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- **Banking & finance**
- **National**
- **International**
- **Sports**





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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

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

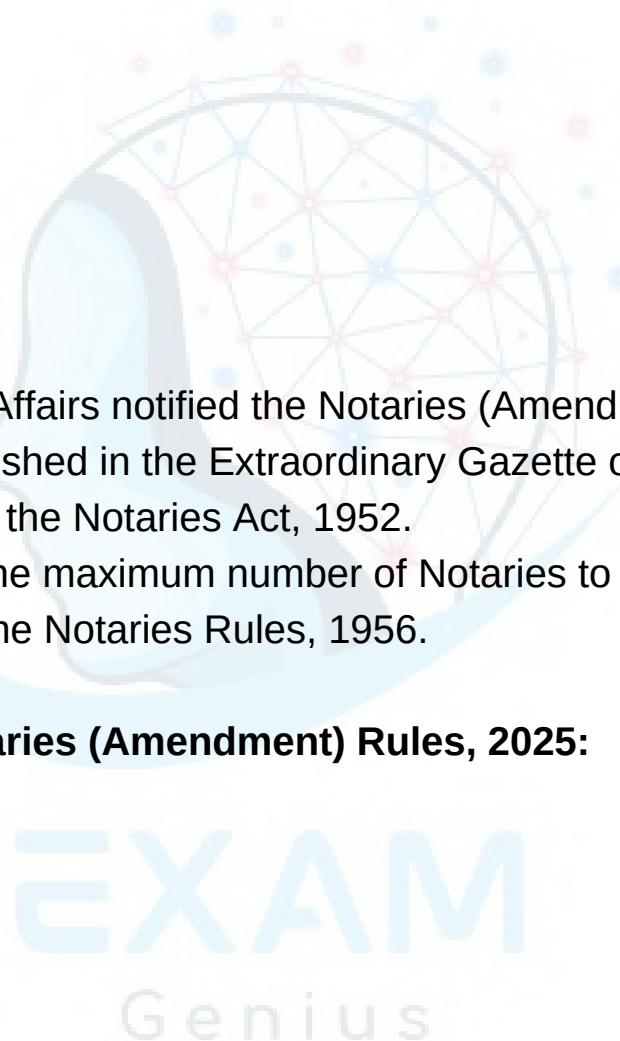
**Updated limits under Notaries (Amendment) Rules, 2025:**

Gujarat: 2,900 → 6,000

Tamil Nadu: 2,500 → 3,500

Rajasthan: 2,000 → 3,000

Nagaland: 200 → 400



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



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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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



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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

### Explanation:

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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



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

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

**Answer:** Option B

### Explanation:

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

### Explanation:

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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## Ques: When was ASEAN established?

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

## Answer: Option B

### Explanation:

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



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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

**Prize of HaRBInger 2025:**

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



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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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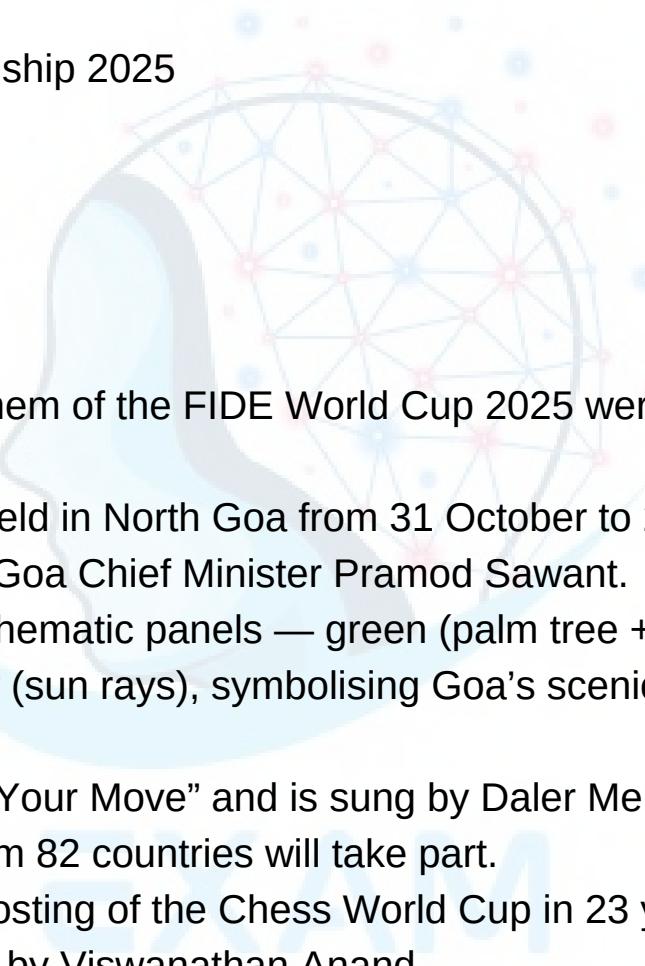
**Ques: Which major chess event's official logo and anthem were recently unveiled in Goa, India?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option B

### Explanation:

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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



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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

**About Tuvalu:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option B

### Explanation:

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which bank has signed an MoU with DPIIT to provide enhanced support for startups in India?**

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) State Bank of India

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- DPIIT signed an MoU with Kotak Mahindra Bank to strengthen support for startups across India.
- The bank will offer zero-balance current accounts, working capital loans, term loans, digital payment solutions, API-based banking platforms, and dedicated startup cards to DPIIT-recognized startups.
- Additionally, the bank will provide mentorship, investment advisory, incubation support, and networking opportunities to help startups grow from idea to scale.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which bank received the titles of 'World's Best Consumer Bank 2025' and 'Best Bank in India 2025'?**

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) State Bank of India (SBI)
- E) Bank of Baroda

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- State Bank of India (SBI) received two major awards from Global Finance, New York during the World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings 2025.
- SBI was awarded the titles of 'World's Best Consumer Bank 2025' and 'Best Bank in India 2025'.
- These awards highlight SBI's strong performance and customer-focused digital banking initiatives.

