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**Ques: Which bank launched the cultural initiative 'Bharat Surotsav' in Chennai?**

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Federal Bank Limited launched 'Bharat Surotsav' in Chennai, marking the beginning of its festival series celebrating India's artistic heritage.
- Bharat Surotsav is an immersive dance and music fusion festival and a signature cultural Intellectual Property (IP) of Federal Bank, featuring artists like Shobana Chandrakumar Pillai, Agam Band, Charumathi Raghuraman, and Ravi Chari.

**About Federal Bank:**

- Established: 1931
- HQ: Kochi, Kerala
- MD & CEO: KVS Manian
- Tagline: Your Perfect Banking Partner

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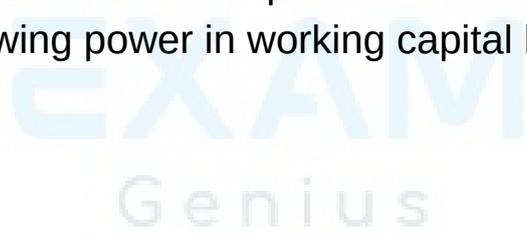
**Ques: RBI increased the maximum credit period for pre- and post-shipment export credit to how many days?**

- A) 270 days
- B) 300 days
- C) 360 days
- D) 450 days
- E) 500 days

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- **RBI** announced an export relief package to support exporters impacted by the 50% US tariff on Indian exports.
- Under this package, the maximum credit period for pre- and post-shipment export credit has been increased from 270 days to 450 days for loans disbursed till 31 March 2026.
- Lenders can liquidate packing credit through any legitimate source for exporters who could not dispatch goods by 31 August 2025.
- RBI allowed moratorium or deferment on term-loan repayments and interest recovery on working capital loans due between 1 September–31 December 2025.
- Banks can recalculate drawing power in working capital loans by reducing margins or reassessment.





**Ques: According to the PLFS Quarterly Bulletin (July–September 2025), what was India’s unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above in Q2 FY26?**

- A) 4.4%
- B) 5.2%
- C) 5.4%
- D) 6.8%
- E) 8.9%

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- NSO released the PLFS Quarterly Bulletin for July–September 2025.
- India’s unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above declined to 5.2% in Q2 FY26, from 5.4% in Q1 FY26.
- Rural unemployment fell from 4.8% to 4.4%, while urban unemployment rose slightly from 6.8% to 6.9%.
- Uttarakhand recorded the highest unemployment rate at 8.9%, followed by Andhra Pradesh (8.2%) and Kerala (8%).
- Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) for persons aged 15+ increased from 55% to 55.1%.

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**Ques: Which three key surveys were launched by the Reserve Bank of India in November 2025?**

- A) Industrial Outlook Survey, Udyog Survey, Banking Trend Survey
- B) Inflation Expectations Survey of Households, Rural Consumer Confidence Survey, Urban Consumer Confidence Survey
- C) Household Debt Survey, Labour Force Survey, Urban Market Survey
- D) Price Stability Survey, Rural Income Survey, City Demand Survey
- E) Monetary Outlook Survey, Employment Sentiment Survey, Household Spending Survey

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- RBI launched three key surveys for November 2025:
  - Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH)
  - Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS)
  - Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS)
- These surveys provide essential inputs for monetary policy formulation.
- IESH collects households' perceptions on price movements and inflation across 19 major cities.
- RCCS is a bi-monthly survey capturing rural and semi-urban household views on economy, employment, prices, income and spending across 31 States/UTs.
- UCCS is also bi-monthly and gathers urban consumer sentiments on economy, employment, income, spending and price trends across 19 cities.





## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India, exercising powers under Section 45-IA (6) of the RBI Act, 1934, cancelled the Certificate of Registration of Jumbo Finvest (India) Limited, Jaipur, Rajasthan, and Champion Agro Finance Limited, Rajkot, Gujarat.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that loans against silver will be permitted from April 1, 2026, in addition to existing loans against gold.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recognised the Self-Regulated PSO Association (SRPA) as the Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for the Payment System Operators (PSO) sector.
- The RBI has proposed reducing risk weights on high-quality infrastructure projects financed by NBFCs to encourage long-term project lending.
- As per RBI data, the total number of Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) cards increased 10.7% over six months to reach 483 million as of June 30, 2025, up from 436 million.
- According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the United States and Singapore together contributed over one-third of India's total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during FY2024–25.
- The RBI repatriated nearly 64 tonnes of gold in the half-year to September 2025 amid global concerns over offshore sovereign asset safety.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) returned the application of Jana Small Finance Bank for conversion into a Universal Bank, citing non-fulfilment of eligibility criteria under RBI guidelines.
- 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.





- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a draft circular proposing limits on banks' exposure to capital markets and acquisition finance.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed allowing banks to finance up to 70% of the acquisition value for corporate takeovers.



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**Ques: Which scheme was launched by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya in November 2025 to encourage voluntary enrollment of eligible employees under the Employees' Provident Fund?**

- A) Employee Pension Scheme 2025
- B) Employee Enrollment Scheme 2025
- C) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan 2025
- D) Atal Pension Yojana 2025
- E) EPF Digital Initiative 2025

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched the Employee Enrollment Scheme 2025 to encourage employers to voluntarily declare and enroll eligible employees under EPF.
- Effective from 1 November 2025, the scheme exempts employers from paying the employee's share of contributions if it was not deducted earlier and imposes only a nominal penalty of ₹100 per establishment.
- The revamped EPFO homepage was also launched, and PDUNASS received the Bhavishya Nidhi Awards 2025 for capacity building and governance initiatives.

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**Ques: Which Union Minister inaugurated India's first modern river ferry terminal at Guwahati Gateway on the banks of the Brahmaputra River?**

- A) Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways
- B) Union Minister of Finance
- C) Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways
- D) Union Minister of Tourism
- E) Union Minister of Urban Development

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the Guwahati Gateway Terminal and Jetty, India's first modern river ferry terminal on the banks of the Brahmaputra River.
- The terminal was constructed by the Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society at a cost of ₹304.95 crore and will serve as a central hub for ferry and vessel operations under Assam's Inland Water Transport Department.
- The inauguration also included the Brahmaputra Riverfront Development Project – Sati Radhika Shaanti Udyan, a 1.2 km riverfront built under the Smart City Mission at a cost of over ₹327 crore.

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## Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- During his visit to Bhutan, PM Modi inaugurated the India-funded Punatsangchhu-II hydroelectric project and announced a \$455 million (₹4000 crore) line of credit.
- Chief Minister of Odisha, Mohan Charan Majhi, inaugurated India's first end-to-end Silicon Carbide (SiC) semiconductor facility at Info Valley, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav, inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri Shri Aerial Tourism Helicopter Service as part of the state's 70th Foundation Day celebrations.
- Union Minister Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia, who heads the Ministry of Communications and the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), inaugurated the North Eastern Science & Technology (NEST) Cluster at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati.
- Egypt has officially inaugurated the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), considered the world's largest archaeological museum, housing nearly 100,000 ancient artifacts.
- Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Memorial and Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Chhattisgarh on the state's 25th foundation day (1st November).
- A multi-ethnic trilingual secondary school funded by the Government of India was inaugurated in Polonnaruwa District, Sri Lanka.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated 'Deep Sea Fishing Vessels' under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) at Mazgaon Dock, Mumbai.
- Union Minister of State Arjun Ram Meghwal, Ministry of Law and Justice, inaugurated the Live Cases Dashboard of the Legal Information Management and Briefing System (LIMBS) to enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency in managing government litigation.





- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the DhaRTi BioNest Incubation Centre at IIT Dharwad, Karnataka.
- For the first time, 5 beaches of Maharashtra received the international Blue Flag certification, joining India's list of Blue Flag-certified beaches.



