



# WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

**16 - 22 NOV 2025**

**3RD WEEK OF NOVEMBER**

**150+ MCQ  
with detailed  
explanation**



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



**Ques: Retail inflation in India fell to what historic low in October 2025?**

- A) 0.50%
- B) 0.40%
- C) 0.25%
- D) 0.75%
- E) None of the Above

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Retail inflation dropped to a record low of 0.25% in October 2025.
- The fall was driven by GST rate cuts, favourable base effect, and reduced food inflation, especially in vegetables and fruits.
- This is the lowest retail inflation rate recorded in the current CPI series.
- It is also the lowest inflation rate since January 2012.
- The decline was mainly due to the statistical impact of the base effect on food inflation.

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**Ques: Which two NBFCs had their Certificate of Registration cancelled by the RBI under Section 45-IA (6) of the RBI Act, 1934?**

- A) Jumbo Finvest (India) Limited & Champion Agro Finance Limited
- B) Parichay Commotrade Pvt Ltd & Renuka Investments and Finance Limited
- C) Muthoot Finance & Manappuram Finance
- D) SBI Cards & HDFC Credila
- E) Bajaj Finance & L&T Finance

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- RBI cancelled the Certificate of Registration of Jumbo Finvest (India) Limited (Jaipur, Rajasthan) and Champion Agro Finance Limited (Rajkot, Gujarat) under Section 45-IA (6) of the RBI Act, 1934.
- Additionally, some NBFCs such as Parichay Commotrade Pvt Ltd (Mumbai) and Renuka Investments and Finance Limited (UP) surrendered their CoR voluntarily.

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**Ques: Who chaired the review meeting with Managing Directors and CEOs of Public Sector Banks to assess H1 FY 2025–26 performance?**

- A) Union Finance Minister
- B) RBI Governor
- C) Chairman, SBI
- D) Secretary, Department of Financial Services
- E) Secretary, Ministry of Finance

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Shri M. Nagaraju, Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS), chaired the review meeting in New Delhi with MDs and CEOs of Public Sector Banks to assess their H1 FY 2025–26 performance.
- During H1 FY 2025–26, PSBs recorded:
  - Net profit: ₹93,675 crore
  - Advances growth: 12.3%
  - Deposit growth: 9.6%
  - Gross NPA ratio: 2.30%
  - Net NPA ratio: 0.45%
- The meeting also saw the launch of the Startup Loans module on the JanSamarth Portal and the release of the PSB Manthan 2025 report.

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**Ques: India reaffirmed its support to the 13th Five-Year Plan of which country?**

- A) Nepal
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Bhutan
- D) Bangladesh
- E) Myanmar

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India reaffirmed its unwavering support to Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan during PM Narendra Modi's visit to Thimphu.
- PM Modi met former King Jigme Singye Wangchuck and other Bhutanese leaders to strengthen bilateral cooperation.
- Key focus areas included energy, trade, technology, and connectivity.
- Modi appreciated the progress of the Gelephu Mindfulness City Project, aligned with India's Act East Policy.
- He also took part in the Kalachakra initiation ceremony, part of the Global Peace Prayer Festival.
- The visit is expected to boost cooperation in energy, healthcare, and connectivity.

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**Ques: What is the total outlay approved for the new Export Promotion Mission (EPM) and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)?**

- A) ₹25,060 crore
- B) ₹20,000 crore
- C) ₹40,000 crore
- D) ₹50,000 crore
- E) ₹45,060 crore

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation:**

- A total outlay of ₹45,060 crore has been approved.
- Of this, ₹25,060 crore is allocated for the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) over six years, and ₹20,000 crore for expanding the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE).
- The scheme supports Indian exporters, especially in labour-intensive sectors like textiles, leather, gems & jewellery, and marine products, who face US tariffs and non-tariff barriers.
- EPM will operate through two sub-schemes:
  - Niryat Protsahan: export finance, interest subvention, collateral support
  - Niryat Disha: tackling non-tariff barriers, market access, logistics, compliance, and testing support



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**Ques: Where has the Singapore Business Federation opened its fourth Singapore Enterprise Centre in India?**

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Bengaluru
- E) New Delhi

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Singapore Business Federation (SBF) has opened its fourth Singapore Enterprise Centre (SEC) in Bengaluru.
- The centre will help Singapore's small enterprises enter and expand in the Indian market.
- It will offer advisory, networking, and business-matching support to aid international expansion.
- The SEC aims to support over 470 enterprises in the next two years through trade missions, seminars, and market programmes.

