Index.
• Bengaluru, India, is at the top of the list, followed by Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, and Kolkata.
• Singapore was named the world's top AI city in 2025, with Seoul, Beijing, Dubai, and San Francisco rounding out the top five.

Top 5 AI City Worldwide :
1- Singapore
2- Seoul
3- Beijing
4- Dubai
5- San-Francisco

Top 5 AI City in India :
26 - Bengaluru
27 - Mumbai
28 - Delhi
29 - Chennai
30 - Kolkata

Ques: Which states/UTs have topped the India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2024 launched by NITI Aayog?
नीति आयोग द्वारा जारी इंडिया इलेक्ट्रिक मोबिलिटी इंडेक्स (IEMI) 2024 में किन राज्यों/केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों ने शीर्ष स्थान प्राप्त किया है?

A. Delhi, Maharashtra, Chandigarh / दिल्ली, महाराष्ट्र, चंडीगढ़
B. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat / कर्नाटक, तमिलनाडु, गुजरात
C. Delhi, Gujarat, Kerala / दिल्ली, गुजरात, केरल
D. Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Punjab / महाराष्ट्र, तमिलनाडु, पंजाब
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2024 was launched by NITI Aayog as the first-ever national benchmarking framework to assess e-mobility readiness of all States/UTs.
• It scores States/UTs out of 100 based on progress in electric mobility adoption, infrastructure readiness, and innovation.
• The framework is aligned with India's decarbonisation targets for 2070.
• Delhi, Maharashtra, and Chandigarh emerged as the top three performers overall.

IEMI assesses States/UTs on 16 indicators under three categories:

• Transport Electrification Progress – EV adoption in passenger, freight, and public transport.
• Charging Infrastructure Readiness – Deployment of public/private charging stations and supportive policies.
• EV Research and Innovation Ecosystem – R&D, manufacturing capacity, and EV component technology.

Ques: Since its inception, the Mann Ki Baat programme has earned a revenue of how much?
अपने आरंभ से अब तक 'मन की बात' कार्यक्रम ने कितनी आय अर्जित की है?

A. Rs.24.13 crore
B. Rs.34.13 crore
C. Rs.44.13 crore
D. Rs.54.13 crore
E. Rs.58.76 crore

Answer: B

Explanation:

• Mann Ki Baat is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme produced by Akashvani using in-house resources without additional expenditure.
• It has earned Rs.34.13 crore since its inception.
• The programme inspires citizens by sharing real stories in education, health, environment, innovation, and social service.
• It is broadcast on Akashvani and telecast on Doordarshan's national & regional channels as well as DD Free Dish (48 Akashvani channels + 92 private TV channels).
• On digital platforms, it is available on YouTube (PMO India, AIR), WAVES OTT, NewsOnAIR app (offering 260+ Akashvani channels), and PB SHABD for wider reach.

Ques: As per the Supreme Court's recent ruling, under GST law, telecom towers are classified as:
सुप्रीम कोर्ट के हालिया फैसले के अनुसार, जीएसटी कानून में दूरसंचार टावरों को किस रूप में वर्गीकृत किया गया है?

A. Immovable property / अचल संपत्ति
B. Movable property / चल संपत्ति
C. Capital asset / पूंजीगत संपत्ति
D. Intangible asset / अमूर्त संपत्ति
E. Fixed property / स्थिर संपत्ति

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Supreme Court upheld the Delhi High Court verdict that telecom towers are movable property under GST.
• Towers can be dismantled and relocated → not permanent structures.
• This classification strengthens Bharti Airtel's claim for GST Input Tax Credit (ITC).
• Section 17(5)(d) of CGST Act → ITC not allowed for immovable property; movable classification allows ITC benefits.
• Aligns with earlier rulings in Vodafone Mobile Services & Bharti Airtel cases.

Ques: The Union Cabinet has approved the implementation of the MERITE Scheme in 275 technical institutions. What is the primary objective of this scheme?
केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने 275 तकनीकी संस्थानों में मेराइट (MERITE) योजना के कार्यान्वयन को मंजूरी दी है। इस योजना का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To provide free education to all engineering students / सभी इंजीनियरिंग छात्रों को निःशुल्क शिक्षा प्रदान करना
B. To improve quality, equity and governance in technical education / तकनीकी शिक्षा में गुणवत्ता, समानता और सुशासन में सुधार करना
C. To promote foreign collaborations in higher education / उच्च शिक्षा में विदेशी सहयोग को बढ़ावा देना
D. To construct new engineering colleges across India / भारत भर में नए इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज बनाना
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal for implementing the Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education (MERITE) Scheme in 275 technical institutions (175 engineering institutions and 100 polytechnics).
• Objective: To improve quality, equity, and governance in technical education across all States/UTs through interventions aligned with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
• Type: Central Sector Scheme with Rs.4,200 crore total cost (2025-26 to 2029-30), including Rs.2,100 crore external assistance from the World Bank.
• Key interventions: Internships, updated curricula to meet industry needs, faculty development programs, research hubs, incubation & innovation centers, skill/maker labs, language workshops.
• Major reforms: Curriculum and pedagogy revamp, multidisciplinary technical programs, stronger research ecosystem, faculty skill upgradation, gender gap reduction, and bridging the digital divide.

Ques: Where is the 25th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit, scheduled for August 31–September 1, 2025, going to be held?
31 अगस्त–1 सितंबर 2025 को निर्धारित 25वें शंघाई सहयोग संगठन (SCO) शिखर सम्मेलन का आयोजन कहाँ होगा?

A. Beijing / बीजिंग
B. Tianjin / तिआंजिन
C. Shanghai / शंघाई
D. Wuhan / वुहान
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The 25th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit will be held in Tianjin, China on August 31–September 1, 2025.
• Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to travel to China for this summit — his first visit to China since 2018.
• The last meeting between PM Modi and the Chinese President was on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia on October 23, 2024

Ques: What is the name of Zepto's newly launched 10-minute medicine delivery service?
Zepto द्वारा शुरू की गई 10-मिनट में दवा डिलीवरी सेवा का नाम क्या है?

A. Zepto Meds / ज़ेप्टो मेड्स
B. Zepto Pharmacy / ज़ेप्टो फार्मेसी
C. Zepto Health / ज़ेप्टो हेल्थ
D. Zepto QuickCare / ज़ेप्टो क्विककेयर
E. Zepto MedExpress / ज़ेप्टो मेडएक्सप्रेस

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Zepto has launched Zepto Pharmacy, a 10-minute medicine delivery service.
• Initially available in select areas of Mumbai, Bengaluru, Delhi NCR, and Hyderabad.
• Announcement made by CEO & Co-founder Aadit Palicha via LinkedIn.
• The company tested the service on a small scale over the past year to streamline supply chain operations and ensure regulatory compliance.
• The aim is to maintain high operational standards and avoid scaling too quickly.
• The service will offer both over-the-counter and prescription medicines, sourced only from licensed pharmacies.
• This launch comes at a time when several quick commerce platforms are exploring entry into prescription drug delivery, which is governed by stricter regulations.

Ques: The Union Cabinet recently approved Rs.30,000 crore compensation to three Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for under-recoveries on sale of domestic LPG. Which of the following companies are included?
केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने हाल ही में घरेलू एलपीजी की बिक्री पर हुए नुकसान के लिए तीन सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की तेल विपणन कंपनियों (ओएमसी) को Rs.30,000 करोड़ का मुआवज़ा मंज़ूर किया। इनमें से किन कंपनियों को शामिल किया गया है?

A. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) / इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड
B. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) / भारत पेट्रोलियम कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड
C. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) / हिंदुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड
D. All of the above / उपरोक्त सभी
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved Rs.30,000 crore compensation to IOCL, BPCL, and HPCL for under-recoveries on sale of domestic LPG.
• Domestic LPG cylinders are supplied at regulated prices by these public sector OMCs.
• During 2024–25, international LPG prices remained high, but the cost increase was not passed on to consumers to shield them from price fluctuations.
• This led to significant losses for the three OMCs, hence the compensation.
• The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas will distribute the compensation in twelve tranches.

Ques: The Archery Association of India (AAI) recently announced the launch of which first-of-its-kind tournament in India?
भारतीय तीरंदाजी संघ *(AAI)* ने हाल ही में भारत में किस प्रकार की पहली बार आयोजित होने वाली प्रतियोगिता की घोषणा की है?

A. National Recurve Championship / राष्ट्रीय रिकर्व चैंपियनशिप
B. Archery League / आर्चरी लीग
C. World Archery Cup / वर्ल्ड आर्चरी कप
D. Indian Archery Premier Series / इंडियन आर्चरी प्रीमियर सीरीज़
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Archery Association of India (AAI) announced the first-ever Archery League, a franchise-styled tournament featuring men's and women's recurve and compound archers from around the world.
• The inaugural edition will be held over 11 days in October 2025 at the Yamuna Sports Complex, Delhi.
• The event has support from World Archery, World Archery Asia, and the Sports Ministry.
• It will feature top 10 ranked foreign archers and India's top players across six franchise teams.

About Archery Association of India :

• Established : 1973
• HQ : New Delhi
• President : Arjun Munda

Ques: Which of the following statements is/are correct about the RS-28 Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile, also known as 'Satan 2'?
निम्नलिखित में से कौन-सा/से कथन RS-28 सरमत अंतरमहाद्वीपीय बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल, जिसे 'सैटन 2' भी कहा जाता है, के बारे में सही है/हैं?

1. It is the world's heaviest ICBM. / यह दुनिया की सबसे भारी ICBM है।
2. It has a range of 18,000 km. / इसकी मारक क्षमता 18,000 किमी है।
3. It can carry up to 16 independently targetable nuclear warheads. / यह 16 स्वतंत्र रूप से लक्ष्य साधने वाले परमाणु वारहेड ले जा सकती है।
4. It is a solid-fueled missile. / यह ठोस ईंधन वाली मिसाइल है।

Options:

A. 1, 2, and 3 only
B. 1 and 4 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2, 3, and 4
E. 1 and 2 only

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• RS-28 Sarmat is Russia's new-generation intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), dubbed 'Satan 2' by NATO.
• It is a three-stage, liquid-fueled missile, not solid-fueled.
• Range: 18,000 km; launch weight: 208+ tonnes; world's heaviest ICBM.
• Dimensions: 35.3 m length, 3 m diameter.
• Maximum speed: 25,500 kph (~Mach 20).
• Payload: 10 tonnes, capable of carrying up to 16 independently targetable nuclear warheads and Avangard hypersonic glide vehicles.

Ques: What is the name of India's first privately-developed orbital launch vehicle whose stage-1 booster was successfully static tested by Skyroot Aerospace?
भारत के पहले निजी क्षेत्र में विकसित कक्षीय प्रक्षेपण यान का क्या नाम है, जिसके स्टेज-1 बूस्टर का स्कायरूट एयरोस्पेस ने सफल स्थिर परीक्षण किया?

A. PSLV-C57 / पीएसएलवी-सी57
B. Vikram-1 / विक्रम-1
C. Gaganyaan / गगनयान
D. SSLV-D2 / एसएसएलवी-डी2
E. None of these

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Skyroot Aerospace successfully conducted the static test of Vikram-1's stage-1 carbon composite solid fuel booster.
• Vikram-1 is India's first privately-developed orbital launch vehicle.
• Test location: Advanced Test Complex, Satish Dhawan Space Centre – SHAR, Sriharikota.
• Conducted under ISRO's supervision.
• Booster stage name: Kalam-1200 – India's largest monolithic solid rocket motor (30 tonnes).
• Designed for on-demand, customised launches for global small satellite operators.
• Vikram-1's maiden flight is scheduled later this year.

Ques: Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Cancer AI & Technology Challenge (CATCH) Grant Program?
निम्नलिखित में से कौन-सा/से कथन कैंसर एआई एंड टेक्नोलॉजी चैलेंज (CATCH) ग्रांट प्रोग्राम के बारे में सही है/हैं?

1. It is launched by IndiaAI Independent Business Division (IBD) in collaboration with the National Cancer Grid (NCG). / इसे इंडिया एआई इंडिपेंडेंट बिज़नेस डिवीजन (IBD) ने नेशनल कैंसर ग्रिड (NCG) के साथ मिलकर लॉन्च किया है।
2. It provides up to Rs.50 lakh per project for selected teams. / यह चयनित टीमों को प्रति प्रोजेक्ट Rs.50 लाख तक की राशि प्रदान करता है।
3. Only clinical institutions are eligible to apply. / केवल क्लीनिकल संस्थान आवेदन करने के पात्र हैं।
4. Successful pilots may get an additional scale-up grant of up to Rs.1 crore. / सफल पायलट प्रोजेक्ट्स को Rs.1 करोड़ तक का अतिरिक्त स्केल-अप ग्रांट मिल सकता है।

Options:

A. 1, 2, and 4 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2, 3, and 4
E. 1 and 2 only

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• IndiaAI Independent Business Division (IBD) in collaboration with the National Cancer Grid (NCG) have launched the CATCH Grant Program to support AI-based innovations in cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment support, and healthcare operations in India.
• Selected projects can receive up to Rs.50 lakh per project, with funding co-shared by IndiaAI and NCG.
• The program will pilot AI solutions in the NCG hospital network, with potential for wider deployment.
• Successful pilot projects may get an additional Rs.1 crore for scale-up via IndiaAI.
• Up to 10 proposals will be chosen in this round, based on technical maturity, feasibility, and healthcare relevance.

Ques: Mir Mohammed Ali, a 2011-batch IAS officer of the Kerala cadre, has been appointed as Director in which ministry?
मीर मोहम्मद अली, 2011 बैच के केरल कैडर के आईएएस अधिकारी, को किस मंत्रालय में निदेशक के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Ministry of Power / विद्युत मंत्रालय
B. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas / पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय
C. Ministry of Electronics & IT / इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और आईटी मंत्रालय
D. Ministry of New & Renewable Energy / नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Mir Mohammed Ali, a 2011-batch IAS officer of the Kerala cadre, has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE).
• His term will be five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
• Before this appointment, he served as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) Limited.

Ques: National Javelin Day is celebrated in India on which date to honour Neeraj Chopra's Olympic gold medal win?
भारत में नीरज चोपड़ा के ओलंपिक स्वर्ण पदक की जीत के सम्मान में राष्ट्रीय भाला फेंक दिवस किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

A. 5 August
B. 6 August
C. 7 August
D. 8 August
E. 9 August

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• August 7 is observed as National Javelin Day in India to commemorate Neeraj Chopra's historic gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
• This was India's first-ever Olympic medal in track and field post-Independence and only the second individual Olympic gold overall after Abhinav Bindra.
• Neeraj's gold-winning throw at Tokyo 2020 measured 87.58 m, while his personal best as of 2025 is 90.23 m.
• In athletics, the men's javelin weighs 800 g with a length of 2.6–2.7 m, while the women's javelin weighs 600 g with a length of 2.2–2.3 m.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

India and Russia Signed during 11th Session of the India-Russia Working Group on Modernization & Industrial Cooperation, held at Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi. Aim to strengthen collaboration in aluminium, fertilizers, and railway transport, while promoting capacity building and technology transfer in the mining sector.

The National Task Force on Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in Higher Educational Institutions has officially launched its dedicated website. Constituted under the Chairmanship of Former Justice Shri Ravindra Bhat, the Task Force aims to develop comprehensive, recommendations to improve student wellbeing and prevent suicides in HEIs.

REC Limited is a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power. Awarded ISO 31000:2018 (Risk Management – Guidelines) for its enterprise-wide risk management framework.

Bank of India became the first bank in India to receive the Standardization Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) for its official website. The certification was awarded by the STQC Directorate, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

भारत और रूस ने नई दिल्ली स्थित वाणिज्य भवन में आयोजित आधुनिकीकरण एवं औद्योगिक सहयोग पर भारत-रूस कार्य समूह के 11वें सत्र के दौरान हस्ताक्षर किए। इसका उद्देश्य खनन क्षेत्र में क्षमता निर्माण और प्रौद्योगिकी हस्तांतरण को बढ़ावा देते हुए एल्युमीनियम, उर्वरक और रेलवे परिवहन में सहयोग को मज़बूत करना है।

उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में छात्रों के मानसिक स्वास्थ्य और आत्महत्या रोकथाम पर राष्ट्रीय कार्यबल ने आधिकारिक तौर पर अपनी समर्पित वेबसाइट लॉन्च कर दी है। पूर्व न्यायाधीश श्री रवींद्र भट की अध्यक्षता में गठित इस कार्यबल का उद्देश्य उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में छात्रों के कल्याण में सुधार और आत्महत्याओं को रोकने के लिए व्यापक सिफारिशें विकसित करना है।

आरईसी लिमिटेड, विद्युत मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत एक महारत्न केंद्रीय सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का उद्यम है। इसे अपने उद्यम-व्यापी जोखिम प्रबंधन ढाँचे के लिए आईएसओ 31000:2018 (जोखिम प्रबंधन - दिशानिर्देश) से सम्मानित किया गया है।

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया अपनी आधिकारिक वेबसाइट के लिए मानकीकरण परीक्षण और गुणवत्ता प्रमाणन (एसटीक्यूसी) प्राप्त करने वाला भारत का पहला बैंक बन गया है। यह प्रमाणन इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय (MeitY) के तहत STQC निदेशालय द्वारा प्रदान किया गया।

Ques: RBI recently imposed a ₹75 lakh penalty on which bank for non-compliance with regulations related to property valuation and current account rules?
आरबीआई ने हाल ही में संपत्ति मूल्यांकन और चालू खाता नियमों से संबंधित विनियमों का पालन न करने पर किस बैंक पर ₹75 लाख का जुर्माना लगाया?

A. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
B. Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
C. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
D. Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
E. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a ₹75 lakh penalty on ICICI Bank for non-compliance with certain regulatory directions.
• Violations pertained to 'Valuation of Properties – Empanelment of Valuers' and 'Opening of Current Accounts by Banks – Need for discipline'.
• RBI found that the bank failed to conduct property valuation in some mortgage loans through independent empanelled valuers.
• ICICI Bank also opened/maintained certain current accounts in violation of existing regulatory requirements.
• These violations were proven during inspection, leading to the monetary penalty

Ques: Antfin Singapore Holding Private Limited divested a 1.46% stake in which company for Rs. 4,097 crore?
एंटफिन सिंगापुर होल्डिंग प्राइवेट लिमिटेड ने 4,097 करोड़ रुपये में किस कंपनी में 1.46% हिस्सेदारी बेची?

A. Paytm / पेटीएम
B. Zomato / जोमैटो
C. Eternal Limited / इटर्नल लिमिटेड
D. Blinkit / ब्लिंकिट
E. PhonePe / फोनपे

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Antfin Singapore Holding Private Limited divested a 1.46% stake in Eternal Limited.
- Eternal Limited is the parent company of Zomato and Blinkit.
- The transaction value was Rs. 4,097 crore (approximately USD 612 million).
- The sale is part of Antfin's strategy to restructure investments.
- This deal reduces Antfin's shareholding in Eternal Limited.

Ques: Which bank has signed an MoU with FSSAI to launch the 'FSSAI Payment Solution' platform?
एफएसएसएआई के साथ 'एफएसएसएआई पेमेंट सॉल्यूशन' प्लेटफॉर्म शुरू करने के लिए किस बैंक ने समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

A. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
B. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
C. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
D. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
E. None of these

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Bank of Baroda signed an MoU with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to launch 'FSSAI Payment Solution'.
• The platform will streamline the digital payment interface with various stakeholders.
• The objective is to promote ease of doing business for those engaging with FSSAI.

FSSAI :

Established : 5 September 2008
HQ : New Delhi
Chairperson : Punya Salila Srivastava.

Bank of Baroda :

Established : 1908
HQ : Vadodara, Gujarat
MD & CEO : Debadatta Chand
Tagline : India's International Bank.

Ques: SBI's Q1 FY26 net profit rose 12.5% year-on-year to what amount?
एसबीआई का Q1 FY26 शुद्ध लाभ 12.5% बढ़कर कितनी राशि पर पहुंचा?

A. ₹25,000 crore
B. ₹19,160 crore
C. ₹41,072 crore
D. ₹44,218 crore
E. ₹78,040 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• State Bank of India (SBI) posted a 12.48% YoY increase in Q1 FY26 net profit to ₹19,160 crore.
• Growth was driven by higher operational efficiency and treasury gains.
• Net Interest Income (NII) stood at ₹41,072 crore, down 0.13% YoY.
• Net Interest Margin (NIM) fell by 33 bps to 3.02%.
• Loan-loss provisions rose 9.21% to ₹4,934 crore.
• SBI raised ₹25,000 crore equity capital to support ~₹2.5 trillion in additional loan growth.
• Advances grew 11.61% YoY to ₹42.5 lakh crore; deposits grew 11.66%.
• Gross NPAs declined 7.34% to ₹78,040 crore; Net NPAs fell 7.64% to ₹19,908 crore.
• GNPA ratio improved to 2.83% and NNPA ratio to 0.47%; provision coverage ratio at 74.49%.

Ques: What is the proposed daily penalty for banks delaying settlement of safe deposit locker/article claims as per RBI's draft circular?
आरबीआई के ड्राफ्ट सर्कुलर के अनुसार सुरक्षित लॉकर/वस्तुओं के दावों के निपटान में देरी करने पर बैंकों के लिए प्रस्तावित दैनिक जुर्माना कितना है?

A. ₹2,000 per day
B. ₹3,000 per day
C. ₹5,000 per day
D. ₹10,000 per day
E. ₹7,500 per day

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• RBI released a draft circular proposing easier claim settlement after the death of an account holder, covering deposit accounts, lockers, and articles in safe custody.
• Banks must release funds to nominees/surviving account holders without succession certificates or probate, unless there is a court order or will.
• Delay penalty for deposit-related claims: prevailing bank rate + 4% p.a. on settlement amount for the delay period.
• Delay penalty for safe deposit lockers/articles: ₹5,000 per day beyond the prescribed 15 days after receiving all required documents.
• RBI has proposed a claim threshold limit of ₹15 lakh based on risk management.
• Public comments on the draft are invited until 27 August 2025.

Ques: Which two new features has RBI launched on its Retail Direct platform in August 2025?
अगस्त 2025 में RBI ने अपने रिटेल डायरेक्ट प्लेटफॉर्म पर कौन सी दो नई सुविधाएँ शुरू की हैं?

A. SIP for Treasury Bills & Auto-Bidding Facility / ट्रेजरी बिल के लिए एसआईपी और ऑटो-बिडिंग सुविधा
B. Loan against Gold & UPI Bill Payments / सोने पर ऋण और यूपीआई बिल भुगतान
C. e-KYC & Instant Loan Facility / ई-केवाईसी और इंस्टेंट लोन सुविधा
D. NACH Payment & Cheque Truncation / एनएसीएच भुगतान और चेक ट्रंकेश
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• RBI introduced Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) for Treasury Bills and Auto-Bidding facility on its Retail Direct platform.
• SIP allows small, periodic investments in T-Bills instead of lump sums.
• Auto-Bidding automates the bidding process in primary auctions with preferences like bid amount, tenor, and validity.
• The system processes payments via National Automated Clearing House (NACH).
• These features aim to enhance retail investor access to short-term government debt instruments.

Ques: The IFC has committed USD 150 million to which fund of HDFC Capital?
आईएफसी ने एचडीएफसी कैपिटल के किस फंड को 150 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर देने का वादा किया है?

A. H-DREAM Fund / एच-ड्रीम फंड
B. H-GREEN Fund / एच-ग्रीन फंड
C. Affordable Housing Fund / अफोर्डेबल हाउसिंग फंड
D. Urban Growth Fund / अर्बन ग्रोथ फंड
E. None of the above / इनमे से कोई भी नहीं

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• International Finance Corporation (IFC) given USD 150 million (around Rs. 1,300 crore) loan to H-DREAM Fund (HDFC Capital Development of Real Estate Affordable and Mid-Income Fund)
• It is Managed by HDFC Capital Advisors
• Its aim is to promote green and affordable housing development across India
• Total target corpus of the H-DREAM Fund is USD 1 billion, comprising a primary raise of USD 500 million and a greenshoe option of an additional USD 500 million
• Housing Target of Over 25,000 EDGE-certified homes in Tier-I/II cities (addresses 18M-unit deficit)
• Capital Mobilized : USD 850 Mn total expected; USD 350 Mn already committed

About IFC :

• Established : 1956
• HQ : Washington, D.C., United States
• Members : 186 countries
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Ques: Which panchayat in Kerala was declared a 'Living Lab' for climate change under the 'Heat Resilient Moodadi' project?
केरल में 'हीट रेज़िलिएंट मूडाडी' परियोजना के तहत किस पंचायत को जलवायु परिवर्तन के लिए 'लिविंग लैब' घोषित किया गया?

A. Perambra Panchayat / पेराम्ब्रा पंचायत
B. Moodadi Panchayat / मूडाडी पंचायत
C. Beypore Panchayat / बैपोर पंचायत
D. Vatakara Panchayat / वटकारा पंचायत
E. Thamarassery Panchayat / थमारास्सेरी पंचायत

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) launched the 'Heat Resilient Moodadi' project in Moodadi Panchayat, Kozhikode district, Kerala.
• Objective: Mitigate rising temperatures due to extreme heatwaves.
• It is Kerala's first comprehensive Heat Action Plan by a local self-government body.
• Contractors to follow heat-resilient construction guidelines, including heat-reflecting paints, bamboo barriers, and shaded structures.
• Cooling pavilions will be installed for public relief during heatwaves.
• Moodadi Panchayat declared a 'Living Lab' for climate change by KSDMA for proactive heat-resilience strategies.

Ques: Which new job category has been added under MNREGA as per the latest government notification?
हालिया सरकारी अधिसूचना के अनुसार मनरेगा के तहत कौन सी नई कार्य श्रेणी जोड़ी गई है?

A. Road construction / सड़क निर्माण
B. Forest fire management / वन अग्नि प्रबंधन
C. River dredging / नदी की खुदाई
D. Solar panel installation / सौर पैनल स्थापना
E. Rural tourism infrastructure / ग्रामीण पर्यटन अवसंरचना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Centre added 'forest fire management' as a new job category under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), 2005.
• It joins existing works like afforestation, tree plantation, horticulture, road margins, canal bunds, tank foreshore protection, and coastal belts.
• Forest fire management activities include boundary wall construction, fencing, joint patrolling, and other measures to protect forests and wildlife.
• States like Gujarat were already using MNREGA funds for such works under other provisions; now it is officially included in the MNREGA job list.
• The inclusion followed recommendations from the Standing Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj in April 2025.

Ques: Who topped the Fortune 100 Most Powerful People in Business List 2025?
2025 की फॉर्च्यून 100 सबसे शक्तिशाली व्यावसायिक लोगों की सूची में शीर्ष स्थान किसने हासिल किया?

A. Satya Nadella / सत्य नडेला
B. Jensen Huang / जेन्सन हुआंग
C. Mark Zuckerberg / मार्क ज़करबर्ग
D. Elon Musk / एलन मस्क
E. Mukesh Ambani / मुकेश अंबानी

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Jensen Huang, CEO & President of NVIDIA, an American technology company, topped the list.
Mukesh Ambani, CMD of Reliance Industries Limited, ranked 56th.
Dr. Reshma Kewalramani, an Indian-origin woman and CEO of Vertex Pharmaceuticals, ranked 62nd (first appearance).
The list includes 62 leaders from USA-based organizations, 17 from Asia, 13 from Europe, and 1 from the Middle East.
Four Indian-origin leaders featured: Satya Nadella (Rank 2), Sundar Pichai (Rank 6), Neal Mohan (Rank 83), Dr. Reshma Kewalramani (Rank 62).

Ranking of top 5 powerful people in the list :

1 Jensen Huang : President & CEO, NVIDIA
2 Satya Nadella : Co-Founder, Chairman & CEO, Microsoft
3 Mark Zuckerberg : Founder, Chairman & CEO, Meta
4 Elon Musk : Founder & CEO, Tesla, SpaceX, xAI
5 Wang Chuanfu : Founder & CEO, BYD (Build Your Dreams)
56 Mukesh Ambani : CMD, Reliance Industries
96 Gautam Adani : Founder & Chairman, Adani Group

Ques: What was India's annual defence production in FY 2024–25, marking an all-time high?
वित्त वर्ष 2024–25 में भारत का वार्षिक रक्षा उत्पादन कितना रहा, जो अब तक का सबसे अधिक है?

A. ₹ 1,50,590 crore
B. ₹1,27,000 crore
C. ₹ 1,25,000 crore
D. ₹1,45,800 crore
E. ₹1,40,500 crore

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• India's annual defence production in FY 2024–25 reached ₹1,50,590 crore — the highest ever recorded.
• This represents an 18% growth over the previous year's output of ₹1.27 lakh crore.
• It is also a 90% increase compared to FY 2019–20, when production was ₹79,071 crore.
• Defence PSUs and other PSUs contributed approximately 77% of total production.
• The private sector accounted for the remaining 23%.
• Defence exports also reached a record ₹23,622 crore in FY 2024–25, up ₹2,539 crore (12.04%) from ₹21,083 crore in FY 2023–24.

Ques: Which organisation has proposed the SWAGAT-FI single-window gateway for trusted foreign investors?
विश्वसनीय विदेशी निवेशकों के लिए SWAGAT-FI सिंगल-विंडो गेटवे का प्रस्ताव किस संगठन ने दिया है?

A. RBI / आरबीआई
B. SEBI / सेबी
C. IRDAI / इरडाई
D. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
E. NABARD / नाबार्ड

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed a new single-window gateway named SWAGAT-FI (Single Window Automatic & Generalised Access for Trusted Foreign Investors).
• The objective is to boost foreign investment in India's capital markets and simplify regulatory compliance.
• It will serve objectively verified low-risk foreign investors.
• The platform aims to reduce entry barriers and speed up approvals for eligible investors.
• This initiative is part of SEBI's broader reforms to attract long-term, quality global capital to India.

Ques: What is the premature redemption price of SGB due on August 11, 2025?
11 अगस्त 2025 को SGB का समय से पूर्व विमोचन मूल्य क्या है?

A. ₹9,950
B. ₹10,000
C. ₹10,070
D. ₹10,100
E. ₹10,500

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Premature redemption under the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme is allowed after the 5th year from the issue date, on interest payment dates.
• The August 11, 2025 redemption applies to SGB 2019-20 Series-IX (issued Feb 11, 2020) and SGB 2020-21 Series-V (issued Aug 11, 2020).
• The redemption price is based on the simple average of closing gold prices (999 purity) for the last 3 business days before the redemption date, as per India Bullion and Jewellers Association Ltd (IBJA).
• For August 11, 2025, the average price worked out to ₹10,070 per gram.
• The SGB scheme was launched in 2015, offers an 8-year tenor with an exit option after 5 years, and pays 2.50% annual interest.

Ques: What is the length of Asia's longest freight train 'Rudrastra' tested by Indian Railways in 2025?
2025 में भारतीय रेलवे द्वारा परीक्षण की गई एशिया की सबसे लंबी मालगाड़ी 'रुद्रास्त्र' की लंबाई कितनी है?

A. 4 km / 4 किमी
B. 4.5 km / 4.5 किमी
C. 5 km / 5 किमी
D. 3.8 km / 3.8 किमी
E. 4.2 km / 4.2 किमी

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The "Rudrastra," Asia's longest freight train, has successfully completed its testing run by Indian Railways.
• The massive 4.5-kilometer goods train is expected to revolutionize freight transportation in India by increasing productivity, cutting turnaround times, and conserving resources.
• At an average speed of 40.50 km/h, the trial run covered 209 km in 5 hours 10 minutes from the Ganjkhwaja railway station in Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh, to Garhwa in Jharkhand.
• The 'Rudrastra' freight train is 4.5 km long — the longest in Asia.
• It has 345 wagons and 7 engines (2 at the front, 1 after every 59 bogeys).
• Each wagon can carry 72 tonnes of load.
• Average trial speed: 40.5 km/h.

Ques: Which two key maritime laws were passed by India's Parliament in 2025 to modernise the shipping sector?
भारत की संसद ने 2025 में शिपिंग क्षेत्र को आधुनिक बनाने के लिए कौन से दो प्रमुख समुद्री विधेयक पारित किए?

A. Maritime Trade Bill 2025 & Coastal Shipping Bill 2024 / मैरीटाइम ट्रेड बिल 2025 और कोस्टल शिपिंग बिल 2024
B. Indian Ports Bill 2025 & Merchant Trade Bill 2024 / इंडियन पोर्ट्स बिल 2025 और मर्चेंट ट्रेड बिल 2024
C. Merchant Shipping Bill 2024 & Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill 2025 / मर्चेंट शिपिंग बिल 2024 और कैरिज ऑफ गुड्स बाय सी बिल 2025
D. Sea Transport Bill 2025 & Cargo Bill 2024 / सी ट्रांसपोर्ट बिल 2025 और कार्गो बिल 2024
E. Shipping Development Bill 2025 & Maritime Reform Bill 2024 / शिपिंग डेवलपमेंट बिल 2025 और मैरीटाइम रिफॉर्म बिल 2024

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• India's Parliament passed the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024, and the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill, 2025, replacing outdated 20th-century laws.
• The Merchant Shipping Bill replaces the Merchant Shipping Act of 1958.
• The Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill replaces the Indian Carriage of Goods by Sea Act of 1925.

Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024:

• Progressive law with 16 parts and 325 clauses.
• Addresses shortcomings of the previous 561-section Act, which was fragmented and outdated.
• Aligns India's laws with International Maritime Organization (IMO) conventions.
• Prioritises environmental protection and seafarer welfare.

Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill, 2025:

• Adopts internationally accepted Hague-Visby Rules.
• Governs rights and responsibilities related to carriage of goods by sea.

- Simplifies maritime trade regulations.
- Reduces litigation risks and improves transparency in cargo movement.

Ques: What was the Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) achieved by Government e Marketplace (GeM) in FY 2024–25?
वित्तीय वर्ष 2024–25 में सरकारी ई-मार्केटप्लेस (GeM) द्वारा हासिल किया गया सकल व्यापारिक मूल्य (GMV) कितना था?

A. ₹4.8 lakh crore / ₹4.8 लाख करोड़
B. ₹5.4 lakh crore / ₹5.4 लाख करोड़
C. ₹5.0 lakh crore / ₹5.0 लाख करोड़
D. ₹6.1 lakh crore / ₹6.1 लाख करोड़
E. ₹4.5 lakh crore / ₹4.5 लाख करोड़

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

With a record-breaking performance of registering ₹5.4 lakh crore in Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) for the fiscal year 2024–2025, the Government e Marketplace (GeM) celebrated its ninth Foundation Day.
Since its launch in 2016, GeM has onboarded 1.5 lakh women-led businesses, startups, self-help groups (SHGs), craftsmen, and micro and small enterprises (MSEs) over the course of nine years.
The Theme for this year's Foundation Day event was Ease, Access, and Inclusion.
On August 6, a GeM Seller Samvad was held at the GeM office in New Delhi to commemorate the nine years

Ques: Under the approved PMUY subsidy for FY26, what is the per-cylinder subsidy amount for a 14.2 kg LPG cylinder?
FY26 के लिए मंजूर PMUY सब्सिडी के तहत 14.2 किग्रा LPG सिलेंडर पर प्रति सिलेंडर सब्सिडी कितनी है?

A. ₹200
B. ₹250
C. ₹300
D. ₹350
E. ₹400

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Union Cabinet approved ₹12,000 crore for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in FY26.
• The scheme will benefit 10.33 crore households across India.
• PMUY was launched in May 2016 to provide free LPG connections to adult women from poor households.
• As of July 1, 2025, there are 10.33 crore PMUY connections in India.
• Subsidy: ₹300 per 14.2 kg LPG cylinder, for up to 9 refills per year (pro-rated for 5 kg cylinders).
• India imports around 60% of its LPG requirement.

Ques: Which major transit corridor was announced in the Armenia–Azerbaijan peace deal signed at the White House?
व्हाइट हाउस में हस्ताक्षरित आर्मेनिया–अज़रबैजान शांति समझौते में किस प्रमुख परिवहन गलियारे की घोषणा की गई?

A. Caucasus Peace Corridor / काकेशस शांति गलियारा
B. Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शांति और समृद्धि के लिए ट्रंप रूट
C. Eurasia Trade Link / यूरेशिया ट्रेड लिंक
D. Caspian Gateway / कैस्पियन गेटवे
E. Black Sea Economic Corridor / ब्लैक सी इकोनॉमिक कॉरिडोर

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan signed a historic peace agreement at the White House to end decades of conflict.
• The deal was mediated by US President Donald Trump, who facilitated the handshake between Armenian PM Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev.
• The agreement includes the creation of a major South Caucasus transit corridor named ‘Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity’.
• This corridor will connect Azerbaijan to Turkey and further to Europe, bypassing Armenia’s territory.
• Iran’s Supreme Leader’s advisor Ali Akbar Velayati warned that Iran will block the corridor if built without its consent.

Ques: Who became the first Indian surfer to reach the final of the Asian Surfing Championship?
प्रश्न: एशियन सर्फिंग चैम्पियनशिप के फाइनल में पहुंचने वाले पहले भारतीय सर्फर कौन बने?

A. Kishore Kumar / किशोर कुमार
B. Shidong Wu / शिडोंग वू
C. Pajar Ariyana / पजार एरियाना
D. Ramesh Budihal / रमेश बुदीहल
E. Mega Artana / मेगा आर्ताना

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Ramesh Budihal became the first Indian surfer to reach the final of the Asian Surfing Championship, held at Point Break, Mamallapuram.
• Scored 11.43 points in the semifinal (rides of 5.50 and 5.93), finishing second behind Indonesia's Pajar Ariyana (13.83).
• Defeated China's Shidong Wu (9.03) and India's Kishore Kumar (8.10) to reach the last four.
• Surfing journey began in Kovalam, Kerala through the Sebastian Indian Social Project (SISP) and Kovalam Surf Club.
• Initially faced family fears about the sea, but later gained their support after multiple wins.
• Ranked India's No. 1 male surfer in 2024; consistently among the top three in the National Surf Series.
• Achievement also earned India additional quota points for the 2026 Asian Games.

Ques: In which country did India's Annu Rani win gold in women's javelin throw at the International Wiesław Maniak Memorial in 2025?
2025 में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विएस्लाव मैनियाक मेमोरियल में महिला भाला फेंक में भारत की अन्नू रानी ने किस देश में स्वर्ण पदक जीता?

A. Turkey / तुर्की
B. Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
C. Poland / पोलैंड
D. Germany / जर्मनी
E. France / फ्रांस

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Annu Rani won gold in women's javelin throw at the International Wiesław Maniak Memorial in Poland.
• Achieved a season-best throw of 62.59 metres.
• She is the reigning Asian Games champion.
• Competitors from Turkey and Australia won silver and bronze respectively.
• The win strengthened her position as one of India's top javelin throwers.
• The silver medal went to Eda Tugsuz of Turkey (58.36m).
• Bronze medal went to Lianna Davidson of Australia (58.24m).

Ques: Where is BPCL's upcoming greenfield refinery-cum-petrochemical complex (RcPC) located?
प्रश्न: BPCL का नया ग्रीनफील्ड रिफाइनरी-कम-पेट्रोकेमिकल कॉम्प्लेक्स (RcPC) कहां स्थित है?

A. Machilipatnam / मछिलीपट्टनम
B. Mulpeta / मुलपेटा
C. Ramaayapatnam / रामायपट्टनम
D. Kakinada / काकीनाड़ा
E. Srikakulam / श्रीकाकुलम

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The greenfield refinery-cum-petrochemical complex (RcPC) of BPCL is being developed at Ramaayapatnam, Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh.
• Saudi Aramco is likely to acquire a 20% stake in the project.
• The governments of India and Saudi Arabia are discussing the agreement terms, expected to be finalized by year-end.
• Project is part of Saudi Arabia's ~$100 billion investment in India.
• BPCL is also negotiating a long-term crude oil supply agreement with Aramco.
• Refinery capacity: 9 MMT/year, expandable to 12 MMT/year.
• ₹6,100 crore approved for pre-project activities (land acquisition, environmental assessment, engineering design).
• Estimated total cost: ₹1.1 lakh crore; completion timeline: ~4 years.

Ques: The Union Cabinet approved four new components under the Special Development Packages (SDPs) for which two North Eastern states with a total outlay of ₹4,250 crore?
केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने 4,250 करोड़ रुपये के कुल प्रावधान के साथ विशेष विकास पैकेज (SDPs) के तहत किन दो पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों के लिए चार नए घटकों को मंजूरी दी?

A. Assam and Meghalaya / असम और मेघालय
B. Tripura and Nagaland / त्रिपुरा और नागालैंड
C. Assam and Tripura / असम और त्रिपुरा
D. Manipur and Assam / मणिपुर और असम
E. Mizoram and Tripura / मिजोरम और त्रिपुरा

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved four new components under the existing Central Sector Scheme of Special Development Packages (SDPs) for Assam and Tripura with a total outlay of ₹4,250 crore.
• ₹500 crore for infrastructure development in Adivasi-inhabited villages/areas of Assam, as per MoS with Adivasi Groups of Assam.
• ₹500 crore for infrastructure in North Cacher Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC) area of Dimasa National Liberation Army (DNLA) / Dimasa People's Supreme Council (DPSC) inhabited villages/areas, as per MoS with these groups.
• ₹3,000 crore for infrastructure in Assam as per MoS with ULFA Groups.
• ₹250 crore for development of tribals in Tripura as per MoS with National Liberation Front of Twipra (NLFT) and All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF).
• Overall outlay of four components: ₹7,250 crore — ₹4,250 crore from the existing SDP scheme (₹4,000 crore for Assam, ₹250 crore for Tripura) and ₹3,000 crore from Assam's state resources.
• Assam components have a 5-year outlay (FY 2025-26 to 2029-30), Tripura component has a 4-year outlay (FY 2025-26 to 2028-29).

Ques: The U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki on which date?
प्रश्न: अमेरिका ने नागासाकी पर परमाणु बम किस तारीख को गिराया था?

A. 6 August 1945
B. 8 August 1945
C. 9 August 1945
D. 12 August 1945
E. 15 August 1945

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Nagasaki marked 80 years since the U.S. atomic bombing carried out on 9 August 1945.
• The attack happened three days after Hiroshima was bombed, killing ~1.4 lakh people.
• In Nagasaki, about 70,000 people were killed instantly or in the aftermath.
• Survivors shared memories, hoping Nagasaki would be the last city ever hit by a nuclear bomb.
• The anniversary reiterated the global appeal for nuclear disarmament and prevention of future nuclear tragedies.

Ques: On which date was World Sanskrit Day 2025 observed?
विश्व संस्कृत दिवस 2025 किस तिथि को मनाया गया?

A. 6 August 2025
B. 7 August 2025
C. 9 August 2025
D. 12 August 2025
E. 10 August 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• World Sanskrit Day, also known as International Sanskrit Day/Sanskrit Diwas/Vishva Samskrita Dinam, is celebrated annually on Shravana Purnima, the full moon day of the Hindu month of Shravana.
• In 2025, it was observed on 9 August.
• Sanskrit Week 2025 was observed from 6 to 12 August 2025.
• The day also marks the birth anniversary of Panini, the renowned Sanskrit scholar and grammarian.
• Panini authored the Ashtadhyayi in the 5th century BCE, forming the foundation of Classical Sanskrit grammar.
• In 2005, the Government of India declared Sanskrit a Classical Language of India and included it in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.
• Uttarakhand became the first Indian state to make Sanskrit an official language (2010).
• Himachal Pradesh became the second Indian state to grant Sanskrit official language status (2019).

Ques: Where will the main event of World Lion Day 2025 be held?
विश्व शेर दिवस 2025 का मुख्य आयोजन कहाँ होगा?

A. Gir National Park / गिर राष्ट्रीय उद्यान
B. Barda Wildlife Sanctuary / बर्दा वन्यजीव अभयारण्य
C. Velavadar National Park / वेलावदर राष्ट्रीय उद्यान
D. Sasan Gir / सासन गिर
E. Kuno National Park / कुनो राष्ट्रीय उद्यान

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• World Lion Day 2025 will be celebrated on August 10, 2025, at Barda Wildlife Sanctuary in Devbhumi Dwarka district, Gujarat.
• The event is jointly organised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Gujarat Forest and Environment Department.
• Celebrations will also be held across 11 districts of Saurashtra to raise awareness on Asiatic Lion conservation.
• A 248-hectare safari park is planned with land allocated by the State Government.
• ₹180 crore worth of wildlife conservation projects will be launched during the event.
• Gujarat's lion population has increased by 32%, from 674 in 2020 to 891 in May 2025.
• The Union Environment Ministry has approved Project Lion with a budget of ₹2,927.71 crore for Asiatic Lion conservation.

Ques: Which district hosted Indian Bank's 'Financial Inclusion Saturation Program'?
प्रश्न: इंडियन बैंक के 'वित्तीय समावेशन संतृप्ति कार्यक्रम' की मेजबानी किस जिले ने की?

A. Kanchipuram / कांचीपुरम
B. Tiruvallur / तिरुवल्लूर
C. Madurai / मदुरई
D. Coimbatore / कोयंबटूर
E. Salem / सलेम

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Indian Bank organised the Financial Inclusion Saturation Program in Tiruvallur district under the RBI's Nationwide Financial Awareness Saturation Campaign (July 1 – Sept 30).
• Objective: Facilitate re-KYC at gram panchayat level and promote government schemes.
• Special focus: PMJDY account re-KYC, and enrolment in PMJJBY & PMSBY schemes.
• Over 2,000 participants attended, including farmers, SHGs, small business owners, students, and senior citizens.
• Nearly 350 re-KYCs were completed on the spot using BC devices & TAB banking.

Ques: On which date did India's UPI record over 707 million transactions in a single day?
प्रश्न: भारत के यूपीआई ने एक ही दिन में 707 मिलियन से अधिक लेनदेन किस तारीख को दर्ज किए?

A. 1 August 2025
B. 2 August 2025
C. 15 July 2025
D. 31 July 2025
E. 5 August 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• UPI (Unified Payments Interface) achieved a record 707+ million transactions in a single day on 2 August 2025.
• The Government of India aims to reach 1 billion daily transactions by next year.
• In July 2025, UPI averaged 650 million daily transactions.
• July 2025 saw 19.5 billion transactions worth over ₹25 lakh crore, averaging ₹83,000 crore daily transaction value.

Ques: What is the new minimum average monthly balance for ICICI Bank savings accounts in metros and urban areas (effective Aug 1, 2025)?
1 अगस्त 2025 से मेट्रो और शहरी क्षेत्रों में आईसीआईसीआई बैंक के बचत खातों के लिए नया न्यूनतम औसत मासिक बैलेंस कितना होगा?

A. ₹10,000
B. ₹25,000
C. ₹50,000
D. ₹5,000
E. ₹40,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• ICICI Bank has increased the minimum average monthly balance (MAB) in metros & urban areas for new savings accounts from ₹10,000 to ₹50,000.
• Applicable to all accounts opened on or after August 1, 2025.
• Semi-urban branch MAB raised from ₹5,000 to ₹25,000; rural branch MAB raised from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000.
• Zero balance categories like salary accounts, PMJDY accounts, and basic savings accounts are exempt.
• Penal charge for non-maintenance: 6% of the shortfall or ₹500, whichever is lower.

Ques: Under which scheme will ₹3,200 crore crop insurance claims be digitally transferred to 3 million farmers?
30 लाख किसानों को ₹3,200 करोड़ की फसल बीमा दावा राशि किस योजना के तहत डिजिटल रूप से ट्रांसफर की जाएगी?

A. PM-KISAN / पीएम-किसान
B. PMFBY / पीएमएफबीवाई
C. RKVY / आरकेवीवाई
D. NFSM / एनएफएसएम
E. PM-AASHA / पीएम-आशा

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will digitally transfer ₹3,200 crore as crop insurance claim amounts.
• The transfer will be done under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).
• The benefit will reach 3 million (30 lakh) farmers across India.
• PMFBY provides financial support to farmers in case of crop loss or damage due to natural calamities, pests, or diseases.
• The scheme ensures income stability and protection against agricultural risks.

Ques: Which group recently received a non-deposit taking NBFC license from the Reserve Bank of India to launch its lending unit 'Equirus Finance'?
प्रश्न: किस समूह को हाल ही में भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक से गैर-जमा स्वीकार करने वाली एनबीएफसी का लाइसेंस मिला, ताकि वह अपनी ऋण इकाई 'इविरस फाइनेंस' शुरू कर सके?

A. Edelweiss Group / एडेलवाइस ग्रुप
B. Equirus Group / इविरस ग्रुप
C. Bajaj Finserv / बजाज फिनसर्व
D. L&T Finance / एलएंडटी फाइनेंस
E. IIFL Finance / आईआईएफएल फाइनेंस

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• RBI granted Equirus Group a non-deposit taking NBFC license, enabling the launch of Equirus Finance.
• Equirus Finance aims to build a diversified loan book exceeding ₹3,000 crore with bespoke lending products.
• As per current RBI norms, a company must have a minimum Net Owned Fund (NOF) of ₹10 crore to obtain such a license.
• Earlier, the NOF requirement was ₹2 crore, but it was increased to ₹10 crore to strengthen the NBFC sector.