**EXAM**  
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## Ques: What is the total value of Phase-I of the Amaravati Capital City Development Project in Andhra Pradesh?

- A) ₹10,000 crore
- B) ₹12,500 crore
- C) ₹15,000 crore
- D) ₹16,500 crore
- E) ₹18,000 crore

**Answer: Option C**

### Explanation:

- Phase-I of the Amaravati Capital City Development Project has a total value of ₹15,000 crore.
- The implementing agency for the project is the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA).
- Funding for Phase-I comes from:
  - Government of India: ₹1,400 crore
  - World Bank (IBRD): USD 800 million
  - Asian Development Bank (ADB): USD 800 million
- The World Bank released its first tranche of USD 207 million ( $\approx$  ₹1,800 crore) in March 2025, and the next USD 200 million is expected by December 2025.
- In total, the World Bank and ADB are together contributing USD 1,600 million ( $\approx$  ₹13,600 crore) for Phase-I.

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**Ques: Which new feature has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched to enable digital rupee payments without Internet or telecom connectivity?**

- (a) e₹ Connect
- (b) e₹ Smart Pay
- (c) Offline Digital Rupee
- (d) UPI Lite+
- (e) BharatPay e₹

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- RBI has launched the Offline Digital Rupee feature that enables users to make payments without Internet or telecom connectivity.
- This feature was announced at the Global Fintech Fest 2025 in Mumbai.
- The offline digital rupee uses two technologies:
  - Near Field Communication (NFC) for tap-based payments
  - Telecom-assisted payment for low-signal areas
- Unlike UPI (which requires Internet), the Digital Rupee supports direct wallet-to-wallet transfers without requiring a bank account.
- The digital rupee wallet is available through official apps of 15 participating banks, including SBI, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank.

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**Ques: As of September 2025, what was the total value of RBI's gold reserves?**

- A) \$85 billion
- B) \$90 billion
- C) \$95 billion
- D) \$100 billion
- E) \$105 billion

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- RBI's gold reserves crossed 880 metric tonnes in the first half of FY 2025-26.
- RBI added 0.2 metric tonnes of gold in the last week of September 2025.
- As of September 26, 2025, the total value of RBI's gold holdings stood at \$95 billion, showing continued diversification of its foreign exchange reserves.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), what percentage of total payment transaction volume in India was conducted through digital modes in the first half of 2025?**

- A) 96.7%
- B) 97.7%
- C) 99.8%
- D) 95.5%
- E) 98.6%

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Digital payments accounted for 99.8% of the total payment transaction volume in India in the first half of 2025.
- In terms of value, digital payments contributed 97.7% of total payment transactions during this period.
- Total payment transactions were ₹1,572 lakh crore, out of which ₹1,536 lakh crore were conducted through digital modes.
- UPI accounted for 85% of total transactions by volume and 9% by value.
- RTGS recorded the highest share by value (69%), despite accounting for only 0.1% of total transaction volume.

Genius



**Ques: Which investment options have been extended to Central Government employees under NPS and UPS?**

- A) LC25, LC50, LC75
- B) Default option, Scheme G
- C) BLC (Balanced Life Cycle)
- D) All of the above
- E) None of the above

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has approved the extension of LC75 and BLC investment options to Central Government employees under both the National Pension System (NPS) and the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS).
- Under NPS and UPS, employees can choose from multiple options: Default option (as defined by PFRDA), Scheme G (100% in government securities), LC25, LC50, LC75, and BLC.
- LC75 allows up to 75% equity allocation, gradually reducing between ages 35 to 55; LC50 allows up to 50%; LC25 allows up to 25%; while BLC is a modified LC50 where equity reduction starts from age 45.
- These options provide flexibility to employees to select investment strategies based on their risk tolerance and retirement goals.

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**Ques: According to the RBI's Payment Systems Report, how did credit and debit card transactions in India change between 2019 and 2024?**

- A) Both credit and debit card transactions increased
- B) Credit card transactions increased, debit card transactions decreased
- C) Credit card transactions decreased, debit card transactions increased
- D) Both credit and debit card transactions decreased
- E) No significant change in either

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Between 2019 and 2024, credit card transactions in India increased significantly — volume doubled (from 2,087 million to 4,472 million) and value nearly tripled (from ₹7.1 trillion to ₹20.4 trillion).
- During the same period, debit card transactions declined — volume fell from 4,953 million to 1,738 million, and value reduced from ₹6.83 trillion to ₹5.15 trillion.
- Growth in credit card usage was driven mainly by private sector banks whose market share in the credit card segment increased from 65.8% (June 2020) to 70.8% (June 2025). Public sector banks' share rose slightly from 22.5% to 24.1% in the same period.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: As per the Union Ministry of Cooperation, which cooperative societies will now serve as Bank Mitras of District Central and State Cooperative Banks?**

- (a) Agricultural and Credit Cooperative Societies
- (b) Dairy and Fisheries Cooperative Societies
- (c) Women Self-Help Groups
- (d) Rural Development Cooperatives
- (e) Housing Cooperative Societies

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Ministry of Cooperation has announced that, under the initiative “Sahkar Se Samriddhi,” dairy and fisheries cooperative societies will now function as Bank Mitras for District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) and State Cooperative Banks (STCBs).
- This step aims to strengthen the cooperative banking network at the grassroots level.
- The Ministry, with the assistance of NABARD, is implementing measures to link cooperative societies directly with cooperative banks.
- Under a pilot project in Banaskantha and Panchmahal (Gujarat), cooperative societies were enabled to open deposit accounts and issue RuPay Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs).
- So far, 12,580 Micro-ATMs have been provided to Bank Mitra Cooperative Societies in Gujarat, improving financial access in rural regions.