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**Ques: Under the newly approved rationalised royalty structure, which mineral has been assigned a 1% royalty rate?**

- A) Graphite
- B) Caesium
- C) Rubidium
- D) Zirconium
- E) Lithium

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet approved the rationalisation of royalty rates for four critical minerals: graphite, caesium, rubidium, and zirconium.
- Under this structure, zirconium has been assigned the lowest royalty rate of 1%.
- Graphite with 80%+ fixed carbon will attract 2% of ASP, while graphite with less than 80% fixed carbon will have a 4% royalty.
- Caesium and rubidium will be charged 2% of ASP based on metal content.
- These minerals are vital for high-tech applications and energy transition.
- Currently, nine graphite mines are operational in India, and both graphite and zirconium are listed among the 24 critical minerals under the MMDR Act, 1957.

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**Ques: During his visit to Bhutan, Prime Minister Modi inaugurated which India-funded hydroelectric project and announced a \$455 million line of credit?**

- A) Tala Hydroelectric Project
- B) Punatsangchhu-I Hydroelectric Project
- C) Chukha Hydroelectric Project
- D) Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project
- E) Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the India-funded Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project during his visit to Bhutan.
- He also announced a \$455 million (₹4000 crore) line of credit.
- The 1,020 MW Punatsangchhu-II project marks a major milestone in India–Bhutan renewable energy cooperation.
- It aligns with India's Neighbourhood First policy and is expected to enhance Bhutan's hydropower capacity by nearly 40%.

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**Ques: ICAI has signed an MoU with which organisation for real-time verification of UDIN?**

- A) CAG
- B) Army Purchase Organisation (APO), DGST, Indian Army
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) RBI
- E) MCA

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) signed an MoU with the Army Purchase Organisation (APO), DGST, Indian Army for real-time API-based verification of UDIN (Unique Document Identification Number).
- UDIN is an 18-digit unique number issued by practicing Chartered Accountants for every certified or attested document.
- This initiative will help prevent forgery, improve transparency, and enable instant document verification.

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**Ques: Which ministry released the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) to strengthen mechanisms for removing and preventing Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery (NCII) online?**

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Women & Child Development
- C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- D) Ministry of Law & Justice
- E) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) released a Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) to strengthen the mechanisms for removing and preventing Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery (NCII) online.
- The SoP was issued in line with directions of the Madras High Court and Rule 3(2)(b) of the IT Rules, 2021.
- It provides clear instructions for victims, intermediaries, and law enforcement agencies to ensure swift and uniform action against NCII, including intimate or morphed images shared without consent.
- Intermediaries are required to remove or disable access to flagged NCII content within 24 hours of receiving a complaint.
- The Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) acts as the central aggregator for NCII complaints and maintains a secure NCII hash bank.
- Significant social media intermediaries must also implement hash-matching and crawler technologies.
- If such content is hosted on external websites, intermediaries must alert I4C through the Sahyog Portal for quick follow-up and inform the affected individuals.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the first woman to lead the United Nations Tourism in its 50-year history?**

- A) Sheikha Nasser Al Nowais
- B) Taleb Rifai
- C) Zurab Pololikashvili
- D) Gloria Guevara
- E) Katherine Bennett

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Sheikha Nasser Al Nowais of the UAE has been appointed as the first woman to lead the United Nations Tourism Organization in its 50-year history since its establishment in 1975.
- She was appointed during the 123rd session of the United Nations Tourism Executive Council held in Segovia, Spain, for a four-year term.

**About UN Tourism:**

- Established: 1 November 1975
- HQ: Madrid, Spain
- Members: 160

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**Ques: According to the Global Carbon Project, India's carbon emissions are expected to rise by how much in 2025?**

- A) 0.8%
- B) 1.1%
- C) 1.4%
- D) 2.2%
- E) 4%

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- India's carbon emissions are projected to rise by 1.4% in 2025, much lower than the 4% increase in 2024.
- The slower rise is due to a favourable monsoon reducing cooling demand and strong renewable energy growth reducing coal use.
- India remains the third-largest CO<sub>2</sub> emitter, with 3.2 billion tonnes annually (2024).

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**Ques: Where was the 6th edition of the Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise (VINBAX) held?**

- A) Ambala, Haryana
- B) Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- C) Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- D) New Delhi, India
- E) Hanoi, Vietnam

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation:**

- The 6th edition of the Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise (VINBAX) was held at National Military Training Centre 4 in Hanoi, Vietnam with troops from an Engineer Regiment and a Medical Corps detachment of India's Southwestern Command.
- The exercise began in 2018 in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh; the 5th edition was held in Ambala, Haryana in 2024.