Ques: Which organisation launched the "Work for Viksit Bharat" portal to recruit professionals for national development projects?
प्रश्न: राष्ट्रीय विकास परियोजनाओं के लिए पेशेवरों की भर्ती हेतु "वर्क फॉर विकसित भारत" पोर्टल किस संगठन ने लॉन्च किया?

A. Ministry of Labour & Employment / श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय
B. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
C. Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship / कौशल विकास एवं उद्यमिता मंत्रालय
D. Ministry of Home Affairs / गृह मंत्रालय
E. Invest India / इन्वेस्ट इंडिया

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• NITI Aayog launched the "Work for Viksit Bharat" portal.
• Objective: Recruit professionals in sectors like economics, big data, infrastructure, climate change, telecom, and IT to support India's Viksit Bharat growth vision.
• Access: Available online at workforbharat.niti.gov.in, where candidates can register, complete their profile, select areas of interest, and apply for roles in ongoing national development projects.

Ques: Who was the first recipient of the Param Vir Chakra of Independent India?
प्रश्न: स्वतंत्र भारत के पहले परम वीर चक्र के प्राप्तकर्ता कौन थे?

A. Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw / फील्ड मार्शल सैम मानेकशॉ
B. Brigadier Mohammad Usman / ब्रिगेडियर मोहम्मद उस्मान
C. Major Somnath Sharma / मेजर सोमनाथ शर्मा
D. K.M. Cariappa / के.एम. करियप्पा
E. Arjan Singh / अर्जन सिंह

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Major Somnath Sharma, of the 4th Kumaon Regiment, sacrificed his life in the Battle of Badgam in November 1947 at the age of 25.
• He became the first recipient of the Param Vir Chakra of Independent India.
• Along with his story, NCERT has also included chapters on Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw and Brigadier Mohammad Usman in textbooks.
• Manekshaw was India's Army Chief during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War and later became the first Field Marshal in January 1973.
• Brigadier Usman, known as the "Lion of Naushera", was martyred in the Indo-Pak War of 1947–48 and was posthumously awarded the Mahavir Chakra.

Ques: What is the theme of the Bharat Ratna Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference 2025?
भारत रत्न डॉ. एम.एस. स्वामीनाथन शताब्दी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन 2025 का विषय क्या है?

A. Green Revolution – The Path to Prosperity / ग्रीन रेवोल्यूशन – द पाथ टू प्रॉस्पेरिटी
B. Evergreen Revolution – The Path to Bio-Happiness / एवरग्रीन रेवोल्यूशन – द पाथ टू बायो-हैप्पीनेस
C. Food Security for All / फूड सिक्योरिटी फॉर ऑल
D. Sustainable Agriculture – A Way Forward / सस्टेनेबल एग्रीकल्चर – अ वे फॉरवर्ड
E. Hunger-Free World / हंगर-फ्री वर्ल्ड

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Bharat Ratna Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference was held 7–9 August 2025 at Pusa, New Delhi.
• Organised to commemorate the birth centenary of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, a pioneer in food security and agricultural science.
• Theme: Evergreen Revolution – The Path to Bio-Happiness.
• Organised in collaboration with M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, MoA&FW, ICAR, and NAAS.
• PM Modi recalled his visit to the Swaminathan Research Foundation nearly 20 years ago, releasing the book The Quest for a World Without Hunger (2017), and inaugurating IRRI's Regional Centre in Varanasi (2018).
• Prof. Adenle of Nigeria became the first recipient of the M.S. Swaminathan for Food and Peace Award.
• PM highlighted India's global agricultural rankings — 1st in milk, pulses, and jute production; 2nd in rice, wheat, cotton, fruits, vegetables, and fish production.

Ques: Under Chhattisgarh's new 'Gaudham' scheme, how much monthly honorarium will be given to cattle grazers?
प्रश्न: छत्तीसगढ़ की नई 'गौधाम' योजना के तहत मवेशी चराने वालों को प्रति माह कितना मानदेय दिया जाएगा?

A. ₹9,500
B. ₹10,916
C. ₹12,000
D. ₹8,750
E. ₹11,500

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The BJP government in Chhattisgarh will relaunch the Congress-era 'Gothan' scheme under the new name 'Gaudham'.
• Objective: Reduce road & highway accidents caused by stray cattle by keeping them in Gaudham centres.
• Under the new plan, cow dung will not be purchased; instead, cattle grazers will be given ₹10,916 per month as an honorarium.
• Additional support: ₹10 per animal per day will be provided for fodder.
• In the first phase, Gaudham centres will be set up in rural areas along NH-6.

Ques: What is India's rank in the mid-2025 Numbeo Safety Index?
2025 के मध्य नम्बियो सुरक्षा सूचकांक में भारत का स्थान कौन सा है?

A. 49th
B. 55th
C. 67th
D. 74th
E. 88th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• India ranked 67th globally in the mid-2025 Numbeo Safety Index with a score of 55.8.
• Mangalore is the safest city in India with a safety index of 74.2, ranking 49th worldwide.
• New Delhi is the most unsafe city in India with a score of 41, ranked 316th globally.

• Top 5 safest cities worldwide:

1. Abu Dhabi, UAE – 88.8
2. Doha, Qatar – 84.3
3. Dubai, UAE – 83.9
4. Sharjah, UAE – 83.7
5. Taipei, Taiwan – 83.6

Top safest Cities in India 2025 :

49 Mangalore, Karnataka
85 Vadodara, Gujarat
93 Ahmedabad, Gujarat
106 Surat, Gujarat
118 Jaipur, Rajasthan
126 Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
149 Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Top 5 safest country :

1 United Arab Emirates (UAE)
2 Andorra
3 Qatar
4 Taiwan
5 Macao (China)
6 India

Ques: The recently approved "Atal Bihari Vajpayee-Chevening Scholarship" will support students from which state to pursue higher education in the UK?
प्रश्न: हाल ही में स्वीकृत "अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी-चीवेनिंग छात्रवृत्ति" के तहत किस राज्य के छात्रों को ब्रिटेन में उच्च शिक्षा प्राप्त करने में सहायता मिलेगी?

A. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
B. Bihar / बिहार
C. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
D. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
E. Haryana / हरियाणा

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee-Chevening Uttar Pradesh State Government Scholarship Scheme.
• Under the scheme, 5 outstanding students from Uttar Pradesh will be selected annually to pursue a one-year master's degree at a reputed UK university.
• The scheme will run for three academic years — 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28.
• It is a joint initiative between the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).
• The scholarship covers tuition fees, research expenses, a monthly living allowance, and round-trip economy airfare.
• The UP government will contribute ₹23 lakh per student, with the rest funded by the UK's FCDO.

Ques: The Government of India decided to withdraw the draft Digital Competition Bill mainly because:
भारत सरकार ने डिजिटल प्रतिस्पर्धा विधेयक का मसौदा वापस लेने का मुख्य कारण क्या था?

A. Lack of parliamentary approval / संसदीय अनुमोदन की कमी
B. Over-reliance on turnover thresholds to define SSDE / SSDE परिभाषित करने के लिए टर्नओवर थ्रेशोल्ड पर अत्यधिक निर्भरता
C. Budget constraints / बजट की कमी
D. Absence of digital market players in India / भारत में डिजिटल बाजार खिलाड़ियों की कमी
E. Conflict with state laws / राज्य कानूनों से टकराव

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The draft Digital Competition Bill (DCB) aimed to introduce ex-ante regulations for large online enterprises.
• Proposed turnover-based thresholds to classify Systematically Significant Digital Enterprises (SSDE).
• Faced heavy criticism during inter-ministerial consultations as high turnover ≠ market dominance.
• Example: Apple has ~6% smartphone market share in India but high revenues due to product pricing.
• Government decided to withdraw the current draft and initiate a fresh market study with MCA, MeitY, and industry stakeholders before introducing a revised bill.

Ques: Which Indian football club won the U-14 Norway Cup 2025 with a 14-1 victory in the final?
प्रश्न: किस भारतीय फुटबॉल क्लब ने फाइनल में 14-1 की जीत के साथ U-14 नॉर्वे कप 2025 जीता?

A. Bengaluru FC / बेंगलुरु एफसी
B. Mohun Bagan SG / मोहन बागान एसजी
C. Minerva Academy FC / मिनर्वा अकादमी एफसी
D. Kerala Blasters FC / केरल ब्लास्टर्स एफसी
E. Churchill Brothers FC / चर्चिल ब्रदर्स एफसी

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Minerva Academy FC (Mohali) won the U-14 Norway Cup 2025, defeating Norwegian side SIF by 14-1 in the final.
• The team scored 130 goals in 8 matches, averaging 16.57 goals per game, making them the highest-scoring team across all age groups.
• In 2025, Minerva's U-14 team also won the Gothia Cup (Sweden) and Dana Cup (Denmark), becoming the first to win all three global youth tournaments in the same year.

Ques: What is the maximum cashless treatment amount provided under the Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims Scheme 2025?
सड़क दुर्घटना पीड़ितों के नकद रहित उपचार योजना 2025 के तहत अधिकतम नकद रहित उपचार राशि कितनी है?

A. ₹1 lakh
B. ₹1.25 lakh
C. ₹1.5 lakh
D. ₹2 lakh
E. ₹2.5 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims Scheme 2025 was notified for pan-India implementation on 5 May 2025, with guidelines issued on 4 June 2025.
• Provides cashless treatment up to ₹1.5 lakh per victim for a maximum of 7 days from the date of accident at designated hospitals across India.
• Not part of Ayushman Bharat (AB-PMJAY), but a statutory scheme ensuring timely and equitable trauma care.
• Uses National Health Authority IT platform for registration, verification, claim processing, and paperless service delivery.
• Funded jointly by general insurance companies for insured vehicles and by Central Government for uninsured cases.
• ₹272 crore allocated for uninsured vehicle cases in FY 2025-26.

Ques: Tendong Lho Rum Faat, recently celebrated in Sikkim, is a traditional festival of which tribe?
प्रश्न: हाल ही में सिक्किम में मनाया तेंडोंग ल्हो रुम फाट किस जनजाति का पारंपरिक त्योहार है?

A. Bhutia Tribe / भूटिया जनजाति
B. Lepcha Tribe / लेपचा जनजाति
C. Limboo Tribe / लिम्बू जनजाति
D. Sherpa Tribe / शेर्पा जनजाति
E. Memba Tribe / मेंबा जनजाति

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Tendong Lho Rum Faat is a traditional nature-worshipping festival of the Lepcha tribe.
• The Lepchas are indigenous to eastern Nepal, western Bhutan, Sikkim, and the Darjeeling district of West Bengal.
• They call themselves 'Rongs' or 'Rongkups' and live mainly on the southern and eastern slopes of Mt. Kanchenjunga.
• Classified as a Scheduled Tribe in Sikkim, they are a vanishing community with a population of around 42,909 (Census 2011).
• Traditionally hunters and gatherers, they now also practice farming and cattle breeding.

Ques: ISRO will soon launch a 6,500 kg communication satellite built by which country?

ISRO जल्द ही 6,500 किलोग्राम वजनी संचार उपग्रह का प्रक्षेपण करेगा, जिसे किस देश ने बनाया है?

A. Russia / रूस
B. USA / अमेरिका
C. France / फ्रांस
D. Japan / जापान
E. UK / यूनाइटेड किंगडम

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• ISRO will launch a 6,500 kg communication satellite built in the United States in the coming months.
• The launch will be done using an Indian rocket from Indian soil, showcasing ISRO's technological advancement.
• Announcement made by ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan near Chennai.
• Follows the July 30, 2025 launch of the NISAR satellite using GSLV-F16.
• Narayanan recalled how in 1963, the US gifted India a small rocket, marking the start of India's space program.
• Symbolizes India's journey from receiving a small rocket to launching a massive US-built satellite.

Ques: Which village in rural Nagpur is leading India's rural digital transformation initiative?
प्रश्न: भारत के ग्रामीण डिजिटल परिवर्तन पहल में ग्रामीण नागपुर का कौन सा गांव सबसे आगे है?

A. Katol / कटोल
B. Satnavri / सतनावरी
C. Umred / उमरेड
D. Kalmeshwar / कलमेश्वर
E. Narkhed / नरखेड़

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Satnavri village in rural Nagpur is at the forefront of India's rural digital transformation.
• The initiative integrates advanced technology into rural life across agriculture, education, healthcare, governance, and finance.
• The pilot project was approved by Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis after a detailed blueprint by the Voice of Indian Communication Technology Enterprises (VOICE).

Ques: When did INS Sandhayak enter Singapore for its maiden visit?
आईएनएस संध्याक अपने पहले दौरे पर सिंगापुर में कब पहुंचा?

A. 15 Aug 2025
B. 26 Jan 2025
C. 5 Aug 2025
D. 1 Feb 2024
E. 9 Aug 2025

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• INS Sandhayak is India's first indigenous Survey Vessel Large (SVL) with advanced hydrographic capability.
• Entered Singapore on 9 August 2025 for a three-day visit, coinciding with Singapore's National Day.
• Visit aimed to strengthen bilateral hydrographic cooperation and promote technical/professional exchanges.
• Commissioned in Feb 2024 in presence of the Defence Minister.
• Features include coastal & deep-water survey capacity, SAR/humanitarian roles, helicopter operations, and onboard hospital.
• Activities included meetings with Royal Singapore Navy officials, capability demonstrations, and visits for schoolchildren & Indian High Commission families.

Ques: Indian Naval Ships Udaygiri and Himgiri are part of which project?
भारतीय नौसैनिक पोत उदयगिरि और हिमगिरि किस परियोजना के अंतर्गत हैं?

A. Project 75
B. Project 17A
C. Project 28
D. Project 15B

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Project 17A is the Indian Navy's advanced stealth frigate program, designed with improved weapons, sensors, and reduced radar signature.
• Indian Naval Ships Udaygiri and Himgiri are part of this series.
• Both ships will be commissioned together at Visakhapatnam on 26 August.
• The commissioning highlights India's indigenous warship-building capability.

Ques: The first-ever interstate agricultural trade under the National Agriculture Market (eNAM) was conducted between which two states/UTs?
प्रश्न: राष्ट्रीय कृषि बाजार (ई-नाम) के अंतर्गत पहली बार अंतरराज्यीय कृषि व्यापार किन दो राज्यों/केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों के बीच हुआ?

A. Punjab and Maharashtra / पंजाब और महाराष्ट्र
B. Jammu & Kashmir and Maharashtra / जम्मू-कश्मीर और महाराष्ट्र
C. Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat / हिमाचल प्रदेश और गुजरात
D. Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu / उत्तराखंड और तमिलनाडु
E. Haryana and West Bengal / हरियाणा और पश्चिम बंगाल

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The first-ever interstate agricultural trade under National Agriculture Market (eNAM) took place between Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) and Maharashtra.
• A truck carrying 11 metric tonnes of apples and pears from J&K reached Gultekdi Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) in Pune, Maharashtra.
• eNAM is a centralized online portal launched by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW) to connect APMCs nationwide for transparent price discovery, quality assurance, and reduced middlemen interference.

Ques: What is the total length of the newly inaugurated Bengaluru Metro Yellow Line?
हाल ही में उद्घाटित बेंगलुरु मेट्रो येलो लाइन की कुल लंबाई कितनी है?

A. 15.25 km
B. 19.15 km
C. 22.40 km
D. 25.10 km
E. 44.65 km

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 19.15 km-long Bengaluru Metro Yellow Line, connecting RV Road to Bommasandra via 16 stations.
• Project cost: ₹5,056.99 crore.
• He also laid the foundation stone for Bengaluru Metro Phase-3, a 44.65 km expansion costing ₹15,611 crore.
• Three new Vande Bharat Express trains were flagged off from KSR Railway Station, improving connectivity to Belagavi, Tumakuru, Davanagere, Hubballi, and Dharwad.
• Political backdrop: Bengaluru is a BJP stronghold, with the party winning all 4 Lok Sabha seats and 14 out of 28 Assembly seats.
• Funding dispute: State claimed 80% of Yellow Line cost was funded by Karnataka, Centre gave 20%.

Ques: Who is the author of the book The Conscience Network?
द कॉन्शिएंस नेटवर्क पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?

A. Ramachandra Guha / रामचंद्र गुहा
B. Sugata Srinivasaraju / सुगता श्रीनिवासराजु
C. Shashi Tharoor / शशि थरूर
D. Arundhati Roy / अरुंधति रॉय
E. Jairam Ramesh / जयराम रमेश

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Conscience Network: A Chronicle of Resistance to a Dictatorship is authored by Sugata Srinivasaraju.
• The book is published by Penguin Random House India at a price of ₹1,299.
• The subtitle highlights its focus on political resistance against dictatorship.
• Sugata Srinivasaraju is a journalist, author, and columnist with nearly three decades of experience writing on politics, culture, and contemporary history.
• The book reflects the author's deep engagement with India's political and cultural landscape over the past 30 years.

Ques: Where will the ₹1,800-crore 'Brahma–BEML Rail Manufacturing Hub' be established?
प्रश्न: ₹1,800 करोड़ का 'ब्रह्मा–बीईएमएल रेल मैन्युफैक्चरिंग हब' कहाँ स्थापित किया जाएगा?

A. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh / भोपाल, मध्य प्रदेश
B. Umaria village, Obedullaganj / उमरिया गांव, ओबेदुल्लागंज
C. Nagpur, Maharashtra / नागपुर, महाराष्ट्र
D. Vadodara, Gujarat / वडोदरा, गुजरात
E. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh / ग्वालियर, मध्य प्रदेश

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Government of India laid the foundation stone for the ₹1,800-crore Brahma–BEML Rail Manufacturing Hub in Umaria village of Obedullaganj, Bhojpur Assembly, Vidisha Parliamentary Constituency, Madhya Pradesh.
• The plant will have world-class facilities for the design, manufacturing, assembly, and testing of Vande Bharat trains, metro coaches, and defence products.
• Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and Madhya Pradesh CM Dr. Mohan Yadav attended; Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw joined virtually.
• The project aligns with India's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat by promoting self-reliance and boosting the domestic economy.
• Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan emphasized that if 1.44 billion Indians adopt Swadeshi, the economy will strengthen further.

Ques: When is World Tribal Day (International Day of the World's Indigenous People) observed every year?
प्रश्न: विश्व जनजातीय दिवस (विश्व के आदिवासी लोगों का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस) हर वर्ष कब मनाया जाता है?

A. 5 June
B. 9 August
C. 12 October
D. 21 March
E. 15 July

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• World Tribal Day, also called World Indigenous Day or International Day of the World's Indigenous People, is observed annually on 9 August.
• It supports and protects the rights of the world's indigenous people.
• The United Nations General Assembly designated this date in December 1994 for the annual observance.
• 2025 Theme: "Indigenous Peoples and Artificial Intelligence – Defending Rights, Shaping the Future".

IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Actor Aditi Rao Hydari will be felicitated with the Diversity in Cinema Award at the upcoming
edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne
(IFFM).

India to participate in 38th Bogota International Book Fair 2026 as 'Guest of Honour'

Shah Rukh Khan Appointed as Brand ambassador of Zomato, online food delivery platform in India

Operation Safe Campus Zone' aims at preventing the sale of cigarettes and illicit drugs within 100 yards of educational institutions. 25,807 cases registered under this Operation in Andhra Pradesh

The Government of India is planning to launch a ₹2,250 crore Export Promotion Mission to safeguard Indian industries from global trade uncertainties, including impacts of Trump tariffs.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

अभिनेत्री अदिति राव हैदरी को मेलबर्न भारतीय फिल्म महोत्सव (IFFM) के आगामी संस्करण में सिनेमा में विविधता पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया जाएगा।

भारत 38वें बोगोटा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक मेले 2026 में 'विशिष्ट अतिथि' के रूप में भाग लेगा।

शाहरुख खान को भारत में ऑनलाइन फ़ूड डिलीवरी प्लेटफ़ॉर्म ज़ोमैटो का ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया गया।

ऑपरेशन सेफ कैंपस ज़ोन का उद्देश्य शैक्षणिक संस्थानों के 100 गज के दायरे में सिगरेट और अवैध नशीले पदार्थों की बिक्री को रोकना है। आंध्र प्रदेश में इस अभियान के तहत 25,807 मामले दर्ज किए गए हैं।

भारत सरकार ट्रम्प टैरिफ के प्रभावों सहित वैश्विक व्यापार अनिश्चितताओं से भारतीय उद्योगों की सुरक्षा के लिए ₹2,250 करोड़ का निर्यात संवर्धन मिशन शुरू करने की योजना बना रही है।

Ques: Which bank has partnered with VinFast Auto in India to provide auto and inventory financing for its exclusive dealer network?
प्रश्न: भारत में विनफास्ट ऑटो ने अपने विशेष डीलर नेटवर्क के लिए ऑटो और इन्वेंट्री फाइनेंसिंग प्रदान करने हेतु किस बैंक के साथ साझेदारी की है?

A. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
B. Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
C. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
D. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
E. Kotak Mahindra Bank / कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• VinFast Auto, a subsidiary of Vietnam's electric vehicle manufacturer VinFast, has partnered with HDFC Bank in India.
• The partnership will provide auto loans and inventory financing to VinFast's exclusive dealer network.
• It aims to help dealers with vehicle procurement and stock management, improving operational efficiency.
• This collaboration will also support VinFast's electric vehicle market expansion strategy in India.

Ques: Why did the Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) suspend motor insurance operations of Oriental Insurance Company (OIC) in Dubai?
प्रश्न: दुबई में ओरिएंटल इंश्योरेंस कंपनी *(OIC)* के मोटर बीमा संचालन को यूएई के सेंट्रल बैंक *(CBUAE)* ने क्यों निलंबित किया?

A. Due to financial losses / वित्तीय नुकसान के कारण
B. Due to non-compliance with regulatory requirements / नियामक आवश्यकताओं का पालन न करने के कारण
C. Due to a merger with another company / किसी अन्य कंपनी के साथ विलय के कारण
D. Due to low customer base / कम ग्राहक संख्या के कारण
E. Due to cyber security issues / साइबर सुरक्षा समस्याओं के कारण

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) suspended OIC's motor insurance operations in Dubai due to non-compliance with regulatory requirements.
• OIC had to deposit a statutory bank guarantee of AED 100 million but was denied additional time by CBUAE to obtain board and regulatory approvals.
• OIC has decided to place its Dubai operations in run-off mode; the branch began operations in 1960 and generated a total business of Rs 296 crore in 2024.
• The suspension reflects the strict regulatory environment in the UAE to ensure compliance and financial stability in the insurance sector.

Ques: What was the year-on-year growth in net profit of Public Sector Banks in Q1 FY26?
प्रश्न: Q1 FY26 में सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों के शुद्ध लाभ में सालाना वृद्धि कितनी रही?

A. 8.2%
B. 9.5%
C. 10.6%
D. 11.8%
E. 12.4%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Public Sector Banks recorded a 10.6% year-on-year growth in net profit in April–June 2025 (Q1 FY26).
• Net profit rose to ₹44,218 crore from ₹39,974 crore in the same quarter last year.
• Growth was driven by improved operational efficiency and stable asset quality.
• The performance highlights the resilience of the PSB sector despite macroeconomic challenges

Ques: As of 2025, what is the government's stake in Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)?
प्रश्न: 2025 में भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम (LIC) में सरकार की हिस्सेदारी कितनी है?

A. 90%
B. 93.85%
C. 94.61%
D. 96.5%
E. 89.27%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Government of India currently holds 96.5% stake in LIC, after selling 3.5% during its IPO in 2022.
• As per SEBI regulations, LIC must comply with the 10% minimum public shareholding rule by 16 May 2027.
• The Centre plans deeper divestments in LIC and five public sector banks (Indian Overseas Bank, Punjab & Sind Bank, UCO Bank, Central Bank of India, and Bank of Maharashtra) to reduce government stake below 75% by August 2026.
• Only Bank of Maharashtra is expected to meet the August 2026 target on time.

Ques: The first International Manuscript Heritage Conference in India will commemorate which historic event?
प्रश्न: भारत में पहला अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पांडुलिपि धरोहर सम्मेलन किस ऐतिहासिक घटना की वर्षगांठ पर आयोजित होगा?

A. Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi March / महात्मा गांधी का दांडी मार्च
B. Rabindranath Tagore's Nobel Prize / रवींद्रनाथ ठाकुर का नोबेल पुरस्कार
C. Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Address / स्वामी विवेकानंद का शिकागो भाषण
D. First Indian Census / पहली भारतीय जनगणना
E. Establishment of Nalanda University / नालंदा विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The first-ever International Manuscript Heritage Conference will be held in September 2025 in India.
• It will commemorate the 132nd anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's historic 11 September 1893 Chicago address at the Parliament of the World's Religions.
• The conference will bring together scholars, historians, manuscript experts, and cultural practitioners to explore, preserve, and promote India's manuscript heritage.
• Key themes include decipherment of ancient scripts, manuscript conservation and restoration, digitization tools, cultural diplomacy, and legal frameworks for preservation.

Ques: Which award did Terminal 2 of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport win in 2025?
प्रश्न: लोकप्रिय गोपीनाथ बोरदोलोई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (गुवाहाटी) के टर्मिनल 2 ने 2025 में कौन सा पुरस्कार जीता?

A. International Green Building Award / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हरित भवन पुरस्कार
B. International Architectural Award in Transport Category / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आर्किटेक्चरल अवार्ड – परिवहन श्रेणी
C. World Travel Award / वर्ल्ड ट्रैवल अवार्ड
D. Global Airport Excellence Award / ग्लोबल एयरपोर्ट एक्सीलेंस अवार्ड
E. UNESCO Heritage Architecture Award / यूनेस्को हेरिटेज आर्किटेक्चर अवार्ड

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Terminal 2 (T2) of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, also known as Guwahati International Airport, won the International Architectural Award 2025 in the Transport Category.
• The award is conferred by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design, in collaboration with The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies, and Metropolitan Arts Press Limited.
• The airport, operated by Adani Airport Holdings Limited, connects Northeast India to the rest of the country and international destinations.
• The architectural design of T2 draws inspiration from the resilience of bamboo and the grace of the foxtail orchid, symbolizing Assam's cultural and natural heritage.

Ques: What is the purpose of the National Sports Governance Bill passed in Lok Sabha?
प्रश्न: लोकसभा में पारित राष्ट्रीय खेल प्रशासन विधेयक का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To provide free sports facilities to all citizens / सभी नागरिकों को मुफ्त खेल सुविधाएं प्रदान करना
B. To regulate various sports administrators and federations in India / भारत में विभिन्न खेल प्रशासकों और महासंघों को विनियमित करना
C. To promote traditional sports only / केवल पारंपरिक खेलों को बढ़ावा देना
D. To privatize all sports federations / सभी खेल महासंघों का निजीकरण करना
E. To merge all sports federations under one body / सभी खेल महासंघों को एक संस्था में विलय करना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The National Sports Governance Bill, moved by Sports Minister Mansukh Mandviya, seeks to regulate various sports administrators in India.
• It constitutes a National Sports Board (NSB) to oversee all sports federations, including India's richest sports body, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
• Alongside, the National Anti-Doping Amendment Bill 2025 provides greater operational independence to India's Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) in accordance with World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) guidelines.
• These Bills aim to improve governance, transparency, and accountability in Indian sports administration.

Ques: What is the purpose of Punjab's newly launched 'Baaj Akh' Anti-Drone System?
प्रश्न: पंजाब द्वारा हाल ही में लॉन्च किए गए 'बाज अख' एंटी-ड्रोन सिस्टम का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To monitor weather patterns / मौसम के पैटर्न की निगरानी के लिए
B. To curb cross-border drug smuggling / सीमा पार से मादक पदार्थ तस्करी को रोकने के लिए
C. To enhance agricultural productivity / कृषि उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए
D. To track wildlife movement / वन्यजीवों की गतिविधियों को ट्रैक करने के लिए
E. To assist in disaster management / आपदा प्रबंधन में सहायता के लिए

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Punjab has launched the 'Baaj Akh' Anti-Drone System (ADS) from Tarn Taran to curb the supply of drugs from across the border.
• Three ADS units have been launched, with six more planned, to prevent smuggling via drones.
• The system will immediately neutralize drones attempting to enter the state from across the border.
• Deployment will cover the border stretch from Pathankot to Fazilka as a second line of defense.
• The system will operate in coordination with the Border Security Force (BSF) to strengthen border security and prevent drug trafficking.

Ques: Which Indian Naval Ship recently completed a port call at Casablanca, Morocco?
प्रश्न: हाल ही में कौन सा भारतीय नौसेना का जहाज मोरक्को के कैसाब्लांका बंदरगाह पर ठहराव पूरा कर चुका है?

A. INS Tushil / आईएनएस तुशील
B. INS Sunayak / आईएनएस सुनायक
C. INS Tamal / आईएनएस तमाल
D. INS Vikrant / आईएनएस विक्रांत
E. INS Kolkata / आईएनएस कोलकाता

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• INS Tamal, the Indian Navy's newest stealth frigate, completed a port call at Casablanca, Morocco during her return voyage to India.
• INS Tamal is the third Indian Naval Ship in the last two years to visit Casablanca, after INS Tushil and INS Sunayak.
• India's Ambassador to Morocco, Sanjay Rana, visited the ship and interacted with both the Moroccan naval leadership and the Indian crew.
• As part of departure activities, INS Tamal conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the Royal Moroccan Navy Ship Mohammed VI.
• The visit strengthens naval cooperation between India and Morocco and showcases India's maritime diplomacy.

Ques: As of August 2025, how many unorganised workers have registered on the e-Shram portal?
प्रश्न: अगस्त 2025 तक कितने असंगठित श्रमिक ई-श्रम पोर्टल पर पंजीकृत हुए हैं?

A. 25.87 crore
B. 28.56 crore
C. 30.98 crore
D. 32.10 crore
E. 29.45 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The e-Shram portal was launched on 26 August 2021 by the Ministry of Labour & Employment to create a National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW) linked with Aadhaar.
• As of 5 August 2025, registrations crossed 30.98 crore.
• The portal's "One-Stop-Solution" integrates 14 welfare schemes such as PMSVANidhi, PMJJBY, PMFBY, MGNREGS, PMAY, PM-KISAN, ONORC, and PMMVY.
• It also connects with PM-SYM, NCS, SIDH, UMANG, DigiLocker, myScheme, and OGD.
• The Platform Aggregator module launched on 12 December 2024 brings 12 gig economy platforms (Zomato, Blinkit, Urban Company, Uber, Ola, Amazon, Swiggy, Rapido, Zepto, Ecom Express, Uncle Delivery) under one umbrella for social security access.

Ques: What is the mascot of the 71st Nehru Trophy Boat Race (NTBR) depicting?
प्रश्न: 71वें नेहरू ट्रॉफी बोट रेस (NTBR) का मैस्कॉट किसे दर्शा रहा है?

A. A kingfisher flying over water / पानी के ऊपर उड़ता हुआ पखेरू
B. A drongo (Kakkathampuratti) rowing a canoe / कैनो चला रहा ड्रोंगो (कक्कथमपुरत्ति)
C. A dolphin jumping out of the lake / झील से कूदता हुआ डॉल्फिन
D. A snake boat racing / दौड़ती हुई सर्प नौका
E. A fisherman casting net / जाल फेंकता मछुआरा

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The mascot of the 71st Nehru Trophy Boat Race (NTBR) depicts a drongo, locally called Kakkathampuratti, rowing a canoe.
• It was designed by S. Anupama from Vattayal in Alappuzha.
• NTBR is one of the pioneer snake boat races in Kerala, held on Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha.
• The event's name was inspired by Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to Kerala in 1952.
• The 71st edition of the race is scheduled for August 30.

Ques: Which country has been declared free of sleeping sickness by WHO?
प्रश्न: किस देश को WHO ने स्लीपिंग सिकनेस (मानव अफ्रीकी ट्राइपैनोसोमियासिस) से मुक्त घोषित किया है?

A. Uganda / युगांडा
B. Kenya / केन्या
C. Tanzania / तंजानिया
D. Nigeria / नाइजीरिया
E. Ghana / घाना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• WHO has certified Kenya as having eliminated human African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness) as a public health challenge.
• Kenya is the 10th country to reach this critical milestone.
• The disease is caused by protozoan parasites transmitted through infected tsetse flies and is endemic in sub-Saharan Africa.
• Symptoms include fever, headaches, joint pain, and in advanced stages, neurological issues such as confusion, disrupted sleep, and behavioral changes.
• Human African trypanosomiasis is the second neglected tropical disease to be eliminated in Kenya, after Guinea worm disease was declared eradicated in 2018.

Ques: Flipkart recently launched the 'Gourmet' category under which service?
प्रश्न: फ्लिपकार्ट ने हाल ही में 'गौर्मेट' श्रेणी किस सेवा के तहत शुरू की है?

A. Flipkart Express / फ्लिपकार्ट एक्सप्रेस
B. Flipkart Now / फ्लिपकार्ट नाउ
C. Flipkart Minutes / फ्लिपकार्ट मिनट्स
D. Flipkart Plus / फ्लिपकार्ट प्लस
E. Flipkart Fresh / फ्लिपकार्ट फ्रेश

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Flipkart has launched the 'Gourmet' category under its quick commerce platform – Flipkart Minutes.
• The category offers over 650 products from more than 130 brands.
• Products are sourced from international destinations like South Korea, Italy, France, and the USA.
• This move is aimed at catering to the growing demand for premium and imported food products in India.

Ques: Where is the Indian Army organizing the drone competition Surya Dronnathan 2025?
प्रश्न: भारतीय सेना ने ड्रोन प्रतियोगिता सुर्या ड्रोननाथन 2025 कहाँ आयोजित की है?

A. Leh, Ladakh / लेह, लद्दाख
B. Sumdo, Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh / सुमदो, स्पीति घाटी, हिमाचल प्रदेश
C. Gangtok, Sikkim / गंगटोक, सिक्किम
D. Dehradun, Uttarakhand / देहरादून, उत्तराखंड
E. Jaipur, Rajasthan / जयपुर, राजस्थान

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Indian Army's Surya Command, in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India, is organizing Surya Dronnathan 2025 at Sumdo in the Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh.
• The competition aims to leverage cutting-edge indigenous technology and foster a strong ecosystem of innovation in the defense sector.
• Participants navigate one of the country's highest drone obstacle courses at an altitude of 10,700 feet from August 10 to 24, 2025.
• The event is held in two phases: Phase 1 – August 10–15, 2025, and Phase 2 – August 20–24, 2025.
• Surya Command, also known as the Central Command, is one of the seven commands of the Indian Army, headquartered in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

Ques: Which global tech companies has BSNL signed MoUs with for advanced skilling programs?
प्रश्न: BSNL ने उन्नत कौशल विकास कार्यक्रमों के लिए किन वैश्विक तकनीकी कंपनियों के साथ MoU किए हैं?

A. Ericsson India, Qualcomm, Cisco, Nokia / एरिक्सन इंडिया, क्वालकॉम, सिस्को, नोकिया
B. Intel, IBM, Microsoft, Huawei / इंटेल, आईबीएम, माइक्रोसॉफ्ट, हुआवेई
C. Samsung, Google, TCS, Infosys / सैमसंग, गूगल, टीसीएस, इंफोसिस
D. Oracle, Dell, HP, Lenovo / ओरैकल, डेल, एचपी, लेनोवो
E. Apple, Sony, Ericsson, Cisco / एप्पल, सोनी, एरिक्सन, सिस्को

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• BSNL signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with four global tech companies: Ericsson India Pvt. Limited, Qualcomm Technologies Inc., Cisco Systems, and Nokia Solutions and Networks India Pvt. Limited.
• The program aims to train over 2,000 students annually, with Phase 1 investments exceeding Rs. 1 crore.
• Advanced skilling programs will focus on 5G, Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning, networking, and digital technologies at Bharat Ratna Bhim Rao Ambedkar Institute of Telecom Training (BRBRAITT) in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
• Each company will contribute uniquely:

Ericsson India: Establish a dedicated 5G Centre of Excellence and provide hands-on training.
Qualcomm: Focus on advanced 5G and AI training for students, BSNL trainers, and government stakeholders.
Cisco Systems: Enhance skills in networking, cybersecurity, and IT infrastructure.
Nokia Solutions & Networks: Support development of 5G CoE and AI/ML Lab, training 300 students annually.

Ques: The recent gain in mangrove cover in West Bengal is largely attributed to which programmes?
प्रश्न: पश्चिम बंगाल में हाल ही में मैंग्रोव क्षेत्र में हुई वृद्धि मुख्य रूप से किन कार्यक्रमों के कारण है?

A. Green India Mission & ICZM / ग्रीन इंडिया मिशन और आईसीजेडएम
B. MISHTI & CAMPA–MGNREGS / मिश्टी और कैम्पा–मनरेगा
C. CRZ & Project Tiger / सीआरजेड और प्रोजेक्ट टाइगर
D. National Afforestation Programme & REDD+ / राष्ट्रीय वनीकरण कार्यक्रम और रेड्ड+
E. Blue Carbon Initiative & ICZM / ब्लू कार्बन इनिशिएटिव और आईसीजेडएम

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• As per Indian State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2013 & 2023, West Bengal's mangrove cover increased from 2,097 sq. km to 2,119.16 sq. km — a gain of 22.16 sq. km over the last decade.
• The growth is credited mainly to MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Income) and CAMPA–MGNREGS convergence supporting afforestation and eco-restoration.
• Other contributing measures include Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notifications, the Conservation and Management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs Scheme, and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in coordination with the West Bengal government.
• Project Tiger in the Sundarban Tiger Reserve also helps protect the habitat for the Royal Bengal Tiger.

Ques: What is the key feature of the Indian Railways' experimental Round Trip Package scheme?
प्रश्न: भारतीय रेलवे की प्रायोगिक राउंड ट्रिप पैकेज योजना की मुख्य विशेषता क्या है?

A. Free meals on return journey / वापसी यात्रा पर मुफ्त भोजन
B. 20% rebate on the base fare of the return journey / वापसी यात्रा के मूल किराए पर 20% छूट
C. Complimentary travel insurance / निःशुल्क यात्रा बीमा
D. Priority boarding for festive season travelers / त्योहारी सीजन यात्रियों के लिए प्राथमिक बोर्डिंग
E. Free Wi-Fi on trains / ट्रेनों में मुफ्त वाई-फाई

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Indian Railways has launched an experimental Round Trip Package scheme offering a 20% rebate on the base fare of the return journey.
• The initiative aims to spread out passenger traffic, reduce last-minute booking pressure, and make travel more convenient during the festive season.
• Bookings for the scheme open on August 14, 2025, for onward journeys between October 13–26, 2025, with return journeys scheduled between November 17–December 1, 2025.
• This scheme is designed to encourage advance planning and smoother travel during peak travel periods.

Ques: What is the theme of International Youth Day 2025?
प्रश्न: अंतर्राष्ट्रीय युवा दिवस 2025 का थीम क्या है?

A. Youth for Climate Action / जलवायु कार्रवाई के लिए युवा
B. Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond / एसडीजी और उससे आगे स्थानीय युवा गतिविधियां
C. Empowering Rural Youth / ग्रामीण युवाओं को सशक्त बनाना
D. Youth and Technology / युवा और प्रौद्योगिकी
E. Global Youth Leadership / वैश्विक युवा नेतृत्व

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• International Youth Day is observed annually on August 12, as declared by the UN General Assembly in 1999.
• The first celebration took place on August 12, 2000.
• The theme for 2025 is Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond, focusing on youth contributions towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
• National Youth Day, also called Vivekananda Jayanti, is celebrated on January 12 to mark the birthday of Swami Vivekananda.

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The 16th edition of the Air Chief Marshal LM Katre Memorial Lecture was held at the HAL Management Academy Auditorium, Bengaluru.

Kerala State Financial Enterprises (KSFE) became the first miscellaneous non-banking financial company (NBFC) in India to surpass a business turnover of Rs 1 lakh crore, doubling its business from Rs 50,000 crore within four years.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off Amritsar – Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Train.

The Patriotic Film Festival, which is being organised by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the National Film Development Corporation, has begun in New Delhi at Siri Fort Auditorium.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 184 newly constructed Type-VII multi-storey flats for Members of Parliament at Baba Kharak Singh Marg in New Delhi. The four towers are named Krishna, Godavari, Kosi, and Hooghly.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

एयर चीफ मार्शल एलएम कात्रे स्मृति व्याख्यान का 16वां संस्करण बेंगलुरु के एचएएल प्रबंधन अकादमी सभागार में आयोजित किया गया।

केरल राज्य वित्तीय उद्यम (केएसएफई) भारत की पहली विविध गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय कंपनी (एनबीएफसी) बन गई जिसने 1 लाख करोड़ रुपये का कारोबार पार कर लिया, और चार वर्षों के भीतर अपने कारोबार को 50,000 करोड़ रुपये से दोगुना कर दिया।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने अमृतसर-श्री माता वैष्णो देवी कटरा वंदे भारत ट्रेन को हरी झंडी दिखाई।

सूचना एवं प्रसारण मंत्रालय और राष्ट्रीय फिल्म विकास निगम द्वारा आयोजित देशभक्ति फिल्म महोत्सव नई दिल्ली के सिरी फोर्ट सभागार में शुरू हो गया है।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने नई दिल्ली के बाबा खड़क सिंह मार्ग पर सांसदों के लिए नवनिर्मित टाइप-VII बहुमंजिला फ्लैटों का उद्घाटन किया। चार मीनारों के नाम कृष्णा, गोदावरी, कोसी और हुगली हैं।

Ques: Which bank has won the Apex Bank award for the 23rd time for its performance in 2023–24?
प्रश्न: किस बैंक ने 2023-24 के प्रदर्शन के लिए 23वीं बार एपेक्स बैंक पुरस्कार जीता है?

A. Karnataka State Apex Cooperative Bank / कर्नाटक स्टेट एपेक्स कोऑपरेटिव बैंक
B. South Canara District Central Cooperative Bank / साउथ कन्नारा डिस्ट्रिक्ट सेंट्रल कोऑपरेटिव बैंक
C. Mysuru District Cooperative Bank / मैसूरु डिस्ट्रिक्ट कोऑपरेटिव बैंक
D. Tumkur District Central Cooperative Bank / तुमकुर डिस्ट्रिक्ट सेंट्रल कोऑपरेटिव बैंक
E. Dharwad District Central Cooperative Bank / धारवाड़ डिस्ट्रिक्ट सेंट्रल कोऑपरेटिव बैंक

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• South Canara District Central Cooperative (SCDCC) Bank won the Apex Bank award for the 23rd time for its performance in 2023–24.
• The award is given by the Karnataka State Apex Cooperative Bank, which coordinates and supervises all District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) in Karnataka.
• SCDCC Bank also received an ‘A’ certificate in the cooperative audit for the year.

Ques: UIDAI recently celebrated a milestone in digital authentication by recording how many crore Face Authentication transactions?
प्रश्न: यूआईडीएआई ने हाल ही में डिजिटल प्रमाणीकरण में कितने करोड़ फेस ऑथेंटिकेशन लेन-देन दर्ज कर एक मील का पत्थर मनाया?

A. 50 करोड़
B. 100 करोड़
C. 150 करोड़
D. 200 करोड़
E. 250 करोड़

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) celebrated achieving 200 crore Face Authentication transactions, marking India's rapid move towards seamless, secure, and paperless authentication.
• The adoption pace has been exponential — by mid-2024, 50 crore transactions were recorded.
• The number doubled to 100 crore in January 2025 within just five months.
• This achievement highlights the increasing trust and efficiency of Aadhaar-based digital services in India.

Ques: Bank of Baroda recently launched which UPI application to enable seamless and secure cross-border digital payments?
प्रश्न: बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा ने हाल ही में सीमलेस और सुरक्षित अंतरराष्ट्रीय डिजिटल भुगतान सक्षम करने के लिए कौन सा UPI एप्लिकेशन लॉन्च किया है?

A. bob Global Pay / बॉब ग्लोबल पे
B. bob UPI World / बॉब यूपीआई वर्ल्ड
C. bob International / बॉब इंटरनेशनल
D. bob e-Pay / बॉब ई-पे
E. bob CrossPay / बॉब क्रॉसपे

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Bank of Baroda has launched its new Unified Payments Interface (UPI) application named 'bob e-Pay' to provide secure, seamless, and real-time cross-border digital payments.
• The app offers three major services: UPI Global Acceptance, Foreign Inward Remittance, and UPI Services for NRIs and Indians travelling abroad.
• UPI Global Acceptance allows QR Code-based payments to international merchants in countries like Mauritius, Singapore, UAE, USA, France, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bhutan.
• Foreign Inward Remittance enables users to receive real-time 24/7 remittances from Singapore residents in INR.
• NRI UPI Services allow NRIs visiting India to link their NRE/NRO accounts to the bob e-Pay app and make UPI payments.
• The daily transaction limit for these international UPI services is ₹1,00,000, same as domestic UPI.

Ques: On 8 August 2025, SEBI removed the transaction fee for which participants in mutual funds?
8 अगस्त 2025 को SEBI ने म्यूचुअल फंड में किसके लिए ट्रांज़ैक्शन शुल्क हटाया?

A. Stock brokers / स्टॉक ब्रोकर
B. Mutual fund distributors / म्यूचुअल फंड वितरक
C. Insurance agents / बीमा एजेंट
D. Portfolio managers / पोर्टफोलियो प्रबंधक
E. Commodity traders / कमोडिटी ट्रेडर्स

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• On 8 August 2025, SEBI scrapped the ₹100 (₹150 for new investors) transaction fee charged on investments above ₹10,000 for mutual fund distributors.
• This fee was earlier deducted by Asset Management Companies (AMCs) in regular plans where distributors were involved.
• The change does not apply to direct plans, as they have no distributor involvement.
• SEBI took this decision after public consultation to reduce investor costs and improve transparency.
• The move is expected to make mutual fund investing simpler and more investor-friendly.

Ques: Which bank has partnered with CAMSPay to launch a new digital payment gateway for Indian enterprises?
किस बैंक ने CAMSPay के साथ मिलकर भारतीय उद्यमों के लिए नया डिजिटल पेमेंट गेटवे लॉन्च किया है?

A. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
B. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
C. Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
D. RBL Bank / आरबीएल बैंक
E. Kotak Mahindra Bank / कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• RBL Bank has partnered with CAMSPay, the payments arm of CAMS, to introduce a new digital payment gateway platform for Indian enterprises.
• RBL Bank will serve as the merchant acquiring settlement service partner, while CAMSPay will provide payment technology innovations.
• The platform offers features such as real-time analytics, automated reconciliation, secure card processing, and settlement through Open APIs.
• This collaboration will enable enterprises to handle large transaction volumes efficiently while ensuring full regulatory compliance.
• The initiative supports the growth of India's digital economy by enhancing payment infrastructure and transaction efficiency.

Ques: What was the total value of bad loans written off by PSBs in the last five years?
पिछले पांच वर्षों में PSBs द्वारा माफ किए गए खराब ऋण का कुल मूल्य कितना था?

A. ₹4.25 lakh crore
B. ₹5.82 lakh crore
C. ₹6.25 lakh crore
D. ₹7.15 lakh crore
E. ₹8.05 lakh crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Public Sector Banks (PSBs) wrote off bad loans worth ₹5.82 lakh crore in the last five financial years.
• The highest write-off occurred in 2020–21 at ₹1.33 lakh crore.
• In 2024–25, loan write-offs dropped to ₹91,260 crore from ₹1.15 lakh crore in 2023–24.
• PSBs recovered ₹1.65 lakh crore during this period, which is around 28% of the total write-offs.
• The trend reflects ongoing efforts to clean up balance sheets while facing challenges in full recovery of bad loans.

Ques: What was India's retail inflation rate in July 2025, the lowest since June 2017?

जुलाई 2025 में भारत की खुदरा मुद्रास्फीति दर क्या थी, जो जून 2017 के बाद सबसे कम है?

A) 2.10%
B) 4.00%
C) 1.55%
D) 0.95%
E) 2.04%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Retail inflation (CPI-based) dropped to 1.55% in July 2025 from 2.10% in June, hitting an 8-year low since June 2017.
• The decline was largely driven by cheaper vegetables (down 11.6% YoY), pulses, cereals, sugar, and confectionery, aided by a favourable base effect.
• Core inflation remained steady at 4%, indicating stable underlying price pressures.
• The trend, along with US tariff developments, may open room for an RBI rate cut in October 2025.