**Ques: From which date will the key provisions relating to nomination under the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 come into effect?**

- A) 15th April 2025
- B) 1st October 2025
- C) 1st November 2025
- D) 1st December 2025
- E) 15th November 2025

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 was notified on 15th April 2025 and includes 19 amendments across five major banking legislations.
- The Central Government has notified that Sections 10, 11, 12, and 13, which relate to nomination facilities for deposit accounts, safe custody articles, and locker contents, will come into effect from 1st November 2025.
- These provisions allow:
  - Multiple nominations (up to four persons simultaneously or successively)
  - Specifying share percentages among simultaneous nominees
  - Successive nominees to take effect only after the death of the previous nominee
- The goal is to simplify claim settlement and ensure clear succession for bank deposits and locker contents.

Genius



**Ques: The World Economic Forum (WEF), in collaboration with which country, launched AI Playbooks for SMEs and agriculture?**

- A) Japan
- B) United States
- C) India
- D) Germany
- E) France

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The World Economic Forum (WEF), in partnership with the Government of India, launched AI Playbooks for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and the agriculture sector.
- The initiative aims to accelerate responsible adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in key economic sectors.
- These playbooks provide practical frameworks to implement AI in a safe, inclusive, and scalable manner.
- The move supports India's goal of becoming a global leader in ethical and inclusive AI development.

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: When will the Winter Schedule 2025 (WS25) for domestic airlines in India be effective?**

- A) 1st October 2025
- B) 15th October 2025
- C) 26th October 2025
- D) 1st November 2025
- E) 15th November 2025

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Winter Schedule 2025 (WS25) for scheduled domestic airlines will be effective from 26th October 2025 to 28th March 2026.
- Final slot clearances have been issued, scheduling 26,495 departures per week across 126 airports.
- Four new airports included: Amravati, Hissar, Purnia, and Rupsi.
- Operations from Aligarh, Moradabad, Chitrakoot, Bhavnagar, Ludhiana, Pakyong, and Shravasti airports were suspended.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: What is the name of India's first cable suspension glass bridge being constructed in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand?**

- (a) Bharat Setu
- (b) Bajrang Setu
- (c) Ganga Skywalk
- (d) Kedarnath Dham Bridge
- (e) Himalaya Glass Bridge

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Bajrang Setu is India's first cable suspension glass bridge located in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.
- The bridge spans 132 metres across the Ganga River and stands approximately 57–70 feet above the river.
- Construction began in 2022 and is expected to be completed by late 2025, with full opening planned in early 2026.
- The twin-tower design of the bridge is inspired by the sanctum architecture of the Kedarnath Temple, symbolizing heritage and spiritual significance.
- The walkway will use 65–66 mm thick transparent glass panels, giving visitors a panoramic and thrilling view of the river below.

Genius



**Ques: India and the UK recently launched a new research fellowship named after which famous Indian mathematician?**

- A) C.V. Raman
- B) S. Ramanujan
- C) Homi J. Bhabha
- D) Aryabhata
- E) S. Chandrasekhar

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The Ramanujan Junior Researchers Programme was launched jointly by India and the UK.
- It is named in honour of the legendary Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- The programme allows young Indian physicists and mathematicians to conduct joint research at the London Institute for Mathematical Sciences (LIMS).
- The initiative aims to strengthen academic ties, promote cross-border innovation, and support early-career research exchange between the two nations.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which Indian scientist from Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu, was included in the World's Top Scientists List (2025 edition) compiled by Stanford University and Elsevier BV?**

- A) Dr Raghunath Mashelkar
- B) Dr Ashokkumar Veeramuthu
- C) Dr Gagandeep Kang
- D) Dr Tessy Thomas
- E) Dr Mylswamy Annadurai

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The World's Top Scientists List (2025 edition) was compiled by Stanford University (USA) and Elsevier BV (Netherlands).
- Dr. Ashokkumar Veeramuthu, a scientist from Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu, has been included in this prestigious list.
- This marks his third consecutive appearance in the list (2023, 2024, and 2025), reflecting his continuous contributions to scientific research.
- He has also been honored with the “Brain Pool: Visiting Global Scientist Award” by the National Research Foundation of Korea.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Project Arunank, which recently celebrated its 18th Raising Day, is associated with which organization?**

- A) Indian Army
- B) Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- C) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- D) Ministry of Defence (Engineering Division)
- E) Central Public Works Department (CPWD)

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Project Arunank is a part of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
- It celebrated its 18th Raising Day on 24 October 2025 at Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Established in 2008, Project Arunank has developed and maintained over 696 km of roads and 1.18 km of major bridges in tough and remote terrains of Arunachal Pradesh.
- A key achievement under this project is the construction of the 278 km Hapoli–Sarli–Huri Road, improving connectivity in the remote Kurung Kumey district.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which pioneering Indian space scientist and key architect of India's early space programme recently passed away?**

- A) Dr. Vikram Sarabhai
- B) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- C) Dr. Eknath Vasant Chitnis
- D) Dr. Satish Dhawan
- E) Dr. U.R. Rao

