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Ques: What does the Ministry of Finance's Monthly Economic Review (October) highlight about India's economy?

- A) Domestic economy showing stability and resilience
- B) Sharp decline in automobile and tractor sales
- C) Record low services exports
- D) Manufacturing and services PMI indicate contraction
- E) Inflation rising sharply

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance noted that India's domestic economy remains stable and resilient, supported by lower inflation, strong consumer demand, and early policy impacts.
- Retail inflation fell to 0.25 percent.
- Festive season boosted consumption: petrol sales highest in 5 months, automobile sales up 40.5% YoY, and tractor sales highest in 11 years.
- Services exports reached a record USD 38.5 billion, covering nearly 50% of the merchandise trade deficit.
- Manufacturing PMI stood at 59.2 and Services PMI at 58.9, indicating strong expansion and robust growth.



Ques: RBI launched NSFI 2025-30 at the meeting of which body?

- A) Monetary Policy Committee
- B) FSDC Sub-Committee
- C) Financial Inclusion Advisory Board
- D) SEBI Board
- E) DFS Review Committee

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI unveiled the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2025-30 during the 32nd meeting of the FSDC Sub-Committee, chaired by the RBI Governor.
- The strategy aims to boost financial access across India and aligns with the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.
- NSFI is structured around five pillars called 'Panch-Jyoti' with 47 action points for implementation across regulators.

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Ques: Punjab National Bank recently appointed which sportsperson as its first-ever female brand ambassador?

- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) PV Sindhu
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Sakshi Malik
- E) Mithali Raj

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Punjab National Bank appointed Harmanpreet Kaur as its first-ever female brand ambassador.
- She is the captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team.
- The partnership aims to strengthen brand visibility, trust, and youth engagement.
- PNB is the second-largest public sector bank in India by business volume.

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Ques: Tata Realty & Infrastructure recently partnered with which bank for a green loan facility?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) DBS Bank India
- D) SBI
- E) Axis Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Tata Realty & Infrastructure partnered with DBS Bank India to secure a Rs 1,280 crore green loan facility.
- The loan was taken by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for the Intellion Park project in Gurugram.
- Intellion Park is a Grade-A commercial campus spanning 2.1 million sq. ft. with four towers.
- The project aims to support sustainable real estate development.

About DBS Bank India: • Established: 1994

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- CEO: Rajat Verma

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Ques: Which bank appointed Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna as brand ambassadors?

- A) Equitas SFB
- B) Ujjivan SFB
- C) AU Small Finance Bank
- D) ESAF SFB
- E) Jana SFB

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- AU Small Finance Bank appointed Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna as brand ambassadors after receiving RBI's in-principle approval to transition into a universal bank.
- They will promote new campaigns and digital banking initiatives to enhance brand visibility and customer outreach.
- AU SFB is India's largest Small Finance Bank in terms of assets and branch network.

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Ques: ADB recently approved a \$650 million loan for India. What is the main purpose of this loan?

- A) Highways Development
- B) Rooftop Solar Adoption
- C) Agriculture Financing
- D) Smart Cities Mission
- E) Defence Modernisation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$650 million policy-based loan to support India's rooftop solar programme.
- The loan aims to accelerate rooftop solar adoption across residential households by enabling clean and affordable energy.
- Target beneficiaries: 1 crore households by 2027.
- The programme supports India's clean energy transition and reduces dependence on fossil fuels.

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Ques: What is the current Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit in Public Sector Banks (PSBs)?

- A) 49%
- B) 74%
- C) 20%
- D) 26%
- E) 35%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The government clarified that there is no proposal to increase the FDI limit in PSBs from 20% to 49%.
- Current FDI caps: 20% for PSBs and 74% for private banks (up to 49% under the automatic route for private banks).
- Any investment of 5% or more in a bank requires prior RBI approval.
- Banks must maintain at least 25% minimum public shareholding.

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Ques: What is the purpose of Axis Bank's 'Flashback' programme?