Ques: What is the primary objective of Assam's "Operation Falcon"?
प्रश्न: असम के "ऑपरेशन फाल्कन" का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Curbing illegal timber trade / अवैध लकड़ी व्यापार को रोकना
B. Eliminating rhino poaching networks / गैंडे के शिकार गिरोहों का उन्मूलन
C. Controlling human–wildlife conflict / मानव–वन्यजीव संघर्ष को नियंत्रित करना
D. Protecting migratory birds / प्रवासी पक्षियों की रक्षा करना
E. Conserving elephant corridors / हाथी कॉरिडोर का संरक्षण करना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Operation Falcon is a joint anti-poaching initiative launched in 2024 by the Assam Police and Assam Forest Department.
- Its aim is to eliminate rhino poaching networks and curb illegal wildlife trade.

In 2025 so far, it has:

- Arrested 42 rhino poachers
- Dismantled six major poaching gangs
- Foiled nine poaching attempts
- Ensured zero rhino killings in the state.

- Organisations involved: Assam Police (law enforcement, intelligence, operations) & Assam Forest Department (habitat monitoring, patrolling, wildlife protection)

Ques: Under the Incredible India Homestay Establishments scheme, homestays in India are classified into how many categories?
प्रश्न: 'इन्क्रेडिबल इंडिया होमस्टे प्रतिष्ठान' योजना के तहत भारत में होमस्टे को कितनी श्रेणियों में वर्गीकृत किया जाता है?

A. One
B. Two
C. Three
D. Four
E. Five

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Ministry of Tourism operates the voluntary Incredible India Homestay Establishments classification scheme to improve service quality and tourist experience for both domestic and international visitors.
• Homestays, including those in rural and tribal areas, are classified into two categories : Gold Category and Silver Category
• No financial assistance is provided under this classification scheme.
• The Government also launched the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan, aiming to develop 1,000 homestays in tribal areas, with States/UTs eligible for assistance up to ₹5 crore for 5–10 homestays per village in clusters of 5–6 villages.
• In Budget 2025–26, Mudra Loans were announced for homestays, providing collateral-free institutional credit.
• The NIDHI portal (under "One Nation, One Registration") collects data on registered and classified homestays but is not a booking platform.

Ques: What is the key change introduced by the Revised Income Tax Bill passed in the Lok Sabha in 2025?
प्रश्न: 2025 में लोकसभा में पारित संशोधित आयकर विधेयक द्वारा किया गया प्रमुख परिवर्तन क्या है?

A. Basic exemption limit raised to ₹15 lakh annually / वार्षिक ₹15 लाख तक की मूल छूट सीमा बढ़ाई गई
B. Income Tax Act 1961 retained with minor changes / आयकर अधिनियम 1961 को मामूली बदलावों के साथ बरकरार रखा गया
C. Full replacement of Income Tax Act 1961 with a modern framework / आयकर अधिनियम 1961 का पूर्ण प्रतिस्थापन आधुनिक ढांचे से किया गया
D. Abolition of TDS / टीडीएस समाप्त कर दिया गया
E. Introduction of new wealth tax / नया संपत्ति कर लागू किया गया

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Revised Income Tax Bill 2025 completely replaces the Income Tax Act, 1961, consolidating all income tax laws into a modern, simplified framework.
• It incorporates 285 recommendations of the Parliamentary Select Committee and various stakeholder suggestions.

Key objectives:

• Simplify compliance and remove outdated provisions.
• Increase transparency in tax administration.
• Facilitate ease of doing business with clear, consistent language.
• S.I.M.P.L.E principles: Streamlined, Integrated, Minimised litigation, Practical, Transparent, Learn & adapt, Efficient.

Structural changes:

• Sections reduced from 819 to 536; chapters limited to 23.
• Single concept of “Tax Year” replaces “Previous Year” & “Assessment Year”.
• CBDT empowered for digital-era rule-making.

Other key provisions:

- Basic exemption limit remains ₹12 lakh annually.
- TDS refunds allowed even if ITR filed late.
- UPS (Unified Pension Scheme) tax treatment aligned with NPS.

Ques: Which country announced it will recognise a Palestinian state at the UNGA in September 2025?
सितंबर 2025 में संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा में फिलीस्तीनी राज्य को मान्यता देने की घोषणा किस देश ने की है?

A. Canada / कनाडा
B. New Zealand / न्यूज़ीलैंड
C. Norway / नॉर्वे
D. Ireland / आयरलैंड
E. Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Australia, under Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, will formally recognise a Palestinian state at the UN General Assembly in September 2025.
• The decision supports a two-state solution, considered the best hope to end violence in the Middle East and bring peace to Gaza.
• Australia will work with the international community to ensure Palestinians have the right to an independent state.
• The move is based on assurances from the Palestinian Authority that Hamas will have no role in any future Palestinian state.
• Israel has opposed the decision, calling it symbolic and warning it could lead to more conflict rather than peace.

Ques: India signed an MoU with which country on July 18, 2025, to promote trade alliances between cooperatives?
भारत ने 18 जुलाई 2025 को किस देश के साथ सहकारी व्यापार सहयोग बढ़ाने हेतु समझौता किया?

A. Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
B. Senegal / सेनेगल
C. Zambia / ज़ाम्बिया
D. Kenya / केन्या
E. South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• On 18 July 2025, India signed an MoU with Zambia to promote cooperative trade alliances between the two nations.
• The agreement aims to provide facilities and support for enhancing trade between cooperatives of both countries.
• Cooperation Minister Amit Shah stated that the ministry is working through Indian missions abroad to strengthen India's cooperative export ecosystem.
• National Cooperative Exports Ltd (NCEL) is also being provided with market information and links to specific country importers.
• Apart from Zambia, NCEL has also signed MoUs with Senegal and Indonesia-based entities to expand global cooperative trade.

Ques: Under the JATAN initiative, how many artefacts from ASI's Archaeological Site Museums in Goa and Nagarjunakonda have been digitized?
प्रश्न: 'जतन' पहल के तहत एएसआई के गोवा और नागार्जुनकोंडा स्थित पुरातत्व स्थल संग्रहालयों की कितनी वस्तुओं का डिजिटलीकरण किया गया है?

A. 1,234
B. 8,667
C. 7,941
D. 726
E. 9,000+

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) allocates funds for the conservation and protection of centrally protected monuments State/UT-wise based on requirements and available resources.
- Under the JATAN initiative, ASI has fully digitized antiquities from two Archaeological Site Museums:
- 726 artefacts from Archaeological Site Museum, Velha Goa (Goa)
- 7,941 artefacts from Archaeological Site Museum, Nagarjunakonda (Andhra Pradesh)
- In total, 8,667 artefacts have been digitized.
- This digitization aids in preservation, research, and public accessibility of historical artefacts.

Ques: Which Indian company with ties to Russia is sending a shipment to China for the first time since 2021?
प्रश्न: रूस से संबंध रखने वाली कौन सी भारतीय कंपनी 2021 के बाद पहली बार चीन को एक शिपमेंट भेज रही है?

A. Reliance Industries / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज
B. Indian Oil Corporation / इंडियन ऑयल कॉरपोरेशन
C. Nayara Energy / नयारा एनर्जी
D. ONGC / ओएनजीसी
E. Bharat Petroleum / भारत पेट्रोलियम

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Nayara Energy, which has business links to Russia, is sending a shipment to China for the first time since 2021.
- The shipment includes about 496,000 barrels of ultra-low sulfur diesel, loaded at Nayara's Vadinar terminal.
- The vessel, EM Zenith, departed on July 18 and was initially headed to Malaysia.
- It later made an unexpected U-turn in the Strait of Malacca and remained anchored there for 12 days, before continuing towards China.
- This development comes amid European Union sanctions impacting oil procurement from Russia.

Ques: Under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), how many new semiconductor assembly and testing facilities have been approved by the Union Cabinet in Punjab, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh?

प्रश्न: भारत सेमीकंडक्टर मिशन *(ISM)* के तहत, पंजाब, ओडिशा और आंध्र प्रदेश में केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने कितनी नई सेमीकंडक्टर असेंबली और परीक्षण सुविधाओं को मंजूरी दी है?

A. 3
B. 5
C. 8
D. 6
E. 4

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has approved the establishment of 4 new semiconductor assembly and testing facilities in Punjab, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh.
• Total budget: ₹4,600 crore (₹4,594 crore precisely).
• With these, the total approved projects under ISM have now reached 10, with combined investments of about ₹1.60 lakh crore across 6 states.

Details of new facilities:

1. SicSem Private Limited – ₹2,066 crore – Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
2. 3D Glass Solutions Inc. – ₹1,943 crore – Info Valley, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
3. Continental Device India Pvt. Ltd. (CDIL) – Location: Mohali, Punjab.
4. ASIP Technology facility – Location: Andhra Pradesh

About India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) :

• Launched : 2022
• Outlay : Rs 76,000 crore
• Aim : To support the development of semiconductor fabs, display fabs, and compound semiconductors
• Projection : India's semiconductor demand is projected to grow from USD

45–50 billion in 2024 to USD 100–110 billion by 2030

- Part of : Semicon India Programme

Ques: Which Indian company has become the first to join the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM)?
कौन-सी भारतीय कंपनी अंतरराष्ट्रीय खनन एवं धातु परिषद (ICMM) में शामिल होने वाली पहली कंपनी बनी है?

A. Hindustan Zinc Ltd / हिंदुस्तान जिंक लिमिटेड
B. Coal India Ltd / कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड
C. Vedanta Ltd / वेदांता लिमिटेड
D. NMDC Ltd / एनएमडीसी लिमिटेड
E. SAIL / सेल

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), India's only and the world's largest integrated zinc producer, has become the first Indian company to join the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM).
• ICMM is a leadership body of 25 leading global mining and metal companies committed to sustainable development, transparency, and ethical mining practices.
• HZL's membership was granted after an independent assessment and is ICMM's first new addition since 2021.
• With this, HZL commits to meeting ICMM's 40 performance expectations covering Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) standards.
• This milestone positions India as a global leader in responsible mining and the energy transition.

Ques: In which year will the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) begin its Centenary Year celebrations?
प्रश्न: संघ लोक सेवा आयोग (UPSC) अपने शताब्दी वर्ष समारोह की शुरुआत किस वर्ष करेगा?

A. 2024
B. 2025
C. 2026
D. 2027
E. 2028

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) will celebrate its 100th year with a year-long series of events from October 1, 2025, to October 1, 2026.
• The decision was taken in a recent meeting chaired by UPSC Chairman Ajay Kumar.
• As part of the celebrations, UPSC will release a commemorative logo and tagline and launch several new initiatives and reforms.

About UPSC:

• First established on October 1, 1926 under the Government of India Act, 1919, based on the recommendations of the Lee Commission (1924).
• Became the Federal Public Service Commission in 1937.
• Renamed the Union Public Service Commission on January 26, 1950 under Articles 315–323 of the Constitution of India.

Ques: Who recently overtook Virat Kohli to become the fifth-highest run-getter in T20 cricket?
प्रश्न: हाल ही में किसने विराट कोहली को पछाड़कर टी20 क्रिकेट में पांचवें सर्वाधिक रन बनाने वाले बल्लेबाज का स्थान हासिल किया है?

A. Chris Gayle / क्रिस गेल
B. Glenn Maxwell / ग्लेन मैक्सवेल
C. Jos Buttler / जोस बटलर
D. Babar Azam / बाबर आज़म
E. David Warner / डेविड वॉर्नर

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- David Warner, Australian veteran cricketer, overtook Virat Kohli to become the 5th-highest run-scorer in T20 cricket.
- Warner has scored 13,545 runs in 419 matches, while Kohli has 13,543 runs in 414 matches.
- This milestone was achieved during London Spirit's match against Manchester Originals in The Hundred 2025 in England.

Top T20 run-getters:

1. Chris Gayle – 14,562 runs (463 matches)
2. Shoaib Malik – 13,931 runs
3. Kieron Pollard – 13,852 runs
4. Alex Hales – 13,829 runs
5. David Warner – 13,545 runs

Ques: Which Indian group won the Equator Prize 2025, also known as the "Nobel Prize for Biodiversity Conservation"?
प्रश्न: जैव विविधता संरक्षण के "नोबेल पुरस्कार" के रूप में जाने जाने वाले इक्वेटर पुरस्कार 2025 को जीतने वाला भारतीय समूह कौन सा है?

A. Self Employed Women's Association / स्व-नियोजित महिला संघ
B. Kudumbashree Mission / कुदुंबश्री मिशन
C. Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group / बीबी फातिमा महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह
D. Narmada Bachao Andolan / नर्मदा बचाओ आंदोलन
E. Barefoot College / बेयरफुट कॉलेज

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group (SHG) from Teertha village, Kundgol taluk, Dharwad district, Karnataka won the Equator Prize 2025.
• The award is given by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and is often called the "Nobel Prize for Biodiversity Conservation".
• It was presented during the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on 9 August 2025.
• The 2025 theme was "Women and Youth Leadership for Nature-Based Climate Action".
• There were 10 global winners from Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Indonesia, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Tanzania, and India.
• The prize includes $10,000 (~₹8.5 lakh) in award money.

Ques: Which organisations have partnered to launch an IoT-enabled loan model for shrimp farmers in Andhra Pradesh?
प्रश्न: आंध्र प्रदेश में झींगा किसानों के लिए IoT-सक्षम ऋण मॉडल शुरू करने के लिए किन संगठनों ने साझेदारी की है?

A. NABARD, Andhra Pradesh Grameena Bank & Aqua Exchange Agritech Pvt. Ltd. / नाबार्ड, आंध्र प्रदेश ग्रामीण बैंक और एक्वा एक्सचेंज एग्रीटेक प्राइवेट लिमिटेड
B. State Bank of India & Blue Revolution Mission / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक और ब्लू रिवोल्यूशन मिशन
C. NABARD & National Fisheries Development Board / नाबार्ड और राष्ट्रीय मत्स्य विकास बोर्ड
D. ICICI Bank & Marine Products Export Development Authority / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक और समुद्री उत्पाद निर्यात विकास प्राधिकरण
E. Andhra Pradesh Government & Aqua Solutions Pvt. Ltd. / आंध्र प्रदेश सरकार और एक्वा सॉल्यूशन्स प्रा. लि.

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Andhra Pradesh Grameena Bank, and Aqua Exchange Agritech Pvt. Ltd. signed an MoU to launch a pilot IoT-enabled loan model for shrimp farmers in Andhra Pradesh.
• The goal is to integrate shrimp farmers into the formal credit system by providing low-interest, collateral-free crop loans.
• Initially, ₹25 crore in collateral-free loans will be disbursed to around 100 shrimp farmers within 3–6 months, starting with ₹1.25 crore to 5 farmers.
• Future targets: ₹100 crore in FY 2025–26 and ₹250 crore in FY 2026–27.
• A Farm Rating Score will assess farmers' creditworthiness.
• IoT devices will track water quality, feed usage, and disease control in real time, improving productivity and reducing risks.

Ques: What is the theme of World Elephant Day 2025?
विश्व हाथी दिवस 2025 का थीम क्या है?

A. Save Elephants, Save Nature / हाथियों को बचाओ, प्रकृति को बचाओ
B. Bringing the world together to help elephants / हाथियों की मदद के लिए दुनिया को एकजुट करना
C. Protecting Elephant Corridors / हाथी गलियारों की सुरक्षा
D. Elephants and Ecosystem Balance / हाथी और पारिस्थितिकी संतुलन
E. Global Call for Elephant Conservation / हाथी संरक्षण के लिए वैश्विक आह्वान

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• World Elephant Day is celebrated every year on 12 August to spread awareness about elephant conservation.
• The 2025 theme is "Bringing the world together to help elephants", focusing on uniting the global community for their protection.
• India is home to nearly 60% of the world's wild elephant population.
• The country has 33 Elephant Reserves and 150 identified Elephant Corridors (as per the 2023 report).
• The day highlights the need to protect elephants from poaching, habitat loss, and human–wildlife conflict.\

IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

As per Rajya Sabha data, the State Bank of India (SBI) disbursed ₹32,311 crore in education loans between FY 2022-23 and 2024-25, making it the top lender in this category. Union Bank of India ranked second with ₹14,559 crore sanctioned in the same period.

LTIMindtree in partnership with its parent group, Larsen & Toubro (L&T), announced a strategic collaboration with Government of Andhra Pradesh and industry partners to develop India's first Quantum Valley Tech Park in Amaravati

Bollywood icon and Padma Shree Awardee, Madhuri Dixit
Appointed as Brand Ambassador of Handloom Industry of Odisha Government

High-Level Meeting (HLM) between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SLCG) 8th edition Held at New Delhi

Tata Group's satellite communications firm, Nelco Limited, has partnered with French satellite service provider Eutelsat to deliver OneWeb Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite connectivity across India.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

राज्यसभा के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, भारतीय स्टेट बैंक (एसबीआई) ने वित्त वर्ष 2022-23 और 2024-25 के बीच ₹32,311 करोड़ के शिक्षा ऋण वितरित किए, जिससे यह इस श्रेणी में शीर्ष ऋणदाता बन गया। इसी अवधि में ₹14,559 करोड़ स्वीकृत करने के साथ यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया दूसरे स्थान पर रहा।

एलटीआईमाइंडट्री ने अपने मूल समूह, लार्सन एंड टुब्रो (एलएंडटी) के साथ साझेदारी में, अमरावती में भारत का पहला क्वांटम वैली टेक पार्क विकसित करने के लिए आंध्र प्रदेश सरकार और उद्योग भागीदारों के साथ एक रणनीतिक सहयोग की घोषणा की है।

बॉलीवुड आइकन और पद्मश्री पुरस्कार विजेता, माधुरी दीक्षित ओडिशा के हथकरघा उद्योग की ब्रांड एंबेसडर

भारतीय तटरक्षक बल (आईसीजी) और श्रीलंका तटरक्षक बल (एसएलसीजी) के बीच उच्च-स्तरीय बैठक (एचएलएम) का आठवां संस्करण नई दिल्ली में आयोजित

टाटा समूह की उपग्रह संचार कंपनी, नेल्को लिमिटेड ने पूरे भारत में वनवेब लो अर्थ ऑर्बिट (एलईओ) उपग्रह कनेक्टिविटी प्रदान करने के लिए फ्रांसीसी उपग्रह सेवा प्रदाता यूटेलसैट के साथ साझेदारी की है।

Ques: As per RBI guidelines, banks must issue all customer communications in which format to ensure clarity and convenience?
RBI के दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुसार, ग्राहकों को सभी संचार किस प्रारूप में जारी करना अनिवार्य है ताकि स्पष्टता और सुविधा सुनिश्चित की जा सके?

A. Only English / केवल अंग्रेज़ी
B. Hindi & English / हिंदी और अंग्रेज़ी
C. Hindi, English & Regional Language / हिंदी, अंग्रेज़ी और क्षेत्रीय भाषा
D. English & Regional Language / अंग्रेज़ी और क्षेत्रीय भाषा
E. Any language chosen by the bank / बैंक द्वारा चुनी गई कोई भी भाषा

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• RBI's Master Circular on Customer Service in Banks requires all customer-facing materials at branches of Scheduled Commercial Banks to be available in Hindi, English, and the concerned regional language.
• RBI reiterated this vide letter dated 30 September 2024.

RBI also provides customer support and grievance redressal through multiple platforms:

– RB-IOS 2021: Cost-free complaint redressal against RBI-regulated entities.
– CPGRAMS Feedback Call Centre (since June 2022): Collects citizen satisfaction feedback post grievance disposal.
– RBI Contact Centre (14448, operational since Nov 2021): Provides 24×7 IVRS support, complaint filing help, and case updates in Hindi, English, and 10 regional languages.
– Live personnel available Mon–Sat, 8:00 am–10:00 pm (except national holidays).

Ques: RBI's FREE-AI Committee headed by Pushpak Bhattacharya has recommended how many actionable recommendations for ethical AI adoption in the financial sector?
RBI की FREE-AI समिति, जिसकी अध्यक्षता पुष्पक भट्टाचार्य ने की, ने वित्तीय क्षेत्र में नैतिक एआई अपनाने के लिए कितनी actionable recommendations दी हैं?

A. 15
B. 20
C. 26
D. 30
E. 32

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• RBI had set up a committee under Pushpak Bhattacharya to prepare a framework for Responsible and Ethical Enablement of Artificial Intelligence (FREE-AI).
• The committee recommended 26 actionable measures under six strategic pillars.
• It suggested creation of a shared infrastructure to ensure democratic access to data and computing power.
• The panel also proposed an AI Innovation Sandbox.
• The report is guided by 7 Sutras: Trust, People First, Innovation over Restraint, Fairness & Equity, Accountability, Understandable by Design, and Safety & Sustainability.

Ques: From which date will the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduce the new mechanism for clearance of cheques within hours of being presented to banks?
भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) नए तंत्र के तहत बैंकों में प्रस्तुत चेकों की कुछ ही घंटों में क्लियरेंस की शुरुआत किस तारीख से करेगा?

A. September 1, 2025
B. October 4, 2025
C. January 2, 2026
D. April 1, 2026
E. July 1, 2026

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• RBI will implement a new cheque clearance mechanism from October 4, 2025, reducing the settlement cycle from the current T+1 days (up to 2 working days) to just a few hours.

This will be achieved through:

1. Single presentation session with continuous delivery – Cheques scanned and sent to clearing house continuously.

2. Continuous inward processing & confirmation :

• Drawee banks must confirm between 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM with positive/negative status.
• The "Item Expiry Time," which shows the most recent time by which the drawee bank must provide confirmation for the presented instrument, will be included on every check.

3. Time available for inward processing:

• Phase 1 (Oct 4, 2025 – Jan 2, 2026): Expiry time set as 7:00 PM; cheques without response deemed approved.

• Phase 2 (from Jan 3, 2026): Expiry time = T+3 clear hours (e.g., cheque received at 10–11 AM must be confirmed by 2:00 PM).
• If no confirmation is given within the prescribed time, the cheque will be deemed approved and settled.
• The presenting bank will release the payment to customers within 1 hour of settlement.

Ques: How much does SBI plan to raise through Tier-II bonds in FY26?
एसबीआई FY26 में टियर-II बॉन्ड्स के माध्यम से कितनी राशि जुटाने की योजना बना रहा है?

A. ₹10,000 crore
B. ₹12,000 crore
C. ₹15,000 crore
D. ₹20,000 crore
E. ₹25,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, plans to raise up to ₹15,000 crore in FY26 through Tier-II bonds.
• The funds will be used to refinance maturing bonds and for fresh issuance.
• SBI has board approval to raise up to ₹20,000 crore via debt capital in FY26.
• This move will help SBI strengthen its capital adequacy ratio.
• It will also support the bank's credit growth in the current financial year.

Ques: As per the government, what was the CAGR of UPI transactions between FY 2017-18 and FY 2024-25?
सरकार के अनुसार, FY 2017-18 से FY 2024-25 के बीच UPI लेनदेन की वार्षिक वृद्धि दर (CAGR) कितनी रही?

A. 41%
B. 74%
C. 114%
D. 92%
E. 86%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• UPI transactions increased from 92 crore in FY 2017-18 to 18,587 crore in FY 2024-25, marking a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 114%, as stated by the Finance Ministry in Parliament.
• Value of UPI transactions rose from ₹1.10 lakh crore to ₹261 lakh crore during the same period.
• In July 2025, UPI set a milestone with 1,946.79 crore transactions in a single month.
• Digital payments in India grew from 2,071 crore transactions in FY 2017-18 to 22,831 crore in FY 2024-25, recording a CAGR of 41%.
• Value of digital payments rose from ₹1,962 lakh crore to ₹3,509 lakh crore.
• The government and RBI introduced reforms to strengthen credit discipline, governance, responsible lending, technology adoption, and cooperative bank regulation.
• Reforms such as EASE, CGTMSE, MCGS-MSME, and ECLGS supported MSMEs with credit flow, risk management, and automated loan processes.

Ques: Who has been appointed as a member of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), replacing Rajiv Ranjan?
भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) की मौद्रिक नीति समिति (MPC) में किसे राजीव रंजन के स्थान पर सदस्य नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Poonam Gupta / पूनम गुप्ता
B. Sanjay Malhotra / संजय मल्होत्रा
C. Nagesh Kumar / नागेश कुमार
D. Saugata Bhattacharya / सगुता भट्टाचार्य
E. Indranil Bhattacharyya / इंद्रनील भट्टाचार्य

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• RBI Executive Director Indranil Bhattacharyya has been appointed as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).
• He replaced Rajiv Ranjan, who will now lead the Department of Economic & Policy Research.

The current composition of MPC (6 members) includes:

• RBI Governor: Sanjay Malhotra
• RBI Deputy Governor: Poonam Gupta
• External Members: Nagesh Kumar, Ram Singh, Rajiv Ranjan, and Saugata Bhattacharya.

Ques: As of August 2025, how many Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHAs) have been created under ABDM?
अगस्त 2025 तक ABDM के तहत कितने आयुष्मान भारत हेल्थ अकाउंट (ABHA) बनाए गए हैं?

A. 59.21 crore
B. 67.19 crore
C. 79.91 crore
D. 82.45 crore
E. 76.84 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• As per official data till August 5, 2025, a total of 79.91 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHAs) have been created under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).
• 4,18,964 health facilities are registered in the Health Facility Registry (HFR).
• 6,79,692 healthcare professionals are enrolled in the Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR).
• 67.19 crore health records have been linked with ABHAs, enabling seamless digital health records.
• ABHA provides a unique health identity to citizens for securely accessing, viewing, and sharing medical records with explicit consent.
• The National Health Authority (NHA) has launched a public dashboard to monitor progress at central and state levels.

Ques: Which city was proposed by India as the host for the 2030 Commonwealth Games in its Expression of Interest (EOI)?
भारत ने 2030 राष्ट्रमंडल खेलों की मेजबानी के लिए रुचि की अभिव्यक्ति (EOI) में किस शहर को प्रस्तावित किया है?

A. Delhi / दिल्ली
B. Bhubaneswar / भुवनेश्वर
C. Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
D. Mumbai / मुंबई
E. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has approved India's bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games (CWG).
• India submitted its Expression of Interest (EOI) naming Ahmedabad as the proposed host city.
• However, Delhi (which hosted CWG 2010) and Bhubaneswar are also being considered as potential venues.
• IOA President P.T. Usha confirmed the approval was unanimous.
• The final bid proposals must be submitted before August 31, 2024.

Ques: Which initiative of NITI Aayog recently hosted 'Mega Tinkering Day', India's largest-ever school-based tinkering event?
नीति आयोग की किस पहल ने हाल ही में 'मेगा टिंकरिंग डे' आयोजित किया, जो भारत का अब तक का सबसे बड़ा स्कूल-आधारित टिंकरिंग कार्यक्रम है?

A. Startup India Mission / स्टार्टअप इंडिया मिशन
B. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) / अटल इनोवेशन मिशन
C. Digital India Initiative / डिजिटल इंडिया पहल
D. Make in India Programme / मेक इन इंडिया कार्यक्रम
E. PM Gati Shakti Plan / पीएम गति शक्ति योजना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog hosted 'Mega Tinkering Day' with participation of students from over 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) across all 35 States & UTs.
• The event saw 4,73,350 students from 9,467 ATL-equipped schools participate in a live DIY project to design and build a vacuum cleaner using everyday lab materials.
• For one synchronized hour, lakhs of students engaged in innovation, creativity, and hands-on learning nationwide.
• Since inception, AIM has established 10,000+ ATLs providing students access to 3D printers, robotics kits, IoT devices, and more.

Ques: What is SHRESTH, recently launched by the Union Health Secretary?
केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य सचिव द्वारा हाल ही में शुरू किया गया *SHRESTH* क्या है?

A. A healthcare insurance scheme / एक स्वास्थ्य बीमा योजना
B. A drug regulatory benchmarking index / एक औषधि नियामक बेंचमार्किंग सूचकांक
C. A national vaccination programme / एक राष्ट्रीय टीकाकरण कार्यक्रम
D. A digital health card initiative / एक डिजिटल स्वास्थ्य कार्ड पहल
E. A pharmaceutical export promotion council / एक औषधि निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The State Health Regulatory Excellence Index (SHRESTH) is India's first national initiative to benchmark and strengthen state drug regulatory systems.
• It was virtually launched by Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava.
• Manufacturing states will be evaluated on 27 indices across 5 key themes – Human Resources, Infrastructure, Licensing Activities, Surveillance Activities, and Responsiveness.
• Distribution states will be assessed on 23 indices under SHRESTH.
• The aim of this initiative is to ensure a transparent, accountable, and efficient drug regulatory ecosystem across India.
• States will submit the data on predefined metrics to Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) by 25th every month and these metrics will be scored on the 1st of next month and shared with all states and UTs.

Ques: The Government of which state has launched the "Garuda Drishti" scheme, a social media monitoring and cyber-intelligence initiative?
किस राज्य सरकार ने सोशल मीडिया मॉनिटरिंग और साइबर-इंटेलिजेंस पहल "गरुड़ दृष्टि" योजना शुरू की है?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Gujarat / गुजरात
C. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
D. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis launched the Garuda Drishti scheme at Police Bhavan, Nagpur.
• It is a social media monitoring and cyber-intelligence initiative.
• Its objective is to detect fraudulent cyber activities, including hate speech, fake news, communal misinformation, drug trafficking, and financial scams across social media platforms

Ques: How much private investment will the Pixxel-led consortium make to build India's first indigenous EO satellite constellation?
भारत का पहला स्वदेशी ईओ उपग्रह तारामंडल बनाने हेतु पिक्सेल-नेतृत्व वाला समूह कितना निजी निवेश करेगा?

A. ₹800 crore
B. ₹1,000 crore
C. ₹1,200 crore
D. ₹1,500 crore
E. ₹2,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Pixxel-led consortium (including SatSure, PierSight, and Dhruva Space) has been awarded the contract to build India's first indigenous commercial Earth Observation (EO) satellite constellation.
• The consortium will make a private investment of ₹1,200 crore under the PPP model.
• The project will deploy 12 advanced satellites within 4 years equipped with optical, hyperspectral, multispectral, and SAR sensors.
• These satellites will support applications in agriculture, urban planning, disaster management, climate monitoring, and national security, while also reducing India's reliance on foreign EO data and ensuring data sovereignty.

Ques: What is the theme of the 79th Independence Day celebrations (2025)?
79वें स्वतंत्रता दिवस समारोह (2025) की थीम क्या है?

A. Viksit Bharat / विकसित भारत
B. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav / आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव
C. Naya Bharat / नया भारत
D. Swachh Bharat / स्वच्छ भारत
E. Amrit Kaal / अमृत काल

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the 79th Independence Day celebrations from the historic Red Fort, New Delhi, on 15th August 2025.
• The celebrations will be held under the theme “Naya Bharat”, symbolising a prosperous, secure, and bold India.
• Around 5,000 special guests from various sectors have been invited.
• About 2,500 cadets from the Army, Navy, Air Force, NCC, and MY Bharat volunteers will participate.
• IAF Mi-17 helicopters will shower flower petals during the flag hoisting ceremony.
• The theme also highlights Operation Sindoor, representing India’s progress.
• Defence and paramilitary bands will perform at 140+ locations across the country.

Ques: MY Bharat, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, recently signed an MoU with which organisation to collaborate on youth leadership development and capacity building?
युवा कार्यक्रम एवं खेल मंत्रालय के युवा मामले विभाग की इकाई MY Bharat ने हाल ही में युवाओं के नेतृत्व विकास और क्षमता निर्माण पर सहयोग के लिए किस संगठन के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

A. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) / राष्ट्रीय कौशल विकास निगम
B. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
C. School of Ultimate Leadership Foundation (SOUL) / स्कूल ऑफ अल्टिमेट लीडरशिप फाउंडेशन
D. Indian Youth Parliament Association / इंडियन यूथ पार्लियामेंट एसोसिएशन
E. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) / नेहरू युवा केंद्र संगठन

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• MY Bharat, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports signed an MoU with SOUL to promote knowledge sharing, capacity building, and youth leadership development.
• The collaboration aims to support the national vision of creating 1,00,000 youth leaders (aged 18–29 years) across India.
• Focus areas: governance, public policy, social entrepreneurship, digital literacy, financial literacy, etc.
• The MoU is valid for three years, extendable with mutual consent.
• It provides for leadership program design, conclaves, workshops, joint research, and strengthening youth-serving organisations.

Ques: Who won the ICC Men's Player of the Month for July 2025?
प्रश्न: जुलाई 2025 का आईसीसी पुरुष प्लेयर ऑफ द मंथ किसे चुना गया?

A. Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
B. Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
C. Shubman Gill / शुबमन गिल
D. Babar Azam / बाबर आजम
E. Kane Williamson / केन विलियमसन

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Shubman Gill (India) was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for July 2025.
• Sophia Dunkley (England) was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for July 2025.
• The ICC Player of the Month award recognizes outstanding performances in international cricket each month.
• Shubman Gill is regarded as one of India's top young batters.

Recent ICC players of the month :

• June 2025 Aiden Markram (South Africa) (Men), Hayley Matthews (West Indies) (Women)
• May 2025 Muhammad Waseem (UAE) (Men), Chloe Tryon (South Africa) (Women)
• April 2025 : Mehidy Hasan Miraz (Bangladesh) (Men), Kathryn Bryce (Scotland) (Women)

Ques: UIDAI has signed a 5-year R&D agreement with which institute to enhance Aadhaar security and reliability?
UIDAI ने आधार की सुरक्षा और विश्वसनीयता बढ़ाने के लिए किस संस्थान के साथ 5-वर्षीय अनुसंधान एवं विकास समझौता किया है?

A. IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
B. IISc Bengaluru / आईआईएससी बेंगलुरु
C. DRDO / डीआरडीओ
D. NIT Trichy / एनआईटी त्रिची
E. Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) / भारतीय सांख्यिकी संस्थान (आईएसआई)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) signed a 5-year R&D agreement with the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) on 12 August 2025.
• The objective of this collaboration is to enhance the robustness, security, and reliability of Aadhaar through data-driven innovations.
• Research areas include fraud and anomaly detection, biometric liveness detection tools, identification of high-risk enrolment/update categories, and improved biometric matching algorithms.
• The agreement was signed by Tanusree Deb Barma (DDG, UIDAI) and Prof. B. S. Daya Sagar (Head, ISI Bengaluru), in the presence of UIDAI CEO Bhunesh Kumar and MoSPI Additional Secretary Puja Singh Mandol.
• ISI, under MoSPI, is a premier academic and research institution, known for its expertise in statistics, mathematics, computer science, and data science.

Ques: Where has Western Railway commissioned India's first 2×25 kV electric traction substation under the Mission Raftaar initiative?
पश्चिम रेलवे ने मिशन रफ्तार पहल के तहत भारत का पहला 2×25 किलो वोल्ट विद्युत ट्रैक्शन सबस्टेशन कहाँ शुरू किया है?

A. Nagda–Khachrod section, Madhya Pradesh / नागदा–खाचरोद खंड, मध्य प्रदेश
B. Kota–Chittorgarh section, Rajasthan / कोटा–चित्तौड़गढ़ खंड, राजस्थान
C. Surat–Vapi section, Gujarat / सूरत–वापी खंड, गुजरात
D. Jhansi–Kanpur section, Uttar Pradesh / झांसी–कानपुर खंड, उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Asansol–Dhanbad section, West Bengal / आसनसोल–धनबाद खंड, पश्चिम बंगाल

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Western Railway commissioned India's first 2×25 kV electric traction substation at the Nagda–Khachrod section (Ratlam Division, Madhya Pradesh).
• The system features two Scott-connected 100 MVA Power Transformers for efficient feeding of load to Overhead Equipment (OHE).
• Mission Raftaar, announced in the Railway Budget 2016–17, is aimed at increasing the average speed of freight trains in India.

Ques: Which organisations jointly organised the "Leaders' Dialogue on Green & Digital Maritime Corridors" in Mumbai under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)?
मुंबई में आयोजित "ग्रीन एवं डिजिटल मेरीटाइम कॉरिडोर पर लीडर्स डायलॉग" का आयोजन बंदरगाह, नौवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय (MoPSW) के तत्वावधान में किन संगठनों ने संयुक्त रूप से किया?

A. Cochin Port Authority & Indian Navy / कोचीन पोर्ट प्राधिकरण और भारतीय नौसेना
B. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) & Indian Ports Association (IPA) / जवाहरलाल नेहरू पोर्ट प्राधिकरण और इंडियन पोर्ट्स एसोसिएशन
C. Paradip Port Authority & Indian Maritime University / पारादीप पोर्ट प्राधिकरण और इंडियन मेरीटाइम यूनिवर्सिटी
D. Shipping Corporation of India & Inland Waterways Authority / शिपिंग कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया और अंतर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण
E. Kandla Port Authority & Directorate General of Shipping / कांडला पोर्ट प्राधिकरण और शिपिंग महानिदेशालय

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The "Leaders' Dialogue on Green & Digital Maritime Corridors" was organised in Mumbai by JNPA and IPA under the aegis of MoPSW.
• The event set the stage for India Maritime Week in October 2025 in Mumbai.
• It drew 300+ delegates, including senior government officials, international dignitaries, and maritime industry leaders.
• Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong praised the 60-year India-Singapore partnership, highlighting cooperation in green shipping, renewable energy, and maritime innovation for a sustainable future.

Ques: How many sites have been finalized under PM MITRA Parks and what is the total outlay?
प्रश्न: पीएम मित्रा पार्क के तहत कितने स्थलों को अंतिम रूप दिया गया है और कुल व्यय कितना है?

A. 5 sites, ₹3,200 crore
B. 6 sites, ₹5,000 crore
C. 7 sites, ₹4,445 crore
D. 8 sites, ₹4,000 crore
E. 9 sites, ₹4,600 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Textiles has finalized 7 sites under the PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks scheme.
• The 7 sites are located in Tamil Nadu (Virudhnagar), Telangana (Warangal), Gujarat (Navasari), Karnataka (Kalaburagi), Madhya Pradesh (Dhar), Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow), and Maharashtra (Amravati).
• The total outlay for the scheme is ₹4,445 crore for a seven-year period up to 2027-28.
• This information was provided by the Minister of State for Textiles, Shri Pabitra Margherita, in the Lok Sabha.
• The scheme aims to strengthen India's textile sector by creating world-class industrial infrastructure.

Ques: The Cabinet has approved an investment of ₹8146.21 crore for the construction of which Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh?
कैबिनेट ने अरुणाचल प्रदेश में किस जल विद्युत परियोजना के निर्माण के लिए ₹*8146.21* करोड़ के निवेश को मंजूरी दी है?

A. Subansiri Lower HEP / सुबनसिरी लोअर जल विद्युत परियोजना
B. Ranganadi-II HEP / रंगनादी-II जल विद्युत परियोजना
C. Tato-II HEP / टैटो-II जल विद्युत परियोजना
D. Kameng HEP / कामेंग जल विद्युत परियोजना
E. Pare HEP / पारे जल विद्युत परियोजना

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved ₹8146.21 crore for Tato-II Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Shi Yomi district, Arunachal Pradesh.
• Installed capacity – 700 MW (4 x 175 MW); Annual generation – 2738.06 MU.
• Project completion time – 72 months.
• To be implemented through a Joint Venture between NEEPCO & Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
• Government of India support includes:
– ₹458.79 crore for roads, bridges & transmission lines
– ₹436.13 crore as equity support for the state
• Arunachal Pradesh will get 12% free power and 1% LADF (Local Area Development Fund).
• Additional benefits: 32.88 km of new roads and ₹20 crore dedicated for schools, hospitals, marketplaces, and playgrounds.
• The project will boost local infrastructure, employment, and Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision.

Ques: The Ministry of Home Affairs recently issued a gazette notification tightening rules for which category of cardholders under the Citizenship Act, 1955?
गृह मंत्रालय ने हाल ही में नागरिकता अधिनियम, 1955 के तहत किस श्रेणी के कार्डधारकों के लिए नियमों को कड़ा करने वाली राजपत्र अधिसूचना जारी की है?

A. Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cardholders / भारतीय मूल के व्यक्ति (PIO) कार्डधारक
B. Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders / भारतीय प्रवासी नागरिक (OCI) कार्डधारक
C. Aadhaar cardholders / आधार कार्डधारक
D. Voter ID cardholders / मतदाता पहचान पत्र धारक
E. PAN cardholders / पैन कार्डधारक

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued a gazette notification under clause (da) of Section 7D of the Citizenship Act, 1955, tightening rules for OCI cardholders.
• This applies irrespective of whether conviction/charge occurs in India or abroad, as long as the offence is recognized under Indian law.
• OCI Scheme was introduced in August 2005.
• It enables registration of persons of Indian origin who were citizens of India on or after January 26, 1950, or were eligible for citizenship on that date.

Now, OCI registration may be canceled if:

– The cardholder is sentenced to imprisonment for two years or more, OR
– The cardholder is named in a chargesheet for an offence punishable with seven years or more of imprisonment.

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Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) & Suzlon Energy Limited join hands for the development of 700 MW wind energy project in Anantpur district of Andhra Pradesh of Worth Rs 6,000 Crore

The Government of Rajasthan conducted India's first AI-enabled drone-based cloud seeding experiment at the Jamwa Ramgarh Dam to revive the lake and address the region's water issue. The effort will deploy 60 AI-powered drones built by GenX AI in "Hydro Trace".

The Border Security Force (BSF) has launched a week-long security operation called 'Operation Alert' along the Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan.

Commemorating Partition Horrors Remembrance Day in Kolkata, the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), an independent trust under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is holding a number of educational, artistic, and public engagement events that started on August 12.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

टाटा पावर रिन्यूएबल एनर्जी लिमिटेड (टीपीआरईएल) और सुजलॉन एनर्जी लिमिटेड ने आंध्र प्रदेश के अनंतपुर जिले में 6,000 करोड़ रुपये की 700 मेगावाट की पवन ऊर्जा परियोजना के विकास के लिए हाथ मिलाया है।

राजस्थान सरकार ने जमवा रामगढ़ बांध पर झील को पुनर्जीवित करने और क्षेत्र की जल समस्या का समाधान करने के लिए भारत का पहला एआई-सक्षम ड्रोन-आधारित क्लाउड सीडिंग प्रयोग किया। इस प्रयास में "हाइड्रो ट्रेस" में जेनएक्स एआई द्वारा निर्मित 60 एआई-संचालित ड्रोन तैनात किए जाएँगे।

सीमा सुरक्षा बल (बीएसएफ) ने राजस्थान में भारत-पाक सीमा पर 'ऑपरेशन अलर्ट' नामक एक सप्ताह का सुरक्षा अभियान शुरू किया है।

कोलकाता में विभाजन विभीषिका स्मृति दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में, भारत सरकार के संस्कृति मंत्रालय के तहत एक स्वतंत्र ट्रस्ट, इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय कला केंद्र (आईजीएनसीए), 12 अगस्त से शुरू हुए कई शैक्षिक, कलात्मक और जन-भागीदारी कार्यक्रम आयोजित कर रहा है।

Ques: India's annual inflation rate based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) fell to what level in July 2025?
भारत की वार्षिक मुद्रास्फीति दर, थोक मूल्य सूचकांक (WPI) के आधार पर, जुलाई 2025 में किस स्तर तक गिर गई?

A. (-) 1.36%
B. (-) 0.13%
C. (-) 0.58%
D. 0.75%
E. 1.20%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• India's WPI-based inflation rate fell to (-) 0.58% in July 2025, marking a two-year low.
• This is lower than the (-) 0.13% recorded in June 2025.
• The last time WPI inflation was this low was in July 2023, when it stood at (-) 1.36%.

Recent WPI-based Retail inflation in India :

• June 2025 : - 0.13%
• May 2025 : 0.39%
• April 2025 : 0.85%
• March 2025 : 2.05%
• February 2025 : 2.38%

Ques: From which date will SBI's revised IMPS charges come into effect?
एसबीआई के संशोधित IMPS शुल्क किस तारीख से लागू होंगे?

A. August 1
B. August 10
C. August 15
D. September 1
E. July 31

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, has revised its IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) charges effective from August 15.
• Branch IMPS transactions remain unchanged (no new charges).
• For online IMPS transfers above ₹25,000, nominal charges will now apply.

New charges (plus GST):

• ₹25,000 – ₹1 lakh → ₹2
• ₹1 – ₹2 lakh → ₹6
• ₹2 – ₹5 lakh → ₹10

Ques: HDFC ERGO General Insurance has partnered with which digital payments platform to launch an affordable health insurance solution targeting the "Missing Middle"?
एचडीएफसी ERGO जनरल इंश्योरेंस ने "मिसिंग मिडिल" को लक्षित करते हुए एक सस्ती स्वास्थ्य बीमा योजना शुरू करने के लिए किस डिजिटल भुगतान प्लेटफ़ॉर्म के साथ साझेदारी की है?

A. Paytm / पेटीएम
B. Google Pay / गूगल पे
C. Amazon Pay / अमेज़न पे
D. BharatPe / भारतपे
E. PhonePe / फोनपे

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited has partnered with PhonePe to launch an affordable health insurance product.
• The focus is on the "Missing Middle" population – around 40 crore Indians aged 18–30 years who are not covered by either government schemes or existing private health insurance.
• The plan is designed for lower and middle-income groups, with premiums starting as low as ₹12 per day (₹4,380 annually) for coverage of ₹3 lakhs.
• This partnership aims to expand health insurance penetration and make healthcare more accessible and inclusive in India.
• HDFC ERGO General Insurance headquartered in Mumbai and MD & CEO is Anuj Tyagi

Ques: Which UPI app processed the highest number of transactions in July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 में किस UPI ऐप ने सबसे ज्यादा लेनदेन प्रोसेस किए?

A. Google Pay / गूगल पे
B. Paytm / पेटीएम
C. PhonePe / फोनपे
D. Navi / नवी
E. super.money / सुपर.मनी

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• According to NPCI data, PhonePe processed 8.93 billion UPI transactions in July 2025, the highest among all apps.
• Its market share (by volume) stood at 45.88%, followed by Google Pay (6.92 bn, 35.56%) and Paytm (1.36 bn, 7.02%).
• In terms of transaction value, PhonePe processed ₹12.20 trillion, Google Pay ₹8.91 trillion, and Paytm ₹1.43 trillion.
• Emerging players included Navi (0.44 bn) and super.money (0.25 bn).
• Overall, UPI recorded a new high of 19.46 billion transactions worth ₹25.08 trillion in July 2025.

Ques: Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings recently upgraded India's long-term sovereign credit rating after 18 years. What is the new rating?
स्टैंडर्ड एंड पुअर्स (S&P) ग्लोबल रेटिंग्स ने हाल ही में 18 वर्षों बाद भारत की दीर्घकालिक संप्रभु क्रेडिट रेटिंग को अपग्रेड किया है। नई रेटिंग क्या है?

A. BBB-
B. BBB
C. A-2
D. A-3
E. A+

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Finance welcomed the decision by S&P Global Ratings to upgrade India's long-term sovereign credit rating to 'BBB' from 'BBB-' with a Stable Outlook.
• The short-term rating was also upgraded from 'A-3' to 'A-2'.
• This is India's first sovereign rating upgrade by S&P in 18 years (last in 2007, when India was raised to investment grade at BBB-).
• Earlier in May 2024, S&P had revised India's outlook from 'Stable' to 'Positive'.
• S&P projects GDP growth of 6.5% in FY26, with continued growth momentum over the next three years.
• Recently, another rating agency Morningstar DBRS also upgraded India to "BBB" status.

Ques: Who has been appointed as Director on the Tata Sons Board at the 107th AGM?
107वीं वार्षिक आम बैठक में टाटा संस बोर्ड के निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Ratan Tata / रतन टाटा
B. Noel Tata / नोएल टाटा
C. Venu Srinivasan / वेनु श्रीनिवासन
D. Saurabh Agarwal / सौरभ अग्रवाल
E. Anand Mahindra / आनंद महिंद्रा

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Noel Tata, Chairman of Tata Trusts, was appointed as Director on the Tata Sons Board at the 107th Annual General Meeting (AGM).
• He also heads companies such as Trent, Tata International, Voltas, and Tata Investment Corporation.
• His appointment is seen as a move to strengthen ties between the Tata Group and Shapoorji Pallonji Group, the largest minority stakeholder in Tata Sons.
• Along with this, Venu Srinivasan and Saurabh Agarwal were reappointed, while Anita Maranpoly George was appointed as Independent Director for 3 years.
• Shareholders also approved a dividend of ₹64,900 per share, with a total payout of ₹2,622.9 crore.

Ques: By what percentage did the number of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) accounts in public sector banks decline in FY25?
सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों में किसान क्रेडिट कार्ड (KCC) खातों की संख्या FY25 में कितने प्रतिशत घट गई?

A. 2.5%
B. 1.8%
C. 3.2%
D. 0.9%
E. 2.0%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The number of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) accounts in public sector banks declined by 1.8% year-on-year to 22.5 million in FY25.
• Despite fewer accounts, the outstanding loan amount increased by 2.2% to ₹41,300 crore.
• The KCC scheme, introduced in 1998, provides short-term crop loans at a benchmark 9% interest rate.
• Farmers receive a 3% prompt repayment incentive for timely repayment.
• In the FY26 Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman raised the KCC loan limit from ₹3 lakh to ₹5 lakh.