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Dr. Eknath Vasant Chitnis was a pioneering Indian space scientist and one of the key architects of India's early space programme.
- He belonged to the first generation of scientists who helped shape India's space research foundations.
- He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1985 for his contributions to science and technology.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which advertising professional, known as the “Voice of Indian advertising,” recently passed away?**

- A) Prasoon Joshi
- B) Piyush Pandey
- C) R. Balki
- D) Harish Bijoor
- E) Alyque Padamsee

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Piyush Pandey was widely known as the “Voice of Indian advertising.”
- He joined Ogilvy India in 1982 and later became the Global Chief Creative Officer and Executive Chairman of Ogilvy India.
- He was the creator of several iconic ad campaigns, including the popular election tagline “Ab ki Baar, Modi Sarkar” (2014).
- He received the Padma Shri in 2016 and the London International Awards Legend Award in 2024.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: When is World Snow Leopard Day observed and what is the theme for 2025?**

- A) 23rd October
- B) 1st November
- C) 15th December
- D) 10th January
- E) 5th February

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- World Snow Leopard Day is observed every year on 23rd October to raise awareness about the conservation of snow leopards.
- The theme for 2025 is “Protecting the Mountain Guardian.”
- The theme highlights global efforts to protect snow leopards in their high-altitude natural habitats.
- According to the 2024 Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India (SPA), India is home to approximately 718 snow leopards.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which new entity is being established to strengthen real-time fraud detection and risk management in India's banking system?**

- A) Indian Banking Fraud Authority
- B) Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation
- C) National Financial Risk Bureau
- D) Fraud Monitoring & Analytics Centre
- E) Digital Banking Security Agency

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC) is being set up to enhance real-time fraud detection and risk management across India's banking and digital payment ecosystem.
- The initiative is being led by SBI and Bank of Baroda, with participation from other public sector banks.
- RBI has approved IDPIC as a Section 8 (not-for-profit) company with an authorized capital of ₹500 crore and paid-up capital of ₹200 crore.
- SBI has committed ₹10 crore as initial funding, expected to be matched by Bank of Baroda.
- This move comes as bank frauds have significantly increased in FY25.

EXAM  
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**Ques: Which organization launched the AI-powered digital assistant 'UPI Help' to simplify grievance redressal and transaction tracking?**

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Paytm
- C) State Bank of India (SBI)
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched 'UPI Help', an AI-powered digital assistant designed to simplify grievance redressal and transaction tracking on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- The assistant is integrated with the UPI Dispute Resolution (UDIR) system, which standardizes complaint handling across banks and payment service providers.
- Initially launched as a pilot, 'UPI Help' will be accessible via member banks' portals, DigiSaathi chatbot, and websites for select users.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which global investment firm announced plans to acquire a 9.99% stake in Federal Bank Limited?**

- A) KKR
- B) TPG Capital
- C) Carlyle Group
- D) Bain Capital
- E) Blackstone Inc.

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Blackstone Inc. announced plans to acquire a 9.99% minority stake in Federal Bank Limited for ₹6,196.51 crore.
- As part of the agreement, Federal Bank will issue 27.29 crore warrants to Blackstone's affiliate, Asia II Topco XIII Private Limited, at ₹227 per warrant.
- These warrants allow Blackstone to purchase shares at a fixed price within 18 months; if not converted, the initial payment will be forfeited.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: As per SEBI's new proposal, after how many years from maturity will unclaimed amounts from non-convertible securities be transferred to the IEPF?**

- A) 3 years
- B) 5 years
- C) 7 years
- D) 10 years
- E) None of the above

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- SEBI has proposed standardizing the treatment of unclaimed amounts from non-convertible securities.
- Under the new rule, unclaimed matured debentures and accrued interest will be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) after 7 years from the date of maturity.
- This aligns the rules with the Companies Act, 2013 and IEPF regulations, removing earlier inconsistencies.

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**Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released a draft circular proposing limits on banks' exposure to which sectors?**

- A) Infrastructure and Real Estate
- B) Renewable Energy Projects
- C) MSMEs and Startups
- D) Agriculture and Rural Credit
- E) Capital Markets and Acquisition Finance

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- RBI issued a draft circular to cap banks' exposure to capital markets and acquisition finance.
- The rationalized norms are proposed to be effective from April 1, 2026.
- Under the guidelines, a bank's acquisition finance exposure must not exceed 10% of its Tier-1 capital.
- Banks' direct investments in capital markets plus acquisition finance must not exceed 20% of Tier-1 capital.
- The overall capital market exposure of banks should not exceed 40% of Tier-1 capital.

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**Ques: Which bank recently joined other lenders in labeling Reliance Communications' ₹488 crore loan as fraudulent?**

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Bank of Baroda
- C) Bank of Maharashtra
- D) Bank of India
- E) ICICI Bank

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Bank of Maharashtra joined SBI, Bank of Baroda, and Bank of India in declaring Reliance Communications' ₹488 crore loan as fraudulent.
- Reliance Communications is already undergoing Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016.

**Bank of Maharashtra:**

- Established: 1935
- Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO: Nidhu Saxena
- Tagline: One Family One Bank

**EXAM**  
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## Ques: When was the SWAMIH Fund announced by the Government of India?

- A) 6 November 2019
- B) 10 March 2020
- C) 1 January 2021
- D) 5 May 2018
- E) None of the above

**Answer:** Option A

### Explanation:

- The SWAMIH (Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing) Fund was announced on 6 November 2019 to support the completion of stalled and delayed housing projects.
- It functions as an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) providing priority debt financing for such projects.
- SBI Ventures manages the fund under the supervision of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

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**Ques: Which shipyard delivered the Indian Navy Ship (INS) Mahe, the first of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW SWCs)?**

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)
- B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)
- C) Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
- D) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)
- E) Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) delivered INS Mahe, the first vessel in the series of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW SWCs) for the Indian Navy.
- The ship was handed over in Kochi, Kerala.
- The vessel is named after Mahe, a coastal region of the Union Territory of Puducherry.
- INS Mahe is notable for being the largest Indian naval warship powered by a Diesel Engine–Waterjet propulsion system.