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## Ques: Where will the U.K. build its first mini nuclear power station?

- A) Scotland
- B) North Wales
- C) Manchester
- D) London
- E) Birmingham

### Answer: Option B

#### Explanation:

- The U.K. government has selected North Wales (Wylfa) as the site for its first mini/small modular nuclear power station.
- British PM Keir Starmer's spokesperson stated that Wylfa is the best location for Small Modular Reactors (SMRs).
- Reports noted that the U.S. wanted a large U.S.-led nuclear project at the same site, causing some disagreement.

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**Ques: Which organization released the Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) at COP30 in Belem, Brazil?**

- A) UNEP
- B) IPCC
- C) UNFCCC
- D) World Bank
- E) Germanwatch

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) was released by Germanwatch at COP30 in Belem, Brazil.
- India ranks 9th in the long-term index (1995–2024) and 15th in the 2024 annual index, improving from last year's 8th and 10th positions.
- As per the CRI 2025 report, India has recorded 80,000+ fatalities and nearly USD 170 billion in economic losses from 430 extreme weather events over the past three decades.

**Top 5 countries in 2024:**

1. St Vincent and the Grenadines
2. Grenada
3. Chad
4. Papua New Guinea
5. Niger
6. India

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**Ques: India and Nepal amended the Treaty of Transit to allow rail-based freight movement between which two locations?**

- A) Raxaul – Kathmandu
- B) Jocabani – Biratnagar
- C) Siliguri – Pokhara
- D) Gorakhpur – Janakpur
- E) Nautanwa – Birgunj

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The amended Transit Treaty enables rail-based freight movement, including bulk cargo, between Jocabani (India) and Biratnagar (Nepal).
- Liberalisation has also been extended to major corridors such as Kolkata–Jocabani, Kolkata–Nautanwa (Sunauli), and Visakhapatnam–Nautanwa (Sunauli).
- The agreement was exchanged in New Delhi between Piyush Goyal (India) and Anil Kumar Sinha (Nepal).

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**Ques: The application fee for obtaining a GI tag in India has recently been reduced to what amount?**

- A) ₹2,500
- B) ₹1,500
- C) ₹1,000
- D) ₹500
- E) None of the Above

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The government has reduced the GI tag application fee from ₹5,000 to ₹1,000, an 80% reduction.
- The move aims to encourage tribal artisans to register traditional crafts and products.
- GI tags are issued under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.
- The GI Registry under DPIIT issues GI tags with 10-year validity, after which renewal is needed.
- In the EU, GI is classified into PGI and PDO, whereas India follows only the PGI category.

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**Ques: Which film has been selected as Palestine's official entry for the 98th Academy Awards (Best International Feature Film)?**

- A) Songe (Passing Dreams)
- B) Gaza Mon Amour
- C) Palestine 36
- D) Omar
- E) 200 Meters

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Palestine 36, directed by Annemarie Jacir, has been selected as Palestine's official entry for the 98th Academy Awards in the Best International Feature Film category.
- The film is a historical drama portraying the 1936–1939 uprising against British colonial rule in Palestine.
- It highlights the struggles, culture, resilience, and aspirations of the Palestinian people.
- The film was screened three times at the 31st Kolkata International Film Festival.

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**Ques: What is commemorated on November 11 as National Education Day in India?**

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- B) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- C) Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- D) Mahatma Gandhi
- E) B.R. Ambedkar

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- November 11 is celebrated as National Education Day to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister after independence.
- The day was officially declared in 2008 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (now Ministry of Education).
- Maulana Azad, a freedom fighter, scholar, and visionary educationist, was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1992 for his immense contributions.

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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.



**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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**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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**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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**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.



**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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**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.

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**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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**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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**Ques: What was the annual credit growth of banks at the end of October 31, 2025?**

- A) 9.7%
- B) 10.5%
- C) 11.3%
- D) 12.0%
- E) 13.5%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- According to Reserve Bank of India data, banks' annual credit growth at the end of October 31, 2025, stood at 11.3%, while deposits grew 9.7%.
- The gap between credit and deposit growth narrowed to 160 basis points from 200 basis points observed on October 17.
- Demand deposits rose 21% year-on-year to Rs 31 lakh crore, reflecting faster growth in low-cost current and savings deposits.
- Time deposits (fixed deposits) grew 8.3% to Rs 211 lakh crore.