How many BSF soldiers were awarded gallantry medals for valour during Operation Sindoor?
ऑपरेशन सिंदूर के दौरान बहादुरी के लिए कितने बीएसएफ जवानों को गैलेंट्री मेडल से सम्मानित किया गया?

A. 12
B. 14
C. 16
D. 18
E. 20

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• During Operation Sindoor against Pakistan, a total of 16 BSF soldiers were awarded gallantry medals for their exceptional bravery and courage.
• These honours were part of the 127 gallantry awards approved by President Droupadi Murmu on the eve of Independence Day 2025.
• Among them, BSF Sub-Inspector Mohd Imteyaz and Constable Deepak Chingakhwam were posthumously awarded Vir Chakra.
• The awards announced included Kirti Chakras, Vir Chakras, Shaurya Chakras, Sena Medals, Nao Sena Medals, Vayu Sena Medals, and Yudh Seva Medals.
• In total, 233 personnel received gallantry awards, 99 received Distinguished Service medals, and 758 received Meritorious Service medals.

Ques: On the 79th Independence Day (2025), Prime Minister Narendra Modi broke whose record for the most consecutive Independence Day addresses from the Red Fort?
79वें स्वतंत्रता दिवस (2025) पर प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने लाल किले से सबसे अधिक लगातार स्वतंत्रता दिवस संबोधन देने का रिकॉर्ड किसका तोड़ा?

A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee / अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी
B. Indira Gandhi / इंदिरा गांधी
C. Jawaharlal Nehru / जवाहरलाल नेहरू
D. Manmohan Singh / मनमोहन सिंह
E. Lal Bahadur Shastri / लाल बहादुर शास्त्री

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• PM Narendra Modi delivered his 12th consecutive Independence Day speech from the Red Fort on 15 August 2025, marking the 79th Independence Day.
• With this, he surpassed Indira Gandhi's record of 11 successive August 15 addresses.
• Modi first addressed the nation from the Red Fort in 2014 and has continued uninterrupted till 2025.
• He became the second Prime Minister after Jawaharlal Nehru (who delivered 17 consecutive speeches) to cross the 12-mark.
• Modi also delivered the longest-ever Independence Day speech in Indian history in 2025, lasting 103 minutes, breaking his own 98-minute record set in 2024.

Ques: What is the total outlay of the newly launched PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)?
हाल ही में शुरू की गई प्रधानमंत्री विकसित भारत रोजगार योजना (PM-VBRY) का कुल व्यय कितना है?

A. ₹50,000 crore
B. ₹75,000 crore
C. ₹1 trillion
D. ₹1.5 trillion
E. ₹2 trillion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• PM Narendra Modi launched the PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) during his Independence Day speech (2025).
• Scheme provides ₹15,000 financial support for youth entering their first private sector job.
• Outlay: ₹1 trillion (₹1 लाख करोड़) → Targeting 3.5 crore youth beneficiaries.
• Scheme was earlier called the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme.
• It was first announced in the Union Budget (2024) by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

Ques: Which authority launched India's first Property Rating Framework for Digital Connectivity?
भारत का पहला डिजिटल कनेक्टिविटी के लिए प्रॉपर्टी रेटिंग फ्रेमवर्क किस प्राधिकरण ने लॉन्च किया?

A. SEBI / सेबी
B. TRAI / ट्राई
C. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
D. DoT / दूरसंचार विभाग
E. MeitY / इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched India's first voluntary star-based property rating system focused on digital connectivity.
• It evaluates how well a building supports modern digital needs.
• A manual has been issued under the "Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity Regulations, 2024."
• Digital Connectivity Rating Agencies (DCRAs) will conduct assessments using a unified methodology.
• Importance: 70–80% of mobile data is consumed indoors, but connectivity is often poor due to infrastructure and building materials.
• This framework embeds Digital Connectivity Infrastructure (DCI) into early urban planning and incentivizes developers to provide high-quality digital access.
• TRAI: Statutory body established on 20 February 1997 under the TRAI Act, headquartered in New Delhi.

Ques: India recently achieved its first-ever deep ocean human expedition with aquanauts reaching 4,025 m and 5,002 m in the Atlantic Ocean. The mission was conducted in collaboration with which institute?
भारत ने हाल ही में अटलांटिक महासागर में 4,025 मीटर और 5,002 मीटर की गहराई तक पहुंचकर अपनी पहली गहरे समुद्र मानव अभियान उपलब्धि हासिल की। यह मिशन किस संस्थान के सहयोग से संचालित किया गया?

A. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (USA) / वुड्स होल ओशनोग्राफिक इंस्टीट्यूशन (अमेरिका)
B. IFREMER, France / इफ्रेमर, फ्रांस
C. CSIR – National Institute of Oceanography (India) / सीएसआईआर – नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ ओशनोग्राफी (भारत)
D. JAMSTEC, Japan / जैमस्टेक, जापान
E. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (USA) / नेशनल ओशेनिक एंड एटमॉस्फेरिक एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन (अमेरिका)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announced that two Indian aquanauts — Raju Ramesh (Senior Scientist) and Cdr. Jatinder Pal Singh (Retd) — successfully dived to 4,025 m and 5,002 m in the Atlantic Ocean.
• The expedition was a collaborative mission with IFREMER (French Marine Research Institute), using IFREMER's submersible Nautile.
• It marks the first time India has achieved such ocean depths, gathering valuable experience for the Samudrayan Mission.
• The upcoming MATSYA-6000, being developed by NIOT (Chennai) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, aims to reach 6,000 m by 2027.
• With this, India will become the 6th nation to develop its own deep-ocean human submersible.
• MATSYA-6000 has an operational endurance of 12 hours and emergency capacity of 96 hours, with shallow-water trials planned in 2026

Ques : The Government has recently approved a ₹47,000 crore capex plan for which telecom company?
सरकार ने हाल ही में किस दूरसंचार कंपनी के लिए ₹47,000 करोड़ की पूंजीगत योजना को मंजूरी दी है?

(a) Jio / जियो
(b) Airtel / एयरटेल
(c) Vodafone Idea / वोडाफोन आइडिया
(d) BSNL / बीएसएनएल
(e) MTNL / एमटीएनएल

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

• The Government has announced a ₹47,000 crore capital expenditure (capex) plan to strengthen BSNL's telecom network.
• Last year, BSNL spent ₹25,000 crore to install 1 lakh 4G towers, its highest-ever yearly capex.
• The project was largely handled by a TCS and C-DoT-led consortium.
• Union Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has urged BSNL to improve its ARPU (Average Revenue Per User) to enhance financial performance.
• This new investment aims to upgrade BSNL's infrastructure and boost its competitiveness in India's telecom sector.

Ques: Who has retained the post of General Secretary (Administration) of the Constitution Club of India (CCI)?
संविधान क्लब ऑफ इंडिया (CCI) के महासचिव (प्रशासन) पद पर किसने पुनः कार्यभार संभाला है?

A. Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
B. Jagat Prakash Nadda / जगत प्रकाश नड्डा
C. Venkaiah Naidu / वेंकैया नायडू
D. Rajiv Pratap Rudy / राजीव प्रताप रूडी
E. Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• BJP leader Rajiv Pratap Rudy has retained the post of General Secretary (Administration) of the Constitution Club of India (CCI).
• The CCI, founded in February 1947, serves as a social and professional hub for current and former Members of Parliament.
• The present-day CCI was inaugurated in 1965 by then President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
• By structure: The Lok Sabha Speaker is the ex-officio President, the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha is the General Secretary, and the Union Urban Affairs Minister serves as the Vice President

Ques: The mascot of the first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025 is?
पहले खेलो इंडिया वाटर स्पोर्ट्स फेस्टिवल 2025 का शुभंकर (Mascot) क्या है?

A. Snow Leopard / हिम तेंदुआ
B. Himalayan Kingfisher / हिमालयन किंगफिशर
C. Black-necked Crane / काला-गर्दन वाला सारस
D. Blue Pigeon / नीला कबूतर
E. Himalayan Monal / हिमालयन मोनाल

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The mascot of the first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 is the Himalayan Kingfisher.
• The event will be held at Dal Lake, Srinagar, from 21–23 August 2025.
• This will be the second Khelo India event in Jammu & Kashmir, after Gulmarg hosted the Khelo India Winter Games (March 2025).
• The festival will feature rowing, canoeing, and kayaking as medal events, along with water skiing, shikara race, and dragon boat race demonstrations.
• More than 400 athletes from 36 states & UTs are expected to participate.

Ques: Which bill did Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently introduce in the Lok Sabha to amend India's insolvency law?
वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने हाल ही में भारत के दिवालियापन कानून में संशोधन के लिए लोकसभा में कौन सा विधेयक पेश किया?

A. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2023
B. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2024
C. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025
D. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2021
E. Corporate Insolvency and Resolution Bill, 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in the Lok Sabha.
• After introduction, it was referred to a select committee of the House on the minister's request.
• The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) was originally introduced in 2016, and has undergone six amendments so far, the last in 2021.
• The insolvency law is implemented by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, also headed by Sitharaman.

Key Reforms in the Bill:

• Faster Admission of Insolvency Cases – Mandatory admission of creditor-filed applications if default is proven and compliance is met.
• Creditor-Initiated Insolvency Resolution Process (CIIRP) – Out-of-court initiation for genuine business failures; requires 51% creditor consent; timeline of 150 days.
• Group Insolvency Framework – Coordinated insolvency proceedings for corporate groups.
• Cross-Border Insolvency Framework – Mechanism for recovery of foreign assets and dedicated benches for cross-border cases.

Ques: Bihar's Road Construction Department has partnered with which institution to launch an AI-driven bridge management system?
बिहार सड़क निर्माण विभाग ने एआई-संचालित पुल प्रबंधन प्रणाली शुरू करने के लिए किस संस्थान के साथ भागीदारी की है?

A. IIT Bombay / आईआईटी बॉम्बे
B. IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
C. IIT Kanpur / आईआईटी कानपुर
D. IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
E. NIT Patna / एनआईटी पटना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Bihar's Road Construction Department has collaborated with IIT Delhi to develop an AI-powered bridge management system.
• An advanced certification programme will be launched for engineers to enhance their skills in AI-based infrastructure management.
• The system will enable real-time structural health monitoring of bridges, improving safety, durability, and smart infrastructure.
• The partnership aims at modernizing Bihar's public infrastructure using artificial intelligence.

Ques: Who launched the AI-powered tool 'SabhaSaar' for Gram Sabha meetings?
ग्राम सभा बैठकों के लिए एआई-आधारित टूल 'सभा सार' किसने लॉन्च किया?

A. Amit Shah / अमित शाह
B. Dharmendra Pradhan / धर्मेंद्र प्रधान
C. Nitin Gadkari / नितिन गडकरी
D. Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
E. Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan' / राजीव रंजन सिंह 'ललन'

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Union Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan' launched 'SabhaSaar', an AI-powered tool.
• It automatically generates structured minutes from Gram Sabha meeting videos and audio using AI & Natural Language Processing (NLP).
• Initially rolled out in Tripura, and later to be expanded to other states.
• Developed by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj and integrated with Bhashini (National Language Translation Mission).
• Objective: Streamline & standardize Gram Sabha, improve governance efficiency, reduce manual workload, and promote transparency in Panchayat functioning.

Ques: Who recently became India's 89th Chess Grandmaster (GM) in July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 में भारत का 89वाँ शतरंज ग्रैंडमास्टर (GM) कौन बना?

A. Divya Deshmukh / दिव्या देशमुख
B. A. Harikrishnan / ए. हरिकृष्णन
C. S. Rohith Krishna / एस. रोहित कृष्णा
D. R. Praggnanandhaa / आर. प्रज्ञानानंदा
E. Arjun Erigaisi / अर्जुन एरिगैसी

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• S. Rohith Krishna (19-year-old engineering student from Chennai) became India's 89th Chess GM and the 85th male GM.
• He achieved his final GM norm at the Almaty Masters Qonaev Cup in Kazakhstan (July 2025), scoring 6/9 points and crossing the 2500 Elo rating mark (FIDE rating 2516).
• He earlier earned the International Master (IM) title in 2022.
• A. Harikrishnan became India's 87th GM at the La Plagne International Chess Festival (France).
• Divya won the 2025 Women's World Cup, becoming the 4th Indian woman Grandmaster and India's 88th GM overall.

Ques : India and the U.S. will hold the 21st edition of which joint military exercise in Alaska this month?
भारत और अमेरिका इस महीने अलास्का में किस संयुक्त सैन्य अभ्यास के 21वें संस्करण का आयोजन करेंगे?

A. Vajra Prahar | वज्र प्रहार
B. Yudh Abhyas | युद्ध अभ्यास
C. Malabar | मालाबार
D. Garuda Shakti | गरुड़ शक्ति
E. Shakti | शक्ति

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• The 21st edition of Yudh Abhyas (a joint military exercise between India and the U.S.) will be held in Alaska this month.
• The exercise aims to strengthen defence cooperation and interoperability between the two countries.
• Alongside, a U.S. Defence Policy team will visit Delhi in mid-August, and both nations will also hold a 2+2 intersessional meeting at the working level.

Ques: Dr Vece Paes, who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?
हाल ही में दिवंगत हुए डॉ. वीसी पेस किस खेल से जुड़े थे?

A. Hockey / हॉकी
B. Tennis / टेनिस
C. Football / फ़ुटबॉल
D. Rugby / रग्बी
E. Athletics / एथलेटिक्स

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Dr Vece Paes, father of tennis legend Leander Paes, was an Olympic hockey medallist.
• He won a bronze medal with the Indian hockey team at the 1972 Munich Olympics and also at the 1971 Hockey World Cup in Barcelona.
• Apart from hockey, he also contributed to other sports administration, serving as the President of the Indian Rugby Football Union (1996–2002).
• His legacy lies in being both a successful player and a sports administrator in India.

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Indian Actor, Producer and Investor, H.E. Zeenat Kureshi Appointed as 1st woman from India to be appointed as the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)-India Trade Commissioner

The government has announced the formation of the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) to replace UGC, AICTE, and NCTE with a unified, tech-driven regulator.

Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival 2025 to be held from August 14-17

Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Limited and Prime Aero Services LLP have signed a definitive agreement to acquire a 100% share in Indamer Technics Private Limited, a private sector Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul company.

On India's 79th Independence Day, PM Narendra Modi announced that India will launch the 'Sudarshan Chakra' air defence system by 2035.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

भारतीय अभिनेत्री, निर्माता और निवेशक, माननीय जीनत कुरैशी को खाड़ी सहयोग परिषद (जीसीसी)-भारत व्यापार आयुक्त नियुक्त किया गया है। वे भारत की पहली महिला हैं।

सरकार ने यूजीसी, एआईसीटीई और एनसीटीई के स्थान पर एक एकीकृत, तकनीक-संचालित नियामक के रूप में भारतीय उच्च शिक्षा आयोग (एचईसीआई) के गठन की घोषणा की है।

तमिलनाडु अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पतंग महोत्सव 2025, 14-17 अगस्त तक आयोजित किया जाएगा।

अडानी डिफेंस सिस्टम्स एंड टेक्नोलॉजीज लिमिटेड और प्राइम एयरो सर्विसेज एलएलपी ने निजी क्षेत्र की रखरखाव, मरम्मत और ओवरहाल कंपनी, इंडैमर टेक्निक्स प्राइवेट लिमिटेड में 100% हिस्सेदारी हासिल करने के लिए एक निश्चित समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

भारत के 79वें स्वतंत्रता दिवस पर, प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने घोषणा की कि भारत 2035 तक 'सुदर्शन चक्र' वायु रक्षा प्रणाली लॉन्च करेगा।

Ques: Which bank received the highest number of customer complaints in FY25 among public sector banks?
FY25 में सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों में किस बैंक को सबसे अधिक ग्राहक शिकायतें मिलीं?

A. Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
B. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
C. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
D. Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
E. Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• In FY25, the State Bank of India (SBI) received the highest number of customer complaints among all public sector banks.
• Among private sector banks, Axis Bank recorded the highest complaints.
• The data reflects growing concerns over service quality in both public and private sector banks.
• It also underlines the need for better grievance redressal mechanisms in the banking sector.

Ques: Which bank has launched a special personal loan scheme for Agniveers on India's 79th Independence Day?
भारत के 79वें स्वतंत्रता दिवस पर किस बैंक ने अग्निवीरों के लिए विशेष व्यक्तिगत ऋण योजना शुरू की है?

A. Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
B. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
C. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
D. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
E. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• A unique personal loan program designed especially for Agniveers has been introduced by State Bank of India (SBI).
• To commemorate India's 79th Independence Day, the program was launched.
• Agniveers with an SBI salary account are eligible for loans up to ₹4 lakh under the scheme;
• these loans are provided without collateral and with a full waiver of processing fees. Until
• September 30, 2025, SBI is also giving all defense personnel a flat interest rate of 10.50% on personal loans.

Ques: From which date has NPCI directed banks and payment apps to stop peer-to-peer (P2P) UPI "collect requests" to curb frauds?
धोखाधड़ी को रोकने के लिए NPCI ने बैंकों और भुगतान ऐप्स को किस तिथि से P2P UPI "कलेक्ट रिक्वेस्ट" बंद करने का निर्देश दिया है?

A. September 1, 2025
B. October 1, 2025
C. November 1, 2025
D. December 1, 2025
E. January 1, 2026

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has directed banks and payment apps to halt all P2P UPI collect requests starting October 1, 2025.
• The UPI Collect feature lets one UPI user request money from another by sending a payment request.
• Current rules includes Maximum collection per transaction: ₹2,000. Daily cap : 50 successful P2P credit transactions
• This step aims to reduce online frauds and scams that exploit the "collect request" feature.

Ques: Which bank will manage the online payment services for India's first barrier-less toll collection system?
भारत की पहली बाधा-मुक्त टोल संग्रह प्रणाली के लिए ऑनलाइन भुगतान सेवाओं का प्रबंधन कौन सा बैंक करेगा?

A. Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
B. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
C. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
D. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
E. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• ICICI Bank will manage the online payment services for India's first barrier-less toll collection system.
• This system is being implemented at the Choryasi Toll Plaza on NH-48 in Gujarat.
• The project is an initiative of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to modernize road infrastructure.
• It uses Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) technology, which includes RFID scanners and AI-based Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras
• The toll collection system will be applied on the 246-km Bharuch–Surat stretch of NH-48 in Gujarat.

Ques: The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) recently held an interactive session with northeastern states on which theme?
कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय (MSDE) ने हाल ही में पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों के साथ किस विषय पर एक इंटरएक्टिव सत्र आयोजित किया?

A. Digital Skilling Mission / डिजिटल स्किलिंग मिशन
B. National Scheme for ITI Upgradation / आईटीआई उन्नयन के लिए राष्ट्रीय योजना
C. Startup India Skill Drive / स्टार्टअप इंडिया स्किल ड्राइव
D. Skill India 2.0 Initiative / स्किल इंडिया 2.0 पहल
E. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Samvardhan Yojana / प्रधानमंत्री कौशल संवर्धन योजना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organised an Interactive Session at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi with senior officers from Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura and West Bengal.
• The session's theme was the National Scheme for ITI Upgradation, approved in May 2025 after being announced in the Union Budget 2024-25.
• Under this scheme 1000 Government ITIs will be upgraded using a hub & spoke model, 200 ITIs will serve as hub institutions and 800 ITIs will function as spokes.
• The goal is to create state-led, industry-managed skilling institutions for better training and employability.

Ques : As per the Digital Agriculture Mission, how many farmers currently have digital IDs linked to land records?
डिजिटल एग्रीकल्चर मिशन के तहत अभी कितने किसानों के भूमि अभिलेखों से जुड़े डिजिटल IDs बने हैं?

A. 50 million
B. 70 million
C. 90 million
D. 100 million
E. 110 million

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• Under the Digital Agriculture Mission, more than 70 million unique farmer IDs have been generated in 14 states.
• These IDs are known as Kisan Pehchaan Patra, containing details of farmers' landholdings, crops, and related data.
• Major contributors: Uttar Pradesh (14.4 mn), Maharashtra (11.3 mn), Madhya Pradesh (8.7 mn), Rajasthan (7.8 mn), Gujarat (5.6 mn).
• Targets : FY25 → 90 million farmers and FY27 → 110 million farmers
• This is part of a ₹2,817 crore project (AgriStack, Krishi Decision Support System, Soil Mapping).
• Uses: PM-Kisan DBT, Kisan Credit Cards, PMFBY (crop insurance), Soil Health Cards.

Ques: Which facility was launched by NHAI on 15th August 2025 to streamline toll payments?
टोल भुगतान को सरल बनाने के लिए NHAI ने 15 अगस्त 2025 को कौन-सी सुविधा शुरू की?

A. One Nation One Toll Card / वन नेशन वन टोल कार्ड
B. FASTag Annual Pass / फास्टैग वार्षिक पास
C. Digital Toll Wallet / डिजिटल टोल वॉलेट
D. MLFF System / एमएलएफएफ प्रणाली
E. Bharat e-Toll / भारत ई-टोल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• On August 15, 2025, the FASTag Annual Pass service was introduced by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
• In keeping with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's goal of using technology to improve services, this project seeks to increase the effectiveness, affordability, and usability of toll payments.
• Highway users have responded quite favorably to the instant nationwide rollout across 1,150 toll plazas.
• The pass costs ₹3,000 and is good for 200 toll crossings or one year, whichever comes first.

Eligibility and Activation :

• Applicable to all non-commercial vehicles with a valid FASTag.
• Can be activated through the Rajmargyatra App or NHAI website.
• Activation happens within two hours of payment confirmation.

Ques: Who has been announced as NDA's candidate for the Vice-Presidential election 2025?
2025 के उपराष्ट्रपति चुनाव के लिए एनडीए के उम्मीदवार के रूप में किसे घोषित किया गया है?

A. Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़
B. C.P. Radhakrishnan / सी.पी. राधाकृष्णन
C. Venkaiah Naidu / वेंकैया नायडू
D. Ram Nath Kovind / राम नाथ कोविंद
E. Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• BJP has declared Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan as the NDA's candidate for the Vice-Presidential elections 2025, scheduled on 9 September 2025.
• He is a former Lok Sabha MP, ex-Governor of Jharkhand, and a senior RSS leader.
• Radhakrishnan also served as BJP Tamil Nadu president (2004–2007), credited with strengthening the party in South India.
• This announcement comes after Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned last month due to health reasons.

Ques: Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh recently interacted with 30 meritorious tribal students from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands under which initiative?
रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने हाल ही में अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीपसमूह के 30 प्रतिभाशाली जनजातीय छात्रों से किस पहल के तहत बातचीत की?

A. Aarohan: Dweep to Delhi / आरोहण : द्वीप से दिल्ली
B. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat / एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत
C. Bharat Darshan Yatra / भारत दर्शन यात्रा
D. Mission Samrasta / मिशन समरसता
E. Yuva Sangam / युवा संगम

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh interacted with 30 meritorious higher secondary students from tribal communities of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
• The event was part of Aarohan: Dweep to Delhi, a 7-day National Integration Tour organised by the Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC).
• Objective: To provide exposure to youth from remote island communities to India's cultural heritage, modern infrastructure, and academic opportunities.
• The tour itinerary included visits to Red Fort, India Gate, National War Memorial, Taj Mahal, and premier institutions like Delhi Technological University and the National Science Centre.

Ques: Where was the ISRO–Muskaan Foundation space lab inaugurated in Arunachal Pradesh?
अरुणाचल प्रदेश में इसरो–मुस्कान फाउंडेशन स्पेस लैब का उद्घाटन कहां किया गया?

A. Itanagar / ईटानगर
B. Pasighat / पासीघाट
C. Tawang / तवांग
D. Mechuka / मेचुका
E. Ziro / ज़ीरो

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• A state-of-the-art space lab was inaugurated at Mechuka Government Higher Secondary School, Shi-Yomi district, Arunachal Pradesh.
• The lab was established through collaboration between ISRO and Muskaan Foundation.
• The initiative aims to provide students with hands-on learning in space science and technology.
• The facility will foster curiosity, innovation, and scientific thinking among youth.
• This effort is part of ISRO's broader vision to encourage STEM education in remote and border regions.

Ques: Which organisation published the Top 500 Global Brands List 2025?
टॉप 500 ग्लोबल ब्रांड्स लिस्ट 2025 किस संगठन द्वारा प्रकाशित की गई?

A. Interbrand / इंटरब्रांड
B. TopBrand Union / टॉपब्रांड यूनियन
C. Brand Finance / ब्रांड फाइनेंस
D. World Economic Forum / विश्व आर्थिक मंच
E. Fortune Global Insights / फॉर्च्यून ग्लोबल इनसाइट्स

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Top 500 Global Brands List 2025 was published by TopBrand Union.
• It was released during the 19th China Brand Festival held in Shenzhen.
• The festival had the theme – "AI and Global Expansion", reflecting the growing role of artificial intelligence in global branding.
• The event attracted 10,000+ participants, including entrepreneurs, policymakers, and brand leaders.

Top 5 Global Brands of 2025 :

1 Microsoft
2 NVIDIA
3 Apple
4 Amazon
5 Alphabet

Ques: In the proposed new GST structure, what will be the highest tax rate?
केंद्र द्वारा प्रस्तावित नई GST संरचना में उच्चतम टैक्स दर कितनी होगी?

A. 28%
B. 30%
C. 35%
D. 40%
E. 18%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Centre has proposed a 2-tier GST structure by retaining 5% and 18% slabs as the main rates.
• The 12% and 28% slabs will be abolished.
• 99% of items in the 12% slab will move to 5%, while 90% of items in the 28% slab will shift to 18%.
• A new 40% "sin tax" slab will apply to around 5–7 items (like tobacco, gutka, cigarettes).
• A concessional rate (<1%) will continue for precious metals (gold, silver – 3%) and semi-precious stones (0.25%).

Revenue share of slabs (before change):

• 28% slab → 11% of GST revenue
• 12% slab → 5% of GST revenue
• 5% slab → 7% of GST revenue
• 18% slab → 67% of GST revenue (largest share)

Ques : When was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) launched?
नशा मुक्त भारत अभियान (NMBA) कब शुरू किया गया था?

A. 2018
B. 2019
C. 2020
D. 2021
E. 2022

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• On August 15 2025, Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) or Drugs-Free India Campaign, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) has successfully completed 5 years.

About Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) :

• Launched : August 15, 2020
• Launched under : National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)
• Nodal ministry : Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE)
• Initial coverage : 272 districts across 32 States/Union Territories (UTs)

Ques: Who has been chosen for the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK)?
17वें अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वृत्तचित्र और लघु फिल्म महोत्सव (IDSFFK) में आजीवन उपलब्धि पुरस्कार किसे प्रदान किया गया है?

A. Anand Patwardhan / आनंद पटवर्धन
B. Deepa Dhanraj / दीपा धनराज
C. Shaji N. Karun / शाजी एन. करुण
D. Mira Nair / मीरा नायर
E. Rakesh Sharma / राकेश शर्मा

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Rakesh Sharma has been selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK).
• The award carries ₹2 lakh, a certificate, and a statuette.
• Rakesh Sharma is best known for his ground-breaking 2004 documentary Final Solution, which portrayed the 2002 Gujarat pogrom.
• The festival is organised by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy.

Ques: Which mission was launched by India in 2025 to ensure supply of critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, and rare earths for self-reliance?
भारत ने 2025 में कौन-सा मिशन शुरू किया है जो लिथियम, कोबाल्ट और रेयर अर्थ जैसे खनिजों की आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित कर आत्मनिर्भरता को बढ़ावा देगा?

A. National Mineral Development Mission / राष्ट्रीय खनिज विकास मिशन
B. National Rare Earths Mission / राष्ट्रीय रेयर अर्थ मिशन
C. National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) / राष्ट्रीय क्रिटिकल मिनरल मिशन
D. Mineral Security Mission / खनिज सुरक्षा मिशन
E. Clean Energy Mineral Mission / स्वच्छ ऊर्जा खनिज मिशन

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• India launched NCMM in 2025 to secure critical minerals needed for clean energy technologies and national security.
• Led by the Geological Survey of India (GSI), the mission will conduct 1,200 exploration projects (2024–25 to 2030–31).
• Targeted minerals: Lithium, Cobalt, Rare Earth Elements (REEs), Nickel, Manganese.
• 195 exploration projects started in 2024–25 alone, including 35 in Rajasthan.
• NCMM also plans to auction 100 mineral blocks and promote offshore exploration.
• By 2030–31, goals include 1,000 patents, 10,000 skilled workers, 4 mineral processing parks and 3 Centres of Excellence
• Objective: Reduce import dependency and support India's global energy transition.

Ques: Which two organisations signed an MoU to roll out the e-Sushrut@Clinic platform?
किस दो संगठनों ने e-Sushrut@Clinic प्लेटफ़ॉर्म शुरू करने के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

A. NHA & C-DAC / एनएचए और सी-डैक
B. NITI Aayog & NIC / नीति आयोग और एनआईसी
C. ICMR & AIIMS / आईसीएमआर और एम्स
D. Ministry of Health & IIT Delhi / स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय और आईआईटी दिल्ली
E. DRDO & DGHS / डीआरडीओ और डीजीएचएस

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The National Health Authority (NHA) and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) signed an MoU to launch e-Sushrut@Clinic.
• It is a lightweight, cloud-based Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) tailored for small and medium healthcare providers.
• The application is a simplified version of C-DAC's flagship e-Sushrut HMIS, which is already in use at 17 AIIMS and 4000+ health facilities nationwide.
• This step is part of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), launched in September 2021 to build an integrated digital health infrastructure in India.

Features:

• Designed for outpatient management, pharmacy, and nursing modules.
• Enables digitization of patient records, prescriptions, billing, and telemedicine services.
• Simple onboarding via Health Facility Registry (HFR) and Health Professional Registry (HPR).

Ques : Which two highway projects worth ₹11,000 crore will PM Modi inaugurate in Delhi?
दिल्ली में पीएम मोदी कौन सी दो ₹11,000 करोड़ की राजमार्ग परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन करेंगे?

A. Delhi–Meerut Expressway & Eastern Peripheral Expressway / दिल्ली-मेरठ एक्सप्रेसवे और ईस्टर्न पेरिफेरल एक्सप्रेसवे
B. Dwarka Expressway (Delhi section) & UER-II (Alipur–Dichau Kalan stretch) / द्वारका एक्सप्रेसवे (दिल्ली खंड) और यूईआर-II (अलीपुर-दिचाउ कलां खंड)
C. Delhi–Mumbai Expressway & Western Peripheral Expressway / दिल्ली-मुंबई एक्सप्रेसवे और वेस्टर्न पेरिफेरल एक्सप्रेसवे
D. Yamuna Expressway & Agra–Lucknow Expressway / यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे और आगरा-लखनऊ एक्सप्रेसवे
E. Delhi–Jaipur Expressway & Delhi–Amritsar Expressway / दिल्ली-जयपुर एक्सप्रेसवे और दिल्ली-अमृतसर एक्सप्रेसवे

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate two major National Highway projects in Delhi worth ₹11,000 crore.
• These include:
– Dwarka Expressway (Delhi section) – 10.1 km, costing ₹5,360 crore.
– Urban Extension Road-II (UER-II), Alipur–Dichau Kalan stretch – costing ₹5,580 crore.
• The projects will decongest Delhi, reduce travel time, and improve seamless mobility.
• Intermodal transit connectivity will link Yashobhoomi, Delhi Metro (Blue & Orange Line), Bijwasan railway station, and Dwarka Cluster Bus Depot.
• UER-II will provide direct access to Bahadurgarh & Sonipat, reduce city traffic, and boost industrial connectivity in NCR.

Ques : Which institute's researchers have developed a low-power miniaturised technology to detect trace leakage of hydrogen and nitrogen dioxide?
किस संस्थान के शोधकर्ताओं ने हाइड्रोजन और नाइट्रोजन डाइऑक्साइड के सूक्ष्म रिसाव का पता लगाने के लिए कम-शक्ति वाली लघु तकनीक विकसित की है?

A. IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
B. IISc Bengaluru / आईआईएससी बेंगलुरु
C. IISER Thiruvananthapuram / आईआईएसईआर तिरुवनंतपुरम
D. IIT Bombay / आईआईटी बॉम्बे
E. NIT Trichy / एनआईटी त्रिची

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• Researchers from the School of Physics, IISER Thiruvananthapuram developed a low-power, miniaturised sensor.
• It can detect Trace leakage of hydrogen (used as clean fuel) and Small amounts of toxic nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) from burning fossil fuels in stoves/heaters.
• It Works at room temperature, even with very small quantities.
• The project was supported by the Nano Mission Program of the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
• This tech is significant for clean energy safety (hydrogen fuel) and public health (NO_2 exposure).

Ques: Who has been given the additional charge as the Governor of Nagaland after the demise of La. Ganesan in August 2025?
अगस्त 2025 में ला. गणेशन के निधन के बाद नागालैंड के राज्यपाल का अतिरिक्त प्रभार किसे दिया गया है?

A. Ajay Kumar Bhalla / अजय कुमार भल्ला
B. Arif Mohammed Khan / अरिफ मोहम्मद ख़ान
C. Ramesh Bais / रमेश बैस
D. Anusuiya Uikey / अनुसुइया उइके
E. C. P. Radhakrishnan / सी. पी. राधाकृष्णन

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• After the demise of Nagaland Governor La. Ganesan, the President of India appointed Ajay Kumar Bhalla, the Governor of Manipur, with the additional charge of Nagaland.
• The Governor serves as the chief executive head of a state.
• Article 153 of the Constitution states that there shall be a Governor for each state.
• Along with the Chief Minister, Council of Ministers, and Advocate General, the Governor forms part of the State Executive.
• Articles 153 to 167 (Part VI) of the Constitution deal with the structure and functions of the State Executive.

Ques: Where was the 12th edition of the Sri Lanka–India Naval Exercise (SLINEX-25) conducted in August 2025?
अगस्त *2025* में *12*वें श्रीलंका–भारत नौसैनिक अभ्यास *(SLINEX-25)* का आयोजन कहाँ किया गया*?*

A. Kochi, India / कोच्चि, भारत
B. Colombo, Sri Lanka / कोलंबो, श्रीलंका
C. Visakhapatnam, India / विशाखापट्टनम, भारत
D. Trincomalee, Sri Lanka / त्रिंकोमाली, श्रीलंका
E. Chennai, India / चेन्नई, भारत

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The 12th edition of Sri Lanka–India Naval Exercise (SLINEX-25) was held from 14–18 August 2025 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
• Harbour Phase: 14–16 August at Colombo Port. Sea Phase: 17–18 August off the Colombo coast.
• Participating Units : Indian Navy – INS Rana (guided missile destroyer), INS Jyoti (fleet tanker).
• Sri Lanka Navy – SLNS Gajabahu, SLNS Vijayabahu (Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessels), SLNS Sayura.
• Supported by Sri Lanka Air Force BEL 412 helicopters and Special Forces from both nations.
• SLINEX is a bilateral naval exercise conceptualised in 2005.
• The previous edition (2024) was held at Visakhapatnam, India.

Ques: Who is the author of the book "The Weight Loss Revolution – Weight Loss Drugs and How to Use Them"?
पुस्तक "द वेट लॉस रिवोल्यूशन – वेट लॉस ड्रग्स एंड हाउ टू यूज़ देम" के लेखक कौन हैं?

A. Dr. Devi Shetty & Rujuta Diwekar / डॉ. देवी शेट्टी और रुजुता दिवेकर
B. Dr. Ambrish Mithal & Shivam Vij / डॉ. अम्बरीश मित्तल और शिवम विज
C. Dr. Naresh Trehan & Shiv Khera / डॉ. नरेश त्रेहन और शिव खेड़ा
D. Dr. Sudhanshu Bhattacharya & Piyush Pandey / डॉ. सुधांशु भट्टाचार्य और पियूष पांडे
E. Dr. Randeep Guleria & Chetan Bhagat / डॉ. रणदीप गुलेरिया और चेतन भगत

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the book "The Weight Loss Revolution – Weight Loss Drugs and How to Use Them".
• The book has been authored by Dr. Ambrish Mithal, an eminent endocrinologist, along with Mr. Shivam Vij.
• It provides detailed insights into the latest weight loss medicines and their correct usage.
• The book also aims to spread awareness about healthy and scientific approaches to weight management.
• This work highlights the role of modern medicine in safe and effective weight loss.

IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

BSNL announced the nationwide roll-out of its network-side AntiSpam and Anti-Smishing protection for mobile customers—no app to install, no settings to change.

Fresh apricots from Kargil, Ladakh, have been introduced to Saudi Arabia for the first time during India's 79th Independence Day celebrations in Riyadh, under the One District One Product initiative.

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) declared that India has surpassed 2.3 GW in 2014 by reaching a historic milestone of 100 GW of solar Photo Voltaic (PV) module manufacturing capacity under the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM).

This achievement bolsters Government of India (GoI)'s commitment towards Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliance) and the target of 500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030.

Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi began his 16-day-long 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' from Sasaram in poll-bound Bihar

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

बीएसएनएल ने मोबाइल ग्राहकों के लिए अपने नेटवर्क-साइड एंटीस्पैम और एंटी-स्मिशिंग सुरक्षा को देशव्यापी रूप से लागू करने की घोषणा की है—अब न कोई ऐप इंस्टॉल करना होगा, न ही कोई सेटिंग बदलनी होगी।

"एक ज़िला एक उत्पाद" पहल के तहत, रियाद में भारत के 79वें स्वतंत्रता दिवस समारोह के दौरान पहली बार कारगिल, लद्दाख से ताज़ा खुबानी सऊदी अरब में लाई गई।

नवीन एवं नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय (एमएनआरई) के केंद्रीय मंत्री प्रल्हाद जोशी ने घोषणा की कि भारत ने 2014 में 2.3 गीगावाट के लक्ष्य को पार कर लिया है और मॉडल एवं निर्माताओं की अनुमोदित सूची (एएलएमएम) के तहत 100 गीगावाट सौर फोटो वोल्टेइक (पीवी) मॉड्यूल निर्माण क्षमता का ऐतिहासिक पड़ाव पार कर लिया है।

यह उपलब्धि भारत सरकार की आत्मनिर्भर भारत के प्रति प्रतिबद्धता और 2030 तक 500 गीगावाट गैर-जीवाश्म क्षमता के लक्ष्य को पुष्ट करती है।

वरिष्ठ कांग्रेस नेता और लोकसभा में विपक्ष के नेता राहुल गांधी ने चुनावी राज्य बिहार के सासाराम से अपनी 16 दिवसीय 'मतदाता अधिकार यात्रा' शुरू की।

Ques: LIC's special revival campaign for lapsed policies will run between which dates?
एलआईसी का लैप्स पॉलिसियों के लिए विशेष पुनर्जीवन अभियान किन तारीखों के बीच चलेगा?

A. 1 July – 31 August
B. 15 August – 15 October
C. 18 August – 17 October
D. 1 September – 31 October
E. 10 August – 10 October

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a 2-month nationwide campaign to revive lapsed individual insurance policies.
• The campaign will run from 18 August to 17 October.
• LIC is offering concession on late fees up to 30%, subject to a maximum of ₹5,000, for all non-linked insurance plans.
• Policies can be revived within 5 years from the date of the first unpaid premium, subject to terms & conditions.
• Only policies that lapsed during the premium-paying term but have not completed the policy term are eligible.

Ques: Which bank partnered with IndiGo to launch the IndiGo IDFC FIRST Credit Card offering Mastercard and RuPay networks?
मास्टरकार्ड और रुपे नेटवर्क प्रदान करने वाले इंडिगो आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट क्रेडिट कार्ड को लॉन्च करने के लिए इंडिगो ने किस बैंक के साथ साझेदारी की?

A. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
B. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
C. IDFC FIRST Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक
D. Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
E. Yes Bank / यस बैंक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• IndiGo and IDFC FIRST Bank jointly launched the IndiGo IDFC FIRST Credit Card.
• The card provides access to both Mastercard and RuPay networks through a single application.
• It comes with two application options : ₹4,999 joining fee and Zero joining fee with a ₹1 lakh fixed deposit backing.

About IDFC First Bank :

• Established : 2015
• HQ : Mumbai
• MD & CEO : V Vaidyanathan
• Tagline : Always You First

Ques: Which state received the highest SASCI fund allocation in FY26 (till 11 Aug 2025)?
एफवाई26 (11 अगस्त 2025 तक) में किस राज्य को एसएएससीआई फंड का सबसे अधिक आवंटन मिला?

A. Bihar / बिहार
B. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
C. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
D. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The SASCI scheme (Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure and Investment) was launched in FY21 with an initial allocation of ₹12,000 crore (COVID pandemic support).
• By FY25, allocation increased sharply to ₹1,50,000 crore, almost fully utilised.
• Till 11 Aug 2025 (FY26), the Centre released ₹36,027 crore to states and UTs.

Top recipients (FY26 so far):

1. Uttar Pradesh (highest share)
2. Bihar
3. Rajasthan
4. Madhya Pradesh
5. Maharashtra

Ques: Which Indian firm became the first to receive a UAE licence to sell investment funds and portfolios to retail investors?
कौन सी भारतीय कंपनी खुदरा निवेशकों को निवेश फंड और पोर्टफोलियो बेचने के लिए यूएई से लाइसेंस प्राप्त करने वाली पहली बनी?

A. HDFC International / एचडीएफसी इंटरनेशनल
B. Kotak International / कोटक इंटरनेशनल
C. ICICI International / आईसीआईसीआई इंटरनेशनल
D. Axis Global / एक्सिस ग्लोबल
E. SBI Global / एसबीआई ग्लोबल

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Kotak International, the global arm of Kotak Mahindra Bank (India's 3rd largest private lender), has received a licence from the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
• The licence, granted by the Securities & Commodities Authority (SCA) of UAE, allows it to sell investment funds and portfolios to onshore retail investors.
• This makes Kotak International the first Indian firm to receive such approval in the UAE.
• The funds can be accessed with a minimum investment of approximately USD 500.

About Kotak Mahindra Bank :

• Established : 2003
• HQ : Mumbai
• MD & CEO : Ashok Vaswani
• Tagline : Let's make money simple

Ques : Who won the Best Film & Best Director Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2025?
इंडियन फिल्म फेस्टिवल ऑफ मेलबर्न (IFFM) 2025 में सर्वश्रेष्ठ फिल्म और सर्वश्रेष्ठ निर्देशक का पुरस्कार किसे मिला?

A. Sanjay Leela Bhansali / संजय लीला भंसाली
B. Neeraj Ghaywan / नीरज घायवान
C. Rajkumar Hirani / राजकुमार हिरानी
D. Anurag Kashyap / अनुराग कश्यप
E. None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• Best Film & Best Director Awarded at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2025
• Filmmaker Neeraj Ghaywan's drama Homebound dominated the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2025 awards night, bagging the coveted honours of best film and best director.

Complete list of IFFM 2025 Award Winners:

• Best Film: Homebound
• Best Director: Neeraj Ghaywan (Homebound)
• Best Indie Film: Angammal
• Best Actor (Male) – Film: Abhishek Bachchan (I Want to Talk)
• Best Actor (Female) – Film: Geetha Kailasam (Angammal)
• Best Series: Black Warrant
• Best Actor (Male) – Series: Jaideep Ahlawat (Paatal Lok Season 2)
• Best Actor (Female) – Series: Nimisha Sajayan (Dabba Cartel)
• Excellence in Cinema: Aamir Khan
• Leadership in Cinema: Arvind Swamy
• Disruptor Award: Vir Das

Ques: Which country is hosting the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 for the first time?
एशियन ओपन शॉर्ट ट्रैक स्पीड स्केटिंग ट्रॉफी 2025 की मेज़बानी पहली बार कौन सा देश कर रहा है?

A. China | चीन
B. Japan | जापान
C. India | भारत
D. Indonesia | इंडोनेशिया
E. Thailand | थाईलैंड

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• India will host the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 for the first time.
• Venue: Maharana Pratap Sports College, Raipur, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) started from 20–23 August 2025
• Organized under the Ice Skating Association of India (ISAI), headed by Amitabh Sharma (President).
• Participation: More than 11 Asian countries including China, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Vietnam, Malaysia, Philippines, and India.
• It is the biggest international winter sports event hosted by India.

Ques: Recently, Union Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh launched a customized version of the Hostile Activity Watch Kernel (HAWK) wildlife crime management system for which state?
हाल ही में, केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री किर्ती वर्धन सिंह ने Hostile Activity Watch Kernel (HAWK) वन्यजीव अपराध प्रबंधन प्रणाली का अनुकूलित संस्करण किस राज्य के लिए लॉन्च किया?

A. Kerala / केरल
B. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
C. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
D. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
E. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Union Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh launched a customized version of HAWK (Hostile Activity Watch Kernel), a digital-cum-centralized forest and wildlife crime management system, for the Tamil Nadu Forest Department.
• With this, Tamil Nadu became the 3rd state in India, after Kerala and Karnataka, to implement the system.
• The system was developed by Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) in collaboration with Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT), a Japanese IT services provider.
• Objective: To strengthen monitoring and curb forest and wildlife crimes through a centralized digital platform.

Ques: What is the purpose of the newly unveiled Golden Dome Missile Defense System by the United States?
संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका द्वारा हाल ही में अनावरण किए गए गोल्डन डोम मिसाइल डिफेंस सिस्टम का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To enhance nuclear submarine capabilities / परमाणु पनडुब्बी क्षमताओं को बढ़ाना
B. To shield the U.S. from foreign missile threats / अमेरिका को विदेशी मिसाइल खतरों से बचाना
C. To develop offensive hypersonic missiles / आक्रामक हाइपरसोनिक मिसाइलें विकसित करना
D. To control military satellites / सैन्य उपग्रहों को नियंत्रित करना
E. To expand NATO's joint defense operations / नाटो के संयुक्त रक्षा अभियानों का विस्तार करना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Golden Dome Missile Defense System is a $175 billion next-generation U.S. missile defense program.
• It uses space-based satellites and multiple ground-based layers (THAAD, Patriot, Next Generation Interceptors) to counter ballistic, hypersonic, and cruise missile threats.
• The system aims to neutralize intercontinental ballistic missiles during the boost phase and provide a multi-layered shield against advanced threats.
• General Michael A. Guetlein (U.S. Space Force) has been appointed to lead the project.
• Key collaborators: SpaceX, Palantir, Anduril, L3Harris, Lockheed Martin, RTX.
• The U.S. targets operational readiness by 2028, with a large-scale test scheduled for late 2028.

Ques: Which railway zone has become the first in India to shift to compostable bio-plastic on trains?
कौन सा रेलवे ज़ोन ट्रेनों में कम्पोस्टेबल बायो-प्लास्टिक अपनाने वाला भारत का पहला ज़ोन बना है?

A. Eastern Railway / पूर्वी रेलवे
B. Northeast Frontier Railway / ईशान्य सीमांत रेलवे
C. Northern Railway / उत्तरी रेलवे
D. South Central Railway / दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे
E. Western Railway / पश्चिम रेलवे

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has become India's first railway zone to adopt compostable bio-plastic on trains.
• The initiative was launched on the 79th Independence Day, when biodegradable bags were introduced for distributing linen to passengers.
• The ISO 17088-compliant bioplastic used in the project was developed by IIT Guwahati.
• Under the project, 40,000 bioplastic bags will be distributed across 25 trains originating from terminals in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bengal, Bihar, Tripura, and West Bengal.

Ques: Russia has planned to launch its Venera-D mission to Venus between which years?
रूस ने अपने वनेरा-डी (Venera-D) मिशन को शुक्र ग्रह पर किस अवधि में प्रक्षेपित करने की योजना बनाई है?

A. 2028 – 2030
B. 2030 – 2032
C. 2032 – 2034
D. 2034 – 2036
E. 2036 – 2038

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Russia is planning to launch the Venera-D Venus Mission between 2034 and 2036.
• The mission will include a lander, a balloon probe, and an orbital spacecraft.
• This will mark Russia's return to Venus exploration after decades, as the Soviet Union's Venera probes (1975 & 1982) were the only ones to capture images of Venus' surface.
• The mission design is being developed in collaboration with the Lavochkin Association, with a two-year design phase.
• The word "Venera" means "Venus" in Russian.

Ques: On 14 August 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked the completion of how many years of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)?
14 अगस्त 2025 को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने जल जीवन मिशन (JJM) की कितनी वर्षगांठ पूरी होने पर इसे चिह्नित किया?

A. 4 years
B. 5 years
C. 6 years
D. 7 years
E. 10 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• On 14 August 2025, Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi marked the completion of six years of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
• The Government of India (GoI) has proposed to extend the JJM till 2028 with higher funding as announced in the Union Budget for the financial year 2025-26 (FY26).