- A) To provide financial planning workshops for senior citizens
- B) To offer nostalgic film screenings and strengthen cultural connection with elderly customers
- C) To promote digital banking adoption among senior citizens
- D) To provide health check-up camps for elderly customers
- E) To offer discounted loans to senior citizens

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Flashback is a special initiative by Axis Bank aimed at its senior-citizen customers — under this programme the bank hosts exclusive screenings of classic films (from the 1960s-70s and regional classics) for its elderly customers.
- The objective of Flashback is to evoke nostalgia, bring joy, and strengthen emotional and cultural bonds with senior customers — thereby enhancing customer engagement beyond usual banking services.
- The screenings are held across multiple cities in India and include regional-language films to suit local audiences.

If you want, I can list all of Axis Bank's senior-citizen oriented programmes (including Flashback) with their goals.

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Ques: How many UPI transactions were recorded in November 2025?

- A) 18.5 billion
- B) 19.7 billion
- C) 20.47 billion
- D) 21.8 billion
- E) 22.5 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to the latest data from National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), November 2025 saw 20.47 billion UPI transactions.
- The total value of those transactions was ₹ 26.32 lakh crore.
- Despite a slight dip compared to October 2025, the number represents a 32% year-on-year growth in transaction volume.

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Ques: Which two new plans were recently launched by LIC?

- A) Jeevan Shanti & Jeevan Labh
- B) Bima Kavach & Protection Plus
- C) Saral Suraksha & Jeevan Umang
- D) Dhan Rekha & New Endowment Plan
- E) Jeevan Anand & Jeevan Labh Plus

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The LIC launched two new plans — Bima Kavach and Protection Plus.
- Bima Kavach is a non-participating, non-linked pure-risk life insurance plan, offering a guaranteed death benefit to provide financial protection to the family in case of the insured's death.
- Protection Plus is a linked savings-cum-life-cover plan (non-par, linked), providing both insurance coverage and long-term savings/investment benefits.

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Ques: What did RBI Deputy Governor Poonam Gupta state about inflation forecasting and BoP data?

- A) RBI intentionally overestimates inflation
- B) RBI inflation forecasts have systematic bias
- C) RBI forecasts may have errors but no bias; BoP data to be released monthly
- D) RBI will discontinue Balance of Payments data
- E) RBI uses only historical data for forecasting

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Poonam Gupta said that while inflation forecasts sometimes go wrong, there is no systematic bias in the RBI's forecasting.
- She noted that forecast errors are a "global phenomenon" — not unique to RBI or India.
- To improve transparency and timeliness, RBI plans to start releasing the country's Balance of Payments (BoP) data on a monthly basis instead of quarterly.

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Ques: Which bank falls under Bucket 4 in RBI's 2025 D-SIB list?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) Axis Bank
- E) Punjab National Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) is placed in Bucket 4 in the 2025 Reserve Bank of India (RBI) D-SIB list.
- As a result, SBI must maintain an additional CET-1 capital buffer of 0.80% of Risk-Weighted Assets (RWA).
- The other D-SIB banks — HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank — are placed in Buckets 2 and 1 respectively.

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Ques: For what achievement did ICAI earn a Guinness World Record recently?

- A) Largest audit conducted in a day
- B) Largest career advice session in a single day
- C) Most students enrolled in accounting courses
- D) Longest continuous online lecture
- E) Largest donation by an educational institute

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) achieved a Guinness World Record for organizing the largest career advice session in a single day.
- The event in Mumbai saw participation from over 7,400+ students, teachers, and principals, with 6,166 students officially counted as per Guinness World Records criteria.
- The initiative was conducted under CAFY 4.0 (Career in Accounting and Finance for Youth) and the Super Mega Career Counselling Programme to promote career awareness in accounting and finance.

About ICAI:

- Established: 1949
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- President: CA Charanjot Singh Nanda

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Ques: What is the purpose of the four-member committee formed by EPFO?

- A) To reduce EPF contribution rates
- B) To investigate financial frauds in EPFO
- C) To restructure workforce and enhance subscriber services
- D) To privatize EPFO operations
- E) To launch new pension schemes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- EPFO has constituted a four-member committee headed by B P Sharma to review the existing staffing structure and identify inefficiencies. (business-standard.com)
- The committee's objective is to streamline workflows, reduce bureaucratic delays, and recommend measures to improve subscriber services across India.
- It will also propose structural changes to support digital transformation and align workforce capability with AI-based systems for gig and unorganised sector workers.
- The final report of the committee is expected by 31 March 2026.