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**Ques: Which forest area has been directed by the Supreme Court to be declared a wildlife sanctuary?**

- A) Saranda Forest
- B) Palamu Forest
- C) Betla Forest
- D) Dalma Forest
- E) Gumla Forest

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- The Supreme Court has directed the Jharkhand government to declare 31,468.25 hectares of Saranda Forest as a wildlife sanctuary within three months.
- Saranda Forest, located in West Singhbhum, Jharkhand, is Asia's largest Sal forest and home to critically endangered species such as the sal forest tortoise, four-horned antelope, Asian palm civet, and wild elephants.
- The decision highlights the need to protect biodiversity while balancing sustainable iron ore mining, as the region holds 26% of India's iron ore reserves.

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**Ques: Which countries participated in the Strategic Cyber Exercise organized by India?**

- A) BRICS nations
- B) ASEAN nations
- C) Five Central Asian countries
- D) SAARC countries
- E) G20 countries

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India organized a 3-day Strategic Cyber Exercise in New Delhi from 12–14 November 2025, in collaboration with MEA and NCIIPC.
- Participating countries were Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
- The exercise focused on cyber threat hunting, incident response, and strengthening joint cyber-security capabilities.
- It marks an important step in enhancing cyber-security cooperation between India and the Central Asian nations.

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**Ques: When was the Mudh-Nyoma (Nyoma) Airbase in Ladakh operationalised?**

- A) 1 November 2025
- B) 13 November 2025
- C) 20 December 2025
- D) 5 October 2025
- E) 25 November 2025

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Mudh-Nyoma (Nyoma) Airbase in Ladakh was operationalised on 13 November 2025, with Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh landing in a C-130J Super Hercules aircraft.
- Located about 25 km from the LAC with China at an altitude of ~13,700 ft, the base was developed by BRO at a cost of ~₹218 crore.
- It includes a 2.7-km runway, hardened shelters, high-altitude fuel storage, and advanced ATC facilities.
- Nyoma is now the fourth IAF base in Ladakh after Leh, Kargil, and Thoise, and its upgradation was planned after the 2020 India-China standoff to strengthen forward airpower.

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**Ques: Which DRDO laboratory has developed the new generation of Man-portable Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (MP-AUVs)?**

- A) NPOL, Kochi
- B) LRDE, Bengaluru
- C) NSTL, Visakhapatnam
- D) DEAL, Dehradun
- E) DRDL, Hyderabad

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- DRDO's Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam has developed a new generation of Man-portable Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (MP-AUVs) for mine countermeasure missions.
- These MP-AUVs feature Side Scan Sonar, underwater cameras, and deep learning-based target recognition algorithms to autonomously detect and classify mines.
- They include a robust underwater acoustic communication system for data exchange between AUVs, improving situational awareness.
- Field trials at NSTL Harbour validated their performance, and the system is expected to be production-ready soon.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to DRDO

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has begun flight trials of the advanced Electronic Warfare suite 'Swayam Raksha Kavach' on the TEJAS Mk-1A, effectively making the aircraft stealth-capable through indigenous upgrades.

- The Indian Army signed a contract for the procurement of its first indigenously designed and manufactured Software Defined Radios (SDRs) developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- DRDO, in collaboration with the Integrated Defense Staff (IDS) and the Tri-Services, formally released 'Indian Radio Software Architecture (IRSA) Standard 1.0' to enable seamless interoperability across Army, Navy, and Air Force radio systems.
- India's DRDO is preparing to test its next-generation hypersonic missile, Dhvani, before the year ends.
- DRDO, in partnership with the Strategic Forces Command, successfully conducted the test launch of the next-generation Intermediate Range Agni-Prime (Agni-P) missile from a Rail-Based Mobile Launcher at Abdul Kalam Island, off the Odisha coast.
- The Signal Star Naval Flare System was developed by the High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), a lab under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL), a DRDO lab based in Hyderabad, transferred three advanced material technologies to industry partners to boost indigenous defence manufacturing.
- DRDO has successfully conducted user trials of India's first quasi-ballistic missile, Pralay, from the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha.