About Jal Jeevan Mission :

• Launched : August 15, 2019
• Ministry in responsible : Ministry of Jal Shakti
• Objective : supply potable tap water 55 liters per person per day (LPCD) to every rural household of the country by 2024
• Funding : Center and the states under the mission are 90:10 for Himalayan and North-Eastern states and 50:50 for other states
• Over 15.69 crore households connected (81% coverage); 2.63 lakh villages & 191 districts declared Har Ghar Jal
• States and UTs like Goa, Telangana, Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, and A&N Islands have been certified as 100% 'Har Ghar Jal', achieving full rural coverage

Ques: Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy recently launched the official logo, brochure, and website of Bharat Steel 2026. What is its primary objective?
केंद्रीय मंत्री एच.डी. कुमारस्वामी ने हाल ही में भारत स्टील 2026 का आधिकारिक लोगो, पुस्तिका और वेबसाइट लॉन्च की। इसका मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To promote foreign investment in Indian mining sector / भारतीय खनन क्षेत्र में विदेशी निवेश को बढ़ावा देना
B. To conduct the largest steel exhibition in India and position India as a global hub for advanced steel production / भारत में सबसे बड़ी इस्पात प्रदर्शनी आयोजित करना और भारत को उन्नत इस्पात उत्पादन के वैश्विक केंद्र के रूप में स्थापित करना
C. To enhance exports of iron ore from India / भारत से लौह अयस्क के निर्यात को बढ़ाना
D. To attract private participation in coal mining / कोयला खनन में निजी भागीदारी को आकर्षित करना
E. To boost aluminium and copper production in India / भारत में एल्यूमीनियम और तांबे के उत्पादन को बढ़ावा देना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Bharat Steel 2026 is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Steel (MoS), launched by Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.
• It is an international conference-cum-exhibition dedicated to the entire steel ecosystem.
• Its aim is to organize the largest steel exhibition in India and make India a global hub for sustainable & technologically advanced steel production.
• At the launch of the National Steel Policy 2017, India's per capita steel consumption was around 60 Kg. In 2025, it has crossed 100 Kg for the first time.
• The target for 2030-31: ~160 Kg per capita consumption, 300 MT crude steel capacity, and 255 MT production.
• The Government of India allocated ₹3,362 crore to the Ministry of Steel under Union Budget 2025–26.

Ques: The Government has proposed to establish a National Veterinary Blood Bank Network (N-VBBN) under which department?
केंद्र सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय पशु रक्त बैंक नेटवर्क (N-VBBN) किस विभाग के तहत स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव दिया है?

A. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare / स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
B. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change / पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
C. Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying / पशुपालन एवं डेयरी विभाग
D. Ministry of Rural Development / ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय
E. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare / कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying has released the draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Blood Transfusion & Blood Bank for Animals.
• A National Veterinary Blood Bank Network (N-VBBN) will be set up under this department.
• India has 536.76 million livestock as per the 20th Livestock Census (2019).
• Veterinary Blood Banks will be hosted at veterinary colleges, universities, referral hospitals, polyclinics, and large diagnostic centres.

The N-VBBN will provide 4 core services:

• Digitally integrated donor registries.
• Real-time inventory management system.
• Helpline & online portal for emergencies.
• Standardised practices & reports.

Ques: Who won the Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025 (Masters Section) title?
क्वांटबॉक्स चेन्नई ग्रैंड मास्टर्स 2025 (मास्टर्स सेक्शन) का खिताब किसने जीता?

A. GM Vincent Keymer | जीएम विंसेंट काइमर
B. GM Viswanathan Anand | जीएम विश्वनाथन आनंद
C. GM Magnus Carlsen | जीएम मैग्नस कार्लसन
D. GM R Praggnanandhaa | जीएम आर. प्रज्ञानानंद
E. GM D Gukesh | जीएम डी. गुकेश

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025 was the third edition of India's premier classical super chess tournament.
• It carried a record prize pool of ₹1 crore (~$85,600) – ₹75 lakh for the Masters and ₹25 lakh for the Challengers.
• In the Masters Section, German GM Vincent Keymer clinched the title with one round to spare, becoming the first sole champion in the tournament's history.
• In the Challengers Section, Indian GM M Pranesh emerged winner, earning a promotion to the 2026 Masters.

Ques: Which state is hosting the 12th Men's Asia Cup Hockey 2025 for the first time?
12वें पुरुष एशिया कप हॉकी 2025 की मेज़बानी पहली बार किस राज्य द्वारा की जा रही है?

A. Odisha / ओडिशा
B. Punjab / पंजाब
C. Bihar / बिहार
D. Haryana / हरियाणा
E. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Bihar is hosting the 12th Men's Asia Cup Hockey for the first time.
• The tournament will be held from 29th August to 7th September 2025 at the Rajgir International Stadium, Rajgir (Bihar).
• Logo, mascot, and trophy of the tournament were unveiled by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar.
• The mascot is named "Chand", inspired by both the majestic tiger of Bihar's Valmiki Tiger Reserve and Hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.
• The event starts on 29th August, which coincides with National Sports Day (birth anniversary of Dhyan Chand).
• Participating teams: India, China, Japan, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, South Korea, Oman, and Bangladesh.
• The winner of the Asia Cup will get direct qualification for the Hockey World Cup.

Ques: Who won the Women's Singles title at the Saipan International 2025 Badminton Tournament?
सैपान इंटरनेशनल 2025 बैडमिंटन टूर्नामेंट में महिला एकल खिताब किसने जीता?

A. Tanya Hemanth | तान्या हेमंत
B. PV Sindhu | पीवी सिंधु
C. Saina Nehwal | साइना नेहवाल
D. Malvika Bansod | मालविका बंसोड़
E. Tasnim Mir | तस्नीम मिर

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Tanya Hemanth from Bangalore clinched the Women's Singles title at the Saipan International 2025 Badminton Tournament.
• Venue: Northern Mariana Islands.
• Tournament was part of BWF's 3×15 scoring system test events (each game played to 15 points instead of the conventional 21).
• This was Tanya Hemanth's fourth international series title - She won the India International 2022 tournament, the Iran Fajr International in 2023 and the Bendigo International in 2024

Ques: Infosys announced the acquisition of a 75% stake in which Telstra subsidiary to form a Joint Venture focused on AI-powered cloud and digital services?
इंफोसिस ने किस टेल्स्ट्रा सहायक कंपनी में 75% हिस्सेदारी अधिग्रहित कर एआई-संचालित क्लाउड और डिजिटल सेवाओं पर केंद्रित संयुक्त उद्यम बनाने की घोषणा की?

A. TPG Telecom / टीपीजी टेलीकॉम
B. Optus Digital / ऑप्टस डिजिटल
C. Versent Group / वर्सेंट ग्रुप
D. Telstra Purple / टेल्स्ट्रा पर्पल
E. Cloud Access / क्लाउड एक्सेस

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Infosys announced its plan to acquire 75% stake in Versent Group, a telecommunications company and wholly owned subsidiary of Australia's Telstra, for USD 153 million.
• Under the deal Telstra will retain a 25% stake in Versent. Infosys will assume operational control of Versent, Epicon, Telstra Purple Digital, and Cloud Access products.
• The Joint Venture will combine Infosys Topaz (AI platform), Infosys Cobalt (cloud suite), Missing Link (Infosys cybersecurity arm), with Telstra's connectivity infrastructure and Versent's local digital transformation strengths.
• Its aim is to build AI-powered cloud and digital services in global markets.

Ques: The Indian Navy recently received 'INS Ikshak (Yard 3027)'. Which of the following statements is correct about it?
भारतीय नौसेना ने हाल ही में 'आईएनएस इक्षाक (यार्ड 3027)' प्राप्त किया। इसके बारे में कौन-सा कथन सही है?

A. It is the 1st ship of the Survey Vessel (Large) class / यह सर्वेक्षण पोत (बड़ा) वर्ग का पहला जहाज है।
B. It is the 3rd ship of the Survey Vessel (Large) class built by GRSE / यह जीआरएसई द्वारा निर्मित सर्वेक्षण पोत (बड़ा) वर्ग का तीसरा जहाज है।
C. It was commissioned in 2022 as India's first indigenous survey vessel / इसे 2022 में भारत के पहले स्वदेशी सर्वेक्षण पोत के रूप में कमीशन किया गया था।
D. It is the only SVL ship without accommodation for women officers / यह महिला अधिकारियों के लिए आवास रहित एकमात्र एसवीएल जहाज है।
E. It was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited / इसे मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स लिमिटेड द्वारा बनाया गया था।

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited delivered the third of four Survey Vessels (Large) to the Indian Navy, the Indian Naval Ship Ikshak (Guide) (Yard 3027).
• In 2018, a contract was inked for four SVLs. INS Sandhayak, the class's first ship, was put into service in February 2024, and INS Nirdeshak followed in December 2024.
• The SVL Ship Ikshak is the first to be delivered with accommodations for female sailors and officers. The Ikshak is the 113th warship and 802nd ship that GRSE will construct.
• It is the 75th warship that GRSE, the only Indian shipyard to accomplish this feat, has delivered to the IN. GRSE has constructed 74 additional vessels since 1961.

Ques: Former Australia captain and coach Bob Simpson, who recently passed away at the age of 89, was associated with which sport?
ऑस्ट्रेलिया के पूर्व कप्तान और कोच बॉब सिम्पसन, जिनका हाल ही में 89 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हुआ, किस खेल से जुड़े थे?

A. Football | फ़ुटबॉल
B. Hockey | हॉकी
C. Tennis | टेनिस
D. Cricket | क्रिकेट
E. Rugby | रग्बी

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Bob Simpson represented Australia in 62 Tests and 2 ODIs between 1957 and 1978.
• From 1986 to 1996, he also served as Australia's coach. Under his leadership, the country won the 1987 World Cup, four Ashes tournaments, and the Frank Worrell Trophy in 1995, snapping a 17-year losing streak to the West Indies.
• In addition to being inducted into the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1985, Simpson was named an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2007 and a Member of the Order of Australia in 1978.

Ques: World Humanitarian Day is observed every year on which date?
विश्व मानवतावादी दिवस हर साल किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

A. 10 August
B. 15 August
C. 19 August
D. 21 August
E. 25 August

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• World Humanitarian Day is observed every year on 19 August to honour humanitarian workers who risk their lives to help people in crises.
• Theme 2025: “Strengthening Global Solidarity and Empowering Local Communities” with the call to #ActForHumanity.
• The day was designated by the United Nations General Assembly in 2009, in memory of the 2003 bombing of the UN headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, which killed 22 people.

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The government is set to establish two new Defence Industrial Corridors—one in Maharashtra and the other in Assam—in the coming months.

The first Atlantic hurricane of 2025, Erin ramped up from a tropical storm to a Category 5 hurricane in a mere 24 hours

'Waterways to Wonder: Unlocking Cruise Tourism' Held at Mumbai. It is Organised by Mumbai Port Trust, in association with Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and the Indian Ports Association (IPA)

India’s iconic film Sholay, directed by Ramesh Sippy, marked its 50th anniversary on August 15, 2025, coinciding with the nation’s Independence Day.

For the production of Sustainable Aviation Fuel at its refinery in Panipat, Indian Oil Corporation Limited has become the first Indian oil refinery company to obtain the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification created under the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

सरकार आने वाले महीनों में दो नए रक्षा औद्योगिक गलियारे—एक महाराष्ट्र में और दूसरा असम में—स्थापित करने वाली है।

2025 का पहला अटलांटिक तूफ़ान, एरिन, मात्र 24 घंटों में एक उष्णकटिबंधीय तूफ़ान से श्रेणी 5 के तूफ़ान में बदल गया।

'वाटरवेज़ टू वंडर: अनलॉकिंग क्रूज़ टूरिज्म' मुंबई में आयोजित। इसका आयोजन मुंबई पोर्ट ट्रस्ट द्वारा भारतीय अंतर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण (IWAI) और भारतीय बंदरगाह संघ (IPA) के सहयोग से किया जा रहा है।

रमेश सिप्पी द्वारा निर्देशित भारत की प्रतिष्ठित फिल्म शोले ने 15 अगस्त, 2025 को, जो देश के स्वतंत्रता दिवस के साथ मेल खाता है, अपनी 50वीं वर्षगांठ मनाई।

पानीपत स्थित अपनी रिफ़ाइनरी में सतत विमानन ईंधन के उत्पादन के लिए, इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विमानन के लिए कार्बन ऑफसेटिंग और न्यूनीकरण योजना (CORSIA) के तहत निर्मित अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्थिरता और कार्बन प्रमाणन प्राप्त करने वाली पहली भारतीय तेल रिफ़ाइनरी कंपनी बन गई है।

Ques: By how much did the foreign liabilities of India's mutual fund industry rise in FY25 as per RBI survey?
RBI सर्वे के अनुसार FY25 में भारत के म्यूचुअल फंड उद्योग की विदेशी देनदारियां कितनी बढ़ीं?

A. 15.5%
B. 18.2%
C. 19.9%
D. 21.5%
E. 25.0%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• RBI survey revealed that foreign liabilities of India's mutual fund (MF) industry rose 19.9% in FY25, reaching $30.5 billion.
• The surge was mainly due to increase in units issued to non-residents.
• UAE non-residents held the largest share: 21.2% (face value) & 20.2% (market value).
• In value terms, liabilities of UAE residents rose 32.8% to ₹3,305 crore in FY25.
• Other major holders: USA (11.2%), UK (10.8%), Singapore (6.6%).
• Meanwhile, overseas assets of MFs declined 5.6% to $8.3 billion due to lower foreign equity holdings.

Ques: As per the RBI's Financial Stability Report (June 2025), what was India's Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio at the end of March 2025?
भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक की वित्तीय स्थिरता रिपोर्ट (जून 2025) के अनुसार, मार्च 2025 के अंत में भारत का सकल गैर-निष्पादित परिसंपत्तियों (GNPA) का अनुपात कितना था?

A. 3.8%
B. 3.0%
C. 2.6%
D. 2.3%
E. 2.0%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) has been a major reform in India's insolvency resolution framework, enabling timely resolution of distressed companies.
• As of March 31, 2025 → 1,194 companies were successfully resolved under IBC.
• Creditors realised ₹3.89 lakh crore through these resolutions.
• According to RBI's Financial Stability Report (June 2025) → GNPA ratio fell to 2.3%, the lowest in decades.

As per RBI's Report on Trends and Progress of Banking in India 2023–24 (released Dec 26, 2024):

• SCBs recovered ₹96,325 crore through various channels.
• Out of this, the IBC channel contributed ₹46,340 crore (48.1%), making it the single largest contributor.

Ques: Recently SEBI proposed flexibility in which two key norms for companies aspiring to list?
हाल ही में सेबी ने सूचीबद्ध होने वाली कंपनियों के लिए किन दो प्रमुख मानकों में लचीलापन प्रस्तावित किया है?

A. FDI & FPI Norms | प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश और विदेशी पोर्टफोलियो निवेश मानक
B. CRR & SLR Norms | नकद आरक्षित अनुपात और सांविधिक तरलता अनुपात मानक
C. MPS & MPO Norms | न्यूनतम सार्वजनिक शेयरधारिता और न्यूनतम सार्वजनिक प्रस्ताव मानक
D. GST & Income Tax Norms | जीएसटी और आयकर मानक
E. FDI & ECB Norms | प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश और बाहरी वाणिज्यिक उधार मानक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has released a consultation paper proposing greater flexibility in Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) and Minimum Public Offer (MPO) norms.
• Objective: To simplify fundraising for issuers in India.
• For issuers with m-cap between ₹50,000 crore & ₹1 lakh crore, the timeline to achieve 25% MPS has been extended from 3 years to 5 years.
• Proposed timeline: 15% shareholding in 5 years & 25% MPS in 10 years post-listing.

Revised threshold buckets of post-issue market capitalization have been suggested:

• ₹4,000 crore – ₹50,000 crore
• ₹50,000 crore – ₹1 lakh crore
• ₹1 lakh crore – ₹5 lakh crore
• Above ₹5 lakh crore

Ques : The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved construction of a 6-Lane Capital Region Ring Road (Bhubaneswar Bypass) in which state at a cost of ₹8,307.74 crore?
आर्थिक मामलों की मंत्रिमंडलीय समिति ने ₹8,307.74 करोड़ की लागत से किस राज्य में 6-लेन कैपिटल रीजन रिंग रोड (भुवनेश्वर बायपास) के निर्माण को मंजूरी दी?

A. Karnataka | कर्नाटक
B. Odisha | ओडिशा
C. West Bengal | पश्चिम बंगाल
D. Andhra Pradesh | आंध्र प्रदेश
E. Jharkhand | झारखंड

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the construction of a 6-Lane Access-Controlled Capital Region Ring Road (Bhubaneswar Bypass – 110.875 km) in Odisha at a cost of ₹8,307.74 crore under Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM).
• The project aims to reduce traffic congestion between Rameshwar to Tangi, divert heavy traffic from Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, and Khordha, and boost logistics efficiency & socio-economic growth.
• It will connect 3 National Highways (NH-55, NH-57, NH-655) and 1 State Highway (SH-65), linking 10 Economic Nodes, 4 Social Nodes, 5 Logistic Nodes, 1 Railway Station, 1 Airport, 1 Multi-Modal Logistics Park, and 2 Major Ports.
• The project is expected to generate 74.43 lakh person-days of direct employment and 93.04 lakh person-days of indirect employment, enhancing regional connectivity, trade, and industrial growth.

Ques: The Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH) recently unveiled its 'Tourism Vision 2047'. What is the targeted size of India's tourism economy by 2047 under this roadmap?
भारतीय पर्यटन और आतिथ्य क्षेत्र के शीर्ष निकाय FAITH ने हाल ही में अपनी 'Tourism Vision 2047' जारी की। इस रोडमैप के तहत 2047 तक भारत की पर्यटन अर्थव्यवस्था का लक्ष्य कितना रखा गया है?

A. USD 1 trillion
B. USD 1.5 trillion
C. USD 2 trillion
D. USD 3 trillion
E. USD 4 trillion

Answer: Option D.

Explanation :

• The "Tourism Vision 2047," a plan to increase India's tourism economy to USD 3 trillion by 2047, was launched by the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH), the leading organization for the country's travel and hospitality sector.
• It was unveiled during its FAITH Conclave 2025 held under the subject 'Indian Tourism-Invincible Spirit', at Taj Palace in New Delhi
• In addition, the recently released strategy seeks to create 200 million tourism-related jobs, 20 billion domestic visits, 100 million inbound tourists, and USD 400 billion in foreign exchange profits.
• The roadmap is based on the 4 main pillars: Policy Reforms, International and Domestic Marketing, Infrastructure Development and Sustainability
• Objective is to make tourism a national priority, doubling its contribution• from 5 percent to 10 percent of India's GDP by 2047

Ques: Which railway unit has commissioned India's first removable solar panel system installed between railway tracks?
भारत की पहली रेलवे पटरियों के बीच हटाने योग्य सौर पैनल प्रणाली किस रेलवे इकाई ने शुरू की है?

A. Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai / इंटीग्रल कोच फैक्ट्री (आईसीएफ), चेन्नई
B. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), West Bengal / चित्तरंजन लोकोमोटिव वर्क्स (सीएलडब्ल्यू), पश्चिम बंगाल
C. Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), Varanasi / बनारस लोकोमोटिव वर्क्स (बीएलडब्ल्यू), वाराणसी
D. Modern Coach Factory (MCF), Raebareli / मॉडर्न कोच फैक्ट्री (एमसीएफ), रायबरेली
E. Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala / रेल कोच फैक्ट्री (आरसीएफ), कपूरथला

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• India's first detachable solar panel system between railway tracks was put into service by Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), situated in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, marking a significant advancement in green energy innovation, according to the Ministry of Railways (MoR).
• On Independence Day 2025, the prototype experiment was launched at BLW's Line No. 19.
• The 28 panels that make up the 70-meter system have an installed capacity of 15 KWp (Kilowatt Peak).

Ques: Which institute has developed a silicon photonics-based Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG)?
किस संस्थान ने सिलिकॉन फोटोनिक्स-आधारित क्वांटम रैंडम नंबर जेनरेटर (QRNG) विकसित किया है?

A. IIT Bombay | आईआईटी बॉम्बे
B. IIT Delhi | आईआईटी दिल्ली
C. IIT Madras | आईआईटी मद्रास
D. IISc Bengaluru | आईआईएससी बेंगलुरु
E. DRDO | डीआरडीओ

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• IIT Madras has developed India's first silicon photonics-based high-speed Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG).
• The technology was developed at the Centre for Programmable Photonic Integrated Circuits and Systems (CPPICS), IIT-M.
• IIT-M signed an MoU worth ₹1 crore with Indrarka Quantum Technologies for technology transfer and commercial deployment.
• Applications include defence, cryptographic algorithms, financial transactions, blockchain, and OTP generation.
• Random number generation is a critical building block for secure computing and communication.

Ques: Where was the six-day Indian film festival recently inaugurated in Sri Lanka?
हाल ही में श्रीलंका में छह दिवसीय भारतीय फिल्म महोत्सव का उद्घाटन कहाँ किया गया?

A. Colombo | कोलंबो
B. Kandy | कैंडी
C. Trincomalee campus of Eastern University | ईस्टर्न यूनिवर्सिटी का त्रिंकोमाली परिसर
D. Jaffna | जाफ़ना
E. None of these

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• A six-day Indian film festival commenced at the Trincomalee campus of Eastern University, Sri Lanka.
• It was formally inaugurated by Prof. Jayantha Lal Ratnasekera, Governor of Sri Lanka's Eastern Province.
• The festival features six Indian films in different languages, showcasing regional diversity and cinematic styles of India.

Ques: Stand-Up India Scheme was launched in which year?
स्टैंड-अप इंडिया योजना किस वर्ष शुरू की गई थी?

A. 2014
B. 2015
C. 2016
D. 2017
E. 2019

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Stand-Up India Scheme was launched on 5 April 2016.
• The scheme aims to promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST and women borrowers.
• It facilitates bank loans between ₹10 lakh and ₹1 crore for setting up greenfield enterprises in trading, manufacturing, services, and allied agriculture sectors.
• Since its launch, banks have sanctioned ₹62,791 crore to 2,75,291 loan accounts under the scheme.
• Each scheduled commercial bank branch is required to sanction loans to at least one SC/ST borrower and one woman borrower.

Ques: Which ministry, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, organized a two-week International Certificate program on "Heritage and Indigenous Textiles" under the ITEC Programme?
आईटीईसी कार्यक्रम के तहत "हेरिटेज एंड इंडिजिनस टेक्सटाइल्स" पर दो-सप्ताह का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रमाणपत्र कार्यक्रम किस मंत्रालय ने विदेश मंत्रालय के सहयोग से आयोजित किया?

A. Ministry of Culture / संस्कृति मंत्रालय
B. Ministry of Commerce & Industry / वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय
C. Ministry of Textiles / वस्त्र मंत्रालय
D. Ministry of Tourism / पर्यटन मंत्रालय
E. Ministry of Education / शिक्षा मंत्रालय

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), organized a two-week International Certificate Program on "Heritage and Indigenous Textiles".
• This is the first-ever collaboration between the Ministry of Textiles and MEA in this domain.
• The program was conducted under the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme.
• ITEC Programme is one of India's oldest and leading capacity-building initiatives, started in 1964, and has trained over 2,00,000 officials from 160+ countries in civilian as well as defense sectors.

Ques: According to Brand Finance Football 50–2025 report, which club has been ranked as the world's most valuable football club?
Brand Finance Football 50–2025 रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, किस क्लब को दुनिया का सबसे मूल्यवान फुटबॉल क्लब माना गया है?

A. FC Barcelona / एफसी बार्सिलोना
B. Real Madrid / रियल मैड्रिड
C. Manchester City / मैनचेस्टर सिटी
D. Bayern Munich / बायर्न म्यूनिख
E. Paris Saint-Germain / पेरिस सेंट-जर्मेन

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Real Madrid has been crowned the world's most valuable football club in the Brand Finance Football 50–2025 report.
• Brand value: €1.921 billion with a brand strength score of 94.9 (AAA+ rating).
• Recorded a 14% year-on-year growth in brand value.
• The Spanish powerhouse continues to dominate both on-field success and commercial strength.

Ranking of top 5 in the Brand Finance Football 50–2025 :

1 Real Madrid CF
2 FC Barcelona
3 Manchester City FC
4 Liverpool FC
5 Paris Saint-Germain

Ques: What is the name of the new scheme launched by West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee for migrant workers facing harassment?
प्रश्न: प्रवासी मजदूरों के लिए ममता बनर्जी द्वारा शुरू की गई नई योजना का क्या नाम है?

A. Swasthya Sathi | स्वास्थ्य साथी
B. Shramshree | श्रंश्री
C. Karmajyoti | कर्मज्योति
D. Utsah | उत्साह
E. Shramik Bandhu | श्रमिक बंधु

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee launched the Shramshree Scheme for migrant workers returning to Bengal after facing harassment in other states.
• Under the scheme, beneficiaries will get ₹5,000 monthly assistance for up to 1 year till they secure a job.
• They will also receive ration cards, Swasthya Sathi health cards, and other state welfare scheme benefits.
• Registration will be done via the Shramshree Portal, and beneficiaries will be given a special card to avail government facilities.
• Currently, about 22.40 lakh workers from Bengal are outside the state, and nearly 10,000 have returned in recent months after harassment.

Ques: Who was crowned Miss Universe India 2025 at a glittering event held in Jaipur?
जयपुर में आयोजित भव्य समारोह में मिस यूनिवर्स इंडिया 2025 का ताज किसे पहनाया गया?

A. Tanya Sharma | Tanya शर्मा
B. Manika Vishwakarma | मनीषा विश्वकर्मा
C. Mehak Dhingra | मेहक धींगरा
D. Amishi Kaushik | अमीशी कौशिक
E. Rhea Singha | रिया सिंघा

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Manika Vishwakarma, a model from Ganganagar, Rajasthan wins Miss Universe India 2025 at A glittering event held in Jaipur
• With this victory, Manika will now represent India at the 74th Miss Universe competition, scheduled to take place later this year in Thailand
• Former Miss Universe India 2024 Rhea Singha presented her with the crown.
• Out of 48 competitors, Manika Vishwakarma was selected as Miss Universe India.
• Tanya Sharma from Uttar Pradesh finished first runner-up, followed by Mehak Dhingra from Haryana in second place and Amishi Kaushik in third.

Indian Miss Universe :

1. Sushmita Sen (1994) – the first Indian to win Miss Universe.
2. Lara Dutta (2000) – second Indian Miss Universe.
3. Harnaaz Sandhu (2021) – third crown for India after two decades

Ques: By which year has the Government of India announced that an Indian astronaut will step on the Moon?
भारत सरकार ने किस वर्ष तक एक भारतीय अंतरिक्ष यात्री के चाँद पर कदम रखने की घोषणा की है?

A. 2027
B. 2035
C. 2040
D. 2047
E. 2050

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh informed the Lok Sabha that an Indian astronaut will step on the Moon by 2040.
• India's space economy has already reached $8 billion and is projected to touch $45 billion in the next decade.
• This announcement aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to make India a global space leader by 2047.

Timeline of India's space roadmap:

• 2026 – Uncrewed space mission Vyommitra
• 2027 – First human spaceflight (Gaganyaan)
• 2035 – Bharat Antariksh Station
• 2040 – Indian astronaut on the Moon

Ques: Which organisation launched a new Medical Application Portal for ISO 15189:2022 applicant laboratories to enhance transparency and efficiency in the accreditation process?
किस संगठन ने आईएसओ 15189:2022 आवेदक प्रयोगशालाओं के लिए पारदर्शिता और दक्षता बढ़ाने हेतु नया मेडिकल एप्लिकेशन पोर्टल लॉन्च किया?

A. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) / भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद
B. National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) / राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण और अंशांकन प्रयोगशाला प्रत्यायन बोर्ड
C. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) / भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो
D. National Board of Examinations (NBE) / राष्ट्रीय परीक्षा बोर्ड
E. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), a constituent board of the Quality Council of India (QCI), launched a Medical Application Portal for ISO 15189:2022 applicant laboratories.
• The launch took place during a virtual event titled “GOING LIVE”.
• This portal is designed to ensure ease, efficiency, and transparency in the accreditation process.
• It will benefit hundreds of medical laboratories across India, providing them with a user-friendly digital platform for accreditation under ISO 15189:2022 (Medical laboratories — Requirements for quality and competence).

lQues : As per the Cabinet approval, what is the estimated cost of the Green Field Airport at Kota-Bundi (Rajasthan)?
कैबिनेट की मंजूरी के अनुसार, कोटा-बूंदी (राजस्थान) में ग्रीन फील्ड हवाई अड्डे की अनुमानित लागत कितनी है?

A. ₹1200 crore
B. ₹1507 crore
C. ₹2000 crore
D. ₹2500 crore
E. ₹3500 crore

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved the proposal of Airports Authority of India (AAI) to develop a Green Field Airport at Kota-Bundi (Rajasthan) at a cost of ₹1507 crore.
• The airport will be built on 440.06 hectares of land provided by the Rajasthan Government, with facilities like a 20,000 sqm terminal building (capacity of 1000 peak hour passengers), 3200m runway, 7 parking bays for A-321 aircraft, ATC tower, fire station, etc.
• It will have an annual capacity of 2 million passengers and will support Kota's importance as an industrial capital of Rajasthan and an educational coaching hub.

Ques: Which airport has launched the world's first AI-powered passenger corridor under the "Travel without Borders" initiative?
किस हवाई अड्डे ने "Travel without Borders" पहल के तहत दुनिया का पहला एआई-संचालित यात्री कॉरिडोर शुरू किया है?

A. Singapore Changi Airport / सिंगापुर चांगी हवाई अड्डा
B. London Heathrow Airport / लंदन हीथ्रो हवाई अड्डा
C. Hamad International Airport, Doha / हमाद अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, दोहा
D. Dubai International Airport (DXB) / दुबई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा (DXB)
E. Hong Kong International Airport / हांगकांग अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• With the opening of its AI-powered passenger corridor, Dubai International Airport (DXB), which is already known as the biggest international travel hub in the world, has made a significant advancement in airport innovation.
• This new method enables travelers to pass immigration in just 14 seconds—without presenting any documentation—under the "Travel without Borders" campaign.
• The technology is seamless and efficient, allowing up to 10 customers to travel through at once.
• The airport, which handles more than 80 million people a year, has been named the busiest in the world for international travel for the eleventh consecutive year

Ques: Which of the following countries was not among the top 5 sources of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India in the last 5 years?
प्रश्न: पिछले 5 वर्षों में भारत में विदेशी पर्यटकों के आगमन (FTA) के शीर्ष 5 स्रोत देशों में से कौन सा देश शामिल नहीं था?

A. United States | अमेरिका
B. Bangladesh | बांग्लादेश
C. United Kingdom | ब्रिटेन
D. Australia | ऑस्ट्रेलिया
E. France | फ्रांस

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat shared FTA data in the Lok Sabha.
• The top 5 source countries for FTAs in India over the last five years were:
United States, Bangladesh, United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada.
• In 2024, India recorded 99.52 lakh FTAs, showing strong post-COVID recovery with international arrivals exceeding pre-pandemic levels.
• France was not among the top 5 source countries for FTAs in India.

Ques: Njattyela Sreedharan, who recently passed away, was best known for his work in which field?
हाल ही में निधन हुए न्जट्टीला श्रीधरन किस क्षेत्र में अपने कार्य के लिए प्रसिद्ध थे?

A. Classical Dance / शास्त्रीय नृत्य
B. Linguistics / भाषाविज्ञान
C. Ayurveda / आयुर्वेद
D. Carnatic Music / कर्नाटिक संगीत
E. Archaeology / पुरातत्व

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Njattyela Sreedharan, a renowned self-taught linguist, passed away recently.
• He was famous for compiling the “Chathur Dravida Bhasha Padhaparichayam”, an 860-page dictionary linking four major Dravidian languages – Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu.
• The project took 25 years and included over 1 lakh words.
• The first edition was published in November 2020, while the second edition was published in May 2023 by the Kerala Language Institute.
• His life and work were portrayed in the National Film Award-winning documentary “Dreaming of Words” (2021) directed by Nandan.
• He received several honors, including Dr. T.P. Sukumaran Master Award, Dr. Hermann Gundert Award and India Reading Olympiad Special Jury Award

Ques: Indian Akshay Urja Day, observed on 20 August every year, is dedicated to which theme?
भारतीय अक्षय ऊर्जा दिवस, जो हर वर्ष 20 अगस्त को मनाया जाता है, किस विषय को समर्पित है?

A. Energy Conservation / ऊर्जा संरक्षण
B. Renewable Energy / नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा
C. Nuclear Power / परमाणु ऊर्जा
D. Fossil Fuel Usage / जीवाश्म ईंधन उपयोग
E. Electric Mobility / विद्युत गतिशीलता

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Indian Akshay Urja Day is observed on 20 August to highlight the importance of renewable energy and showcase India's progress in this sector.
• The word 'Akshay' comes from Sanskrit, meaning "eternal", "imperishable".
• It was initiated in 2004 by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
• The day underscores India's commitment to energy transition, aiming for 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030

Ques: Which two companies have partnered to launch the affordable health insurance plan 'Suraksha Sankalp'?
प्रश्न: किफायती स्वास्थ्य बीमा योजना 'सुरक्षा संकल्प' शुरू करने के लिए किन दो कंपनियों ने साझेदारी की है?

A. HDFC ERGO & Paytm / एचडीएफसी ERGO और पेटीएम
B. ICICI Lombard & Google Pay / आईसीआईसीआई लोम्बार्ड और गूगल पे
C. SBI General & Amazon Pay / एसबीआई जनरल और अमेज़न पे
D. HDFC ERGO & PhonePe / एचडीएफसी ERGO और फोनपे
E. Bajaj Allianz & PhonePe / बजाज एलियांज और फोनपे

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• HDFC ERGO General Insurance partnered with PhonePe to launch 'Suraksha Sankalp', an affordable health insurance scheme.
• Premiums start at ₹12/day (₹4,380 annually) with ₹3 lakh coverage.
• Policy can be purchased directly through the PhonePe app.
• The product is designed for the 'Missing Middle' segment, especially 18–30-year-olds, many of whom are first-time insurance buyers.

Ques: During FY 2024–25, NABARD and NCDC together infused more than Rs 42,000 crore into cooperative banks. Which state was the top beneficiary of NABARD disbursements?
वित्त वर्ष 2024–25 में NABARD और NCDC ने सहकारी बैंकों में 42,000 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का निवेश किया। NABARD वितरण का सबसे बड़ा लाभार्थी कौन सा राज्य रहा?

A. Odisha / ओडिशा
B. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
C. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
D. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
E. Rajasthan / राजस्थान

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary announced that NABARD and NCDC together infused over Rs 42,000 crore into cooperative banks during FY 2024–25.
• Within NABARD's disbursements, Madhya Pradesh emerged as the leading beneficiary with Rs 4,430 crore, followed by Odisha (Rs 4,113 crore) and Karnataka (Rs 3,655.52 crore).
• Tamil Nadu received Rs 2,946.49 crore, and Rajasthan got Rs 2,760.75 crore.
• NCDC also extended financial support, with Andhra Pradesh (Rs 3,730 crore) and Telangana (Rs 2,000 crore) being the top beneficiaries.
• As of March 31, 2025, India's cooperative banking system comprised 34 State Cooperative Banks, 352 District Central Cooperative Banks, and 1,457 Urban Cooperative Banks, almost all operating on the Core Banking Solution (CBS) platform.

Ques: India Exim Bank recently signed a $40 million credit line agreement with which bank?
प्रश्न: इंडिया एक्ज़िम बैंक ने हाल ही में 40 मिलियन डॉलर का क्रेडिट लाइन समझौता किस बैंक के साथ किया है?

A. African Development Bank (AfDB) / अफ्रीकी विकास बैंक
B. World Bank / विश्व बैंक
C. ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) / ईकोवास बैंक फॉर इन्वेस्टमेंट एंड डेवलपमेंट
D. Asian Development Bank (ADB) / एशियाई विकास बैंक
E. IMF / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• India Exim Bank signed a $40 million commercial credit line agreement with ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID).
• Aim: To create new opportunities for Indian businesses in Africa.
• It will help Indian businesses contribute to Africa's growth story.
• This will also strengthen India–Africa economic relations.

Ques: Which Public Sector Bank became the first in India to migrate its corporate website to the secure '.bank.in' domain?
प्रश्न: कौन सा सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का बैंक अपनी कॉर्पोरेट वेबसाइट को सुरक्षित '.bank.in' डोमेन में स्थानांतरित करने वाला भारत का पहला बैंक बना?

A. State Bank of India (SBI) / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
B. Punjab National Bank (PNB) / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
C. Bank of Baroda (BoB) / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
D. Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
E. Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Punjab National Bank (PNB) migrated its official corporate website from www.pnb.co.in → www.pnb.bank.in.
• This is in line with the RBI circular (April 22, 2025) on migration to '.bank.in' domain.
• The domain is managed by IDRBT (Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology) as the exclusive registrar.
• The '.bank.in' domain is reserved only for banks in India to strengthen digital security & prevent online fraud.
• With this move, PNB became the first Public Sector Bank in India to adopt the '.bank.in' domain.

Ques: Which institute, recently declared India's Best Ayurvedic Institution by NCISM, is the first Deemed University in the Ayush sector?
कौन-सा संस्थान, जिसे हाल ही में NCISM द्वारा भारत का सर्वश्रेष्ठ आयुर्वेदिक संस्थान घोषित किया गया है, आयुष क्षेत्र का पहला डीम्ड विश्वविद्यालय है?

A. All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi / अखिल भारतीय आयुर्वेद संस्थान, नई दिल्ली
B. Kerala Ayurveda Academy, Kochi / केरल आयुर्वेद अकादमी, कोच्चि
C. Gujarat Ayurved University, Jamnagar / गुजरात आयुर्वेद विश्वविद्यालय, जामनगर
D. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi / बनारस हिंदू विश्वविद्यालय, वाराणसी
E. National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur / राष्ट्रीय आयुर्वेद संस्थान, जयपुर

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Union Minister of Ayush chaired the 2nd meeting of the Society of NIA, Jaipur in New Delhi.

National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur) –

• First Deemed University in the Ayush sector in India.
• Annually treats 4+ lakh OPD patients and 25,000+ IPD patients.
• Conducts free healthcare camps in 12 districts under SC, SP, and STP schemes.
• Has a GMP-certified pharmacy producing over 100 Ayurvedic medicines.
• Accredited with NAAC 'A' Grade, NABH, and NABL recognition.
• Students from 15 countries are pursuing education here.
• Recently declared India's Best Ayurvedic Institution by NCISM.

Ques: How many LCA Tejas Mark 1A fighter jets were approved for procurement by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) in 2025?
प्रश्न: 2025 में कैबिनेट सुरक्षा समिति (CCS) ने कितने LCA तेजस मार्क 1A लड़ाकू विमानों की खरीद को मंजूरी दी?

A. 73
B. 83
C. 97
D. 110
E. 150

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the procurement of 97 LCA Tejas Mark 1A fighter jets for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
• This marks the second major order for the Tejas aircraft after the earlier procurement.
• The aircraft will be manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) under the Make in India initiative.
• Defence officials described the decision as a major boost to indigenous defence manufacturing.
• LCA Tejas is a lightweight, multirole, supersonic fighter aircraft, developed to replace the ageing MiG-21 fleet of the IAF.

Ques: The Centre has implemented the "Anna-Chakra" Supply Chain Tool in 30 States/UTs to optimise which system?
केंद्र ने 30 राज्यों/केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों में "अन्न-चक्र" सप्लाई चेन टूल किस प्रणाली को बेहतर बनाने के लिए लागू किया है?

A. National Food Security Mission / राष्ट्रीय खाद्य सुरक्षा मिशन
B. Public Distribution System (PDS) / सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली
C. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana / प्रधानमंत्री फसल बीमा योजना
D. National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme / राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार गारंटी योजना
E. Mid-Day Meal Scheme / मध्याह्न भोजन योजना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Centre rolled out the "Anna-Chakra" Supply Chain Optimisation Tool in 30 States/UTs under the Public Distribution System (PDS).
• It is a digital optimisation platform designed to ensure efficient movement of foodgrains.
• Aim: Minimise costs, reduce leakages, and ensure timely delivery of foodgrains.

Key Features:

• Route Optimisation: Uses algorithms to reduce fuel consumption and delivery time.
• Cost Efficiency: Estimated savings of ₹250 crore annually in transport.
• Climate Alignment: Reduces carbon emissions, supporting India's climate commitments.

Ques: IndianOil recently signed an MoU with which airline for the supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)?
इंडियन ऑयल ने हाल ही में सतत विमानन ईंधन (SAF) की आपूर्ति के लिए किस एयरलाइन के साथ MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

A. IndiGo / इंडिगो
B. AirAsia India / एयरएशिया इंडिया
C. Air India / एयर इंडिया
D. Vistara / विस्तारा
E. SpiceJet / स्पाइसजेट

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) and Air India signed an MoU in Gurugram for the supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF).
• The MoU was signed by Shailesh Dhar (Executive Director, Aviation, IOCL) and P. Balaji (Group Head, Air India).
• The signing was witnessed by AS Sahney (Chairman, IOCL) and Campbell Wilson (CEO, Air India).
• This partnership builds on IndianOil's achievement of becoming the first Indian company to get ISCC CORSIA certification for SAF production at its Panipat Refinery.
• The certification confirms IOCL's capability to produce globally compliant sustainable aviation fuel, supporting aviation sector decarbonisation.

Ques: Who launched the Press Sewa Portal, a single-window digital platform to simplify newspaper and periodical registration, at the 'Vartalap' workshop in Hyderabad?
'वर्तालाप' कार्यशाला, हैदराबाद में समाचार पत्र और पत्रिकाओं के पंजीकरण को सरल बनाने वाला प्रेस सेवा पोर्टल किसने लॉन्च किया?

A. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting / सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय
B. Press Registrar General of India Yogesh Baweja / भारत के प्रेस रजिस्टार जनरल योगेश बवेजा
C. PIB Director General / पीआईबी के महा निदेशक
D. Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting / केंद्रीय सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री
E. Chief Information Officer, Hyderabad / हैदराबाद के मुख्य सूचना अधिकारी

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Press Sewa Portal was launched by Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) Yogesh Baweja.
• The launch took place at a workshop named 'Vartalap', organized by Press Information Bureau (PIB), Hyderabad.
• The portal aims to act as a single-window digital platform to simplify and speed up the registration process for newspapers and periodicals across India.

Ques: India's first Hydrogen-powered train, developed under the "Hydrogen for Heritage" initiative, is slated for trial runs on which route?
भारत की पहली हाइड्रोजन चालित ट्रेन, जो "हाइड्रोजन फॉर हेरिटेज" पहल के तहत विकसित की गई है, किस मार्ग पर परीक्षण के लिए निर्धारित है?

A. Chennai – Bengaluru / चेन्नई – बेंगलुरु
B. Mettupalayam – Ooty / मेट्टुपालयम – ऊटी
C. Shimla – Kalka / शिमला – कालका
D. Delhi – Agra / दिल्ली – आगरा
E. Jind – Sonipat / जींद – सोनीपत

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• India's first Hydrogen (H_2) powered train has cleared load tests under the Research Designs & Standards Organization (RDSO) at Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
• Valued at ₹136 crore, the train was developed under the "Hydrogen for Heritage" initiative to reduce emissions on heritage and hill routes.
• The programme targets deployment of 35 hydrogen-powered trains across heritage and hill routes.
• Trial run: Between Jind and Sonipat (Haryana) covering 89 km.

Specifications:

• 3,000 kg hydrogen capacity
• Maximum speed: 110 km/h
• Passenger capacity: 2,638
• Engine power: 1,200 horsepower

Ques: The recently proposed bills suggest that the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Union Ministers, and State Ministers must automatically lose their positions if they are arrested and held in judicial custody for how many consecutive days on charges of serious crimes?
हाल ही में प्रस्तावित विधेयक के अनुसार, प्रधान मंत्री, मुख्यमंत्री, केंद्रीय मंत्री और राज्य मंत्री गंभीर अपराधों के आरोप में कितने लगातार दिनों तक न्यायिक हिरासत में रहने पर अपने पद से स्वतः वंचित हो जाएंगे?

A. 15 days
B. 30 days
C. 45 days
D. 60 days
E. 90 days

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The bills propose that the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Union Ministers, and State Ministers will automatically cease to hold office if they are arrested and held in judicial custody for 30 consecutive days on charges of serious crimes punishable by at least 5 years.
• No conviction is required for removal.

The three bills addressing this are:

• The Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill 2025 – Applies to Union Ministers, State CMs, State Ministers, and Delhi under Articles 75, 164, 239AA. (Constitutional Amendment Bill)
• Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2025 – Applies same 30-day rule to UT Ministers under the 1963 Act. (Ordinary Bill)
• J&K Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill 2025 – Applies the 30-day framework to CM and Ministers of Jammu & Kashmir by amending Section 54 of the 2019 Act. (Ordinary Bill)

Important Law Reforms by the 130th Amendment :

immediately lose their position.

• After 30 days of detention, the President may remove Union Ministers, including the Prime Minister, under Article 75. The Minister will automatically leave office if they don't step down by the 31st day.
• Article 164: Applying the same rule to Chief Ministers and State Ministers, the Governor may remove them on the CM's recommendation.
• Article 239AA: Concerns the elected government of Delhi. If someone is detained for 30 days, they risk being dismissed or forced to quit; if they don't, they will
The governor of each state would be acting. While the Lieutenant Governor is the authority that takes action in Jammu and Kashmir, the President will take action in Delhi and other union territories.

Ques: What is the payload capacity of ISRO's upcoming Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV) into Low Earth Orbit (LEO)?

प्रश्न: *ISRO* के आगामी नेक्स्ट जनरेशन लॉन्च व्हीकल *(NGLV)* की निम्न पृथ्वी कक्षा *(LEO)* में पेलोड क्षमता कितनी होगी?

A. 25,000 kg
B. 40,000 kg
C. 50,000 kg
D. 75,000 kg
E. 1,00,000 kg

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• ISRO is developing a Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV) that can carry 75,000 kg payload into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
• The rocket will be as tall as a 40-storey building and will feature a recoverable first stage.
• The announcement was made by ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan at Osmania University's 84th convocation.
• Alongside this, ISRO is preparing major upcoming projects like Chandrayaan-4 (sample return mission), Gaganyaan (human space mission), Bharatiya Antariksh Station (by 2035), Indigenous Human Moon Mission (by 2040), and Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM).
• India's key milestones include Mars Orbiter Mission success (first attempt, low cost), launch of 104 satellites in one go, development of indigenous cryogenic technology, and becoming the 4th nation to achieve spacecraft docking in space.

Ques: Karnataka's flagship Shakti Scheme, which recently entered the Golden Book of World Records, was launched in which year?
कर्नाटक की प्रमुख शक्ति योजना, जिसे हाल ही में गोल्डन बुक ऑफ वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड्स में दर्ज किया गया, किस वर्ष शुरू की गई थी?

A. 2022
B. 2023
C. 2024
D. 2025
E. 2020

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Shakti Scheme was implemented by the Karnataka Government on June 11, 2023.
• It provides free bus travel for women across all state-run transport corporations.
• Between June 11, 2023 and July 20, 2025, the scheme facilitated over 500 crore ticketed journeys by women passengers.
• The scheme has been recognized by the Golden Book of World Records for serving a record number of passengers.
• It is credited with empowering women socially, economically, and educationally.

Ques: As per government data, what is the NPA percentage on outstanding Mudra loans under PMMY as of March 2025?
सरकारी आंकड़ों के अनुसार, मार्च 2025 तक प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना (PMMY) के तहत बकाया मुद्रा ऋणों पर NPA प्रतिशत कितना है?

A. 5.47%
B. 7.21%
C. 9.81%
D. 3.6%
E. 4.81%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) on outstanding Mudra loans rose to 9.81% as of March 2025, compared to 5.47% in March 2018.
• This level of stress is nearly 3 times the MSME loan average (3.6%).
• Since its launch in April 2015, more than 51.67 crore loans worth ₹32.61 lakh crore have been sanctioned under PMMY.
• Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman explained that Mudra loans are collateral-free and often given to first-time entrepreneurs, making them more vulnerable to defaults.

Ques: Till which date has the Ministry of Finance suspended the 11% import duty on cotton in 2025?
प्रश्न: 2025 में वित्त मंत्रालय ने कपास पर 11% आयात शुल्क किस तारीख तक निलंबित किया है?

A. 30 August
B. 30 September
C. 15 October
D. 31 December
E. 31 March

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Finance suspended the 11% import duty on cotton from 19 August to 30 September 2025.
• Earlier, cotton imports attracted 11% total duty (5% Basic Customs Duty + 5% Agriculture Infrastructure & Development Cess + 1% Social Welfare Surcharge).
• The waiver is aimed at giving relief to textile mills facing high input costs and ensuring stability in the textile sector.