**About ASW-SWC Project:**

- Purpose: To detect and intercept enemy submarines operating in coastal and shallow waters.
- Total Vessels: 8
- Designed for: Anti-submarine operations, coastal surveillance, low-intensity maritime missions
- Features: High maneuverability, modern sonar systems, lightweight torpedoes, and advanced communication sensors.



- Signed in : April 2019
- Aim : to manufacture 16 Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Watercraft (ASW-SWC)
- Shipyards involved : Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited Kochi-based Cochin Shipyard Limited
- Classes of vessels : Arnala Class: Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited, Mahe Class: Built by Cochin Shipyard Limited





**Ques: Which ministry launched the public awareness film on the People's Plan Campaign – Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas?**

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- C) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) None of the Above

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched a two-minute public awareness film under the People's Plan Campaign – Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas.
- The aim is to promote public participation in preparing Panchayat Development Plans for 2026–27.
- The film is being screened in cinema halls nationwide from 24 October to 6 November 2025.
- The campaign supports the vision of inclusive grassroots development.

**EXAM**  
Genius



## Ques: Who has been appointed as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI) in 2025?

- A) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
- B) Justice Surya Kant
- C) Justice N.V. Ramana
- D) Justice U.U. Lalit
- E) Justice Bhushan R. Gavai

**Answer: Option B**

### Explanation:

- Justice Surya Kant has been appointed as the 53rd Chief Justice of India, succeeding Justice Bhushan R. Gavai upon his retirement on 23 November 2025.
- Justice Surya Kant will be the first CJI from Haryana.
- His expected tenure is approximately 14 months, until February 2027.
- Previously, he served as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court (2018) and was elevated to the Supreme Court on 24 May 2019.
- The retirement age of Supreme Court judges is 65 years.

**EXAM**  
Genius



## Ques: Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Ireland?

- A) Sanjay Verma
- B) Manish Gupta
- C) Renu Yadav
- D) Pankaj Saran
- E) None of the above

**Answer: Option B**

### Explanation:

- Manish Gupta, currently serving as India's High Commissioner to Ghana, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Ireland.
- The appointment aims to further strengthen diplomatic relations between India and Ireland.
- The announcement was made by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

**EXAM**  
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## Ques: What is the purpose of the newly launched Online National Drug Licensing System (ONDLS) in India?

- A) To promote online sales of medicines
- B) To monitor high-risk pharmaceutical solvents in real time
- C) To regulate import of foreign drugs
- D) To ensure pricing control of essential medicines
- E) To promote domestic drug exports

**Answer:** Option B

### Explanation:

- India has launched the Online National Drug Licensing System (ONDLS), a digital oversight platform designed to track high-risk pharmaceutical solvents in real time.
- The system has been developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and is led by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO).
- It ensures that only verified and safe ingredients are used in medicine manufacturing across India.
- The system was introduced after incidents where deaths occurred due to cough syrups contaminated with diethylene glycol (DEG), a toxic industrial chemical.

**EXAM**  
Genius



## Ques: What is the purpose of the newly launched 'Pratibha Setu Portal'?

- A) To assist startups in hiring employees
- B) To connect UPSC aspirants who narrowly missed selection with job opportunities
- C) To provide coaching for UPSC aspirants
- D) To track employment data in India
- E) To promote government schemes

### Answer: Option B

#### Explanation:

- The 'Pratibha Setu Portal' launched by the Government aims to link UPSC candidates who reached the final stage but did not qualify with employment opportunities.
- It ensures that the talent and hard work of these candidates are utilized effectively.
- Government and private institutions can directly engage with capable candidates who narrowly missed selection.

EXAM  
Genius



**Ques: INS Sutlej recently completed a joint hydrographic survey with which country?**

- A) Seychelles
- B) Mauritius
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Maldives
- E) Bangladesh

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- INS Sutlej completed a joint hydrographic survey with the Mauritius Hydrographic Service, covering around 35,000 square nautical miles.
- Six officials from Mauritius received hands-on training in modern hydrographic methods onboard INS Sutlej.
- This was the 18th joint hydrographic mission between India and Mauritius, further strengthening maritime cooperation under the vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across the Regions).

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: What is the designation of India's beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) developed with a Solid-Fuel Ducted Ramjet?**

- A) Akash-NG
- B) Astra Mk3 ("Gandiva")
- C) Nirbhay
- D) BrahMos-A
- E) Shaurya

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Astra Mk3, codenamed "Gandiva", is India's BVRAAM developed using Solid-Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) propulsion technology.
- It offers up to 350 km range at high altitude and about 190 km at lower altitude.
- The missile can achieve speeds around Mach 4.5 and is being developed by DRDO, with mass production planned by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).
- The technology is developed under India–Russia collaboration, and the name "Gandiva" is inspired by Arjuna's bow in the Mahabharata.

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: China issued a yellow alert for which typhoon in October 2025?**

- A) Typhoon Doksuri
- B) Typhoon Hinnamnor
- C) Typhoon Fengshen
- D) Typhoon Khanun
- E) None of the above

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- China's National Meteorological Centre (NMC) issued a Yellow Alert for Typhoon Fengshen due to the risk of strong winds and heavy rainfall in southern coastal regions.
- The typhoon was located in the South China Sea and was moving southwest, bringing the threat of severe weather to Hainan, Taiwan, and nearby regions.
- Vietnam and Laos authorities also issued warnings due to the potential for floods, landslides, and flash floods as the storm approached land.