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the Organization Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA)?**

- A) John Bozzella
- B) Kenichi Ayukawa
- C) Guenter Butschek
- D) Shailesh Chandra
- E) R.C. Bhargava

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Shailesh Chandra, President of SIAM and MD & CEO of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited, has been appointed as the President of OICA.
- He replaced John Bozzella, President & CEO of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (USA).
- He became the first Indian to lead OICA.

**About OICA:**

- Established: 1919
- HQ: Paris
- Members: 39

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**Ques: In the Bihar Assembly Election 2025, how many seats did the NDA win in the 243-member Assembly?**

- A) 150
- B) 175
- C) 202
- D) 189
- E) 120

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- In the 2025 Bihar Assembly Election, the NDA led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar won 202 out of 243 seats, securing a massive majority.
- The Opposition Mahagathbandhan won only 35 seats, while BJP emerged as the single largest party with 89 seats, followed by JD(U) with 101 seats.
- NDA's welfare schemes, especially the Mahila Rojgar Yojana providing ₹10,000 to 1.25 crore women, significantly contributed to its victory.
- The NDA's vote share stood at 46.7%, compared to the opposition INDIA bloc's 37.5%.

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**Ques: Which countries will co-host the 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup for both men's and women's tournaments?**

- A) Belgium & Germany
- B) Netherlands & France
- C) Belgium & Netherlands
- D) Germany & Netherlands
- E) Belgium & Spain

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup will be hosted jointly by Belgium and the Netherlands, with both men's and women's tournaments held simultaneously.
- The men's final will be hosted in Wavre (Belgium), while the women's final will be held in Amsterdam (Netherlands).
- Each tournament will feature 16 teams divided into four groups.

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**Ques: Who secured the Year-End World No. 1 ATP ranking in 2025?**

- A) Novak Djokovic
- B) Jannik Sinner
- C) Rafael Nadal
- D) Carlos Alcaraz
- E) Daniil Medvedev

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Carlos Alcaraz won all his group-stage matches at the ATP Finals 2025, earning enough points to finish the season as the Year-End World No. 1.
- This is his second time finishing as year-end No. 1; he first achieved it in 2022 at age 19, becoming the youngest ever to do so.
- Jannik Sinner also remained unbeaten in the group stage but still couldn't surpass Alcaraz in ranking points.

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## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Archery Foundation won the bid to host the 2026 Asian Youth Archery Championship in Khorfakkan, UAE.
- 18-year-old para-archer Sheetal Devi, from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, became the first Indian para-athlete selected for an able-bodied national archery team at an event held at the National Centre of Excellence, Sonipat (Haryana).
- Abhishek Sharma achieved 1,000 T20I runs in just 528 balls, becoming the fastest Indian to do so, surpassing Suryakumar Yadav's record of 573 balls.
- 21-year-old Raahul VS from Chennai, Tamil Nadu became India's 91st Chess Grandmaster after winning the 6th ASEAN Individual Chess Championship in the Philippines and crossing the required 2500 FIDE rating.
- FIFA has created a new annual award called the FIFA Peace Prize, which will be presented for the first time during the 2026 World Cup draw in Washington.
- Indian Oil Mumbai won the 42nd edition of the Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Trophy for the 3rd consecutive year and 7th time overall by defeating Indian Railways Delhi 2-1 in the final held at Olympian Surjit Hockey Stadium, Jalandhar.
- The 3rd edition of the Asian Youth Games (AYG) 2025 was held in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, organized by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).
- India's Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, and Deepti Sharma were selected in the ICC Women's ODI World Cup Team of the Tournament based on their consistent and match-winning performances.
- The first-ever Sekhon Indian Air Force Marathon 2025 (SIM-25) was held in Delhi, bringing together over 12,000 runners from all age groups and genders.





**Ques: Which initiative was launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to educate students about Panchayati Raj Institutions through participatory learning?**

- A) National Youth Parliament
- B) Rural Leadership Program
- C) Student Panchayat Program
- D) Gram Shakti Initiative
- E) Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS)

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, along with the Department of School Education & Literacy and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, launched the Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS) initiative in New Delhi.
- The MYGS educates students about the structure and functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions through participatory and experiential learning.
- It will be implemented in phases across 1,000+ schools, including Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, Eklavya Model Residential Schools, and state government schools, with ₹20,000 per school provided as one-time financial assistance for each mock Gram Sabha.