Ques: TCL, a global technology company, has appointed which freestyle skier as its global brand ambassador ahead of the 2026 Milano Cortina Winter Olympics?
वैश्विक प्रौद्योगिकी कंपनी TCL ने 2026 मिलानो कोर्तिना शीतकालीन ओलंपिक से पहले किस फ्रीस्टाइल स्कीयर को अपना वैश्विक ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया है?

A. Eileen Gu / एलीन गु
B. Chloe Kim / क्लोए किम
C. Mikaela Shiffrin / मिकाएला शिफ्रिन
D. Lindsey Vonn / लिंडसे वॉन
E. Karen Persyn / करेन पर्सिन

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• TCL, a global technology company, appointed Eileen Gu as its global brand ambassador.
• The collaboration highlights TCL's commitment as a Worldwide Olympic Partner, ahead of the 2026 Milano Cortina Winter Olympics, Italy.
• She became the youngest Olympic champion in freestyle skiing by winning three medals (2 Gold, 1 Silver) in the 2022 Winter Olympics held in Beijing, China.
• She was the first person to win three medals at a single Winter Olympics.

Ques: The Ministry of Defence is hosting the first Tri-Services Seminar "Ran Samwad" at which location to discuss Technology and Future Warfare?
रक्षा मंत्रालय प्रौद्योगिकी और भविष्य के युद्ध पर चर्चा करने के लिए पहला त्रि-सेवा संगोष्ठी "रण संवाद" किस स्थान पर आयोजित कर रहा है?

A. Indian Military Academy, Dehradun / भारतीय सैन्य अकादमी, देहरादून
B. College of Defence Management, Secunderabad / रक्षा प्रबंधन महाविद्यालय, हैदराबाद
C. Army War College, Mhow / आर्मी वॉर कॉलेज, म्हो
D. National Defence Academy, Pune / राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी, पुणे
E. Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering, Secunderabad / सैन्य इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और यांत्रिक इंजीनियरिंग महाविद्यालय, हैदराबाद

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is organising the first-of-its-kind Tri-Services Seminar "Ran Samwad" at the Army War College, Mhow (Dr. Ambedkar Nagar).
• Scheduled from 26th to 27th of this month, the seminar focuses on the Impact of Technology on Warfare.
•There are two sub-themes: Emerging Technologies and Impact on Future Warfare and Reforms in Institutionalised Training to Catalyse Technological Enablement.

Ques: What is the revised coal & lignite-based thermal power capacity addition target set by the Government of India for FY35?
प्रश्न: भारत सरकार ने FY35 तक कोयला और लिग्नाइट-आधारित थर्मल क्षमता वृद्धि का संशोधित लक्ष्य कितना रखा है?

A. 80 GW
B. 90 GW
C. 97 GW
D. 100 GW
E. 110 GW

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Power Ministry revised India's coal & lignite-based thermal capacity addition target to 97 GW by FY35, up from 90 GW by FY32.
• By FY35, India's thermal requirement is projected at ~307 GW, while about 2 GW capacity is expected to retire by FY32.
• Already 11.68 GW commissioned (Apr 2023–Jun 2025) & 38.935 GW under construction.
• Infra support: 1,91,474 ckm transmission lines + 1,274 GVA transformation capacity (by FY32).
• States & CEA have prepared 10-year rolling Resource Adequacy Plans (RAPs) to meet peak demand.

Ques: The Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize, recently longlisted for 2025, was instituted in which year?
कमलादेवी चट्टोपाध्याय एनआईएफ बुक प्राइज, जिसकी 2025 के लिए लॉन्गलिस्ट हाल ही में घोषित हुई, किस वर्ष स्थापित किया गया था?

A. 2016
B. 2017
C. 2018
D. 2019
E. 2020

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The New India Foundation (NIF) has announced the longlist for the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2025, featuring ten exceptional works of non-fiction on modern and contemporary India.
• The shortlist will be out in October 2025, and the winner will be announced on 6 December 2025 during the Bangalore Literature Festival.
• The prize was instituted in 2018 and is India's largest non-fiction book prize, open to writers of all nationalities working on post-Independence Indian history.
• Last year's award went to Ashok Gopal for A Part Apart: The Life and Thought of B.R. Ambedkar.
• Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay was a freedom fighter, actor, social activist, politician, feminist, and promoter of Indian arts and handicrafts.

Ques: Which bill, passed by the Lok Sabha on 20th August 2025, seeks to promote e-sports and skill-based social games while completely banning harmful online money gaming services?
20 अगस्त 2025 को लोकसभा द्वारा पारित किस विधेयक का उद्देश्य ई-स्पोर्ट्स और कौशल-आधारित सामाजिक खेलों को बढ़ावा देना है, साथ ही हानिकारक ऑनलाइन धन आधारित गेमिंग सेवाओं पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध लगाना है?

A. Online Gaming (Regulation & Prohibition) Bill, 2025 / ऑनलाइन गेमिंग (विनियमन और निषेध) विधेयक, 2025
B. Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025 / ऑनलाइन गेमिंग संवर्धन एवं विनियमन विधेयक, 2025
C. Digital Gaming & Safety Bill, 2025 / डिजिटल गेमिंग एवं सुरक्षा विधेयक, 2025
D. Safe Internet & Gaming Act, 2025 / सुरक्षित इंटरनेट एवं गेमिंग अधिनियम, 2025
E. E-Sports Development and Prohibition of Gambling Bill, 2025 / ई-स्पोर्ट्स विकास एवं जुआ निषेध विधेयक, 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Lok Sabha passed the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025 on 20th August 2025, moved by Electronics & IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Key Provisions:

• Encourages e-Sports, social & educational games without monetary stakes.
• Imposes a complete ban on real-money games, advertisements, and related financial transactions.
• Covers major gaming platforms like Dream11, Winzo, MPL etc.
• Ban justified on grounds of addiction, fraud, money laundering, terror financing, and mental health risks.

Penalties:

• Up to 3 years jail / ₹1 crore fine for offering banned games.
• Influencers/promoters: up to 2 years jail / ₹50 lakh fine.

- Repeat offenders: up to 5 years jail / ₹2 crore fine.
- Banks/payment platforms may also face penalties.
- Offences will be cognizable & non-bailable.

Ques: Sadbhavana Diwas or Communal Harmony Day is observed on 20 August to commemorate the birth anniversary of which Indian Prime Minister?
सद्भावना दिवस या सामुदायिक सद्भाव दिवस हर साल 20 अगस्त को किस भारतीय प्रधानमंत्री की जयंती के रूप में मनाया जाता है?

A. Indira Gandhi / इंदिरा गांधी
B. Rajiv Gandhi / राजीव गांधी
C. Atal Bihari Vajpayee / अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी
D. Jawaharlal Nehru / जवाहरलाल नेहरू
E. Manmohan Singh / मनमोहन सिंह

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Sadbhavana Diwas (Communal Harmony Day) is observed on 20 August to commemorate the 81st birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, who was India's youngest Prime Minister, born on 20 August 1944.
• Rajiv Gandhi became India's sixth Prime Minister in 1984 at the age of 40, following the assassination of Indira Gandhi.
• His death anniversary (21 May) is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day in India.

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NCERT has introduced two new modules on ‘Operation Sindoor — A saga of valour’ for Classes 3 to 8 and ‘Operation Sindoor — A mission of honour and bravery,’ for Classes 9 to 12.

Bihar Cabinet Cuts BPSC Preliminary Exam Fee to ₹100. The fee for main examinations has been completely waived.

After the EU imposed sanctions on the Russian-owned, India-based refiner Nayara Energy, the State Bank of India has decided to stop handling international transactions on Nayara's behalf.

Ex-Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal Launches AI Startup ‘Parallel’ to Build a Web for Machines

Starlink Satellite Communication Pvt Ltd, a satellite-based internet service, has been onboarded by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). For customer verification, Starlink will adopt Aadhaar Authentication, which will streamline, secure, and simplify the procedure.

The Rajya Sabha on (August 20, 2025) passed a bill to set up an IIM in Guwahati with the Union government providing a capital support of ₹555 crore over 5 years.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

एनसीईआरटी ने कक्षा 3 से 8 के लिए 'ऑपरेशन सिंदूर - वीरता की गाथा' और कक्षा 9 से 12 के लिए 'ऑपरेशन सिंदूर - सम्मान और बहादुरी का मिशन' पर दो नए मॉड्यूल शुरू किए हैं।

बिहार कैबिनेट ने बीपीएससी प्रारंभिक परीक्षा शुल्क घटाकर ₹100 कर दिया है। मुख्य परीक्षाओं का शुल्क पूरी तरह से माफ कर दिया गया है।

यूरोपीय संघ द्वारा रूस के स्वामित्व वाली, भारत स्थित रिफाइनर नायरा एनर्जी पर प्रतिबंध लगाए जाने के बाद, भारतीय स्टेट बैंक ने नायरा की ओर से अंतर्राष्ट्रीय लेनदेन बंद करने का फैसला किया है।

पूर्व ट्विटर सीईओ पराग अग्रवाल ने मशीनों के लिए वेब बनाने हेतु एआई स्टार्टअप 'पैरेलल' लॉन्च किया

स्टारलिंक सैटेलाइट कम्युनिकेशन प्राइवेट लिमिटेड, एक उपग्रह-आधारित इंटरनेट सेवा, को भारतीय विशिष्ट पहचान प्राधिकरण (यूआईडीएआई) ने अपने साथ जोड़ लिया है। ग्राहक सत्यापन के लिए, स्टारलिंक आधार प्रमाणीकरण अपनाएगा, जिससे प्रक्रिया सुव्यवस्थित, सुरक्षित और सरल हो जाएगी।

राज्यसभा ने (20 अगस्त, 2025) गुवाहाटी में एक आईआईएम स्थापित करने के लिए एक विधेयक पारित किया, जिसके लिए केंद्र सरकार 5 वर्षों में ₹555 करोड़ की पूंजी सहायता प्रदान करेगी।

Ques: Which satellite-based internet provider has been onboarded by UIDAI to use Aadhaar Authentication for customer verification?
किस सैटेलाइट आधारित इंटरनेट प्रदाता को UIDAI ने ग्राहक सत्यापन के लिए आधार प्रमाणीकरण का उपयोग करने हेतु ऑनबोर्ड किया है?

A. OneWeb / वनवेब
B. Starlink Satellite Communication Pvt Ltd / स्टारलिंक सैटेलाइट कम्युनिकेशन प्रा. लि.
C. HughesNet / ह्यूजनेट
D. Viasat / वायासैट
E. BSNL Satellite / बीएसएनएल सैटेलाइट

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has onboarded Starlink Satellite Communication Pvt Ltd, a satellite-based internet provider.
• Starlink will use Aadhaar Authentication for customer verification, making the process smooth, secure, and easy.
• The appointment was done in the presence of Sh. Bhuvnesh Kumar, CEO UIDAI, Sh. Manish Bhardwaj, Deputy Director General UIDAI and Parnil Urdhwareshe, Director, Starlink India

Ques: Recently, AU Small Finance Bank launched UPI services for NRE/NRO account holders using international mobile numbers. How many countries' NRIs can benefit from this feature?
हाल ही में एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक ने एनआरई/एनआरओ खाताधारकों के लिए अंतरराष्ट्रीय मोबाइल नंबरों पर यूपीआई सेवाएं शुरू की हैं। इस सुविधा का लाभ कितने देशों के एनआरआई उठा सकेंगे?

A. 8 countries
B. 10 countries
C. 12 countries
D. 15 countries
E. 20 countries

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has launched UPI services for its NRE and NRO account holders using foreign/international mobile numbers.
• This initiative follows the NPCI directive allowing UPI transactions through international numbers.
• With this rollout, NRIs in 12 countries can now make UPI transactions using their international mobile numbers.
• The move aims to strengthen digital banking access for NRIs and promote cross-border convenience

Ques: According to the latest report by SBI Economic Research Department, which bank emerged as the top beneficiary bank in UPI transactions?
SBI आर्थिक अनुसंधान विभाग की नवीनतम रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, UPI लेन-देन में शीर्ष लाभार्थी बैंक कौन सा बना?

A. State Bank of India (SBI) / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
B. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
C. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
D. Yes Bank Limited / यस बैंक लिमिटेड
E. Punjab National Bank (PNB) / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The SBI Economic Research Department (ERD) report on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions shows a significant increase in UPI adoption.
• Average daily transaction value rose from ₹75,743 crore in January 2025 to ₹90,446 crore in August 2025.
• Average daily transaction volume increased by 127 million, reaching 675 million in August 2025.
• Top 5 states by UPI usage (volume %): Maharashtra (9.8%), Karnataka (5.5%), Uttar Pradesh (5.3%), Telangana (4.1%), Tamil Nadu (4%).
• Top 5 states by transaction value: Maharashtra (9.2%), Karnataka (5.8%), Uttar Pradesh (5.3%), Telangana (5.1%), Tamil Nadu (4.7%).
• Top remitter bank: SBI (handling 5.2 billion transactions).
• Top beneficiary bank: Yes Bank Limited, with nearly 8 billion transactions.
• The report highlights the structural shift from cash and debit cards to UPI, with UPI's share in transaction value increasing from 40% in Nov 2019 to 91% in May 2025.

Ques: Which authority has introduced a new framework to onboard Cooperative Banks and enable Aadhaar-based authentication services in India?
भारत में सहकारी बैंकों को ऑनबोर्ड करने और आधार आधारित प्रमाणीकरण सेवाएँ सक्षम करने के लिए नया फ्रेमवर्क किस प्राधिकरण ने पेश किया है?

A. RBI / आरबीआई
B. SEBI / सेबी
C. UIDAI / यूआईडीएआई
D. NABARD / नाबार्ड
E. Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• To mark the International Year of Cooperatives, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) launched a framework for Cooperative Banks to provide Aadhaar-based authentication services.
• The framework was developed in consultation with the Ministry of Cooperation, NABARD, NPCI, and cooperative banks.
• It covers all 34 State Cooperative Banks (SCBs) and 352 District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) across India.
• Through this framework, cooperative banks can leverage Aadhaar-enabled services for faster, secure, and hassle-free customer onboarding

Ques: Which city recently saw the opening of three Niveshak Seva Kendras by IEPFA in collaboration with SEBI, CDSL, NSDL, BSE, and NSE?
हाल ही में किस शहर में IEPFA ने SEBI, CDSL, NSDL, BSE और NSE के सहयोग से तीन Niveshak Seva Kendras खोले?

A. Mumbai / मुंबई
B. Delhi / दिल्ली
C. Chennai / चेन्नई
D. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
E. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, collaborated with SEBI, CDSL, NSDL, BSE, and NSE to open three Niveshak Seva Kendras in Hyderabad.
• These centres aim to provide faster, easier, and more accessible solutions to investors, particularly for unclaimed dividends and KYC/nomination updates.

Key services include:

• Direct facilitation of unpaid dividend transfers pending for 6–7 years.
• Hassle-free KYC and nomination updates.
• For Physical Folios: Submit ISR-1/ISR-2/ISR-3 forms to update KYC, after which all pending dividends are credited.
• For Demat Accounts: Update bank details with your Depository Participant (DP) to receive unpaid dividends.

About IEPFA :

• Established : September 7, 2016
• HQ : New Delhi
• Chairman : Ms. Deepti Gaur Mukherjee

Ques: Mahesh Babu Foundation, which recently got FCRA approval, is primarily involved in which of the following areas?
हाल ही में FCRA मंजूरी प्राप्त महेश बाबू फाउंडेशन मुख्य रूप से किस क्षेत्र में कार्यरत है?

A. Wildlife Conservation / वन्यजीव संरक्षण
B. Heart surgeries & child healthcare / हृदय सर्जरी एवं बाल स्वास्थ्य देखभाल
C. Agricultural Development / कृषि विकास
D. Space Research & Innovation / अंतरिक्ष अनुसंधान एवं नवाचार
E. Disaster Relief & Management / आपदा राहत एवं प्रबंधन

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Mahesh Babu Foundation focuses on child healthcare, particularly heart surgeries, education for underprivileged children, and smart village development.
• The NGO was inspired by the premature birth of Mahesh Babu's son Gautam, who required NICU treatment.
• It has funded 2000+ heart surgeries in collaboration with Andhra Hospitals and Rainbow Hospitals.
• Recently, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) granted the foundation FCRA registration, enabling it to receive foreign donations to expand its initiatives.

Ques: Which city has launched the "One Freezone Passport", a unified licensing system enabling companies to operate across all its free zones under a single license?
किस शहर ने "वन फ्रीजोन पासपोर्ट" लॉन्च किया है, जो कंपनियों को एक ही लाइसेंस के तहत उसकी सभी फ्री जोन में काम करने की अनुमति देता है?

A. Dubai / दुबई
B. Riyadh / रियाद
C. Abu Dhabi / अबू धाबी
D. Doha / दोहा
E. Muscat / मस्कट

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Dubai launched the "One Freezone Passport", a unified licensing system.
• It allows companies to operate across all free zones with a single license.
• The reform, unveiled by the Dubai Free Zones Council, will lower costs, reduce bureaucracy, and boost expansion.
• Earlier, separate licenses were required for each free zone.
• The initiative supports the Dubai Economic Agenda D33, which aims to double Dubai's GDP by 2033 and make it one of the top three global economic cities.

Ques: India Post recently launched IT 2.0 – Advanced Postal Technology (APT). Which cloud platform does it run on?
भारत डाक ने हाल ही में IT 2.0 – एडवांस्ड पोस्टल टेक्नोलॉजी (APT) लॉन्च की। यह किस क्लाउड प्लेटफ़ॉर्म पर चलती है?

A. Bharat Cloud / भारत क्लाउड
B. MeghRaj 2.0 Cloud / मेघराज 2.0 क्लाउड
C. DigiCloud / डिजीक्लाउड
D. National Data Grid / राष्ट्रीय डेटा ग्रिड
E. Udaan Cloud / उड़ान क्लाउड

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• India Post launched IT 2.0 – Advanced Postal Technology (APT) to accelerate digital transformation under Digital India.
• The system is developed indigenously by the Centre for Excellence in Postal Technology (CEPT).
• IT 2.0 runs on the MeghRaj 2.0 Cloud and is supported by BSNL's nationwide connectivity.
• Key features include QR-code-based payments, OTP-based delivery, a unified interface, and a 10-digit alphanumeric DIGIPIN for accuracy.
• The initiative is guided under the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.

Ques: Rayansh Gupta from Ludhiana recently won 1 Gold and 1 Silver medal for India at the 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2025). Where was the event held?
लुधियाना के रयांश गुप्ता ने हाल ही में भारत के लिए 18वें अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पृथ्वी विज्ञान ओलंपियाड (IESO 2025) में 1 स्वर्ण और 1 रजत पदक जीता। यह आयोजन कहाँ आयोजित हुआ था?

A. Tokyo, Japan / टोक्यो, जापान
B. Jining, China / जिनिंग, चीन
C. Seoul, South Korea / सियोल, दक्षिण कोरिया
D. New Delhi, India / नई दिल्ली, भारत
E. Paris, France / पेरिस, फ्रांस

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2025) was held in Jining, China.
• It is an annual global competition in Earth sciences for high school students.
• Subjects tested include geology, meteorology, oceanography, astronomy, and environmental sciences through individual & team events.
• Objective: Promote scientific temper, research skills & international cooperation.
• India's Performance (2025) : Total: 7 medals + 1 special award
• Highlight: Rayansh Gupta (Ludhiana) won 1 Gold + 1 Silver.
• Supported by: Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India

Ques: Which country has been declared free of rubella as a public health problem by the World Health Organization (WHO) on August 18, 2025?
विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (WHO) ने 18 अगस्त 2025 को किस देश को रूबेला मुक्त घोषित किया?

A. India / भारत
B. Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
C. Nepal / नेपाल
D. Bhutan / भूटान
E. Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• On 18 August 2025, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Nepal free of rubella as a public health problem.
• Nepal became the first country in WHO's Southeast Asia Region to achieve this milestone.
• Rubella (German measles) is a contagious viral disease spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
• It is especially dangerous during pregnancy, as it may cause miscarriage, stillbirth, or congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) in infants.
• Symptoms: Mild fever, rashes (starting on the face and spreading), swollen lymph nodes, joint pain, conjunctivitis, and general malaise. Many infections remain asymptomatic.
• Treatment: No specific antiviral treatment exists.
• Prevention: Through immunisation with the MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella).

Ques: India recently signed a Terms of Reference (ToR) for FTA negotiations with which regional economic bloc?
भारत ने हाल ही में किस क्षेत्रीय आर्थिक समूह के साथ FTA वार्ता के लिए संदर्भ शर्तों (ToR) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

A. ASEAN / आसियान
B. European Union / यूरोपीय संघ
C. Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) / यूरेशियन आर्थिक संघ
D. BRICS Economic Forum / ब्रिक्स आर्थिक मंच
E. SAARC Economic Alliance / सार्क आर्थिक गठबंधन

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• India signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) with the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), comprising Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyz Republic, to begin negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
• The FTA aims to boost market access for Indian exporters, diversify into new sectors, enhance competitiveness, and benefit MSMEs.
• The EAEU has a combined GDP of $6.5 trillion, offering significant trade potential for India.
• Earlier FTA talks started in 2020 but were stalled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
• The ToR provides a framework to unlock untapped trade potential, increase investments, and strengthen India-EAEU economic partnership.

Ques: Exercise Ulchi Freedom Shield is a joint military exercise conducted annually by which two countries?
एक्सरसाइज उल्ची फ़्रीडम शील्ड कौन से दो देशों द्वारा प्रतिवर्ष आयोजित संयुक्त सैन्य अभ्यास है?

A. South Korea & United States / दक्षिण कोरिया और संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
B. North Korea & China / उत्तर कोरिया और चीन
C. Japan & United States / जापान और संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
D. India & United States / भारत और संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
E. South Korea & Japan / दक्षिण कोरिया और जापान

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Exercise Ulchi Freedom Shield is an annual large-scale joint military exercise conducted by South Korea and the United States.
• The 11-day exercise is held from August 18–28, 2025, and is the second of two large-scale exercises held annually in South Korea (the first being in March).
• Participation: Around 21,000 soldiers, including 18,000 South Koreans, take part.
• The exercise involves computer-simulated command post operations as well as field training, enhancing coordination and readiness between the two nations' armed forces.

Ques: Parliament recently passed the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025. Where will the new IIM be established?
संसद ने हाल ही में भारतीय प्रबंधन संस्थान (संशोधन) विधेयक, 2025 पारित किया है। नया आईआईएम कहाँ स्थापित किया जाएगा?

A. Shillong / शिलांग
B. Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
C. Imphal / इम्फाल
D. Itanagar / ईटानगर
E. Kohima / कोहिमा

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Parliament passed the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025, approving the establishment of a new IIM at Guwahati, Assam.
• With this addition, the total number of IIMs in India becomes 22 (21 already functional).
• IIM Guwahati will receive a corpus fund of ₹555 crore, and admissions will begin in the current academic year.
• Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted that the new IIM will enhance education infrastructure and attract students and researchers from across India.

Ques: Which ministry/department is leading the "Made in India Label Scheme", a voluntary certification initiative to establish a trustworthy identity for Indian products?

भारतीय उत्पादों के लिए विश्वसनीय पहचान स्थापित करने हेतु शुरू की गई "मेड इन इंडिया लेबल योजना", जो एक स्वैच्छिक प्रमाणन पहल है, का नेतृत्व कौन सा मंत्रालय/विभाग कर रहा है?

A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry / वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय
B. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) / उद्योग और आंतरिक व्यापार संवर्धन विभाग
C. Ministry of MSME / सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय
D. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
E. Ministry of Consumer Affairs / उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्रालय

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Made in India Label Scheme is a voluntary certification scheme that allows manufacturers to demonstrate their products are manufactured in India with good quality.
• The label will carry a QR code and logo providing details such as manufacturing location, validity of the label, and product-specific information.
• The scheme is being led by DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) with advisory support from Quality Council of India (QCI) and India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF).
• Government has allocated ₹995 crores for 3 years, after which the scheme is expected to become self-sustaining.
• Eligibility: At least 50% value addition in India, wholly or substantially manufactured/assembled domestically, meeting industry-specific quality standards.

Ques: Which footballer has become the first man to win the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Player of the Year award three times?
कौन सा फुटबॉलर पहला पुरुष खिलाड़ी बना है जिसने प्रोफेशनल फुटबॉलर्स' एसोसिएशन (PFA) प्लेयर ऑफ द ईयर अवॉर्ड तीन बार जीता है?

A. Kevin De Bruyne / केविन डी ब्रूयन
B. Erling Haaland / एर्लिंग हालांड
C. Cristiano Ronaldo / क्रिस्टियानो रोनाल्डो
D. Harry Kane / हैरी केन
E. Mohamed Salah / मोहम्मद सालाह

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Liverpool's Mohamed Salah became the first man to win the PFA Player of the Year award three times (2018, 2022, and 2025).
• In the 2024–25 season, Salah scored 29 goals and provided 18 assists, leading Liverpool to the Premier League title.
• In the women's category, Arsenal's Mariona Caldentey was voted PFA Women's Player of the Year.

Other winners of PFA Player of the Year Award 2025 :

• Women's Player of the Year : Mariona Caldentey (Arsenal & Spain)
• Young Player of the Year (Men's) : Morgan Rogers (Aston Villa & England)
• Women's Young Player of the Year : Olivia Smith (Canada & Liverpool)
• PFA Premier League Team of the Year : Liverpool

Ques: Which global campaign, endorsed by the African Union, aims to replace the Mercator projection map with one showing Africa's true size?
कौन सा वैश्विक अभियान, अफ्रीकी संघ (African Union) द्वारा समर्थित है, जिसका उद्देश्य मेरकेटर प्रोजेक्शन मैप को बदलकर अफ्रीका के वास्तविक आकार को दिखाना है?

A. Map Equality Campaign / मैप इक्वालिटी अभियान
B. Correct The Map / करेक्ट द मैप
C. Africa First Initiative / अफ्रीका फर्स्ट पहल
D. True Size Project / ट्रू साइज़ प्रोजेक्ट
E. Equal Continent Movement / ईक्वल कॉन्टिनेंट मूवमेंट

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The African Union (AU) has endorsed the global "Correct The Map" campaign to replace the Mercator projection map with one that accurately depicts Africa's true size.
• Issue: Mercator projection distorts continental sizes, especially near the poles. For example, Greenland appears nearly as large as Africa, although Africa is much bigger.
• The campaign urges a shift to the Equal Earth projection, which preserves area accuracy and better reflects Africa's true scale.

Mercator Projection Map:

• Cylindrical map projection, introduced in 1569 by Gerardus Mercator (1512–1594).
• Designed for navigation; enables straight-line compass bearings for sailors.
• Mathematically projects the spherical Earth onto a flat surface.

Ques: Which state assembly recently cleared amendments to the UCC and Anti-Conversion Bills, along with passing a new Minority Education Law in 2025?
किस राज्य विधानसभा ने हाल ही में 2025 में समान नागरिक संहिता (UCC) और धर्मांतरण विरोधी विधेयक में संशोधन पारित किए तथा एक नया अल्पसंख्यक शिक्षा कानून पारित किया?

A. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
B. Gujarat / गुजरात
C. Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड
D. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
E. Rajasthan / राजस्थान

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Uttarakhand Assembly passed amendments to UCC (Uniform Civil Code) Bill, 2025, Anti-Conversion Bill, 2025, and introduced the Minority Education Bill, 2025.

UCC Amendment Bill, 2025:

• Extended marriage registration period from 6 months → 1 year.
• Raised penalties for illegal live-in relationships.
• Section 380(2): Married person in a live-in can face up to 7 years jail + fine.
• Section 387: Live-in by force, pressure or fraud → up to 7 years jail + fine.
• Section 390-A: Registrar-General empowered to cancel any registration (marriage, divorce, live-in, inheritance).

Anti-Conversion Bill, 2025 : Increased punishment for forced conversions → from 10 years to life imprisonment in extreme cases.

Minority Education Bill, 2025 :

• Made it mandatory for minority educational institutions (incl. madrasas) to seek affiliation with Uttarakhand Education Board by July 2026.
• Institutions must reapply for minority status recognition.

Ques: Recently, five crucial departments of South-Central Railway (SCR) came under the leadership of women officers. Which of the following is NOT one of those departments?
हाल ही में दक्षिण-मध्य रेलवे (SCR) के पांच महत्वपूर्ण विभागों का नेतृत्व महिला अधिकारियों ने संभाला है। इनमें से कौन-सा विभाग इनमें शामिल नहीं है?

A. Operations / संचालन
B. Security / सुरक्षा
C. Finance / वित्त
D. Engineering / इंजीनियरिंग
E. Medical / चिकित्सा

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• For the first time in South-Central Railway (SCR) history, five key departments – Operations, Commercial, Finance, Security, and Medical – are being led by women officers.
• These departments ensure smooth train operations, passenger safety, financial discipline, and healthcare services.
• The Engineering department is not among the five departments currently led by women officers.

Key women officers include:

• K Padmaja – Principal Chief Operations Manager, handling train scheduling and freight operations.
• Ity Pandey – Principal Chief Commercial Manager, managing passenger services and business development.
• Aroma Singh Thakur – IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner, leading Railway Protection Force initiatives.
• Dr. Nirmala Narasimhan – Principal Chief Medical Director, overseeing hospitals and health units.
• T. Hema Suneetha – Principal Financial Advisor, managing financial growth and revenue.

Ques: India recently test-fired the long-range ballistic missile Agni-5. What is its maximum strike range?
भारत ने हाल ही में लंबी दूरी की बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल अग्नि-5 का परीक्षण किया। इसकी अधिकतम मारक क्षमता कितनी है?

A. 2,000 km
B. 3,500 km
C. 5,000 km
D. 7,500 km
E. 10,000 km

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• India successfully test-fired the Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) Agni-5 from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha, under the Strategic Forces Command.
• Agni-5 has a strike range of up to 5,000 km (≈ 3,100 miles), making it capable of covering the entire Asia and parts of Europe, including China and Turkey.
• The missile can reach a maximum speed of Mach 24 (≈ 29,400 km/h) and has a re-entry speed of Mach 20–24, making interception nearly impossible.
• First tested in 2012 by DRDO, after several developmental trials it was handed over to Strategic Forces Command, which conducted the first user trial in 2021.
• The nuclear-capable missile is 17.5 meters long, weighs 50 tons, and is a three-stage rocket with advanced indigenous technologies.

IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

The Cabinet has decided to celebrate the birth anniversary of late Upendra Nath Verma, educationist, social reformer, social worker, as “state function” every year on August 23 at a place where his statue has been installed in Gayaji town

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has officially approved the renaming of Jalalabad town in Shahjahanpur district, Uttar Pradesh, to Parashurampuri.

SMBC Asia Rising Fund, a corporate venture capital fund cofounded by Japan’s Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation picks up 4.99% stake in Shivalik Small Finance Bank wort of $7 million (approximately ₹60 crore) at Valuation ₹1,200 crore

The Delhi Cabinet chaired by Rekha Gupta, Chief Minister (CM) of Delhi, has approved the launch of ‘Delhi Mitra’ application (app), a unified integrated Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS).

The Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (APSPCB) recently conducted a public hearing for environmental clearance for the proposed 1,200 MW Kalai-II hydroelectric project

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

मंत्रिमंडल ने शिक्षाविद्, समाज सुधारक और सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता स्वर्गीय उपेंद्र नाथ वर्मा की जयंती को हर साल 23 अगस्त को गयाजी कस्बे में उनकी प्रतिमा स्थापित स्थल पर "राजकीय समारोह" के रूप में मनाने का निर्णय लिया है।

केंद्रीय गृह मंत्रालय ने उत्तर प्रदेश के शाहजहाँपुर जिले के जलालाबाद कस्बे का नाम बदलकर परशुरामपुरी करने को आधिकारिक रूप से मंजूरी दे दी है।

जापान की सुमितोमो मित्सुई बैंकिंग कॉर्पोरेशन द्वारा सह-स्थापित कॉर्पोरेट वेंचर कैपिटल फंड, एसएमबीसी एशिया राइजिंग फंड ने शिवालिक स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक में 70 लाख डॉलर (लगभग 60 करोड़ रुपये) मूल्य की 4.99% हिस्सेदारी 1,200 करोड़ रुपये के मूल्यांकन पर खरीदी है।

दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता की अध्यक्षता में दिल्ली मंत्रिमंडल ने एकीकृत लोक शिकायत निवारण प्रणाली (पीजीआरएस) 'दिल्ली मित्र' एप्लिकेशन (ऐप) के शुभारंभ को मंजूरी दे दी है।

अरुणाचल प्रदेश राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड (एपीएसपीसीबी) ने हाल ही में प्रस्तावित 1,200 मेगावाट की कलाई-II जलविद्युत परियोजना के लिए पर्यावरणीय मंजूरी हेतु एक जन सुनवाई आयोजित की।

Ques: What is the New Product launched by South Indian Bank ?
South Indian Bank ने कौन सा नया प्रोडक्ट लॉन्च किया है?

A. SIB Home Xpress / एसआईबी होम एक्सप्रेस
B. SIB Business Xpress / एसआईबी बिजनेस एक्सप्रेस
C. SIB Gold Xpress / एसआईबी गोल्ड एक्सप्रेस
D. SIB Loan Smart / एसआईबी लोन स्मार्ट
E. SIB Credit Plus / एसआईबी क्रेडिट प्लस

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• South Indian Bank has launched a new gold loan product called SIB Gold Xpress.
• Customers can avail loans up to 90% of the value of their gold, with amounts ranging from ₹25,000 to ₹25 lakh.
• Loan tenure is up to 3 years, with zero hidden costs.
• The product targets MSMEs, non-MSMEs, and small businesses for working capital, business expansion, or personal needs.
• The application process is fully digital, simple, and hassle-free, including for first-time borrowers.
• Gold pledged is secured with safety assurance, and the loan is available through South Indian Bank's pan-India network.

LQues: Which company became the first to file for IPO at GIFT IFSC targeting $12 million?

कौन-सी कंपनी GIFT IFSC में $12 मिलियन का IPO दाखिल करने वाली पहली कंपनी बनी?

A. Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd / कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक लिमिटेड
B. Hindustan Oil Exploration Ltd / हिंदुस्तान ऑयल एक्सप्लोरेशन लिमिटेड
C. XED Executive Development Ltd / एक्सईडी एग्जीक्यूटिव डेवलपमेंट लिमिटेड
D. JSW Group / जेएसडब्ल्यू ग्रुप
E. ICICI Securities / आईसीआईसीआई सिक्योरिटीज

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Mumbai-based XED Executive Development Ltd, a global executive education provider, became the first company to file for an IPO at GIFT IFSC, Gujarat, targeting $12 million.
• The IPO comprises a fresh issue of $9.6 million and an offer-for-sale of $2.4 million by the promoter selling shareholder.
• Proceeds will be used for technology capex ($1.8M), working capital ($2.4M), IPO costs ($1.2M), and general corporate purposes including acquisitions ($4.4M).
• The IPO will be listed on NSE IX and India INX, marking the beginning of direct listing of Indian companies on international exchanges.
• In FY25, XED reported revenue of $4.59 million, a 15% increase from the previous year, with major clients including Cornell University, Government of Maharashtra, JSW, Bank of America, and Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.

Ques: Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) recently increased the ex-gratia benefit under its Death Relief Fund for Central Board employees to what amount?

कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन (EPFO) ने हाल ही में केंद्रीय बोर्ड कर्मचारियों के लिए अपने मृत्यु राहत कोष के अंतर्गत अनुग्रह लाभ को कितनी राशि तक बढ़ाया है?

A. ₹10 lakh
B. ₹12 lakh
C. ₹15 lakh
D. ₹20 lakh
E. ₹8.80 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organization) under the Ministry of Labour & Employment announced a hike in the ex-gratia benefit under the Death Relief Fund.
• New benefit: ₹15 lakh (earlier ₹8.80 lakh), effective April 1, 2025.
• The amount will be given to family members/nominees/legal heirs of deceased Central Board employees from the Staff Welfare Fund.
• From April 1, 2026, the ex-gratia amount will increase by 5% annually to adjust for inflation & rising costs.

About EPFO:

• Established: 4 March 1952
• HQ: New Delhi
• CPFC (Central Provident Fund Commissioner): Ramesh Krishnamurthi

Ques: WestBridge Capital acquired 15% stake in which AMC for ₹450 crore?
WestBridge Capital ने किस AMC में 15% हिस्सेदारी ₹450 करोड़ में खरीदी?

A. HDFC AMC / एचडीएफसी एएमसी
B. ICICI Prudential AMC / आईसीआईसीआई प्रूडेंशियल एएमसी
C. Edelweiss AMC / एडलवाइस एएमसी
D. Nippon India AMC / निप्पॉन इंडिया एएमसी
E. SBI Mutual Fund / एसबीआई म्यूचुअल फंड

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• WestBridge Capital, a $7 billion global investment firm focused on India and the US, acquired a 15% stake in Edelweiss Asset Management Company (AMC) for ₹450 crore.
• Edelweiss Mutual Fund has a total AUM of ₹1.52 lakh crore, with a 44% CAGR over the last 5 years, and equity AUM of ₹72,600 crore (53% growth).
• The transaction values Edelweiss AMC at 57x P/E, consistent with industry benchmarks of 30–60x.
• The deal strategically strengthens Edelweiss MF's growth trajectory, bringing WestBridge as a long-term partner, enhancing equity momentum, product innovation, and distribution capabilities.

Ques: Which ride-hailing platform was recently penalized by the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) for publishing misleading advertisements and engaging in unfair trade practices?
किस राइड-हेलिंग प्लेटफ़ॉर्म को हाल ही में केंद्रीय उपभोक्ता संरक्षण प्राधिकरण (CCPA) ने भ्रामक विज्ञापन प्रकाशित करने और अनुचित व्यापार प्रथाओं में शामिल होने के लिए दंडित किया है?

A. Ola / ओला
B. Uber / ऊबर
C. Rapido / रैपिडो
D. Meru Cabs / मेरु कैब्स
E. InDrive / इनड्राइव

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) ordered Rapido (Roppen Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd.) to pay a penalty of ₹10,00,000 for misleading advertisements and unfair trade practices.
• CCPA also directed the platform to reimburse all consumers who availed the “AUTO IN 5 MIN OR GET ₹50” offer but did not receive the promised compensation.
• This action was taken to safeguard consumer rights and ensure fair market practices in the ride-hailing industry.

Data from the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) revealed:

• 575 complaints against Rapido between April 2023 – May 2024.
• 1,224 complaints between June 2024 – July 2025

Ques: Which of the following regions in India is NOT recognized as a GIAHS site by FAO?
निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा क्षेत्र FAO द्वारा GIAHS स्थल के रूप में मान्यता प्राप्त नहीं है?

A. Koraput (Odisha) / कोरापुट (ओडिशा)
B. Kuttanad (Kerala) / कुट्टनाड (केरल)
C. Saffron Heritage (Kashmir) / केसर विरासत (कश्मीर)
D. Sundarbans (West Bengal) / सुंदरबन (पश्चिम बंगाल)
E. None of the above / उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) recognizes three Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) sites in India:

– Koraput Region (Odisha): Known for subsistence paddy cultivation, diverse paddy landraces, medicinal plants, and tribal knowledge systems.
– Kuttanad Farming System (Kerala): Unique below-sea-level farming, paddy cultivation, fishery, coconut & food crops, and inland water fishing.
– Saffron Heritage (Kashmir): Rich agro-pastoral system, traditional saffron cultivation, intercropping, and organic farming.

• Sundarbans (West Bengal) is not recognized as a GIAHS site.
• The recognition highlights India's efforts to preserve traditional agricultural practices, biodiversity, and community knowledge systems.

Ques: Recently, simultaneous translation of parliamentary proceedings has been made available in how many languages of the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution?
हाल ही में संसद की कार्यवाही का एक साथ अनुवाद संविधान की आठवीं अनुसूची की कितनी भाषाओं में उपलब्ध कराया गया है?

A. 18
B. 20
C. 21
D. 22
E. 25

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced during the Monsoon Session that simultaneous translation of parliamentary proceedings is now available in all 22 languages of the Eighth Schedule.
• Newly added: Kashmiri, Konkani, Santali → completing the full list.
• Earlier service covered 18 languages: Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Kannada, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu.
• Technology support is being developed by Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence Center at IIT Madras, Pravartak Technologies Foundation.

Ques: Engineers India Limited (EIL) recently signed an agreement with NPCIL for the development of which type of nuclear technology?
इंजीनियर्स इंडिया लिमिटेड (EIL) ने हाल ही में NPCIL के साथ किस प्रकार की परमाणु तकनीक के विकास के लिए समझौता किया है?

A. Fast Breeder Reactors / फास्ट ब्रीडर रिएक्टर
B. Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors / दाबित भारी जल रिएक्टर
C. Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMRs) / भारत स्मॉल मॉड्यूलर रिएक्टर
D. Fusion Reactors / संलयन रिएक्टर
E. Thorium-based Reactors / थोरियम आधारित रिएक्टर

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• EIL & NPCIL signed an agreement to jointly develop Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMRs).
• This initiative is part of the Nuclear Energy Mission for Viksit Bharat, which aims for 100 GW nuclear power capacity by 2047.
• The Union Budget allocated ₹20,000 crore (~USD 2.4–2.5 billion) for this mission.
• Target: At least five indigenously designed SMRs operational by 2033.
• SMRs will play a crucial role in strengthening India's long-term clean energy transition strategy.

Ques: Who have been appointed as observers for the upcoming 17th Vice-Presidential Election of India 2025?
भारत के आगामी 17वें उपराष्ट्रपति चुनाव 2025 के लिए पर्यवेक्षक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Sushil Kumar Lohani and D. Anandan / सुशील कुमार लोहानी और डी. आनन्दन
B. CP Radhakrishnan and B Sudershan Reddy / सीपी राधाकृष्णन और बी सुबेरशन रेड्डी
C. Rajnath Singh and Nirmala Sitharaman / राजनाथ सिंह और निर्मला सीतारमण
D. Amit Shah and Piyush Goyal / अमित शाह और पीयूष गोयल
E. Venkaiah Naidu and M. Venkaiah / वेंकैया नायडू और एम. वेंकैया

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The Election Commission of India appointed Sushil Kumar Lohani, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and D. Anandan, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, as observers for the 17th Vice-Presidential Election.
• The election is scheduled for 9th September 2025.
• The Vice-President of India is elected by an Electoral College comprising the members of both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
• NDA has nominated CP Radhakrishnan, while the INDIA bloc has fielded B Sudershan Reddy as their candidate.
• Observers are appointed to ensure free, fair, and smooth conduct of the election process across states.

Ques: What recent change has the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) made regarding tiger corridors?
राष्ट्रीय बाघ संरक्षण प्राधिकरण (NTCA) ने बाघ कॉरिडोर के संबंध में हाल ही में क्या बदलाव किया है?

A. Expanded the definition to include all forest areas / परिभाषा को सभी वन क्षेत्रों में विस्तारित किया
B. Restricted the definition to the 32 “least cost pathways” from its 2014 report / परिभाषा को 2014 की रिपोर्ट के 32 “लीस्ट कॉस्ट पाथवे” तक सीमित किया
C. Declared all tiger habitats as protected zones / सभी बाघ आवासों को संरक्षित क्षेत्र घोषित किया
D. Allowed unrestricted industrial development in tiger corridors / बाघ कॉरिडोर में असीमित औद्योगिक विकास की अनुमति दी
E. Merged tiger corridors with national highways planning / बाघ कॉरिडोर को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग योजना के साथ मिला दिया

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has restricted the definition of tiger corridors to the 32 “least cost pathways” identified in its 2014 report.
• This change excludes newer scientific data and studies on tiger movement and habitats.
• As a result, some areas previously considered tiger corridors could now be opened for development projects, raising concerns among conservationists.
• Tiger corridors are crucial for the safe movement of tigers between habitats, helping maintain genetic diversity and overall biodiversity.
• NTCA is a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), created in 2005 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (amended in 2006).

lQues: India secured which position at the International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI) 2025 on its debut?
भारत ने 2025 में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता ओलंपियाड (IOAI) में पहली बार भाग लेकर कौन-सा स्थान प्राप्त किया?

A. 1st
B. 2nd
C. 3rd
D. 5th
E. 10th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• India made its debut at the International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI) 2025, held in Beijing, China, and secured 3rd place among 63 participating countries.
• The Indian contingent comprised two teams with 8 students, winning a total of 6 medals: 3 Gold (Arjun Tyagi, Roumak Das, Soham Sen), 2 Silver (Rayan Banerjee, Samik Goyal), and 1 Bronze (Himaneesh Sompalle), with an Honourable Mention for Ishaan Gangwani.
• India outperformed teams from the US (12th) and China (11th), while Russia and Poland claimed the top two positions.
• Events included Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, and Robotics-based AI integration challenges.
• This achievement underscores India's growing prowess and innovation in AI/ML research.

Ques: JSW Steel Limited recently signed a non-binding Heads of Agreement with which foreign steel major to jointly explore setting up a 6 MTPA integrated steel plant in India?
जेएसडब्ल्यू स्टील लिमिटेड ने हाल ही में भारत में 6 एमटीपीए एकीकृत इस्पात संयंत्र स्थापित करने के लिए किस विदेशी इस्पात कंपनी के साथ गैर-बाध्यकारी समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

A. Nippon Steel, Japan / निप्पॉन स्टील, जापान
B. POSCO Group, South Korea / पोस्को समूह, दक्षिण कोरिया
C. Baosteel, China / बाओस्टील, चीन
D. ArcelorMittal, Luxembourg / आर्सेलर मित्तल, लक्ज़मबर्ग
E. Thyssenkrupp, Germany / थिसेनक्रुप, जर्मनी

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• JSW Steel Limited (India) and POSCO Group (South Korea) signed a non-binding Heads of Agreement.
• The plan is to jointly explore setting up a 6 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) integrated steel plant in India through a 50:50 joint venture.
• Odisha is the preferred location due to its iron ore and coal reserves and strong logistical advantages.
• The estimated investment is about ₹65,000 crore (USD 7.44 billion).

Ques: NASA recently introduced the 'Surya Heliophysics Foundational Model (Surya)'. What is its primary purpose?
नासा ने हाल ही में 'सूर्या हेलियोफिजिक्स फाउंडेशनल मॉडल (Surya)' पेश किया है। इसका मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Study of Exoplanets / एक्सोप्लैनेट का अध्ययन
B. Asteroid Mining Research / क्षुद्रग्रह खनन अनुसंधान
C. Human Spaceflight Simulation / मानव अंतरिक्ष उड़ान सिमुलेशन
D. Forecasting Space Weather / अंतरिक्ष मौसम का पूर्वानुमान
E. Deep Ocean Exploration / गहरे महासागर की खोज

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• NASA has introduced the 'Surya Heliophysics Foundational Model (Surya)', an advanced open-source AI system for understanding and forecasting space weather.
• Developed by NASA's Interagency Implementation and Advanced Concepts Team (IMPACT) under the Office of Data Science, in collaboration with IBM and other partners.
• Built on the success of Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO), launched in 2010, which has continuously observed the Sun for ~15 years.
• Surya was trained on 9 years of continuous SDO data (images every 12 seconds in multiple wavelengths + magnetic field measurements).
• Capable of generating visual forecasts up to 2 hours in advance, with higher accuracy than traditional methods.

Ques: What is the target for India-Russia bilateral trade by 2030?
भारत-रूस का *2030* तक द्विपक्षीय व्यापार लक्ष्य क्या है*?*

A. $50 billion
B. $75 billion
C. $100 billion
D. $150 billion
E. $200 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• India and Russia have set a target of $100 billion for bilateral trade by 2030 to reduce the current trade imbalance.
• India aims to boost exports in key sectors such as pharmaceuticals, agriculture, textiles, and IT, while strengthening energy, connectivity, and skilled labour cooperation.
• Both countries are negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) under the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) to facilitate smoother trade.
• Enhanced connectivity projects like the North-South Transport Corridor, Chennai-Vladivostok Corridor, and Arctic cooperation are part of this strategic partnership.
• The initiative also addresses non-tariff barriers, such as restrictions on marine exports, to promote balanced and sustainable trade growth.

Ques: Which Indian city is set to host three major international sports events in 2025, including the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship, Asian Aquatics Championship, and AFC U-17 Asian Cup Qualifiers?
2025 में कॉमनवेल्थ वेटलिफ्टिंग चैंपियनशिप, एशियन एक्वाटिक्स चैंपियनशिप और एएफसी अंडर-17 एशियन कप क्वालिफायर्स सहित तीन प्रमुख अंतर्राष्ट्रीय खेल आयोजनों की मेज़बानी कौन सा भारतीय शहर करेगा?

A. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
B. Mumbai / मुंबई
C. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
D. Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
E. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Ahmedabad is set to host three big international sporting events in 2025, establishing the city as a growing global sports powerhouse.
• In 2025, Gujarat will host three important competitions: the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship, the Asian Aquatics Championship, and the AFC Under-17 Asian Cup Football Qualifiers.