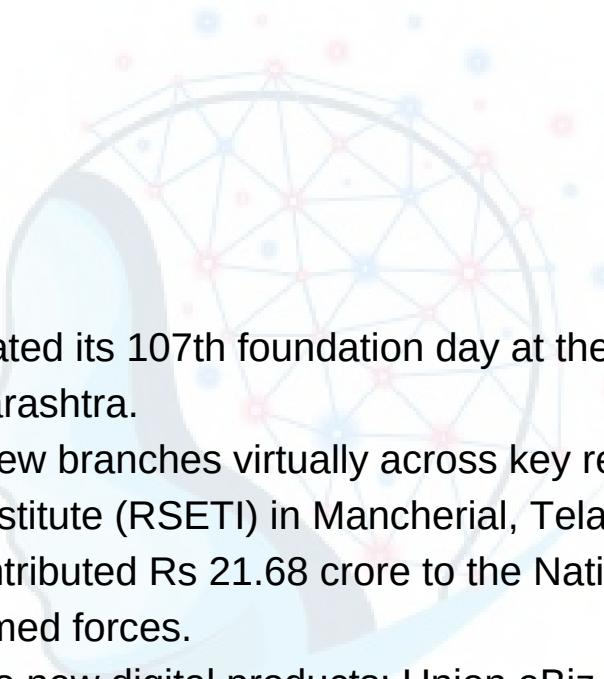
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**Ques: Which bank celebrated its 107th foundation day and inaugurated 51 new branches virtually?**

- A) Union Bank of India
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Canara Bank

Answer: Option A



**Explanation:**

- Union Bank of India celebrated its 107th foundation day at the Jio World Convention Centre, BKC, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The bank inaugurated 51 new branches virtually across key regions and a Rural Self-Employment Training Institute (RSETI) in Mancherial, Telangana.
- Union Bank employees contributed Rs 21.68 crore to the National Defence Fund (NDF), supporting India's armed forces.
- The bank also launched two new digital products: Union eBiz, a business mobile application for MSMEs and business customers with 20+ journeys and 300+ features, and Union Ease, a retail app to be available soon.

**About Union Bank of India :**

- Established : 1919
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Shri Asheesh Pandey
- Tagline : Good people to bank with



**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Part-Time Chairman of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Bank Limited?**

- A) Amitava Chatterjee
- B) S Krishnan
- C) Rajesh Kumar
- D) Sunil Mehta
- E) P K Gupta

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- S Krishnan has been appointed as the Part-Time Chairman of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Bank Limited for the tenure November 13, 2025, to March 26, 2028.
- He previously served as Managing Director & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank (2020–2022) and Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (2022–2024).
- J&K Bank was established in 1938 and is headquartered in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir.
- The current MD & CEO of J&K Bank is Amitava Chatterjee.

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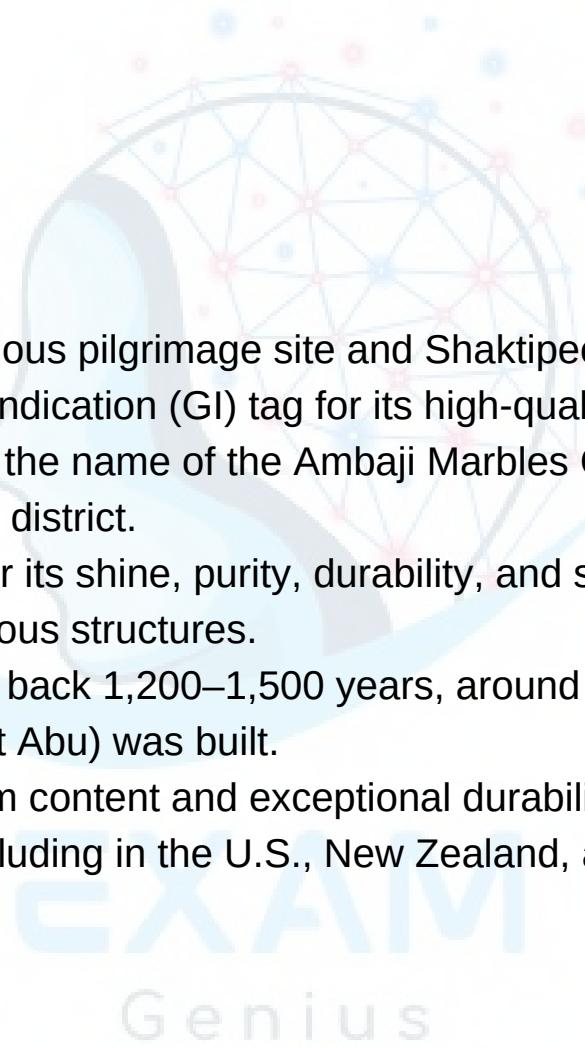
**Ques: Marble from which place in Gujarat has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its high-quality white stone?**