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**Ques: Which university launched 'Campus Tank', India's biggest university-led launchpad for young innovators?**

- A) IIT Delhi
- B) Chandigarh University, Uttar Pradesh
- C) BITS Pilani
- D) University of Mumbai
- E) Amity University

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Chandigarh University–Uttar Pradesh, India's first AI-augmented multidisciplinary university, launched 'Campus Tank', the largest university-led launchpad for young innovators in India.
- The event also included the launch of 'CU AI Space', featuring advanced technology and AI-powered tools to help young innovators build real-world solutions.
- Chandigarh University has allocated USD 6 million for this initiative.

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**Ques: India's rank in the Global Innovation Index has improved from 81 to what position?**

- A) 45
- B) 50
- C) 38
- D) 30
- E) 28

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India has become the world's 6th largest patent filer with over 64,000 patent filings, 55% of which are by resident Indian innovators.
- India's rank in the Global Innovation Index has improved from 81 to 38 due to strong policy support and major scientific achievements.
- Key milestones include Chandrayaan-3, indigenous antibiotics, the world's first DNA vaccine developed in India, and successful gene-therapy trials.
- Initiatives like INNOTECH'25 and schemes such as Mudra, PM-Svanidhi, and PM-Vishwakarma are supporting deep-tech entrepreneurship and youth skill development.

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## India's Rankings in Different Indices

- Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) was published by German watch : India (15th), St Vincent and the Grenadines (1st)
- The City Life Index 2025, published by Time Out (a UK-based media and lifestyle organization) : Mumbai, India (5th), Abu Dhabi, UAE (1st)
- 12th edition of the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025 was released by the EdelGive Foundation in partnership with Hurun India : Shiv Nadar & Family
- WJP Rule of Law Index 2025 : India (86th), Denmark (1st)
- World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) released its 2025 rankings : Indian Air Force (6th), United States Air Force (1st)
- Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI) 2025 : India (52nd), Netherlands (1st)
- Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2026 : Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (201–250), University of Oxford (United Kingdom) (1st)
- 2025 Global Hunger Index (GHI) : India (102nd), Armenia (1st)
- Forbes 100 India's Richest 2025 list : Mukesh Ambani & family - Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) (top)
- The 71st edition of the "Report Crime in India 2023" was published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs : Kolkata (West Bengal) (1st)
- 14th edition of the M3M Hurun India Rich List was published by M3M India Private Limited in partnership with the Hurun Research Institute : Mukesh Ambani & family – Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)





- **31st edition of the Index of Economic Freedom (2025) was published by The Heritage Foundation : India (128th), Singapore (1st)**
- **Kroll Celebrity Brand Valuation 2024 (10th Edition) published by Kroll : Virat Kohli (Top)**



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**Ques: Which minister launched the 5th Marine Fisheries Census (MFC 2025) along with the digital apps VyAS–BHARAT and VyAS–SUTRA?**

- A) Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- B) Union Minister of Agriculture
- C) Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D) Union Minister of Rural Development
- E) Union Minister of Science & Technology

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister of State George Kurian (Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying) launched the 5th Marine Fisheries Census (MFC 2025) along with the digital apps VyAS–BHARAT and VyAS–SUTRA.
- MFC is a five-year national survey under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana that records data on fisher households, fishing assets, and marine infrastructure, with previous editions conducted since 2005.
- The digital apps assist in household enumeration, village/jetty validation, and real-time supervision under the theme “Smart Census, Smarter Fisheries.”

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**Ques: How much sugar export quota has the Centre allowed for the 2025-26 season?**

- A) 5 LMT
- B) 10 LMT
- C) 12 LMT
- D) 15 LMT
- E) 20 LMT

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has approved the export of 15 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of sugar for the 2025-26 season (October–September).
- The export order was issued by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
- Export quota will be allocated to sugar mills based on their average production over the last three years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25), with each mill receiving 5.286% of its 3-year average production.
- Last year (2024-25), the export quota was 10 LMT, so this year's quota is higher, though lower than the industry demand of 20 LMT.