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: Which country won the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025 by defeating Argentina in the final?**

- A) Argentina
- B) Brazil
- C) Ghana
- D) Morocco
- E) Spain

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Morocco won the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025 by defeating Argentina 2-0 in the final held at Estadio Nacional Julio Martínez Pradanos in Santiago, Chile.
- This was Morocco's first-ever World Cup title at any level.
- Morocco became the first Arab nation and the second African team (after Ghana in 2009) to win the U-20 World Cup.

**About FIFA U-20 World Cup:**

- Started: 1977
- Most titles: Argentina (6)
- 2025 edition: 24th
- Total teams: 24
- Host: Chile
- Champions 2025: Morocco (1st title)



## Ques: Who won the 2025 British Academy Book Prize for The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years?

- A) Amitav Ghosh
- B) Sunil Amrith
- C) Salman Rushdie
- D) Arundhati Roy
- E) Jhumpa Lahiri

**Answer: Option B**

### Explanation:

- Indian-origin historian Sunil Amrith won the 2025 British Academy Book Prize for his book The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years.
- The award includes a prize of £25,000 and recognizes the best works of non-fiction from around the world.
- Sunil Amrith is the 13th recipient of this award, which has been given annually since 2013.
- The book examines how human activities have shaped the Earth over the past five centuries and how environmental changes have influenced human history, especially in relation to the current climate crisis.

**EXAM**  
Genius

**Ques: Who flagged off the 'Walk for Dyslexia' initiative to promote awareness and inclusivity for children with learning disabilities?**

- A) Sanjay Kumar
- B) Dharmendra Pradhan
- C) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- D) Anita Karwal
- E) Amit Khare

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- Sanjay Kumar, Secretary of the Department of School Education & Literacy, flagged off the 'Walk for Dyslexia' to raise awareness and support inclusivity for children with learning disabilities.
- October is observed as Dyslexia Awareness Month, and October 8 is International Dyslexia Awareness Day.
- The initiative also highlighted PRASHAST 2.0, a mobile app developed by NCERT for early screening of children with disabilities, including dyslexia.

EXAM  
Genius



## Ques: What is the theme of United Nations Day 2025?

- A) Global Peace and Security
- B) Education Shapes the Future
- C) Climate Action for All
- D) Sustainable Development Goals
- E) Innovation and Technology

**Answer:** Option B

### Explanation:

- United Nations Day is observed on 24 October 2025, marking the 80th anniversary of the UN.
- The theme for 2025 is “Education Shapes the Future.”
- A commemorative postage stamp was released in New Delhi by S. Jaishankar, in collaboration with India Post.
- The stamp design was created by Shrestha Majumdar.

**EXAM**  
Genius



## Ques: What is the theme for Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 observed in India?

- A) Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility
- B) Ethics and Integrity
- C) Transparency in Governance
- D) Combating Corruption
- E) Accountability Matters

**Answer:** Option A

### **Explanation:**

- Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 is observed from 27th October to 2nd November 2025 with the theme “Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility.”
- The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) leads an extended campaign from 18th August to 17th November 2025, focusing on:
  - Disposal of pending complaints and cases
  - Capacity-building initiatives
  - Strengthening asset management
  - Promoting digital governance practices across departments.

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: Which Kolkata-based microfinance institution withdrew its application under the RBI's 'on tap' licensing guidelines for small finance banks?**

- A) VFS Capital Ltd
- B) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- C) Bandhan Bank
- D) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- E) ESAF Small Finance Bank

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:** • The Reserve Bank of India stated that VFS Capital Ltd, a Kolkata-based microfinance institution, has withdrawn its application submitted under the guidelines for 'on tap' licensing of small finance banks.

- VFS Capital was among the 72 applicants who had applied for a small finance bank license a decade ago, when RBI first proposed the concept of differentiated banks.
- The RBI had earlier announced receipt of VFS Capital's application in its press release dated January 1, 2025.

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: Who has been appointed as the part-time chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank starting January 1, 2026?**

- A) Uday Kotak
- B) Chandra Shekhar (C S) Rajan
- C) Ashok Vaswani
- D) Rakesh Jhunjhunwala
- E) Aditya Puri

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:** • Chandra Shekhar (C S) Rajan, a veteran bureaucrat, has been appointed as the part-time chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank.  
• His term will begin on January 1, 2026 and end on October 21, 2027.  
• He has already been serving in the same role since January 1, 2024.  
• Kotak Mahindra Bank was established on November 21, 1985, is headquartered in Mumbai, and its current CEO is Ashok Vaswani.

**EXAM**  
Genius

**Ques: The World Bank approved a loan of how much amount to Kerala under the Kerala Health System Improvement Programme to enhance the state's healthcare system?**

- A) USD 150 million
- B) USD 200 million
- C) USD 250 million
- D) USD 280 million
- E) USD 300 million

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The World Bank approved a USD 280 million loan to strengthen Kerala's healthcare infrastructure under the Kerala Health System Improvement Programme.
- The loan is provided through IBRD with a 25-year maturity and a 5-year grace period.
- It follows the Programme for Results (PforR) model, where funds are released only after achieving measurable outcomes.
- The programme focuses on improving care for hypertension, diabetes, and providing support to bedridden and elderly individuals through digital tracking and home-based healthcare services.
- The programme targets a 40% improvement in hypertension control and a 60% rise in cervical and breast cancer screenings to reduce preventable deaths.