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Ques: What is the main objective of the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) and the 'Aapki Poonji Aapka Adhikar' campaign?

- A) To provide education loans to students
- B) To fund small & micro entrepreneurs and raise awareness on unclaimed financial assets
- C) To build new banking infrastructure in rural areas
- D) To offer insurance to all citizens
- E) To increase government tax revenue

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY), launched in April 2015 by PM Narendra Modi, provides collateral-free loans to small and micro entrepreneurs to promote self-employment and entrepreneurship. (pmmy.gov.in)
- Under PMMY, loans sanctioned have reached ₹34 lakh crore, benefiting 55 crore people, with the loan limit increased from ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh in Budget 2024-25.
- The 'Aapki Poonji Aapka Adhikar' campaign, launched by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in October 2025, raises awareness about unclaimed financial assets such as insurance claims, bank deposits, dividends, shares, and mutual fund proceeds. (pib.gov.in)
- The campaign guides citizens on how to search for, update records, and claim these unclaimed assets using digital tools, ensuring people can access their rightful financial resources.
- Together, PMMY and this campaign aim to support entrepreneurship and improve financial literacy and asset recovery, empowering individuals economically.

Ques: What is the new name of the PMO complex earlier known as the 'Executive Enclave'?

- A) Rajya Sadan
- B) Seva Teerth
- C) Kartavya Path Bhavan
- D) Lok Kalyan Sadan
- E) Rashtriya Prashasan Kendra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The new complex housing the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has been named 'Seva Teerth'. (pib.gov.in)
- The complex, previously called the 'Executive Enclave' under the Central Vista Redevelopment Project, is in its final stages of completion.
- Apart from the PMO, it will accommodate the Cabinet Secretariat, National Security Council Secretariat, and India House (used for meetings with dignitaries).
- The name 'Seva Teerth' reflects the spirit of service, marking a symbolic shift in governance focus from 'power' to 'service'.
- The design and purpose aim to align with national priorities and enhance administrative efficiency.



Ques: Which product was recently awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

- A) Coorg Coffee
- B) Darjeeling Mandarin Orange
- C) Assam Kaji Nemu
- D) Nagpur Orange
- E) Sikkim Large Cardamom

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Darjeeling Mandarin Orange has been officially granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. (pib.gov.in)
- The GI tag protects the unique quality, reputation, and geographical origin of the product.
- It helps boost local farmers' income and promotes regional branding.
- Darjeeling's climate and altitude make it ideal for producing premium mandarin oranges, ensuring its distinct taste and quality.

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Ques: As of October 2025, what is India's installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources?

- A) 200 GW
- B) 220 GW
- C) 259 GW
- D) 275 GW
- E) 300 GW

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India has achieved 50% of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources, reaching this milestone five years ahead of its NDC target under the Paris Agreement. (pib.gov.in)
- As of 31 October 2025, India's installed non-fossil fuel capacity stands at 259 GW.
- In the current financial year up to October 2025, 31.2 GW of non-fossil capacity has been added.
- Major capacity additions include solar, wind, hydro, and nuclear power sources.
- The rapid expansion reflects strong policy support, rising renewable energy investments, and India's commitment to sustainable energy transition.

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Ques: What is '1 Bio', recently launched by the Government of Telangana?

- A) India's first AI semiconductor fabrication unit
- B) India's first single-use bioprocess design and scale-up facility
- C) India's first vaccine storage hub
- D) India's first genomics research university
- E) India's first nano-materials testing centre

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- '1 Bio', launched by the Government of Telangana, is India's first single-use bioprocess design and scale-up facility, located at Genome Valley, Hyderabad. (pib.gov.in)
- The Telangana government invested ₹150 crore for developing the core infrastructure.
- Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. contributed ₹90 crore to establish the Bioprocess Design Centre (BDC) and Customer Experience Centre (CEC).
- The facility is designed to accelerate R&D, manufacturing capabilities, and bioprocess innovation in India's biotechnology ecosystem.
- It supports India's goal of becoming a global hub for advanced bioprocessing and biotech manufacturing.