**Ques: Which company has commissioned India's largest green hydrogen manufacturing plant at Vijayanagar, Karnataka?**

- A) Reliance Industries Limited
- B) JSW Energy Limited
- C) NTPC Limited
- D) Tata Power
- E) Adani Green Energy

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- JSW Energy Limited has commissioned its first and India's largest green hydrogen manufacturing plant at Vijayanagar, Karnataka under the National Green Hydrogen Mission and Production Linked Incentive Scheme.
- The plant will supply 3,800 TPA of green hydrogen and 30,000 TPA of green oxygen to JSW Steel's Direct Reduced Iron unit for low-carbon steel production under a 7-year offtake agreement.
- JSW Energy aims to achieve 30 GW of generation capacity and 40 GWh of energy storage capacity by FY29-30 and has signed an MoU with JSW Steel to increase supply to 85,000–90,000 TPA of green hydrogen and 7.2 lakh TPA of green oxygen by 2030.

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**Ques: What is the name of the new U.S. military operation launched in Latin America?**

- A) Operation Desert Shield
- B) Operation Southern Spear
- C) Operation New Dawn
- D) Operation Pacific Guard
- E) Operation Caribbean Storm

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The U.S. announced Operation Southern Spear, a new military campaign aimed at removing narco-terrorists and protecting American homeland security.
- The operation includes naval and air missions across the Caribbean and eastern Pacific regions.
- The announcement comes amid rising U.S. naval presence in Latin American waters, which could escalate tensions.
- U.S. forces have already targeted about 20 vessels in international waters since early September, resulting in at least 76 deaths.
- Venezuela has responded by deploying military forces nationwide, including near its coast to counter the U.S. aircraft carrier group.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Operations:

- **Operation Golden Sweep** : conducted at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International (CSMI) Airport, Mumbai by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), a major anti-smuggling operation
- **Operation Guddar** : counter-terrorism operation launched in Kulgam district, Jammu & Kashmir by J&K Police, Indian Army (Chinar Corps), and CRPF
- **Operation SWARNA** : announced by Tirupati Urban Development Authority (TUDA) to rescue Swarnamukhi River from land grabbers, revive its flow, and rejuvenate it for sustainable use
- **Operation Sanskar (Operation Values)** : launched by Dungarpur Police, Rajasthan to counter glorification of criminal activities on social media by local youth gangs aged 18–24
- **Operation Falcon** : a joint anti-poaching initiative launched in 2024 by Assam Police and Assam Forest Department
- **Operation Safe Campus Zone** : aims to prevent sale of cigarettes and illicit drugs within 100 yards of educational institutions; 25,807 cases registered in Andhra Pradesh
- **Operation Akhal** : a joint anti-terror operation in Akhal Khulsan forest area in Kulgam district, Jammu & Kashmir
- **Operation Sahyog** : Indian Air Force and Assam Rifles launched to aid landslide-hit villages in Manipur
- **Operation Trace** : Andhra Pradesh police launched to identify missing and kidnapped girls from August 1–31
- **Operation ShivShakti** : a counter-infiltration mission by Indian Army's White Knight Corps in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Police





- **Operation Lungs – Life to Urban Green Spaces : launched by Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) to remove encroachments from reserved open areas in the city**



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**Ques: Who inaugurated “Co-op Kumbh 2025”, an International Conference on the Urban Cooperative Credit Sector, in New Delhi?**

- A) Nirmala Sitharaman
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Narendra Modi

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurated “Co-op Kumbh 2025”, an International Conference on the Urban Cooperative Credit Sector held in New Delhi.
- During the event, he launched two digital applications, Sahakar Digi Pay and Sahakar Digi Loan, to modernize urban cooperative banking in India.
- The conference adopted the “Delhi Declaration 2025” roadmap to 2030 and set a target to establish at least one urban cooperative bank in every Indian city with a population over two lakhs.

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