International Events Scheduled in Ahmedabad (2025) :

• Asian Aquatics Championship
• AFC U-17 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers at The Arena by TransStadia, Ahmedabad
• Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship at Naranpura Sports Complex, Ahmedabad

Upcoming International Events in Gujarat :

• Asian Weightlifting Championship : 2026 in Ahmedabad
• Archery Asia Para Cup (World Ranking Tournament) : 2026 in Ahmedabad
• World Police and Fire Games : 2029 in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, and Ekta Nagar
• Commonwealth Games 2030 : Ahmedabad chosen as host city following India's successful bid

Ques: What is the new renewal fee for imported four-wheeler vehicles older than 20 years?
प्रश्न: 20 साल से पुराने आयातित चार-पहिया वाहनों के लिए नया नवीनीकरण शुल्क कितना तय किया गया है?

A. ₹20,000
B. ₹50,000
C. ₹80,000
D. ₹1,00,000
E. ₹1,50,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) has revised the registration renewal fees for vehicles older than 20 years to discourage their continued use.
• For imported four-wheelers or larger vehicles over 20 years old, the renewal fee has been fixed at ₹80,000.
• Fees for other categories include: LMVs – ₹10,000, motorcycles – ₹2,000, three-wheelers & quadricycles – ₹5,000, imported two-/three-wheelers – ₹20,000.
• The draft amendment was issued in February 2025 and finalized on 21 August 2025.
• The move aims to reduce pollution and encourage the replacement of old, polluting vehicles with newer, cleaner alternatives.

Ques: Recently, who among the following pledged to donate their organs at Army Hospital (Research & Referral), giving a boost to the Armed Forces Organ Retrieval & Transplantation Authority (AORTA)?
हाल ही में, आर्मी हॉस्पिटल (रिसर्च एंड रेफ़रल) में अंगदान की प्रतिज्ञा कर, सशस्त्र बल अंग पुनर्प्राप्ति एवं प्रत्यारोपण प्राधिकरण (AORTA) को बढ़ावा देने वाले कौन हैं?

A. General Anil Chauhan (CDS) / जनरल अनिल चौहान (सीडीएस)
B. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Raj Shukla / लेफ्टिनेंट जनरल (से.नि.) राज शुक्ला
C. Admiral Dinesh Tripathi & Mrs. Tripathi / एडमिरल दिनेश त्रिपाठी एवं श्रीमती त्रिपाठी
D. Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari & Mrs. Chaudhari / एयर चीफ़ मार्शल वी.आर. चौधरी एवं श्रीमती चौधरी
E. General Upendra Dwivedi (COAS) & Mrs. Sunita Dwivedi / जनरल उपेंद्र द्विवेदी (सेनाध्यक्ष) एवं श्रीमती सुनीता द्विवेदी

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), along with his wife Mrs. Sunita Dwivedi, President of Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA), pledged to donate their organs at Army Hospital (Research & Referral).
• This step significantly strengthens the Armed Forces Organ Retrieval & Transplantation Authority (AORTA).
• The initiative aims to spread awareness and inspire the Armed Forces community to lead the nation in organ donation.
• AORTA has emerged as a national leader in organ retrieval & transplant efforts.
• The Indian Army already holds a record with 26,000+ personnel pledging organ donations in a single campaign.

Ques: Who is the author of the book 'Justice Denied Justice Lost' that discusses the judiciary and the Soumitra Sen case?
'Justice Denied Justice Lost' पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं, जो न्यायपालिका और सौमित्र सेन मामले पर चर्चा करती है?

A. Arundhati Roy / अरुंधती रॉय
B. Kanchan Chakraborty / कंचन चक्रवर्ती
C. Ramachandra Guha / रामचंद्र गुहा
D. Barkha Dutt / Barkha Dutt
E. Shashi Tharoor / शशि थरूर

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The book 'Justice Denied Justice Lost' was authored by Kanchan Chakraborty and released in Kolkata.
• It raises critical questions regarding the role of the judiciary, particularly the Supreme Court's 'in-house procedure' in addressing complaints against sitting judges.
• The book provides an in-depth analysis of the prolonged controversy surrounding corruption charges against former Calcutta High Court Judge Soumitra Sen, spanning from 2006 until his resignation in 2011.
• The work highlights transparency and accountability issues within India's judicial system, sparking discussions on reforms.

Ques: What is the purpose of Exercise Samanvay Shakti 2025 inaugurated in Assam?
असम में शुरू की गई एक्सरसाइज समन्वय शक्ति 2025 का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To conduct joint naval drills / संयुक्त नौसैनिक अभ्यास करना
B. To foster military-civil integration and coordinated regional response / सैन्य-नागरिक समन्वय और क्षेत्रीय समन्वित प्रतिक्रिया को बढ़ावा देना
C. To test new missile systems / नए मिसाइल सिस्टम का परीक्षण करना
D. To promote international military cooperation / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सैन्य सहयोग को बढ़ावा देना
E. To organize adventure sports for civilians / नागरिकों के लिए साहसिक खेल आयोजित करना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Exercise Samanvay Shakti 2025 was inaugurated at Laipuli in Tinsukia district, Assam.
• It is a 10-day military-civil integration exercise initiated by the Indian Army in collaboration with Assam and Manipur state officials.
• The exercise aims to foster synergy, efficient cooperation, cohesion, and mutual understanding between security forces, government departments, and civil institutions.
• The unified approach is intended to address the complex challenges of the region effectively.
• Participants included the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, District Administration, Police, Intelligence Agencies, NDRF, SDRF, Medical Officials, BRO, GREF, Railways, educational institutions, and security officials from OIL India, IOCL, and Coal India.

Ques: Where will the 28th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2025 be held?
28वां राष्ट्रीय ई-गवर्नेंस सम्मेलन (NCeG) 2025 कहाँ आयोजित होगा?

A. Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh / विशाखापट्टनम, आंध्र प्रदेश
B. Bengaluru, Karnataka / बेंगलुरु, कर्नाटक
C. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
D. Jaipur, Rajasthan / जयपुर, राजस्थान
E. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh / भोपाल, मध्य प्रदेश

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• The 28th National Conference on e-Government (NCeG) will take place in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on September 22 and 23, 2025.
• The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and the Government of Andhra Pradesh are collaborating to organize the event.
• The 28th National eGovernance Conference 2025 will have IIM Visakhapatnam as its knowledge partner.
• The conference will be held over two days with the theme "Viksit Bharat: Civil Service and Digital Transformation."

Ques: British-Indian industrialist Lord Swraj Paul, who recently passed away, was the founder of which multinational company?
ब्रिटिश-भारतीय उद्योगपति लॉर्ड स्वरज पॉल, जिनका हाल ही में निधन हुआ, किस बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनी के संस्थापक थे?

A. Tata Group / टाटा समूह
B. Caparo Group / कैपारो ग्रुप
C. Reliance Industries / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज
D. Aditya Birla Group / आदित्य बिड़ला समूह
E. Bharti Enterprises / भारती एंटरप्राइजेज

Answer: **Option** B

Explanation:

• Lord Swraj Paul, a British-Indian industrialist, passed away in London at the age of 94.
• He was the founder of the U.K.-based steel and engineering multinational, Caparo Group, headquartered in London.
• Born in Jalandhar, India, he relocated to the U.K. in the 1960s and established a significant industrial presence.
• Lord Paul was regularly featured in the annual 'Sunday Times Rich List' for his business achievements.
• His contributions spanned across steel, engineering, and philanthropy, marking him as a prominent figure in British-Indian business circles.

Ques: Recently, RBI announced premature redemption of 28 SGBs. What is the fixed repurchase price set by RBI?
हाल ही में RBI ने 28 SGBs की समयपूर्व मोचन की घोषणा की है। RBI द्वारा तय पुनर्खरीद मूल्य क्या है?

A. ₹8,750 per unit
B. ₹9,500 per unit
C. ₹10,070 per unit
D. ₹10,500 per unit
E. ₹11,000 per unit

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• RBI has announced premature redemption for 28 Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) issued between May 2018 and March 2021.
• The repurchase price for these SGBs is fixed at ₹10,070 per unit.
• SGB investors receive 2.5% annual interest (paid semi-annually) in addition to capital gains linked to gold prices.
• The redemption price is based on the average closing price of 999 purity gold published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA) for the preceding three working days.
• Earlier, from April 2024, RBI had already opened early redemption for 34 SGBs issued between October 2017 – September 2020.

Ques: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) recently invested USD 40 million in which fund?

जापान इंटरनेशनल कोऑपरेशन एजेंसी (JICA) ने हाल ही में किस फंड में 40 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर का निवेश किया है?

A. Global MSME Growth Fund / ग्लोबल MSME ग्रोथ फंड
B. Asia–Africa Trade Boost Fund / एशिया-अफ्रीका ट्रेड बूस्ट फंड
C. Global Supply Chain Support Fund / ग्लोबल सप्लाई चेन सपोर्ट फंड
D. Emerging Markets SME Fund / इमर्जिंग मार्केट्स SME फंड
E. Development & Innovation Fund / डेवलपमेंट एंड इनोवेशन फंड

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has invested USD 40 million in the "Global Supply Chain Support Fund", which is managed by Aavishkaar Capital.
• Objective: To support and boost Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) engaged in the global supply chain across Asia and Africa.
• This fund is the eighth fund launched by Aavishkaar Capital, and it was established in collaboration with the German Development Bank (KfW).
• Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA): Established in 2003, headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, with Akihiko Tanaka as its President.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Payments Council of India (PCI) for the 2025–2027 term?
2025–2027 कार्यकाल के लिए पेमेंट्स काउंसिल ऑफ इंडिया (PCI) के चेयरपर्सन के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Vishwas Patel / विश्वास पटेल
B. M N Srinivasu / एम. एन. श्रीनिवासु
C. Nalin Bansal / नलिन बंसल
D. Ramesh Sobti / रमेश सोबती
E. Rajesh Kumar / राजेश कुमार

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Vishwas Patel, Joint Managing Director of Infibeam Avenues Limited, has been appointed as the Chairperson of Payments Council of India (PCI) for the 2025–2027 term.
• This is his third term; he was first elected in 2018 and re-appointed in 2022.
• Alongside him, M N Srinivasu and Nalin Bansal have been appointed as Co-Chairpersons of PCI.
• PCI was established in 2013 and is headquartered in Mumbai.
• The appointment strengthens PCI's role in advancing digital payments and fintech innovation in India.

Ques: OpenAI will open its first India office in which city?
ओपनएआई अपना पहला भारत कार्यालय किस शहर में खोलेगा?

A. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
B. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
C. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
D. Mumbai / मुंबई
E. Chennai / चेन्नई

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• OpenAI, the provider of ChatGPT, confirmed that it will open its first India office in New Delhi by late 2025.
• The decision reflects support for the IndiaAI Mission and the vision of building “AI for India, with India.”
• India is ChatGPT’s second-largest market after the US, with weekly active users growing 4x in the past year.
• India also has the largest student population using ChatGPT globally.
• The office will focus on strengthening ties with local partners, government, businesses, developers, and academic institutions.
• OpenAI also launched an India-specific subscription plan at ₹399/month, with UPI payment support.

Ques: Until which year has the government extended the Fortified Rice Scheme to combat micronutrient deficiencies in India?
भारत में सूक्ष्म पोषक तत्वों की कमी को दूर करने के लिए फोर्टिफाइड राइस योजना को सरकार ने किस वर्ष तक बढ़ाया है?

A. 2025
B. 2026
C. 2027
D. 2028
E. 2030

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the universal supply of fortified rice under all government schemes until December 2028.
• The scheme aims to combat micronutrient deficiencies, particularly iron, folic acid, and vitamin B12, addressing anaemia and malnutrition among vulnerable populations.
• The pilot phase began in 2019 across 15 states, and by March 2024, fortified rice distribution was extended nationwide across schemes such as the Public Distribution System (PDS), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), and PM POSHAN.
• The scheme is 100% centrally funded at ₹17,082 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).
• The Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution is the nodal agency, and technical standards are framed by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Ques: ISRO recently conducted its first Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-01) for which Gaganyaan system?
इसरो ने हाल ही में अपनी पहली Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-01) किस गगनयान प्रणाली के लिए सफलतापूर्वक पूरी की?

A. Launch Vehicle Mark-3 / लॉन्च व्हीकल मार्क-3
B. Crew Escape System / क्रू एस्केप सिस्टम
C. Parachute-based deceleration system / पैराशूट-आधारित मंदन प्रणाली
D. Vyommitra robot deployment system / व्योमित्रा रोबोट डिप्लॉयमेंट सिस्टम
E. Low Earth Orbit stabilization system / लो अर्थ ऑर्बिट स्थिरीकरण प्रणाली

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• ISRO successfully conducted its first Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-01) for the parachute-based deceleration system of the Gaganyaan mission.
• The test was carried out in coordination with the Indian Air Force, DRDO, Indian Navy, and Indian Coast Guard.
• This system is crucial to safely decelerate and recover the crew module during re-entry.
• The upcoming uncrewed Gaganyaan mission (G1) in December will carry the half-humanoid robot Vyommitra to test human spaceflight systems ahead of crewed missions.
• Vyommitra is a female robot designed to accompany astronauts, simulating human responses during unmanned test flights.

Ques: Which Indian energy sector company has become the first to join the Renewable Energy 100 (RE100) Initiative?
कौन सी भारतीय ऊर्जा क्षेत्र की कंपनी Renewable Energy 100 (RE100) पहल से जुड़ने वाली पहली कंपनी बनी है?

A. NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
B. Adani Green Energy / अदानी ग्रीन एनर्जी
C. Tata Power / टाटा पावर
D. Suzlon Group / सुजलॉन समूह
E. ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Suzlon Group has become the first Indian company from the energy sector to join the Renewable Energy 100 (RE100) Initiative.
• RE100 is a global initiative of companies committed to running entirely on renewable electricity.
• Globally, more than 400 companies are members of RE100.
• Suzlon has pledged to power all its 15 factories only with renewable energy by 2030.

Ques: Recently, Adani Group announced the construction of a ₹600-crore logistics park in which state?
हाल ही में, अदाणी ग्रुप ने ₹600 करोड़ का लॉजिस्टिक्स पार्क किस राज्य में बनाने की घोषणा की है?

A. Gujarat / गुजरात
B. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
C. Kerala / केरल
D. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
E. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Adani Group has started constructing a ₹600-crore logistics park in Kalamassery, Kerala under the 'Invest in Kerala' programme.
• The project is expected to create 1,500 jobs in the state.
• Facilities will include EV charging stations, smart logistics solutions, and digital integration.
• Currently, Adani Ports operates 21 logistics parks in India, with plans to expand to 30 and scale up its footprint from 3.1 million sq. ft. to 20 million sq. ft.
• This initiative will further strengthen Kerala's role as a trade hub, connecting it with global markets.

Ques: Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) recently extended EUR 150 million to which Indian PSU?
क्रेडिटानस्टाल्ट फ्यूर वीदारआउफबाउ (KfW) ने हाल ही में किस भारतीय PSU को 150 मिलियन यूरो दिए हैं?

A. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) / ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम
B. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) / नेशनल थर्मल पावर कॉरपोरेशन
C. Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) / पावर फाइनेंस कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड
D. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) / भारतीय नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा विकास एजेंसी
E. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) / ऊर्जा दक्षता सेवा लिमिटेड

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) has extended EUR 150 million to Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC).
• Objective: To strengthen India's power distribution sector under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).
• RDSS: Launched in 2021 by the Government of India, aiming to reduce distribution losses and improve supply quality.
• Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC): Established in 1986, headquartered in New Delhi, with Parminder Chopra as the CMD.

Ques: Which Indian state has been declared the first fully digitally literate state in India?
भारत का पहला पूर्ण रूप से डिजिटल साक्षर राज्य कौन सा है?

A. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
B. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
C. Gujarat / गुजरात
D. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
E. Kerala / केरल

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Kerala has been declared India's first fully digitally literate state, marking the completion of Phase I of the Digi Kerala project.
• The initiative aimed to bridge the digital divide by providing basic digital skills training across all local bodies in the state.
• Surveys covered 1.5 crore individuals from 83.46 lakh families, identifying 21.88 lakh digitally illiterate persons.
• Out of these, 21.87 lakh (99.98%) successfully completed training and evaluation, demonstrating widespread digital literacy.
• The program was inclusive, involving senior citizens and ensuring accessibility for all sections of society.
• Training was delivered through local bodies, highlighting Kerala's decentralized governance and participatory approach.

Ques: The Delhi Government recently launched the 'Government on Wheels' campaign. What is its main objective?
दिल्ली सरकार ने हाल ही में 'Government on Wheels' अभियान शुरू किया। इसका मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Digitalisation of government offices / सरकारी कार्यालयों का डिजिटलीकरण
B. On-site problem-solving across departments / विभागों में ऑन-साइट समस्या समाधान
C. Launch of new public transport routes / नए सार्वजनिक परिवहन मार्गों का उद्घाटन
D. Monitoring pollution levels in Delhi / दिल्ली में प्रदूषण स्तर की निगरानी
E. Promoting e-governance services / ई-गवर्नेंस सेवाओं को बढ़ावा

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Delhi Public Works Department (PWD) launched the 'Government on Wheels' campaign by undertaking a 47-km inspection of the Outer Ring Road on a bus.
• The initiative aims to shift from closed-door reviews to on-site problem-solving, addressing ground realities faced by commuters.
• Multiple government departments travel together on the bus, providing immediate solutions on the spot.
• This concept fosters coordination, efficiency, and citizen-centric governance by bringing all departments together in one place at one time.

Ques: How many chip-design projects has the Government of India sanctioned under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme to boost semiconductor design capabilities?

भारत सरकार ने सेमीकंडक्टर डिजाइन क्षमताओं को बढ़ाने के लिए डिज़ाइन लिंक्ड इंसेंटिव (DLI) योजना के तहत कितनी चिप-डिज़ाइन परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दी है?

A. 12
B. 18
C. 23
D. 30
E. 35

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Government of India has sanctioned 23 chip-design projects under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme to strengthen semiconductor design capabilities.
• These projects are led by domestic startups and MSMEs, focusing on developing indigenous chips and System-on-Chip (SoC) solutions for applications such as surveillance cameras, energy meters, microprocessor IPs, and networking.
• 72 companies have also been provided access to industry-standard Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools for chip design.
• Vervesemi Microelectronics, founded in 2017, is among the first Indian firms to export semiconductor IPs globally, with its machine learning-powered analog chain IPs embedded in products of top international manufacturers.

About Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme :

• Launched : January 2022
• Initial tenure : Initially planned for three years from January 1, 2022, with possible extensions
• Objective : To nurture at least 20 domestic companies involved in semiconductor design and facilitate them to achieve turnover of more than Rs.1500 Crore in 5 years.
• Nodal agency : C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing)
• Components : ● Chip Design infrastructure support: Under this, C-DAC will set up the India Chip Centre ● Product Design Linked Incentive. ● Deployment Linked Incentive.

• Product Design Incentive ： Reimbursement of up to 50% of eligible costs, capped at ₹15 crore per application
• Deployment Linked Incentive ： Incentive of 4%-6% on net sales turnover over five years, capped at ₹30 crore per application

Ques: The new Income-Tax Act, 2025 will come into effect from which date?
नया आयकर अधिनियम, 2025 किस तिथि से प्रभावी होगा?

A. 1 April 2025
B. 21 August 2025
C. 1 April 2026
D. 1 January 2026
E. 1 July 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• President Droupadi Murmu gave assent to the Income-Tax Act, 2025 on 21st August 2025.
• This new Act replaces the Income-Tax Act, 1961 with a simpler, transparent, and compliance-friendly direct tax regime.
• The Act will come into force from 1st April 2026, i.e., the next financial year.

Key provisions include:

• Deduction under 80M extended to companies under the new regime.
• Deductions for commuted pension & gratuity for family members.
• Separate provisions for MAT (Minimum Alternate Tax) & AMT (Alternate Minimum Tax).
• Refund claims allowed even if returns filed late.
• Alignment with taxation rules on anonymous donations.
• Exemptions extended to mixed object registered non-profit organisations.

Ques: India's first urban public transport ropeway is being trialed in which city?
भारत का पहला शहरी सार्वजनिक परिवहन रोपवे किस शहर में परीक्षण के लिए चलाया जा रहा है?

A. Varanasi / वाराणसी
B. Mumbai / मुंबई
C. Delhi / दिल्ली
D. Jaipur / जयपुर
E. Lucknow / लखनऊ

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• India's first urban ropeway is undergoing a three-month trial run in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
• The ₹807 crore project aims to improve urban transport and reduce traffic congestion.
• The ropeway covers a distance of 3.75 km, linking Banaras Cantt Railway Station with Godowlia Chowk.
• It is expected to reduce travel time from 45–50 minutes to just 15 minutes.
• Three stations—Cantt, Vidyapeeth, and Rathyatra—have already been constructed.

Ques: Which new bridge did PM Modi inaugurate in Bihar to improve connectivity over the Ganga?
भारत में गंगा नदी पर कनेक्टिविटी सुधारने के लिए पीएम मोदी ने कौन सा नया पुल उद्घाटन किया?

A. Mahatma Gandhi Setu / महात्मा गांधी सेतु
B. Aunta-Simaria Bridge / औंटा-सिमरिया ब्रिज
C. Vikramshila Setu / विक्रमशिला सेतु
D. Rajendra Setu / राजेंद्र सेतु
E. Digha-Sonpur Bridge / डिग्गा-सोनपुर ब्रिज

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Aunta-Simaria Bridge in Bihar, an 8.15 km project on NH-31, featuring a 1.86 km six-lane bridge over the river Ganga.
• Constructed alongside the nearly seven-decade-old Rajendra Setu, the new bridge improves direct connectivity between Mokama in Patna district and Begusarai.
• It reduces travel distance for heavy vehicles by up to 100 km, enhancing logistics and transportation efficiency.
• The bridge cost over ₹1,870 crore and is part of the 8.15 km stretch on National Highway 31.
• The six-lane structure strengthens regional infrastructure and contributes to economic growth in Bihar.jej3jnrnmemk4k3
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Ques: Recently, the government approved ₹6,982 crore as additional capex support in 2025 for which telecom company?
हाल ही में, सरकार ने 2025 में किस दूरसंचार कंपनी के लिए ₹6,982 करोड़ की अतिरिक्त पूंजीगत सहायता को मंजूरी दी है?

A. Airtel / एयरटेल
B. Jio / जियो
C. Vodafone Idea / वोडाफोन आइडिया
D. BSNL / बीएसएनएल
E. MTNL / एमटीएनएल

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Government of India approved ₹6,982 crore as additional capex support for BSNL in 2025 to strengthen its telecom infrastructure and expand 4G services.
• As of 31 July 2025, BSNL has installed 96,300 sites for 4G services, of which 91,281 are operational.
• This funding is intended to enhance BSNL's competitiveness against private telecom operators and accelerate service expansion

Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) for a third consecutive term?
बॉक्सिंग फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (BFI) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में लगातार तीसरे कार्यकाल के लिए किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Pramod Kumar / प्रमोद कुमार
B. Pon Baskaran / पोन बसकरण
C. Ajay Singh / अजय सिंह
D. Abhinav Bindra / अभिनव बिंद्रा
E. Rajesh Tyagi / राजेश त्यागी

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Ajay Singh, Managing Director (MD) of SpiceJet Airlines, has been appointed as the President of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) for a third consecutive term (first elected in 2016).
• Along with him, Pramod Kumar (Uttar Pradesh) has been appointed as the Secretary General of BFI.
• Pon Baskaran (Tamil Nadu) has been appointed as the Treasurer of BFI.
• The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) was established in 1949 and is headquartered in New Delhi.

Ques: IIT Madras recently launched the FedEx SMART Centre in collaboration with which company?
आईआईटी मद्रास ने हाल ही में FedEx SMART Centre किस कंपनी के सहयोग से लॉन्च किया है?

A. UPS (United Parcel Service) / यूपीएस (यूनाइटेड पार्सल सर्विस)
B. DHL Express / डीएचएल एक्सप्रेस
C. Federal Express Corporation (FedEx) / फेडरल एक्सप्रेस कॉर्पोरेशन (फेडेक्स)
D. Blue Dart Express / ब्लू डार्ट एक्सप्रेस
E. Amazon Transportation Services / अमेज़न ट्रांसपोर्टेशन सर्विसेज

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) in collaboration with Federal Express Corporation (FedEx) launched the FedEx SMART Centre (Supply, Chain Modelling, Algorithms, Research and Technology Centre) at its Chennai campus.
• This is the first-of-its-kind facility, supported by a 5-year funding of USD 5 million (₹44 crore) from FedEx.
• The centre will promote research in interdisciplinary projects spanning from carbon neutral operations, autonomous delivery systems, Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure and predictive analytics to AI-driven worker safety

Ques: Recently, INS Kadmatt completed a 3-day port call to strengthen naval cooperation. Which country was it?
हाल ही में, आईएनएस कदमत ने नौसैनिक सहयोग को मजबूत करने के लिए किस देश में 3 दिवसीय पोर्ट कॉल पूरा किया?

A. Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
B. Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
C. Malaysia / मलेशिया
D. Vietnam / वियतनाम
E. Thailand / थाईलैंड

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• INS Kadmatt, an indigenous ASW Corvette, successfully completed a 3-day port call at Surabaya, Indonesia.
• The visit aimed to strengthen friendship, trust, and interoperability between the Indian Navy and Indonesian Navy (TNI AL).
• Key activities included professional & cultural engagements, cross-deck visits, combined yoga session, and a friendly volleyball match with TNI AL personnel.
• As part of community outreach, Indian diaspora members in Indonesia were welcomed onboard to interact.
• Courtesy calls with senior naval leadership highlighted both nations' commitment to a secure and stable maritime domain.
• The visit reaffirmed the Indian Navy's role as the preferred security partner in the region under the shared vision of "Partnership Across Sea."

Ques: The Marbat Festival, recently in news, is celebrated in which Indian city?
हाल ही में समाचारों में रहा मरबट उत्सव किस भारतीय शहर में मनाया जाता है?

A. Pune / पुणे
B. Nagpur / नागपुर
C. Indore / इंदौर
D. Raipur / रायपुर
E. Nashik / नासिक

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Marbat Festival of Nagpur originated in the 19th century to ward off evil spirits through effigies known as Marbats, which represent societal evils.
• It falls on 'Tanha Pola', the day after Pola (bull-worship festival observed on Shravana Amavasya).
• On Bhadrapada Shukla Prathama, effigies of Kala (Black) Marbat and Pili (Yellow) Marbat are paraded and later burned in processions.
• A Marbat is a large, colourful female effigy, while smaller male effigies called Badgyas are also crafted, carrying placards highlighting social issues.
• The festival uniquely blends agrarian gratitude, cultural expression, and social commentary.

Ques: What was the primary objective of Iran's "Sustainable Power 1404" missile drills in the Gulf of Oman?
ईरान के "Sustainable Power 1404" मिसाइल अभ्यास का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या था?

A. To promote international maritime trade / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय समुद्री व्यापार को बढ़ावा देना
B. To improve combat readiness, command systems, and deterrence / युद्ध तैयारी, कमांड सिस्टम और निवारक क्षमता में सुधार करना
C. To conduct joint drills with India / भारत के साथ संयुक्त अभ्यास करना
D. To explore undersea resources / समुद्र के नीचे संसाधनों का अन्वेषण करना
E. To test nuclear weapons / परमाणु हथियारों का परीक्षण करना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Iran conducted a two-day missile drill named "Sustainable Power 1404" in the northern Indian Ocean and Sea of Oman.
• The exercise aimed to enhance combat readiness, improve command and control systems, and reinforce deterrence capabilities.
• Iran maintains two separate naval forces: the conventional Islamic Republic of Iran Navy (IRIN) and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy (IRGCN).
• IRIN operates in the Gulf of Oman, the Indian Ocean, and the Caspian Sea, while IRGCN controls the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz.
• Such exercises demonstrate Iran's naval capabilities and strategic defense preparedness in its regional waters.

Ques: Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh recently interacted with women officers from 15 countries during which event in New Delhi?
रक्षा मंत्री श्री राजनाथ सिंह ने हाल ही में नई दिल्ली में 15 देशों की महिला अधिकारियों के साथ किस कार्यक्रम के दौरान बातचीत की?

A. UN Women in Defence Summit / यूएन महिला रक्षा सम्मेलन
B. UN Women Military Officers Course (UNWMOC-2025) / यूएन महिला सैन्य अधिकारियों कोर्स (UNWMOC-2025)
C. International Women Peacekeepers Meet / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला शांति सैनिक सम्मेलन
D. Global Women Leadership Forum / वैश्विक महिला नेतृत्व मंच
E. Women in Armed Forces Seminar / सशस्त्र बलों में महिला अधिकारी संगोष्ठी

Answer: **Option** B

Explanation :

• Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh interacted with women military officers from 15 countries alongside Indian officers at the UN Women Military Officers Course (UNWMOC-2025) held at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
• The course is organised by the Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping under the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of External Affairs.
• Its aim is to build professional capacity of women officers for effective participation in multidimensional UN missions.
• UNWMOC-2025 included 12 Indian women officers and 5 interns, creating a vibrant international platform for training and exchange.
• During the event, the UN Journal 2025 - 'Blue Helmet Odyssey: 75 Years of Indian Peacekeeping' was also unveiled, celebrating India's legacy and future vision in UN peacekeeping.

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"The Kunj," a premier shopping and cultural destination devoted to honoring and promoting the rich legacy of Indian handicrafts and handlooms, was opened by Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh.

Shri Vijaya Dashami Utsav of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to be held at Reshimbagh Ground in Nagpur on October 2. Dr Mohan Bhagwat IS RSS Sarsanghchalak.

The State Support Agreement (SSA) and Shareholder Agreement (SHA) between the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT), Government of Haryana, and Haryana Airports Development Corporation (HADC) marked a significant milestone for the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC) initiative.

India has imposed anti-dumping duty on certain hot-rolled flat steel products imported from Vietnam. Earlier in April, India applied a 12% safeguard duty on some steel imports, mainly from China, to curb cheap shipments.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

भारतीय हस्तशिल्प और हथकरघा की समृद्ध विरासत के सम्मान और संवर्धन हेतु समर्पित एक प्रमुख खरीदारी और सांस्कृतिक स्थल "द कुंज" का उद्घाटन केंद्रीय कपड़ा मंत्री श्री गिरिराज सिंह ने किया।

राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ (आरएसएस) का श्री विजयादशमी उत्सव 2 अक्टूबर को नागपुर के रेशमबाग मैदान में आयोजित किया जाएगा। डॉ. मोहन भागवत आरएसएस के सरसंघचालक हैं।

राष्ट्रीय औद्योगिक गलियारा विकास एवं कार्यान्वयन ट्रस्ट (एनआईसीडीआईटी), हरियाणा सरकार और हरियाणा हवाई अड्डा विकास निगम (एचएडीसी) के बीच राज्य समर्थन समझौता (एसएसए) और शेयरधारक समझौता (एसएचए) अमृतसर-कोलकाता औद्योगिक गलियारा (एकेआईसी) पहल के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पत्थर साबित हुआ है।

भारत ने वियतनाम से आयातित कुछ हॉट-रोल्ड फ्लैट स्टील उत्पादों पर डंपिंग रोधी शुल्क लगाया है। इससे पहले अप्रैल में, भारत ने सस्ते शिपमेंट पर अंकुश लगाने के लिए, मुख्य रूप से चीन से आयातित कुछ स्टील पर 12% सुरक्षा शुल्क लगाया था।

Ques: As per SEBI's recent approval, what will be the maximum voting rights of LIC in IDBI Bank after its reclassification as a public shareholder?
SEBI की हालिया मंजूरी के अनुसार, पब्लिक शेयरहोल्डर के रूप में पुनर्वर्गीकरण के बाद LIC के पास IDBI बैंक में अधिकतम कितने प्रतिशत वोटिंग अधिकार होंगे?

A. 5%
B. 10%
C. 15%
D. 20%
E. 25%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• SEBI has approved the reclassification of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) as a public shareholder in IDBI Bank, with its voting rights not exceeding 10%.
• LIC will not have any representation on the Board of Directors of IDBI Bank.
• As per RBI guidelines, LIC must reduce its stake in IDBI Bank to 15% or below within two years.
• The combined holdings of the Centre and LIC in IDBI Bank currently stand at 95%, out of which 60.72% is up for sale.
• This move ensures compliance with regulatory norms while allowing LIC to continue as a public shareholder.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the reconstituted Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBF) in August 2025?
अगस्त 2025 में पुनर्गठित बैंकिंग और वित्तीय धोखाधड़ी पर सलाहकार बोर्ड (ABBF) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Rajni Kant Mishra / राजनीकांत मिश्रा
B. Alok Kumar Choudhary / आलोक कुमार चौधरी
C. Suresh N. Patel / सुरेश एन. पटेल
D. Sarada Kumar Hota / सरदा कुमार होता
E. Ravikant / रवीकांत

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBF) has been reconstituted for two years with effect from August 21, 2025.
• It will be chaired by former Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) Suresh N. Patel.
• The board examines the role of officials and whole-time directors of PSBs, insurance companies, and financial institutions in fraud cases involving ₹3 crore and above.
• Cases may also be referred by the CVC or CBI for advice.

Members of the board include:

• Ravikant, former Secretary, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
• Rajni Kant Mishra, former DG of Border Security Force
• Alok Kumar Choudhary, former MD of State Bank of India
• Sarada Kumar Hota, former MD of National Housing Bank

Ques: Recently, which bank (after SBI) has classified Reliance Communications' loan account and Anil Ambani as 'fraud'?
हाल ही में, किस बैंक ने (SBI के बाद) रिलायंस कम्युनिकेशंस और अनिल अंबानी के ऋण खाते को 'धोखाधड़ी' घोषित किया है?

A. Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
B. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
C. Bank of India / बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
D. Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
E. Indian Bank / इंडियन बैंक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Bank of India (BoI) has classified the loan account of Reliance Communications (RCom) and its former director Anil Ambani as fraudulent, citing alleged fund diversion in 2016.
• Earlier, in June 2024, State Bank of India (SBI) had already classified RCom's account as fraud.
• BoI had provided a ₹700 crore loan in August 2016 for capital expenditure and repayment of liabilities.
• Half of the loan, disbursed in October 2016, was parked in a fixed deposit, which violated sanction terms.
• Following SBI's complaint, CBI conducted searches at RCom premises and Ambani's residence.
• Anil Ambani responded, stating the action was selective, unfair, and contrary to natural justice.

Ques: RBI has approved which Japanese bank to acquire up to 24.99% stake in Yes Bank?
आरबीआई ने किस जापानी बैंक को यस बैंक में अधिकतम *24.99%* हिस्सेदारी खरीदने की मंजूरी दी है*?*

A. Mizuho Bank / मिज़ुहो बैंक
B. MUFG Bank / एमयूएफजी बैंक
C. Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) / सुमितोमो मित्सुई बैंकिंग कॉरपोरेशन
D. Japan Post Bank / जापान पोस्ट बैंक
E. Resona Holdings / रेसोना होल्डिंग्स

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), Japan, to acquire up to 24.99% stake (voting rights) in Yes Bank.
• SMBC will initially acquire 20% shareholding through a secondary stake purchase 13.19% from SBI
• And 6.81% from seven other banks: Axis Bank, Bandhan Bank, Federal Bank, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, IDFC First Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank.
• Following this transaction, SBI's stake in Yes Bank reduced from 23.97% to 10.78% as of August 23, 2025.
• The approval is valid for one year and does not classify SMBC as a promoter of the bank.
• The deal is also subject to approval by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and other customary conditions.

Ques: ISRO recently unveiled a model of the Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS). By which year is India planning to launch its first module?
इसरो ने हाल ही में भारतीय अंतरिक्ष स्टेशन (BAS) का मॉडल प्रदर्शित किया। भारत किस वर्ष तक इसका पहला मॉड्यूल लॉन्च करने की योजना बना रहा है?

A. 2026
B. 2028
C. 2030
D. 2032
E. 2035

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• ISRO unveiled a model of the Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS) during the two-day National Space Day celebrations.
• India plans to launch the first module of BAS by 2028.
• The full station is expected to be operational by 2035, with five modules in low earth orbit (450 km).
• At present, the only orbital laboratories are the International Space Station (ISS) (run by five space agencies) and Tiangong (China).

Ques: Who is chairing the two newly constituted High-Powered Groups (HPGs) set up by the Government of India in 2025?
भारत सरकार द्वारा 2025 में गठित दो उच्चस्तरीय समूहों (HPGs) की अध्यक्षता कौन कर रहे हैं?

A. Amit Shah / अमित शाह
B. Rajiv Gauba / राजीव गौबा
C. Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
D. TVS Swaminathan / टी.वी.एस. स्वामीनाथन
E. N.K. Singh / एन.के. सिंह

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Government of India constituted two High-Powered Groups (HPGs) of secretaries, technocrats, and economists in 2025.
• Both panels are chaired by Rajiv Gauba, full-time member of NITI Aayog and former Cabinet Secretary.
• Panel 1 – Tasked with driving the Viksit Bharat Vision 2047, aiming to transform India into a developed nation.
• Panel 2 – Focused on executing regulatory reforms in the non-financial sector to boost competitiveness & ease of doing business.
• Oversight by ministerial committees headed by Union Ministers Amit Shah (MHA) and Rajnath Singh (MoD).
• Additionally, a state-level deregulation committee is headed by Cabinet Secretary TVS Swaminathan to resolve regulatory bottlenecks at the state level.

Ques: Recently, which country officially joined the India-led International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) to protect seven species of big cats?
हाल ही में सात बड़ी बिल्ली प्रजातियों की रक्षा के लिए भारत-नेतृत्व वाले इंटरनेशनल बिग कैट एलायंस (IBCA) में आधिकारिक रूप से कौन सा देश शामिल हुआ है?

A. Nepal / नेपाल
B. Bhutan / भूटान
C. Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
D. Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
E. Myanmar / म्यांमार

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Nepal has officially joined the India-led International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) by signing the framework agreement.
• The IBCA is a multi-country, multi-agency coalition comprising over 90 countries.
• The primary aim of IBCA is to protect seven species of big cats globally.
• Nepal has made significant progress in tiger conservation, increasing its tiger population from 121 in 2009 to 355 in 2022.
• By joining IBCA, Nepal strengthens its commitment to wildlife conservation and collaborative efforts for big cat protection.

Ques: Which countries will co-host the 2027 ODI World Cup?
2027 का ODI विश्व कप किस-किस देश में सह-आयोजित होगा?

A. South Africa, Australia, New Zealand / दक्षिण अफ्रीका, ऑस्ट्रेलिया, न्यूजीलैंड
B. South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe / दक्षिण अफ्रीका, नामीबिया, ज़िम्बाब्वे
C. India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh / भारत, श्रीलंका, बांग्लादेश
D. England, Ireland, Scotland / इंग्लैंड, आयरलैंड, स्कॉटलैंड
E. Pakistan, UAE, Oman / पाकिस्तान, यूएई, ओमान

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Cricket South Africa (CSA) confirmed that the 2027 ODI World Cup will be held in South Africa, Namibia, and Zimbabwe.
• South Africa will host 44 matches, while Namibia and Zimbabwe will host 10 matches collectively.
• This will be the 14th edition of the ODI World Cup, scheduled in October–November 2027.
• It is the second time South Africa and Zimbabwe will co-host a tournament after 2003, while Namibia will host for the first time.
• The tournament will feature two groups of seven teams, with the top three from each group advancing to the Super Six stage, following the 2003 edition format.

Ques: Government e-Marketplace (GeM) recently crossed which milestone in Gross Merchandise Value (GMV)?
सरकारी ई-मार्केटप्लेस (GeM) ने हाल ही में कुल कितने GMV का माइलस्टोन पार किया है?

A. ₹5 Lakh Crore
B. ₹10 Lakh Crore
C. ₹12 Lakh Crore
D. ₹15 Lakh Crore
E. ₹20 Lakh Crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has crossed a historic ₹15 lakh crore GMV milestone since its inception in 2016.
• This achievement reflects the trust and confidence of buyers and sellers in India.
• GeM has empowered Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), startups, women-led businesses, SC/ST enterprises, and Self-Help Groups by providing a robust digital platform.
• According to GeM CEO Mihir Kumar, this milestone is a testimony to stakeholders' confidence and the collective effort of lakhs of sellers and buyers.
• The achievement highlights GeM's pivotal role in transforming public procurement and promoting inclusive economic gowth across India.

Ques: Where did the first World Humanoid Robot Games take place in 2025?
वर्ष 2025 में आयोजित प्रथम वर्ल्ड ह्यूमनॉइड रोबोट गेम्स कहाँ आयोजित किए गए?

A. Tokyo, Japan / टोक्यो, जापान
B. Seoul, South Korea / सियोल, दक्षिण कोरिया
C. Beijing, China / बीजिंग, चीन
D. Singapore / सिंगापुर
E. New Delhi, India / नई दिल्ली, भारत

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The first World Humanoid Robot Games concluded in Beijing, China, at the National Speed Skating Oval, originally built for the 2022 Winter Olympics.
• The event lasted four days, with participation from 16 countries, 280 robotics teams, and over 500 robots competing in 26 events (487 matches).
• Competitions included both sports (athletics, basketball, soccer, kickboxing) and functional tasks (cleaning, medicine categorisation).
• A humanoid robot ran the 100m sprint in 21.5 seconds; others showed advanced skills like balance recovery, though some collapsed during races.

Winners:

• Unitree Robotics (Hangzhou-based) → 11 medals (4 golds)
• X-Humanoid (Beijing Humanoid Robot Innovation Centre) → 10 medals (2 golds)

Ques: What is the purpose of Operation Sanskar launched by Dungarpur Police in Rajasthan?
राजस्थान के डूंगरपुर पुलिस द्वारा शुरू किए गए ऑपरेशन संस्कार का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To curb cyber frauds / साइबर धोखाधड़ी को रोकना
B. To counter glorification of criminal activities on social media / सोशल मीडिया पर आपराधिक गतिविधियों के महिमामंडन का मुकाबला करना
C. To tackle drug smuggling / नशीले पदार्थों की तस्करी रोकना
D. To control communal violence / सांप्रदायिक हिंसा पर नियंत्रण करना
E. To prevent human trafficking / मानव तस्करी को रोकना

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Operation Sanskar (Operation Values) was launched by Dungarpur Police, Rajasthan in July 2025.
• It aims to counter the glorification of criminal activities on social media, especially by local “street gangs” of youth aged 18–24.
• As part of the initiative, offenders were made to record apology videos, which were then circulated on the same platforms where they earlier boasted about crimes.
• The program seeks to reduce gang-related crimes and promote responsible social behaviour among youth.

Ques: Which Indian Test specialist announced his retirement from all forms of cricket in 2025?
किस भारतीय टेस्ट विशेषज्ञ ने 2025 में क्रिकेट के सभी प्रारूपों से संन्यास की घोषणा की?

A. Ajinkya Rahane / अजिंक्य रहाणे
B. Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
C. Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
D. Shikhar Dhawan / शिखर धवन
E. Cheteshwar Pujara / चेतेश्वर पुजारा

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Cheteshwar Pujara, one of India's finest Test specialists, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket in 2025.
• He scored 7,195 runs at an average of 43.60 in Test cricket, including 19 centuries and 35 fifties.
• Made his international debut in 2010 against Australia.
• At his peak in the 2018–19 Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Australia, he scored 521 runs, faced 1,258 balls, and emerged as the top scorer, playing a pivotal role in India's historic maiden Test series win in Australia.
• In First-Class cricket, Pujara scored 21,301 runs, the fourth-highest by an Indian batter.
• Holds the Indian record for 18 double hundreds and is among the rare batters to have three triple hundreds in First-Class cricket.

Ques: The International Solar Alliance (ISA) will establish a Global Capability Centre (GCC) in India. What is its envisioned role?
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन (ISA) भारत में एक ग्लोबल कैपेबिलिटी सेंटर (GCC) स्थापित करेगा। इसका परिकल्पित उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Training astronauts for space missions / अंतरिक्ष मिशनों के लिए अंतरिक्ष यात्रियों का प्रशिक्षण
B. Functioning as a hub connecting centres of excellence worldwide / विश्वभर में उत्कृष्टता केंद्रों को जोड़ने वाला हब के रूप में कार्य करना
C. Developing nuclear fusion technology / नाभिकीय संलयन प्रौद्योगिकी का विकास
D. Manufacturing satellites for renewable energy mapping / नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मानचित्रण हेतु उपग्रहों का निर्माण
E. Expanding India's deep-sea mineral exploration / भारत के गहरे समुद्री खनिज अन्वेषण का विस्तार

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The International Solar Alliance (ISA) will set up 17 Centres of Excellence across different countries by the end of 2025, with plans to expand to 50 centres in future.
• A Global Capability Centre (GCC) will be established in India, envisioned as a "Silicon Valley for solar".
• The GCC will function as a hub connecting all the centres of excellence worldwide.
• India's installed solar capacity reached 119 GW by July 2025.

About ISA:

• Established: 2015
• Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana
• Director General: Ashish Khanna

Ques: Where will the 14th edition of the India–Thailand Joint Bilateral Military Exercise MAITREE (2025) be conducted?
भारत–थाईलैंड संयुक्त द्विपक्षीय सैन्य अभ्यास मैत्री (2025) का 14वाँ संस्करण कहाँ आयोजित किया जाएगा?

A. Umroi, Meghalaya / उमरोई, मेघालय
B. Jaisalmer, Rajasthan / जैसलमेर, राजस्थान
C. Fort Vachiraprakan, Thailand / फोर्ट वचिराप्रकान, थाईलैंड
D. Chiang Mai, Thailand / चियांग माई, थाईलैंड
E. Pune, Maharashtra / पुणे, महाराष्ट्र

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The 14th edition of MAITREE, a bilateral military exercise between India and Thailand, will be held from 01–14 September 2025 at the Foreign Training Node, Umroi, Meghalaya.
• The 13th edition took place earlier from 1st–15th July 2024 at Fort Vachiraprakan in Tak Province, Thailand.
• The exercise aims to strengthen defence cooperation, interoperability, and joint counter-insurgency/terrorism operations between the two armies.

Ques: Who is the author of the books 'Ramayana Katha ki Vishva-Yatra', 'Hamari Sanskritik Rashtriyata', and 'Purvajon ki Punya-Bhoomi'?
'रामायण कथा की विश्व-यात्रा', 'हमारी सांस्कृतिक राष्ट्रीयता', और 'पुरजों की पुण्य-भूमि' पुस्तकों के लेखक कौन हैं?

A. Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank / डॉ. रमेश पोखरियाल निशांक
B. Dr. K. Sivan / डॉ. के. सिवन
C. Dr. Bibek Debroy / डॉ. बिबेक देब Roy
D. Dr. Subramanian Swamy / डॉ. सुब्रमणियन स्वामी
E. Dr. Vinod Kumar Tiwari / डॉ. विनोद कुमार तिवारी

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• The three books – 'Ramayana Katha ki Vishva-Yatra', 'Hamari Sanskritik Rashtriyata', and 'Purvajon ki Punya-Bhoomi' – were launched by Dr. Vinod Kumar Tiwari.
• Purpose: To highlight India's culture, traditions, and ancestral heritage.
• 'Ramayana Katha ki Vishva-Yatra' explores the global journey and impact of the Ramayana.
• 'Hamari Sanskritik Rashtriyata' focuses on India's cultural nationalism.
• 'Purvajon ki Punya-Bhoomi' emphasizes the sacred land of ancestors and their contributions.

Ques: The Indian government has granted clearance for acquisition of six advanced submarines under which project?
भारत सरकार ने छह उन्नत पनडुब्बियों के अधिग्रहण के लिए किस परियोजना के तहत अनुमति दी है?

A. Project 75 Alpha / प्रोजेक्ट 75 अल्फा
B. Project 75 India / प्रोजेक्ट 75 इंडिया
C. Project 76 India / प्रोजेक्ट 76 इंडिया
D. Project Varuna / प्रोजेक्ट वरुण
E. Project Samudra / प्रोजेक्ट समुद्र

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Government of India has cleared the Defence Ministry and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) to initiate formal negotiations for acquiring six advanced submarines under Project 75 India (P-75I).
• The project involves critical technological support from Germany, with talks planned with German firm ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems.
• The Indian Navy aims to replace around 10 ageing submarines over the next decade.
• These new submarines will replace the Navy's Soviet-origin Kilo Class boats, also locally known as the Sindhughosh Class.

About Project 75 -

• Project-75 (India), also known as the P-75(I) program, is a military acquisition program that aims to provide the Indian Navy (IN) with six attack diesel-electric submarines with conventional propulsion.
• It was proposed in 1997 as a substitute for the force's submarines of the Sindhughosh class.

Ques: Which state government recently approved a ₹600 crore project with Nelco Limited (Tata Power subsidiary) to develop skill education centres under the Samagra Shiksha Axom (SSA) framework?