Exam  
Genius



**Ques: Under which scheme did Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurate the 'Deep Sea Fishing Vessels' in Mumbai?**

- A) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- B) Sagarmala Project
- C) Blue Economy Mission
- D) Coastal Empowerment Scheme
- E) Aatmanirbhar Fisheries Mission

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Amit Shah inaugurated the 'Deep Sea Fishing Vessels' in Mumbai under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- The initiative aims to modernize India's marine fisheries sector and strengthen the blue economy.
- Two deep sea trawlers were launched, each capable of staying at sea for up to 25 days and carrying up to 20 tons of fish.

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: When are the recommendations of the 8th Central Pay Commission expected to take effect?**

- A) 01 January 2025
- B) 01 July 2025
- C) 01 January 2027
- D) 01 April 2026
- E) 01 January 2026

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet approved the Terms of Reference for the 8th Central Pay Commission.
- The Commission will present its recommendations within 18 months of its formation.
- Pay Commissions are generally formed every 10 years to review pay structure and benefits of Central Government employees.
- Based on this pattern, the recommendations are expected to come into effect from 01 January 2026.

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: Which team did India defeat in the KogniVera International Polo Cup 2025?**

- A) Argentina
- B) Brazil
- C) England
- D) Australia
- E) South Africa

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- India defeated Argentina in the KogniVera International Polo Cup 2025 held at the Jaipur Polo Ground, New Delhi.
- The Indian team included Simran Shergill, Shamsheer Ali, Padmanabh Singh, and Siddhant Sharma.
- The event was organized by KogniVera IT Solutions in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

**EXAM**  
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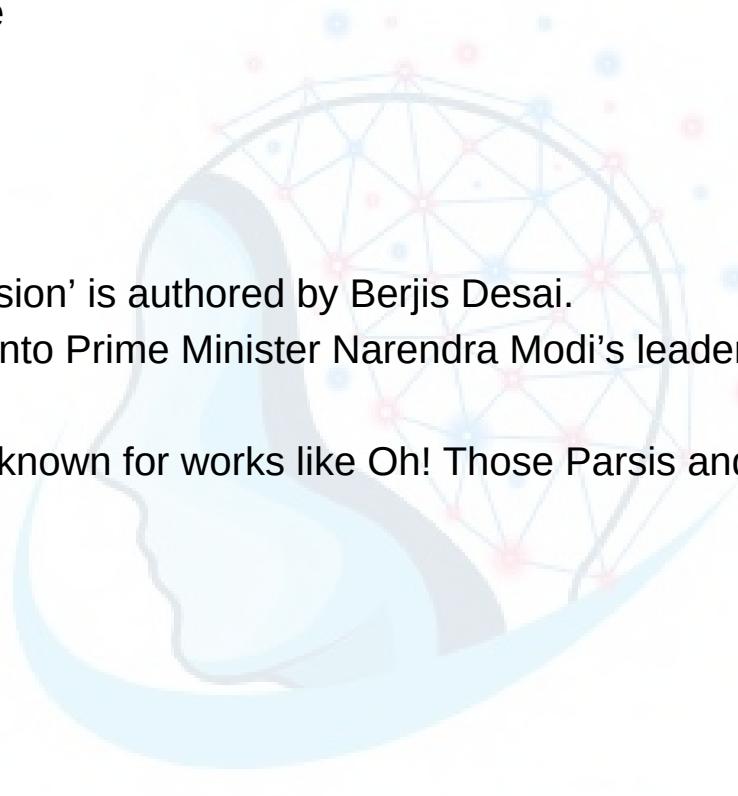
## Ques: Who is the author of the book 'Modi Mission'?

- A) Sanjaya Baru
- B) Berjis Desai
- C) Rajdeep Sardesai
- D) Pradeep Gupta
- E) None of the Above

### Answer: Option B

#### Explanation:

- The book 'Modi Mission' is authored by Berjis Desai.
- It provides insights into Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and political ideology.
- Berjis Desai is also known for works like Oh! Those Parsis and The Bawaji.



**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: Which country recently became the 11th member of ASEAN in 2025?**

- A) Brunei
- B) East Timor
- C) Myanmar
- D) Laos
- E) Cambodia

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (East Timor) was granted full membership of ASEAN in 2025, after holding observer status since 2022.
- East Timor had applied for ASEAN membership in 2011 and completed the required economic, administrative, and political criteria by 2025.
- With East Timor's inclusion, ASEAN now consists of 11 member countries.

**About ASEAN:**

- Established: 8 August 1967
- Headquarters: Jakarta, Indonesia
- Current Members: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and East Timor
- Current ASEAN Chair: Malaysia (Rotational)

Genius



**Ques: What is the name of the Smart Coal Analytics Dashboard launched for real-time monitoring of coal sector operations?**

- A) Coal Vision
- B) Coal Connect
- C) Smart Mine
- D) Digital Coal
- E) Koyla Shakti

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Coal launched “Koyla Shakti”, a Smart Coal Analytics Dashboard for real-time monitoring and analytics of coal sector operations.
- It aims to increase transparency, efficiency, and digital integration across the coal value chain.
- The dashboard supports real-time reporting, performance tracking, and logistics optimization.

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: Which newly established facility of the National Seeds Corporation was inaugurated at Pusa Complex, New Delhi?**

- A) Pulses Processing Unit
- B) Vegetable and Flower Seed Processing & Packaging Unit
- C) Hybrid Seed Research Lab
- D) Organic Seed Production Unit
- E) Seed Storage and Distribution Center

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the Vegetable and Flower Seed Processing & Packaging Unit of the National Seeds Corporation at Pusa Complex, New Delhi.
- The facility is equipped with modern technology for processing and packaging high-quality seeds.
- Along with this, the 'Seed Management 2.0' system and an online seed booking platform for farmers were also launched to enhance transparency and ease of access.