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Ques: Which region is known for the traditional practice of cliff-honey hunting?

- A) Assam
- B) Nagaland
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Mizoram
- E) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Cliff-honey hunting is a centuries-old tradition practiced by the Khamniungan tribe in Choklangan village, Nagaland. (pib.gov.in)
- Bees build their hives on high vertical rock cliffs rather than trees, making honey collection extremely risky.
- Villagers perform rituals seeking permission from the bees before collecting honey, following traditional customs.
- The practice reflects the unique cultural and ecological knowledge of the Khamniungan tribe and contributes to sustainable harvesting methods.

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Ques: Which organisation will operate the upcoming 'Bharat Taxi' ride-hailing app?

- A) ONDC
- B) Sahakar Taxi Co-operative Ltd
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Ministry of Road Transport
- E) NRSC

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government will launch a ride-hailing app named Bharat Taxi to reduce commercial drivers' dependence on private taxi companies. (pib.gov.in)
- The app will be operated by Sahakar Taxi Co-operative Ltd, a multi-state co-operative society registered under the MSCS Act, 2002.
- The initiative was announced by Cooperation Minister Amit Shah in the Lok Sabha.
- The scheme aims to provide better earnings and independence for taxi drivers while promoting cooperative ownership.

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Ques: What was the impact of the recent marine heatwave on Ningaloo Reef?

- A) Minimal coral bleaching
- B) ~70% coral mortality
- C) Complete destruction of marine life
- D) No significant impact
- E) Only affects fish species

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- A severe marine heatwave in Western Australia caused around 70% coral mortality at the UNESCO-listed Ningaloo Reef, marking one of the worst climate-linked coral impacts at the site.
- Ningaloo Reef is located on the northwest coast of Western Australia along the East Indian Ocean, about 1,200 km north of Perth, and is part of the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area.
- The reef supports rich biodiversity, including approximately 250 coral species, 500+ fish species, and large marine fauna such as whale sharks, manta rays, humpback whales, dugongs, reef sharks, and six species of sea turtles.
- The heatwave's impact underscores the vulnerability of coral ecosystems to rising sea temperatures and climate change.

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Ques: Indian Railways promoted three women cricketers to which officer-grade post?

- A) Group 'C' Officer
- B) Group 'A' Officer
- C) Group 'B' Officer (OSD – Sports)
- D) Junior Engineer
- E) Assistant Coach

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The three cricketers—Pratika Rawal, Sneh Rana, and Renuka Singh Thakur—were promoted to the Group 'B' Officer post as Officer on Special Duty (Sports).
- The promotion was through Out-of-Turn Promotion, recognizing their exceptional performance in India's victorious 2025 ICC Women's World Cup campaign.
- All three players will receive the pay and benefits of a Group 'B' Gazetted Officer under Level-8 of the 7th CPC Pay Matrix.
- The initiative provides both financial security and administrative responsibilities to the athletes.
- In November 2025, all three cricketers were felicitated by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at Rail Bhawan.



Ques: What was the main purpose of the 2025 UN review on peacebuilding?

- A) To expand UN military interventions worldwide
- B) To improve implementation and impact of UN peacebuilding activities at the field level
- C) To increase UN funding for cultural programmes
- D) To establish a new UN headquarters
- E) To replace existing UN member states with new ones

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 2025 UN review aimed to enhance the effectiveness of UN peacebuilding activities at the field level and strengthen the integration of development, peace, security, and human rights.
- The review reaffirmed that development, peace, security, and human rights are interlinked, and investing in conflict prevention is cost-effective and life-saving.
- Responsibility for peacebuilding primarily lies with UN member states, which must address the root causes of conflict and violence within their borders.
- The review also emphasized improving coordination, monitoring, and impact assessment of UN field-level peacebuilding programmes.