किस राज्य सरकार ने हाल ही में नेल्को लिमिटेड (टाटा पावर की सहायक कंपनी) के साथ ₹600 करोड़ की परियोजना को मंजूरी दी है, जिसके तहत समग्र शिक्षा अksom (SSA) ढांचे में कौशल शिक्षा केंद्र विकसित किए जाएंगे?

A. Gujarat / गुजरात
B. Assam / असम
C. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
D. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
E. Odisha / ओडिशा

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma approved a ₹600 crore project in collaboration with Nelco Limited (subsidiary of Tata Power) under the Samagra Shiksha Axom (SSA) framework.
• Objective → Revolutionize vocational education in Assam through 50 hubs & 500 spokes (smaller hubs).
• Phase 1: 10 hubs & 70 spokes approved within secondary & higher-secondary schools.
• Hubs → 10 futuristic trades, each with 2 trainers.
• Spokes → 2 trades per site, each with 2 trainers.
• Connectivity → Hubs & spokes will be linked via satellite communication by Nelco.
• Funding: Tata Group (75%) + Assam Government (25%).

Ques: Who has been appointed as the Head Coach of Pretoria Capitals for the SA20 2026 season?
SA20 2026 सीज़न के लिए प्रिटोरिया कैपिटल्स के मुख्य कोच के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Ricky Ponting / रिकी पोंटिंग
B. Jonathan Trott / जोनाथन ट्रॉट
C. Sourav Ganguly / सौरव गांगुली
D. Gary Kirsten / गैरी कर्स्टन
E. Jacques Kallis / जाक कैलिस

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the Head Coach of Pretoria Capitals for the SA20 2026 season.
• He replaces former England batter Jonathan Trott, who stepped down from the role.
• This marks the first time Ganguly has taken up a head coach position in franchise cricket.
• Between 2018–19, Ganguly served as Team Director of Delhi Capitals.
• Currently, he also holds the role of Director of Cricket for JSW Sports, which owns Pretoria Capitals, Delhi Capitals (IPL), and Delhi Capitals Women (WPL).

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) to handle internal affairs?
आंतरिक मामलों को संभालने के लिए नए उप राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार (NSA) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Ajit Doval / अजीत डोभाल
B. Anish Dayal Singh / अनीश दयाल सिंह
C. Rajiv Jain / राजीव जैन
D. Samant Kumar Goel / समंत कुमार गोयल
E. Arvind Kumar / अरविंद कुमार

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Anish Dayal Singh, 1988-batch IPS officer from Manipur cadre, has been appointed Deputy NSA.
• He retired as DG of CRPF in December 2024.
• Previously served in Intelligence Bureau (IB), ITBP, and CRPF, gaining extensive experience in security and intelligence.
• As Deputy NSA, he will handle internal security affairs, including Jammu & Kashmir, Naxal insurgency, and northeastern insurgency.

Ques: Which state topped the Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025 medal tally held in Srinagar?
श्रीनगर में आयोजित खेलो इंडिया वॉटर स्पोर्ट्स फेस्टिवल 2025 के पदक तालिका में किस राज्य ने शीर्ष स्थान प्राप्त किया?

A. Odisha / ओडिशा
B. Kerala / केरल
C. Punjab / पंजाब
D. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• The inaugural Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 was held at the Dal Lake, Srinagar (J&K) from 21–23 August 2025.
• Madhya Pradesh topped the medal tally with 18 medals (10 Gold, 3 Silver, 5 Bronze).
• Odisha finished 2nd with 10 medals (4 Gold, 5 Silver, 1 Bronze).
• Kerala stood 3rd with 7 medals (3 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze).
• The mascot of the event was the colourful Himalayan Kingfisher.

IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Limited (USGIC) received two international certifications, ISO 27001:2022 for Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) and ISO 22301:2019 for Business Continuity Management Systems (BCMS).

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Harshitha Manikanta, attached to the Railways wing of the Andhra Pradesh Police, has scaled Mount Elbrus, the tallest peak of Europe.

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has imposed a penalty of ₹3 lakh on VLCC Limited for publishing misleading advertisements regarding fat-loss and slimming treatments through the use of the US-FDA approved CoolSculpting procedure/machine.

Earlier, CCPA had also levied a penalty of ₹3 lakh on Kaya Limited for publishing misleading advertisements on CoolSculpting treatments

US President Donald Trump has chosen Sergio Gor, head of the White House Presidential Personnel Office, as his pick for the new ambassador to India

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

यूनिवर्सल सोम्पो जनरल इंश्योरेंस कंपनी लिमिटेड (USGIC) को दो अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रमाणपत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं: सूचना सुरक्षा प्रबंधन प्रणाली (ISMS) के लिए ISO 27001:2022 और व्यावसायिक निरंतरता प्रबंधन प्रणाली (BCMS) के लिए ISO 22301:2019।

आंध्र प्रदेश पुलिस की रेलवे शाखा से जुड़ी पुलिस उपाधीक्षक (DSP) हर्षिता मणिकांता ने यूरोप की सबसे ऊँची चोटी माउंट एल्ब्रस पर चढ़ाई की है।

केंद्रीय उपभोक्ता संरक्षण प्राधिकरण (CCPA) ने अमेरिकी-FDA द्वारा अनुमोदित कूलस्कल्प्टिंग प्रक्रिया/मशीन के उपयोग से मोटापा घटाने और स्लिमिंग उपचारों के बारे में भ्रामक विज्ञापन प्रकाशित करने के लिए VLCC लिमिटेड पर ₹3 लाख का जुर्माना लगाया है।

इससे पहले, CCPA ने कूलस्कल्प्टिंग उपचारों पर भ्रामक विज्ञापन प्रकाशित करने के लिए काया लिमिटेड पर ₹3 लाख का जुर्माना भी लगाया था।

अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने व्हाइट हाउस के राष्ट्रपति कार्मिक कार्यालय के प्रमुख सर्जियो गोर को भारत में अपना नया राजदूत चुना है।

Ques: Who has been appointed as the Vice President & Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of the New Development Bank (NDB)?
न्यू डेवलपमेंट बैंक (NDB) के उपाध्यक्ष एवं मुख्य जोखिम अधिकारी (CRO) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Urjit Patel / उर्जित पटेल
B. Rajiv Ranjan / राजीव रंजन
C. Raghuram Rajan / रघुराम राजन
D. Shaktikanta Das / शक्तिकांत दास
E. Dilma Rousseff / दिल्मा रूसफ

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• New Development Bank (NDB), established by BRICS nations in 2014, has appointed Rajiv Ranjan as Vice President & Chief Risk Officer (CRO).
• He will serve for a five-year term.
• Rajiv Ranjan is a former Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) member and a career central banker with 35+ years of experience.

About NDB :

• Headquarters – Shanghai, China
• Established – 2014 (by BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa)
• Current President – Dilma Rousseff

Ques: As of August 21, 2025, the total gross enrolments under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) have crossed which milestone?
21 अगस्त 2025 तक अटल पेंशन योजना (APY) के तहत कुल सकल नामांकन किस मील का पत्थर पार कर गया है?

A. 5.25 crore
B. 6.40 crore
C. 7.50 crore
D. 8.11 crore
E. 9.25 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The PFRDA organised the APY Annual Felicitation Programme in New Delhi, where outstanding performers in APY enrolments were awarded.
• In FY 2024-25, 1.17 crore new subscribers joined APY, helping it cross 8.11 crore gross enrolments by August 21, 2025.
• APY achieved the fastest-ever 50 lakh subscribers in a single year, with 46% enrolments from youth (18–25 years).
• Women contributed significantly, making up 55% of new enrolments in FY 2024-25.
• APY currently has an AUM of ₹48,000+ crore and has grown at a 9.12% CAGR since inception.

Ques: Which global rating agency recently retained India's sovereign credit rating at 'BBB-' with a Stable Outlook?
किस वैश्विक रेटिंग एजेंसी ने हाल ही में भारत की सॉवरेन क्रेडिट रेटिंग 'BBB-' स्थिर दृष्टिकोण (Stable Outlook) के साथ बरकरार रखी है?

A. S&P Global / एसएंडपी ग्लोबल
B. Moody's / मूडीज
C. Fitch Ratings / फिच रेटिंग्स
D. Morningstar DBRS / मॉर्निंगस्टार डीबीआरएस
E. CRISIL / क्रिसिल

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Fitch Ratings maintained India's sovereign credit rating at 'BBB-' with a Stable Outlook.
• This is the lowest investment grade rating, but it reflects India's robust growth and solid external finances.
• Fitch forecasted India's GDP growth at 6.5% till FY26, much higher than the BBB countries' median of 2.5%.
• India's medium-term growth potential is estimated at 6.4%, supported by public investment, private sector momentum, and demographic advantages.
• Recent reforms like GST improvements and deregulation agenda could further boost consumption and investment.
• Fitch noted that strong reforms will enhance India's macro stability, fiscal credibility, GDP per capita, and help in reducing debt burden.

Ques: As per SBI Research's latest Ecowrap report, what is the estimated GDP growth of India in Q1 (April–June) of FY26?
SBI रिसर्च की नवीनतम इक्वोरैप रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, FY26 की पहली तिमाही (अप्रैल-जून) में भारत की अनुमानित GDP वृद्धि दर कितनी रही?

A. 6.8%–7.0%
B. 6.5%
C. 6.3%
D. 7.2%
E. 7.5%

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• SBI Research (Ecowrap report) has estimated that the Indian economy may have grown at 6.8%–7.0% in the first quarter (Q1: April–June) of FY26, which is higher than RBI's forecast of 6.5%.
• For the full FY26, the report projects India's GDP growth at 6.3%, lower than RBI's target of 6.5%.
• The report also revised India's GDP forecast for the remaining quarters: Q2 – 6.5%, Q3 – 6.3%, and Q4 – 6.1%.
• This indicates a strong start to FY26, but slightly weaker momentum in the later quarters compared to RBI's projections.

Ques : What is India's women's employment rate (WPR) in 2023–24, as per Labour Ministry data?
श्रम मंत्रालय के अनुसार, 2023–24 में भारत की महिलाओं की रोजगार दर (WPR) कितनी रही?

A. 22%
B. 34.5%
C. 40.3%
D. 47.53%
E. 55%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• As per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data, 2017–2024, India's women's employment rate (WPR) has doubled from 22% to 40.3%.
• The unemployment rate declined to 3.2%, showing stronger job growth.
• Rural women's employment rose by 96%, while urban areas saw a 43% increase.
• Women graduates' employability also improved to 47.53% in 2024, and as per India Skills Report 2025, around 55% Indian graduates will be globally employable.

Ques: Where did the bilateral meeting between the Foreign Ministers of India and China take place in 2025?
वर्ष 2025 में भारत और चीन के विदेश मंत्रियों के बीच द्विपक्षीय बैठक कहाँ आयोजित हुई?

A. Beijing, China / बीजिंग, चीन
B. New Delhi, India / नई दिल्ली, भारत
C. Shanghai, China / शंघाई, चीन
D. Mumbai, India / मुंबई, भारत
E. Tianjin, China / तियानजिन, चीन

Answer : Option B

Explanation:

• Mr. Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China held bilateral talks with Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India in New Delhi.

Key Outcomes:

• Both sides had positive and forward-looking talks on bilateral, regional, and global issues.
• China welcomed PM Narendra Modi’s participation in the SCO Summit 2025 (Tianjin, Aug 31–Sep 1).
• Both sides agreed to support each other’s BRICS Summits (India 2026, China 2027).
• Agreement to resume direct flights and finalize an updated Air Services Agreement.
• Easier visa facilitation for tourists, businesses, media, etc.
• Expansion of Indian pilgrimage to Kailash–Mansarovar in 2026.
• Commitment to boost trade and investment flows.
• Reaffirmed to maintain peace in border areas.
• Both agreed to uphold multilateralism and enhance coordination on global issues.

Ques: Which city hosted the 18th edition of the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA 2025), the first time India organised the event?
किस शहर ने 18वें अंतर्राष्ट्रीय खगोलशास्त्र और खगोल भौतिकी ओलंपियाड (IOAA 2025) की मेजबानी की, जिसे पहली बार भारत ने आयोजित किया?

A. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
B. Kolkata / कोलकाता
C. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
D. Mumbai / मुंबई
E. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The 18th IOAA 2025, an international competition in astronomy and astrophysics for school students, was hosted in Mumbai.
• It was organised by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), TIFR, and supported by the Department of Atomic Energy through the Vigyan Pratibha Project.
• This was the first time India hosted IOAA, and also the largest edition ever, with over 300 students from 64 countries.
• Indian students Aarush Mishra (Bengaluru), Banibrata Majee (Delhi), Panini (Patna), and Akshat Srivastava (Kolkata) won gold medals.
• At the IOAA Board Meeting, representatives voted to suspend Israel as a recognized national team; Israeli students may now only compete individually.

Ques: Which initiative was launched by the Delhi Cantonment Board under the Ministry of Defence to support the education and welfare of children of construction workers?
रक्षा मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत दिल्ली छावनी बोर्ड द्वारा निर्माण श्रमिकों के बच्चों की शिक्षा और कल्याण के लिए कौन सा अभियान शुरू किया गया?

A. Project Aarohan / प्रोजेक्ट आरोहण
B. Aarambh / आरंभ
C. Project Shiksha / प्रोजेक्ट शिक्षा
D. Bal Vikas Kendra / बाल विकास केंद्र
E. Gyan Deep / ज्ञान दीप

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence, the Aarambh initiative was launched by the Delhi Cantonment Board at Silver Oak School, Delhi Cantonment.
• The program focuses on inclusive child welfare, providing free education and essential medical facilities to children of construction laborers in the Cantonment area.
• Aarambh aims to stabilize classes for these children by offering foundation learning, life skills, and a safe space.

Key features include:

• Enrolling children in local schools with free access to quality education.
• Providing regular health check-ups and access to medical services through local health units.
• Ensuring a nurturing environment for holistic development, including nutrition and counseling.
• Providing uniforms, shoes, school bags, water bottles, tiffin, books, stationery, lunch, periodic health checkups, and transport facilities to enrolled children.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Tata Digital, effective September 1, 2025?
1 सितंबर 2025 से टाटा डिजिटल के नए सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Naveen Tahilyani / नवीन ताहिलयानी
B. Sajith Sivanandan / सजीथ शिवनंदन
C. Ajay Piramal / अजय पिरामल
D. Sanjiv Mehta / संजीव मेहता
E. Ratan Tata / रतन टाटा

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Sajith Sivanandan has been appointed as the new CEO of Tata Digital, the e-commerce arm of Tata Sons.
• He will assume charge from 1st September 2025, succeeding Naveen Tahilyani, who stepped down in May 2025.
• Sivanandan previously served as President, Jio Mobile Digital Services, CEO, Disney+ Hotstar and MD & Business Head, Google Pay and Next Billion Users initiative (APAC region)
• He brings with him 30+ years of experience in technology, media, telecom, payments, and consulting across India and APAC.

Ques: Which organization signed an MoU with the Karnataka Agriculture Department to provide tech-driven, real-time advisory services to farmers?
कर्नाटक कृषि विभाग ने किसानों को प्रौद्योगिकी आधारित रीयल-टाइम परामर्श सेवाएं प्रदान करने के लिए किस संगठन के साथ समझौता किया?

A. Infosys / इंफोसिस
B. Wipro / विप्रो
C. NASSCOM / नैसकॉम
D. ISRO / इसरो
E. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) / भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• The Karnataka Agriculture Department signed an MoU with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) to provide real-time advisory services to farmers.
• Key datasets like crop information, weather data, FRUITS database, and government schemes will be integrated and analyzed.
• BEL will customize its Equinox platform for agriculture, offer technical consultancy, and support data integration to benefit farmers with accurate and timely advice.

Ques: Recently, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) launched its first all-women commando unit. Where did the training of the first batch begin?
हाल ही में, केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (CISF) ने अपनी पहली ऑल-वूमेन कमांडो यूनिट शुरू की। पहले बैच का प्रशिक्षण कहाँ शुरू हुआ?

A. Barwaha, Madhya Pradesh / बड़वाहा, मध्य प्रदेश
B. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
C. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh / ग्वालियर, मध्य प्रदेश
D. Pune, Maharashtra / पुणे, महाराष्ट्र
E. Delhi / दिल्ली

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The CISF has launched its first all-women commando unit to boost gender parity.
• Training of the first batch of 30 women began on August 11, 2025, at the Regional Training Centre, Barwaha (Madhya Pradesh), and will conclude on October 4, 2025.
• This all-women commando unit will act as a Quick Reaction Team (QRT) and Special Task Force (STF) for deployment at high-security establishments.

About CISF:

• Established in 1969 through the CISF Act, 1968 with 3 battalions.
• Declared as an Armed Force of the Union after the 1983 amendment.
• Motto: “Protection and Security.”
• Provides security to large state-owned and private institutions.

Ques: Why has the Department of Posts temporarily suspended booking of most postal items to the USA from 25th August 2025?
डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ पोस्ट्स ने 25 अगस्त 2025 से अमेरिका के लिए अधिकांश डाक आइटम बुकिंग अस्थायी रूप से क्यों रोक दी है?

A. Due to closure of postal services in the USA / अमेरिका में डाक सेवाओं के बंद होने के कारण
B. Due to Executive Order removing duty-free exemption for goods above USD 800 / वस्तुओं के लिए USD 800 से अधिक पर शुल्कन-मुक्त छूट हटाने के कार्यकारी आदेश के कारण
C. Due to strike by postal workers in India / भारत में डाक कर्मचारियों के हड़ताल के कारण
D. Due to weather disruptions affecting flights / उड़ानों पर मौसम संबंधी व्यवधान के कारण
E. Due to increase in postal rates / डाक दरों में वृद्धि के कारण

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The U.S. Administration issued an Executive Order on 30th July 2025 withdrawing the duty-free de minimis exemption for goods valued above USD 800, effective 29th August 2025.
• As a result, all international postal items to the USA, except gift items up to USD 100, will be subject to customs duties.
• Critical processes regarding “qualified parties” for duty collection and operational mechanisms remain undefined.
• Due to this lack of clarity, U.S.-bound air carriers cannot accept postal consignments after 25th August 2025.
• Therefore, the Department of Posts has temporarily suspended booking of all postal articles to the USA, except letters/documents and gifts up to USD 100.

Ques: Which state government has announced ₹1 crore insurance cover for municipal staff in case of accidental death?
किस राज्य सरकार ने नगर निगम कर्मचारियों के लिए दुर्घटना में मृत्यु होने पर ₹1 करोड़ बीमा कवर की घोषणा की है?

A. Telangana / तेलंगाना
B. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
C. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
D. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
E. Kerala / केरल

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu announced insurance cover for municipal workers.
• It is ₹1 crore insurance for regular municipal workers.
• ₹20 lakh insurance for outsourced municipal workers.
• In cases of permanent disability, the same amount will be ensured.
• He also announced education support up to ₹8 lakh for their children.

Ques: India and Fiji recently agreed to strengthen cooperation in which of the following sectors?
भारत और फ़िजी ने हाल ही में किन क्षेत्रों में सहयोग को मजबूत करने पर सहमति व्यक्त की है?

A. Defence and Health / रक्षा और स्वास्थ्य
B. Trade and Agriculture / व्यापार और कृषि
C. Maritime Security / समुद्री सुरक्षा
D. All of the above / उपरोक्त सभी
E. Only Defence / केवल रक्षा

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• India and Fiji decided to enhance cooperation in defence, health, trade, agriculture, and maritime security sectors.
• Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed Fiji's decision to grant market access for Indian goods.
• Both leaders emphasized bilateral trade growth, collaboration in SMEs, skill development, cooperatives, culture, sports, and education.
• Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka highlighted the importance of securing Fiji's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and India assured support in meeting its security needs.
• An Action Plan has been prepared to enhance defence and maritime security cooperation.
• An Indian Naval Ship's visit to a Fijian port also symbolized efforts to strengthen maritime collaboration.

Ques: Which initiative did NHAI launch in collaboration with Vertis Infrastructure Trust to support the education of toll plaza employees' children?
टोल प्लाजा कर्मचारियों के बच्चों की शिक्षा का समर्थन करने के लिए NHAI ने Vertis Infrastructure Trust के सहयोग से कौन सा अभियान शुरू किया?

A. Project Udaan / प्रोजेक्ट उड़ान
B. Project Prerna / प्रोजेक्ट प्रेरणा
C. Project Shiksha / प्रोजेक्ट शिक्षा
D. Project Gyan / प्रोजेक्ट ज्ञान
E. Project Aarohan / प्रोजेक्ट आरोहण

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• NHAI, in collaboration with Vertis Infrastructure Trust, launched 'Project Aarohan' to support the educational aspirations of toll plaza employees' children.
• The program was inaugurated by NHAI Chairman Shri Santosh Kumar Yadav.
• Implementation: SMEC Trust's Bharat Cares will manage the project's first phase, with a fund allocation of ₹1 Crore, spanning from July 2025 to March 2026.
• Coverage: 500 students from Class 11 to final-year graduation will receive ₹12,000 annual scholarships in FY 2025–26.
• Additionally, 50 bright students aiming for postgraduate and higher studies will be supported with ₹50,000 scholarships each.
• The program combines financial aid with mentorship, skill-building workshops, and career guidance, preparing students for higher education, employment, and entrepreneurship.

lQues: Which institution recently hosted the launch of MARa-THON 2025 – India's Maritime Hackathon?
हाल ही में MARa-THON 2025 – इंडिया का मेरिटाइम हैकाथॉन का शुभारंभ किस संस्थान में किया गया?

A. IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
B. IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
C. IIT Bombay / आईआईटी बॉम्बे
D. IIT Kharagpur / आईआईटी खड़गपुर
E. IIT Kanpur / आईआईटी कानपुर

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), in collaboration with NTCPWC (IIT Madras), NMC, and Chennai Port Authority, launched MARa-THON 2025 – India's Maritime Hackathon at IIT Madras.
• It is organised under the Sagarmala Start-up Innovation Initiative (S2I2) to promote Research, Innovation, Start-ups, and Entrepreneurship (RISE) in the maritime sector.
• The event also served as the curtain-raiser to India Maritime Week 2025.

Selected start-ups will receive milestone-based funding:

• Proof of Concept (PoC): Up to ₹10 lakh
• Seed Funding (MVP): Up to ₹60 lakh
• Tech Pilot Grant (Commercial Scale-up): Up to ₹1 crore

Ques : What is the revenue target set for IREDA in FY26 under the MoU with MNRE?
MNRE के साथ MoU के तहत IREDA का FY26 के लिए राजस्व लक्ष्य कितना रखा गया है?

A. ₹5,957 crore
B. ₹6,743.32 crore
C. ₹7,960 crore
D. ₹8,200 crore
E. ₹11,740 crore

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

• The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) signed a performance-based MoU with the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). Under this MoU, the revenue target for FY26 has been set at ₹8,200 crore.
• In FY25, IREDA exceeded its target of ₹5,957 crore, achieving ₹6,743.32 crore.
• The MoU also tracks performance indicators such as Return on Net Worth, Return on Capital Employed, NPA ratio, Asset Turnover Ratio, and EBITDA.
• IREDA has received an 'Excellent' rating in MoU performance for 4 consecutive years (FY21 to FY24).
• In Q1 FY26, loan sanctions grew 29% YoY to ₹11,740 crore, while disbursements rose 31% YoY to ₹6,981 crore.
• Its outstanding loan book reached ₹79,960 crore as of June 30, 2025, up 27% from the previous year.

Ques: When is World Lake Day observed?
विश्व झील दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

A. 5 June
B. 27 August
C. 22 March
D. 8 June
E. 11 December

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• World Lake Day is observed every year on 27 August.
• 2025 marks the first-ever observance of this day.
• The theme for 2025: “Lakes: the lifeblood of our planet.”
• The objective is to raise awareness about the importance of lakes and promote sustainable management of lake ecosystems.
• The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) facilitates the observance.

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Monash University and IIT Bombay's Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE) Sign MoU to Boost Startups and Innovation Between India & Australia

Andhra Pradesh Government will soon set up the country' largest Central Library in Amaravati. It is spread across 2 lakh sq. ft., and designed as a "worldclass hub of knowledge."

Veteran Telugu actor and politician Nandamuri Balakrishna - officially honoured by the World Book of Records UK Gold Edition for completing 50 glorious years in the film industry. He got the Padma Bhushan honour earlier this year (2025)

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) signed a performance-based MOU with Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) outlining strategic targets for the fiscal year 2025-26. Under the MoU, the Government of India has set a Revenue from Operations target of ₹8,200 crores for FY 2025-26

Haryana CM launches 11-week 'Swachh Kurukshetra – Mera Kurukshetra, Mera Abhimaan' mission to make city cleanest, most beautiful in country.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

मोनाश विश्वविद्यालय और आईआईटी बॉम्बे की सोसाइटी फॉर इनोवेशन एंड एंटरप्रेन्योरशिप (SINE) ने भारत और ऑस्ट्रेलिया के बीच स्टार्टअप और नवाचार को बढ़ावा देने के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

आंध्र प्रदेश सरकार जल्द ही अमरावती में देश का सबसे बड़ा केंद्रीय पुस्तकालय स्थापित करेगी। यह 2 लाख वर्ग फुट में फैला है और इसे "ज्ञान के विश्वस्तरीय केंद्र" के रूप में डिज़ाइन किया गया है।

वरिष्ठ तेलुगु अभिनेता और राजनेता नंदमुरी बालकृष्ण - जिन्हें फिल्म उद्योग में 50 गौरवशाली वर्ष पूरे करने पर वर्ल्ड बुक ऑफ रिकॉर्ड्स यूके गोल्ड एडिशन द्वारा आधिकारिक रूप से सम्मानित किया गया है। उन्हें इस वर्ष (2025) की शुरुआत में पद्म भूषण सम्मान मिला था।

भारतीय नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा विकास एजेंसी लिमिटेड (IREDA) ने नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय (MNRE) के साथ एक प्रदर्शन-आधारित समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं, जिसमें वित्तीय वर्ष 2025-26 के लिए रणनीतिक लक्ष्यों की रूपरेखा तैयार की गई है। इस समझौता ज्ञापन के तहत, भारत सरकार ने वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 के लिए परिचालन से ₹8,200 करोड़ का राजस्व लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है।

हरियाणा के मुख्यमंत्री ने शहर को देश का सबसे स्वच्छ और सुंदर बनाने के लिए 11-सप्ताहीय 'स्वच्छ कुरुक्षेत्र - मेरा कुरुक्षेत्र, मेरा अभिमान' मिशन शुरू किया।

Ques: NaBFID is planning to raise up to how much from international markets in FY26?
NaBFID FY26 में अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजारों से कितनी राशि जुटाने की योजना बना रहा है?

A. $500 million
B. $750 million
C. $5 billion
D. $2 billion
E. $1 billion

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• NaBFID (National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development) will raise $1 billion from international markets in FY26.
• The fundraising will be done through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) and bond issuance.
• Rajkiran Rai, MD of NaBFID, mentioned that the launch is expected within a month, but the final outcome depends on market conditions.
• Purpose: The funds will primarily support infrastructure projects in India.
• NaBFID was established in 2021 as India's Development Finance Institution (DFI).

Ques: Which electric vehicle company partnered with the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide financing solutions for its customers in India?
कौन सी इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (EV) कंपनी ने अपने ग्राहकों के लिए भारत में वित्तीय समाधान प्रदान करने हेतु स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (SBI) के साथ साझेदारी की है?

A. Tesla / टेस्ला
B. VinFast Auto India / विनफास्ट ऑटो इंडिया
C. BYD / बीवाईडी
D. Mahindra Electric / महिंद्रा इलेक्ट्रिक
E. Ola Electric / ओला इलेक्ट्रिक

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• VinFast Auto India, a subsidiary of the Vietnam-based electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer, has partnered with State Bank of India (SBI) to provide financing solutions for its customers.
• The collaboration is part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to offer a “seamless suite of credit solutions” ahead of VinFast’s official product rollout in India.
• The agreement allows VinFast to leverage SBI’s extensive network of nearly 23,000 branches, making it easier to reach customers in urban and rural areas.
• This collaboration is particularly significant as VinFast prepares to launch its VF 6 and VF 7 electric vehicle models in India.

Ques: Which global investment banking firm has been appointed as the sole transaction advisor for the stake sale in four Indian public sector banks (UCO Bank, Central Bank of India, Punjab & Sind Bank, and Indian Overseas Bank)?

कौन सी वैश्विक निवेश बैंकिंग फर्म को भारत सरकार ने चार सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों (यूको बैंक, सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया, पंजाब एंड सिंध बैंक और इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक) में हिस्सेदारी बिक्री के लिए एकमात्र लेनदेन सलाहकार नियुक्त किया है?

A. Morgan Stanley / मॉर्गन स्टेनली
B. JP Morgan / जेपी मॉर्गन
C. Citigroup / सिटीग्रुप
D. Goldman Sachs / गोल्डमैन सैक्स
E. Barclays / बार्कलेज

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Government of India has appointed Goldman Sachs as the sole transaction advisor for stake sales in UCO Bank, Central Bank of India, Punjab & Sind Bank, and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB).
• Goldman Sachs will handle structuring of the deal, identifying potential investors, and smooth execution of the stake sale.
• The government plans to dilute up to 5% equity stake in each of the four banks.
• The disinvestment will be carried out in tranches starting FY26, spread over two to three years.
• The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has already approved Offer for Sale (OFS) transactions for five PSBs, including the four mentioned banks.
• Bank of Maharashtra will instead meet the 25% minimum public shareholding (MPS) requirement through a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) route.
• Currently, government holdings in all four PSBs stand at 89% or higher.

Ques: RBI has recently asked banks to increase scrutiny on funds flowing indirectly from which country due to high-risk concerns?
RBI ने हाल ही में किस देश से अप्रत्यक्ष रूप से आने वाले धन की कड़ी जांच करने का निर्देश बैंकों को दिया है, उच्च-जोखिम की आशंका के चलते?

A. China / चीन
B. Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
C. Afghanistan / अफगानिस्तान
D. Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
E. Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed Indian banks to tighten checks on funds indirectly flowing from Pakistan.
• This step follows a Reuters report highlighting a “high risk” that such funds could be misused for arms purchase or terror financing.
• RBI has asked lenders to enhance monitoring and ensure that the Indian financial system is not misused.

Ques: Which country launched Ryt Bank, the world's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered bank developed for local users?
किस देश ने Ryt Bank लॉन्च किया, जो स्थानीय उपयोगकर्ताओं के लिए विकसित दुनिया का पहला कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) संचालित बैंक है?

A. Singapore / सिंगापुर
B. Malaysia / मलेशिया
C. India / भारत
D. Japan / जापान
E. South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Malaysia launched Ryt Bank, the world's first AI-powered bank developed by Malaysians for local users.
• The initiative was led by YTL (Malaysia) in partnership with Sea Limited (Singapore), marking a significant step in Malaysia's digital banking future.
• The Ryt AI app is available in Bahasa, Malaysia, and English, with Mandarin support expected by September 2025.
• Ryt Bank is licensed by Bank Negara Malaysia, the country's central bank.

Ques: Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu won gold in the women's 48kg category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025 held in which Indian city?
भारतीय भारोत्तोलक मीराबाई चानू ने 2025 राष्ट्रमंडल भारोत्तोलन चैम्पियनशिप में महिला 48 किग्रा वर्ग में स्वर्ण पदक किस भारतीय शहर में जीता?

A. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
B. Chennai / चेन्नई
C. Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
D. Patna / पटना
E. Pune / पुणे

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Mirabai Chanu clinched gold at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025 in Ahmedabad.
• She lifted a total of 193kg (84kg snatch + 109kg clean and jerk).
• Both lifts set new Commonwealth Championship records in snatch, clean & jerk, and total.
• With this win, Mirabai also secured direct qualification for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Ques: The Central Government has revised wheat stock limits applicable till which date?
केंद्र सरकार ने गेहूं की स्टॉक सीमा किस तारीख तक के लिए संशोधित की है?

A. 31st March 2025
B. 31st December 2025
C. 31st March 2026
D. 30th June 2026
E. 31st March 2027

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• To ensure food security and prevent hoarding and speculation, the Central Government revised wheat stock limits for Traders/Wholesalers, Retailers, Big Chain Retailers, and Processors.
• Revised limits will remain in force until 31st March 2026.
• Entities holding stock above prescribed limits must reduce it within 15 days of notification.
• Total wheat production in 2024-25 was 1175.07 LMT, ensuring ample availability in the country.
• Act: Essential Commodities Act, 1955; Implementing Body: Department of Food and Public Distribution; RMS 2025-26 Procurement: 300.35 LMT wheat by FCI & State Agencies.

Key revisions include:

• Traders/Wholesalers – reduced from 3000 MT to 2000 MT.
• Retailers – reduced from 10 MT to 8 MT per outlet.
• Big Chain Retailers – reduced from 10 MT to 8 MT per outlet (max. stock = number of outlets × 8 MT).
• Processors – reduced from 70% to 60% of Monthly Installed Capacity × remaining months of FY25-26.

Ques: How many teachers have been selected for the National Teachers' Awards 2025, to be conferred on 5th September 2025?

राष्ट्रीय शिक्षक पुरस्कार 2025, जो 5 सितंबर 2025 को प्रदान किया जाएगा, के लिए कितने शिक्षकों का चयन किया गया है?

A. 35
B. 40
C. 42
D. 45
E. 55

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education has selected 45 teachers for this year's National Teachers' Awards 2025.
• The awards will be conferred on 5th September 2025 (Teachers' Day).
• The selection process was rigorous, transparent, and online, conducted in three stages – District, State, and National level.
• The 45 selected teachers are from 27 States, 7 Union Territories, and 6 organizations.
• Out of the total, 24 are male teachers and 21 are female teachers.

lQues: Which premier telecom R&D centre of India celebrated its 42nd Foundation Day in Delhi in 2025, marking 41 years since its founding?
भारत का कौन सा प्रमुख टेलीकॉम अनुसंधान और विकास (R&D) केंद्र 2025 में दिल्ली में अपने 42वें स्थापना दिवस का जश्न मना रहा है, जो इसकी स्थापना के 41 वर्षों को चिह्नित करता है?

A. DRDO
B. ISRO
C. C-DOT
D. BEL
E. BARC

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D Centre under the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Govt. of India, celebrated its 42nd Foundation Day at the C-DOT Campus, Delhi.
• Founded in 1984, the event marked 41 years since its establishment.
• Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, presided as the Chief Guest.
• He appreciated C-DOT's delivery of 4G core for BSNL network and urged engineers to scale it to a world-class product.
• Highlight: Recognition of 10 women-led startups under the NIDHI initiative, launched by C-DOT to promote women entrepreneurship in ICT.

About C-DOT :

• Established : 1984
• HQ : New Delhi
• Executive Director : Dr Rajkumar Upadhyay

Ques: Till which year has the Union Cabinet extended the PM SVANidhi Scheme after restructuring?
पुनर्गठन के बाद केंद्र सरकार ने पीएम स्वनिधि योजना को किस वर्ष तक बढ़ाया है?

A. 2025
B. 2026
C. 2027
D. 2030
E. 2035

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved restructuring and extension of the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme till 31st March 2030.
• The scheme has a total outlay of ₹7,332 crore and aims to benefit 1.15 crore beneficiaries, including 50 lakh new beneficiaries.
• Implementing bodies – Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and Department of Financial Services (DFS).
• UPI-linked RuPay Credit Card after 2nd loan repayment, and digital cashback up to ₹1,600 on retail & wholesale transactions.
• Scheme coverage expanded to census towns and peri-urban areas.
• Focus on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, digital skills, marketing, and food safety & hygiene training in collaboration with FSSAI.
• Since launch on 1st June 2020, the scheme has disbursed 96 lakh loans worth ₹13,797 crore to 68 lakh street vendors (as of 30th July 2025).

Enhanced loan structure:

• 1st tranche: ₹15,000 (earlier ₹10,000)
• 2nd tranche: ₹25,000 (earlier ₹20,000)
• 3rd tranche: ₹50,000 (unchanged)

Ques: Who will lead the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) in Barbados (October 2025)?
68वें कॉमनवेल्थ संसदीय सम्मेलन (CPC) में (अक्टूबर 2025, बारबाडोस) भारतीय संसदीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल का नेतृत्व कौन करेंगे?

A. Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
B. Om Birla / ओम बिरला
C. Harivansh / हरिवंश
D. Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़
E. Nirmala Sitharaman / निर्मला सीतारमण

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will lead the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC).
• The event will be held in Bridgetown, Barbados from 5–12 October 2025.
• The theme of the conference is “The Commonwealth: A Global Partner”.
• Apart from the Speaker, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Presiding Officers and Secretaries of States and Union Territories, and representatives of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) – India Region will also participate.

Ques: Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Lithuania in 2025?
2025 में लिथुआनिया के नए प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?

A. Gintautas Paluckas / गिंटौतस पलुकस
B. Inga Ruginiene / इंगा रुगीनीने
C. Gitanas Nausėda / गितानस नॉउसेदा
D. Dalia Grybauskaitė / डालिया ग्रिबॉउस्काइते
E. Jonas Savickas / जोनास साविकस

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Lithuania's Parliament elected Inga Ruginiene as the new Prime Minister in August 2025.
• She replaced Gintautas Paluckas, who resigned in July 2025 after less than a year in office due to investigations.
• Ruginiene, 44, is a former Labour Union leader and later joined the Social Democratic Party before the 2024 general election.
• She also served as Minister for Social Affairs and Labour in the previous cabinet.

lQues: Which country, along with the United States and allied nations, is hosting the multinational military exercise Super Garuda Shield 2025?
कौन सा देश, संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका और सहयोगी देशों के साथ मिलकर, बहुराष्ट्रीय सैन्य अभ्यास सुपर गरुड़ा शील्ड 2025 की मेजबानी कर रहा है?

A. Philippines / फिलीपींस
B. Japan / जापान
C. Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
D. South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
E. Singapore / सिंगापुर

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Indonesia, along with the United States and allied nations, launched the annual military exercise Super Garuda Shield 2025.
• The exercise will be held from August 25 to September 4, 2025 across Jakarta, Baturaja (South Sumatra), and Dabo Singkep (Lampung).
• It is a large-scale multinational military exercise conducted annually since 2009.
• The exercise is jointly hosted by the Indonesian National Armed Forces and the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.
• Participants (2025): Australia, Japan, Singapore, UK, France, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, Brazil, and South Korea.
• Activities include joint combat training, interoperability drills, and combined live-fire exercises, strengthening coordination in air, land, and maritime operations.

Ques: Scientists from which Indian research institute have developed a new method using gold nanoclusters to enable early detection of Parkinson's disease?
भारत के किस अनुसंधान संस्थान के वैज्ञानिकों ने पार्किंसंस रोग का प्रारंभिक पता लगाने के लिए गोल्ड नैनोक्लस्टर्स का उपयोग करते हुए एक नई विधि विकसित की है?

A. INST Mohali / आईएनएसटी मोहाली
B. CSIR-NCL Pune / सीएसआईआर-एनसीएल पुणे
C. IISc Bengaluru / आईआईएससी बेंगलुरु
D. AIIMS New Delhi / एम्स नई दिल्ली
E. TIFR Mumbai / टीआईएफआर मुंबई

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Scientists from INST Mohali (Institute of Nano Science and Technology, under Govt. of India) have found a new way to detect Parkinson's disease early using gold nanoclusters.
• Parkinson's occurs when a brain protein called alpha-synuclein changes its shape, becomes toxic, and clumps together, damaging brain cells.
• The project was led by Dr. Sharmistha Sinha, Senior Scientist at INST Mohali.

Researchers coated gold nanoclusters with:

• Proline → binds to the normal (harmless) protein.
• Histidine → binds to the toxic (harmful) protein.
• If Proline sticks → normal protein → no Parkinson's.
• If Histidine sticks → harmful protein → possible early Parkinson's.

Ques: The Supreme Court formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe allegations against which wildlife facility?
सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने किस वाइल्डलाइफ फैसिलिटी के खिलाफ आरोपों की जांच के लिए SIT का गठन किया है?

A. Nandankanan Zoological Park / नंदनकानन प्राणि उद्यान
B. Vantara Wildlife Facility / वंतारा वाइल्डलाइफ फैसिलिटी
C. Bannerghatta Biological Park / बनरगट्टा बायोलॉजिकल पार्क
D. Arignar Anna Zoological Park / अरिग्नर अन्ना प्राणि उद्यान
E. Gir National Park / गिर राष्ट्रीय उद्यान

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Supreme Court of India ordered the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate allegations against the Vantara Wildlife Facility in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
• The SIT will examine animal acquisitions (especially elephants), compliance with the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, veterinary care, animal welfare, and financial irregularities.
• Allegations include illegal wildlife transfers, unlawful elephant captivity, misuse of water or carbon credits, and private collection.
• The case arose after protests in Kolhapur over the relocation of a 36-year-old elephant Mahadevi (Madhuri) to Vantara in July 2025, leading to PILs.
• The SIT, chaired by Justice Jasti Chelameswar (Retd.), includes former Chief Justices, ex-Mumbai Police Commissioner Hemant Nagrale, and senior IRS officer Anish Gupta.
• SIT must submit its report by 12 September 2025, with PILs listed for hearing on 15 September 2025.

Ques: Where will the Chess World Cup 2025 be hosted?
शतरंज विश्व कप 2025 की मेजबानी कहाँ की जाएगी?

A. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
B. Tbilisi / त्बिलिसी
C. Goa / गोवा
D. Chennai / चेन्नई
E. Moscow / मॉस्को

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Chess World Cup 2025 will be hosted in Goa from 1 to 26 November 2025.
• India is hosting this prestigious event for the second time, the first being in 2002 at Hyderabad, where Viswanathan Anand became the champion.
• More than 90 countries are expected to participate.
• The Top 3 players from this World Cup will qualify for the Candidates Tournament, which leads to the World Chess Championship.

Ques: Which city in Tamil Nadu became the first to adopt the globally recognized City Biodiversity Index (CBI) framework, also known as the Singapore Index?
तमिलनाडु का कौन सा शहर वैश्विक स्तर पर मान्यता प्राप्त सिटी बायोडायवर्सिटी इंडेक्स (CBI) ढांचे, जिसे सिंगापुर इंडेक्स भी कहा जाता है, को अपनाने वाला पहला शहर बना?

A. Coimbatore / कोयंबटूर
B. Madurai / मदुरै
C. Salem / सलेम
D. Tiruchirappalli / तिरुचिरापल्ली
E. Chennai / चेन्नई

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• On August 25, 2025, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin released the City Biodiversity Index (CBI) of Chennai, making it the first city in Tamil Nadu to adopt this framework.
• The CBI, also known as the Singapore Index, was developed in 2008 and endorsed at COP-9 of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
• The assessment was conducted by ICLEI South Asia, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Greater Chennai Corporation, and other agencies.
• The index evaluated Chennai across 23 indicators, grouped under three components: native biodiversity, ecosystem services, and biodiversity governance & management.
• Chennai scored 38 out of 72 points, performing strongest in native biodiversity, while its weakest score was in governance (17/36).

Ques: Bimalendra Mohan Pratap Mishra, popularly known as 'Raja Ayodhya', who passed away recently, held which significant role related to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi site?

हाल ही में निधन हुए बिमलेन्द्र मोहन प्रताप मिश्रा, जिन्हें 'राजा अयोध्या' के नाम से जाना जाता था, ने श्री राम जन्मभूमि स्थल से संबंधित कौन सी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई थी?

A. Chief Priest of Ram Janmabhoomi / राम जन्मभूमि के मुख्य पुजारी
B. Member of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust / श्री राम जन्मभूमि तीर्थ क्षेत्र ट्रस्ट के सदस्य
C. Head of Ayodhya Municipal Corporation / अयोध्या नगर निगम के प्रमुख
D. Legal Advisor for Ram Janmabhoomi Trust / राम जन्मभूमि ट्रस्ट के कानूनी सलाहकार
E. President of Ram Katha Samiti / राम कथा समिति के अध्यक्ष

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Bimalendra Mohan Pratap Mishra, a key member of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, was a scion of Ayodhya's erstwhile royal family and head of Rajsadan, Ayodhya.
• He was popularly known as 'Raja Ayodhya' and 'Pappu Bhaiya' among the people of Ayodhya.
• In 2020, after the Supreme Court verdict on the Ram Janmabhoomi–Babri Masjid dispute, the charge of the site was handed over to him.

lQues: PM Modi flagged off Maruti Suzuki's first global strategic battery electric vehicle (BEV) e-VITARA from which Indian city?

प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने मारुति सुजुकी के पहले वैश्विक रणनीतिक बैटरी इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (BEV) e-VITARA को भारत के किस शहर से हरी झंडी दिखाई?

A. Hansalpur (Ahmedabad) / हंसलपुर (अहमदाबाद)
B. Gurugram / गुरुग्राम
C. Pune / पुणे
D. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
E. Chennai / चेन्नई

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• PM Modi flagged off e-VITARA, Maruti Suzuki's first global strategic BEV, from the company's Hansalpur manufacturing facility in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
• The Made-in-India BEVs will be exported to over 100 countries, including advanced markets such as Europe and Japan.
• India will now serve as Suzuki's global manufacturing hub for electric vehicles.
• PM Modi also inaugurated the TDS Lithium-Ion Battery plant in Hansalpur, a joint venture between Toshiba, Denso, and Suzuki.
• The facility will manufacture hybrid battery electrodes, ensuring that over 80% of the battery value is produced within India

Ques: From 2025 onwards, Ayurveda Day in India will be observed on a fixed date every year. What is this date?
2025 से, भारत में आयुर्वेद दिवस हर साल एक निश्चित तारीख को मनाया जाएगा। यह तारीख क्या है?

A. 23 September
B. 24 September
C. 25 September
D. 26 September
E. 27 September

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• For the first time since its inception in 2016, Ayurveda Day will be observed on a fixed date: 23 September every year, as notified by the Government of India through a Gazette Notification in March 2025.
• Earlier, Ayurveda Day was celebrated on Dhanvantari Jayanti (Dhanteras).
• The fixed date provides Ayurveda a universal calendar identity and enables greater participation globally.
• Theme for 2025: “Ayurveda for People & Planet”.
• Previous celebrations included the 9th Ayurveda Day (2024), when PM Modi inaugurated Phase II of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi, launched four Centres of Excellence, and initiated the nationwide “Desh Ka Prakriti Parikshan Abhiyan” along with health initiatives worth ₹12,850 crore.

Key Centres of Excellence in Ayurveda (examples):

• Diabetes & Metabolic Disorders (IISc Bengaluru): Focus on prediabetes, diabetes research, and Ayurvedic formulation validation.
• Sustainable Ayush (IIT Delhi): Developing tech solutions, supporting start-ups, and net-zero sustainable solutions for Rasaushadhis.
• Fundamental & Translational Research (CDRI Lucknow): Advanced research in Ayurvedic botanicals like Ashwagandha.
• Ayurveda & Systems Medicine (JNU, New Delhi): Researching molecular mechanisms of Ayurvedic treatments for rheumatoid arthritis using systems medicine approaches.

IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

The Navy will conduct the 'Emerging Leaders Panel Discussion' under the aegis of 'Indian Ocean Naval Symposium' (IONS) on 27 and 28 August at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi, Kerala.

Dao Division of the Indian Army signed a MOU with Bharti Airtel to enhance digital and mobile connectivity in the forward areas of Dibang Valley and Anjaw districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

Govt Forms Panels to Mark 150th Birth Anniversaries of Sardar Patel, Birsa Munda & Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Centenary

Tommy Fleetwood, from England, not only secured his first-ever PGA Tour title, but he did so by winning the Tour Championship, which also awarded him the FedEx Cup crown — plus a staggering $10 million prize

India Maritime Week to Be Held in Mumbai from October 27 to 31

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

नौसेना 27 और 28 अगस्त को केरल के कोच्चि स्थित दक्षिणी नौसेना कमान में 'हिंद महासागर नौसेना संगोष्ठी' (IONS) के तत्वावधान में 'उभरते नेताओं पर पैनल चर्चा' आयोजित करेगी।

भारतीय सेना के दाओ डिवीजन ने अरुणाचल प्रदेश के दिबांग घाटी और अंजॉ ज़िलों के अग्रिम क्षेत्रों में डिजिटल और मोबाइल कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ाने के लिए भारती एयरटेल के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

सरकार ने सरदार पटेल, बिरसा मुंडा और अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी की 150वीं जयंती मनाने के लिए पैनल गठित किए हैं।

इंग्लैंड के टॉमी फ्लीटवुड ने न केवल अपना पहला पीजीए टूर खिताब जीता, बल्कि उन्होंने टूर चैंपियनशिप जीतकर भी ऐसा किया, जिससे उन्हें फेडेक्स कप का ताज भी मिला - साथ ही 10 मिलियन डॉलर का शानदार पुरस्कार भी मिला।

भारत समुद्री सप्ताह 27 से 31 अक्टूबर तक मुंबई में आयोजित किया जाएगा।