**EXAM**  
Genius



## Ques: What is significant about the Indian Navy's indigenously built Survey Vessel Ikshak?

- A) Built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- B) First SVL with dedicated accommodation for women
- C) Commissioned at Naval Base Mumbai
- D) Powered by nuclear propulsion
- E) Named after a famous Indian Admiral

**Answer: Option B**

### Explanation:

- Ikshak is an indigenously built Survey Vessel (Large) constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- It will be commissioned at Naval Base Kochi.
- The key significance is that Ikshak is the first SVL equipped with dedicated accommodation for women, reflecting progress towards inclusive naval deployment.
- The name 'Ikshak' means "The Guide".

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: Where was the 22nd ASEAN–India Summit, addressed by PM Narendra Modi, held?**

- A) Jakarta, Indonesia
- B) Manila, Philippines
- C) Bangkok, Thailand
- D) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- E) Hanoi, Vietnam

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- The 22nd ASEAN–India Summit was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and PM Narendra Modi addressed the summit virtually.
- The summit took place under the ASEAN theme “Inclusivity and Sustainability” for the year 2025.
- PM Modi highlighted the steady progress of the India–ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership even amid global uncertainties.
- He also announced plans to deepen maritime security cooperation in 2026.

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: Which two institutes were recently recognized as Centres of Excellence (CoE) under India's National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM)?**

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IISc Bangalore
- C) C-MET Hyderabad
- D) Only B and C
- E) None of these

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Mines recognized the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, and the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Hyderabad, as Centres of Excellence (CoE) under the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM).
- These CoEs will operate under a Hub-and-Spoke model to enhance R&D in critical minerals and integrate core scientific and industrial expertise.

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: Who won the Women's Singles title at the Yonex French Open Badminton 2025?**

- A) Akane Yamaguchi
- B) An Se-young
- C) Tai Tzu-ying
- D) P. V. Sindhu
- E) Carolina Marin

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- An Se-young from South Korea won the Women's Singles title at the 92nd edition of the Yonex French Open Badminton 2025.
- The tournament also saw Anders Antonsen (Denmark) win Men's Singles, Kim Won Ho & Seo Seung Jae (South Korea) win Men's Doubles, Yuki Fukushima & Mayu Matsumoto (Japan) win Women's Doubles, and Feng Yan Zhe & Huang Dong Ping (China) win Mixed Doubles.

**EXAM**  
Genius

**Ques: India will host which major aviation safety meeting for the first time in October 2025?**

- A) ICAO Global Aviation Safety Summit
- B) Asia-Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG) Meeting
- C) International Air Safety Forum
- D) SAARC Aviation Cooperation Conference
- E) ASEAN Air Safety Dialogue

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- India will host the Asia-Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG) meeting for the first time in New Delhi from October 28–31, 2025.
- The meeting will involve around 90 aircraft accident investigators sharing best practices to enhance aviation safety cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

EXAM  
Genius



**Ques: Who represented India at the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit held virtually in 2025?**

- A) President Droupadi Murmu
- B) Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar
- C) External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar
- D) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- E) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi represented India at the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit held virtually in 2025.
- This was PM Modi's 12th participation in an ASEAN-India Summit.
- The Summit was chaired by Malaysia, with the Philippines acting as the country coordinator.
- Timor Leste was welcomed as a new ASEAN member.
- The theme of the Summit was "Inclusivity and Sustainability."
- PM Modi announced that 2026 will be celebrated as the "ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation."

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: What is the meaning of the name of Cyclone Montha, which formed in the Southeastern Bay of Bengal?**

- A) Strength
- B) Moonlight
- C) Wind
- D) Rain
- E) Beautiful Flower

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Cyclone Montha formed in the Southeastern Bay of Bengal and was named by Thailand.
- The name “Montha” means “beautiful flower.”
- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is responsible for monitoring this cyclone.
- Previously, Cyclone Shakti formed in the Arabian Sea, and Sri Lanka suggested that name.

**EXAM**  
Genius



**Ques: Who was Thailand's Queen Mother Sirikit Kitiyakara, who recently passed away?**

- A) Queen Sirikit Kitiyakara
- B) Queen Suthida
- C) Queen Mother Mohra
- D) Princess Bajrakitiyabha
- E) Queen Sirivannavari

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- Queen Mother Sirikit Kitiyakara was known for her public service and cultural preservation efforts.
- She married King Bhumibol Adulyadej in 1950 and became the Queen Consort of Thailand.
- She was often referred to as “Asia’s Jackie Kennedy” due to her elegance, style, and social contributions.

**EXAM**  
Genius



## Ques: What is commemorated on 27th October as Infantry Day?

- A) Landing of 1st Battalion of Sikh Regiment at Srinagar Airport in 1947
- B) First battle of Kargil
- C) Establishment of Indian Armored Corps
- D) Formation of Mechanized Infantry
- E) Indian Army Day

### Answer: Option A

#### Explanation:

- Infantry Day commemorates the landing of the 1st Battalion of the Sikh Regiment at Srinagar Airport on 27 October 1947, led by Lt Colonel Dewan Ranjit Rai, following Maharaja Hari Singh's request for assistance against Pakistani tribal intruders.
- Infantry is referred to as the “Queen of the Battle” and is one of the core combat arms of the Indian Army.
- Infantry Day 2025 celebrations were held at Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, featuring the Runveer 7.0 Marathon with the theme “Saluting Op Sindoor.”

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