Ques: Which deal has the Ministry of Defence recently signed with the USA for the Indian Navy?

- A) Sale of aircraft carriers
- B) Follow-on support for MH-60R Seahawk helicopters
- C) Supply of submarines
- D) Joint missile development program
- E) Naval base infrastructure development

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Defence signed a five-year deal with the USA for follow-on support of 24 MH-60R Seahawk helicopters of the Indian Navy.
- The agreement aims to enhance operational readiness and promote Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- India had previously procured these helicopters in February 2020 for ₹15,157 crore.
- The MH-60R Seahawk is a versatile naval helicopter developed by Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, part of Lockheed Martin, capable of anti-submarine warfare, search and rescue, and other naval operations.
- The deal ensures maintenance, spares, and upgrades for these helicopters over the next five years, supporting India's naval capabilities.

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Ques: Who was named Global Indian of the Year at CNN-News18's Indian of the Year Awards 2025?

- A) Sundar Pichai
- B) Chef Vijay Kumar
- C) Ratan Tata
- D) Priyanka Chopra
- E) Arvind Krishna

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Chef Vijay Kumar was awarded Global Indian of the Year at the 15th edition of CNN-News18's Indian of the Year Awards 2025.
- This recognition came after his major win at the James Beard Foundation Awards, where he was named Best Chef in New York State.
- Vijay Kumar hails from Natham, a small farming village in Tamil Nadu, highlighting his journey from humble beginnings to global acclaim.
- The award acknowledges his contribution to Indian cuisine on the global stage and his role in bringing international recognition to Indian culinary talent.

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Ques: Which new districts have been proposed in Andhra Pradesh as part of administrative reorganisation?

- A) Vijayawada, Guntur, Nellore
- B) Polavaram, Markapuram, Madanapalle
- C) Tirupati, Chittoor, Anantapur
- D) Kurnool, Kadapa, Srikakulam
- E) Visakhapatnam, Rajahmundry, Eluru

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh has proposed three new districts: Polavaram, Markapuram, and Madanapalle, which will increase the total number of districts to 29.
- The reorganisation also includes five new revenue divisions and one new mandal, Pedda Harivanam, aiming to improve governance, accessibility, and regional equity.
- These administrative changes are pending State Cabinet approval and formal notification.
- The move is intended to enhance administrative efficiency and ensure better delivery of services across the state.

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Ques: India's ethanol blending percentage for the 2024-25 supply year stood at what level?

- A) 15%
- B) 17.5%
- C) 19.2%
- D) 20%
- E) 22%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India achieved 19.2% ethanol blending in petrol for the 2024-25 ethanol supply year (Nov–Oct), peaking at 19.97% in October 2025.
- To reach this level, OMCs consumed a total of 1,022 crore litres of ethanol.
- The government has advanced the target to 20% ethanol blending by 2026, earlier planned for 2030 under the amended National Biofuel Policy (2022).
- The ethanol procurement price for 2024-25 averaged ₹71.55 per litre, higher than petrol cost, while surplus FCI rice ethanol was priced at ₹60.32 per litre.
- This achievement supports India's energy security, renewable fuel adoption, and reduction of crude oil dependence.

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Ques: Where was the Skill India Centre, inaugurated by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, established?

- A) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- B) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- C) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- D) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
- E) Ch. Kehar Singh Divya Public School, Baraut, Baghpat

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated a Skill India Centre at Ch. Kehar Singh Divya Public School, Baraut, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh.
- The centre was established by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in collaboration with the Redington Foundation to enhance skill development in rural areas.
- The initiative targets training for around 600 candidates, primarily underprivileged youth and women from Baraut and Chhaprauli blocks.
- Training programs will focus on electronics, Information Technology (IT), and IT-enabled services (ITeS).
- The centre aims to provide employment-oriented skills to boost rural workforce participation and economic opportunities.





Ques: INS Aridhaman belongs to which category of Indian Navy submarines?

- A) Conventional Attack Submarine
- B) Diesel-Electric Submarine
- C) Nuclear-Powered Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN)
- D) Nuclear Attack Submarine (SSN)
- E) Midget Submarine

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- INS Aridhaman is India's third nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), developed for strategic nuclear deterrence.
- Once commissioned, India will have three operational SSBNs at sea simultaneously, strengthening its nuclear triad capability.
- Advanced trials indicate INS Aridhaman can carry more long-range nuclear missiles than its predecessors, INS Arihant and INS Arighaat.
- A fourth SSBN, codenamed S-4, is planned for commissioning in 2027.
- The SSBN category ensures second-strike capability, forming a crucial part of India's nuclear deterrence strategy.

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Ques: What is India's target for green hydrogen cost by 2030?

- A) \$0.5/kg
- B) \$1/kg
- C) \$2.5/kg
- D) \$3/kg
- E) \$4.5/kg

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India aims to reduce the cost of green hydrogen from \$4.5/kg currently to \$1/kg by 2030.
- Achieving this target could make India the world's lowest-cost green hydrogen producer, transforming sectors like steel, fertilizers, mobility, and heavy transport.
- Key drivers include the National Green Hydrogen Mission, rapid solar capacity growth, and declining renewable energy prices.
- Green hydrogen is considered a core pillar for deep decarbonisation, clean manufacturing, and fostering startups in circular economy and recycling technologies, supported by AI and geospatial tools.
- Projected benefits include 48 million jobs, potential investments up to \$4 trillion, and a \$1.4 trillion market by 2047 (CEEW estimates).

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Ques: What significant phenomenon did NASA's Perseverance rover detect on Mars?

- A) Presence of liquid water
- B) Electrical discharges in the atmosphere
- C) Active volcanic eruptions
- D) Formation of polar ice caps
- E) Methane gas emissions

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- NASA's Perseverance rover recorded electrical discharges in Mars' atmosphere, providing the first documented evidence of an electrically active Martian atmosphere.
- These discharges, called "mini-lightning," are tiny sparks a few millimeters long, often linked to dust devils and dust storm fronts.
- Detection was made using the SuperCam remote-sensing instrument, analyzing 28 hours of microphone recordings over two Martian years, revealing a total of 55 electrical discharges.
- This finding helps scientists understand Martian atmospheric dynamics and the potential risks for future missions.

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Ques: 'EKUVERIN' joint military exercise is conducted between which two countries?

- A) India – Sri Lanka
- B) India – Bangladesh
- C) India – Maldives
- D) India – Nepal
- E) India – Bhutan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 14th edition of the India–Maldives joint military exercise 'EKUVERIN' took place in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, from 2 to 15 December 2025.
- 45 soldiers from the Indian Army (Garhwal Rifles Battalion) and an equal number from the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) participated.
- EKUVERIN means "Friends" in Dhivehi, symbolizing deep friendship, trust, and military cooperation between India and Maldives.
- Conducted alternately in both nations since 2009, the exercise focuses on interoperability in jungle, semi-urban, and coastal terrains for Counter-Insurgency and Counter-Terrorism operations.
- Troops share best practices, tactical drills, and joint planning to strengthen regional peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The exercise reinforces India's Neighbourhood First Policy.

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Ques: How much investment has the Government of India planned to modernise Semi-Conductor Laboratory (SCL)?

- A) Rs 1,500 crore
- B) Rs 3,000 crore
- C) Rs 6,000 crore
- D) Rs 5,500 crore
- E) Rs 4,500 crore

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The government will invest ₹4,500 crore over the next three years to modernise the state-owned Semi-Conductor Laboratory (SCL).
- SCL operates as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The Centre has requested the Punjab government for a 25-acre land parcel to facilitate SCL's expansion.
- Established in 1976, SCL is headquartered at Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Punjab, and is currently headed by Dr. Kamaljeet Singh.

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Ques: What is observed on November 30 as per the UN calendar?

- A) World AIDS Day
- B) Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare
- C) International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- D) Human Rights Day
- E) International Day of Peace

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- November 30 is observed as the Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare, established in 2016.
- The day coincides with the 30th Session of the Conference of the States Parties (CSP) held in The Hague.
- It honors victims of chemical warfare and promotes efforts to eliminate chemical weapons globally.

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