- A) Palitana
- B) Dwarka
- C) Ambaji
- D) Somnath
- E) Girnar

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Marble from Ambaji, a famous pilgrimage site and Shaktipeeth in Gujarat, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its high-quality white stone.
- The GI tag was granted in the name of the Ambaji Marbles Quarry and Factory Association in Banaskantha district.
- Ambaji marble is known for its shine, purity, durability, and spiritual significance, and has long been used in religious structures.
- Ambaji marble mines date back 1,200–1,500 years, around the period when the Dilwara Jain Temple (Mount Abu) was built.
- Because of its high calcium content and exceptional durability, Ambaji marble is also used in temples abroad, including in the U.S., New Zealand, and England.





**Ques: Which Indian company has joined the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) as an “Adopter”?**

- A) Reliance Industries
- B) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited
- C) Tata Steel
- D) Larsen & Toubro
- E) Mahindra & Mahindra

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) has joined the TNFD as an “Adopter”, committing to start nature-related reporting from Financial Year 2025–26 in line with global standards.
- APSEZ is India’s first integrated transport utility to endorse the TNFD framework.
- By adopting TNFD, APSEZ will identify and report its nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities as part of its ESG strategy.
- TNFD is a global science-based initiative launched by organisations including UNEP-FI, UNDP, and WWF to guide companies on nature-related risks, dependencies, and opportunities.

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**Ques: How many AMRIT pharmacies are currently operational across India as the initiative completes 10 years?**

- A) 150
- B) 200
- C) 255
- D) 350
- E) 500

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) initiative has completed 10 years since its launch in 2015.
- AMRIT pharmacies provide essential and life-saving medicines at 50% to 90% discount, reducing treatment costs significantly.
- Currently, 255 AMRIT pharmacies are operational across India, with a target to expand to 500 outlets.
- Union Health Minister Shri J. P. Nadda inaugurated 10 new AMRIT outlets across India.
- He also launched AMRIT ITes – Eco Green Version 2.0, a modern digital platform to enhance transparency, efficiency, and sustainability.
- The initiative continues to expand, with plans to increase the network to 500 pharmacies nationwide.

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**Ques: Exercise Garuda 25 is being conducted between the Indian Air Force and which country's Air and Space Force?**

- A) USA
- B) Russia
- C) Australia
- D) Japan
- E) France

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Exercise Garuda 25 is a bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the French Air and Space Force (FASF), held at Mont-de-Marsan, France, from 16–27 November 2025.
- The IAF contingent arrived in France on 10 November 2025 with Su-30MKI fighter aircraft.
- Airlift support for induction/de-induction is being provided by C-17 Globemaster III, and IL-78 tankers are being used for air-to-air refuelling.
- The Su-30MKI will operate alongside French multirole fighters in simulated air combat, air defence, and joint strike operations.
- The aim is to refine tactics and improve interoperability between the IAF and FASF.

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**Ques: What is the name of the Border Security Force's first all-women drone operations unit?**

- A) Shakti Drone Squadron
- B) Durga Drone Squadron
- C) Saraswati Drone Squadron
- D) Bhavani Drone Squadron
- E) Kali Drone Squadron

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Border Security Force has commissioned its first all-women drone operations unit named 'Durga Drone Squadron' at the School of Drone Warfare in the BSF Academy, Gwalior.
- Named after goddess Durga, the unit symbolizes the power, precision, and resilience of BSF's women personnel.
- The initiative aims to integrate women personnel into drone-based surveillance and reconnaissance roles along India's western and eastern borders.
- The specialized training programme is conducted under the leadership of Daljit Singh Chaudhary, Director General of BSF.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which company is building a 55-storey tower in Dubai named after Shah Rukh Khan?**

- A) Emaar Properties
- B) Aldar Properties
- C) Danube Properties
- D) Nakheel
- E) Dubai Holding

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Danube Properties will develop a 55-storey premium commercial tower in Dubai named 'SHAHRUKHZ by Danube'.
- The tower covers 1 million sq ft of built-up area, with prices starting at \$460,000, scheduled for completion in Q2 2029.
- It will feature 40+ luxury amenities, including an infinity pool on the 33rd floor, helipad, king clubhouse, and an outdoor lounge on the 55th floor.
- The design includes a "hanging tower concept" with four floors of amenities from the 32nd to the 36th floor.
- The tower will also feature a statue of Shah Rukh Khan and a 'Shah Rukh's Boulevard' at the podium level.
- Danube will offer a 1% monthly payment plan; around 30% of Dubai property buyers are Indians.

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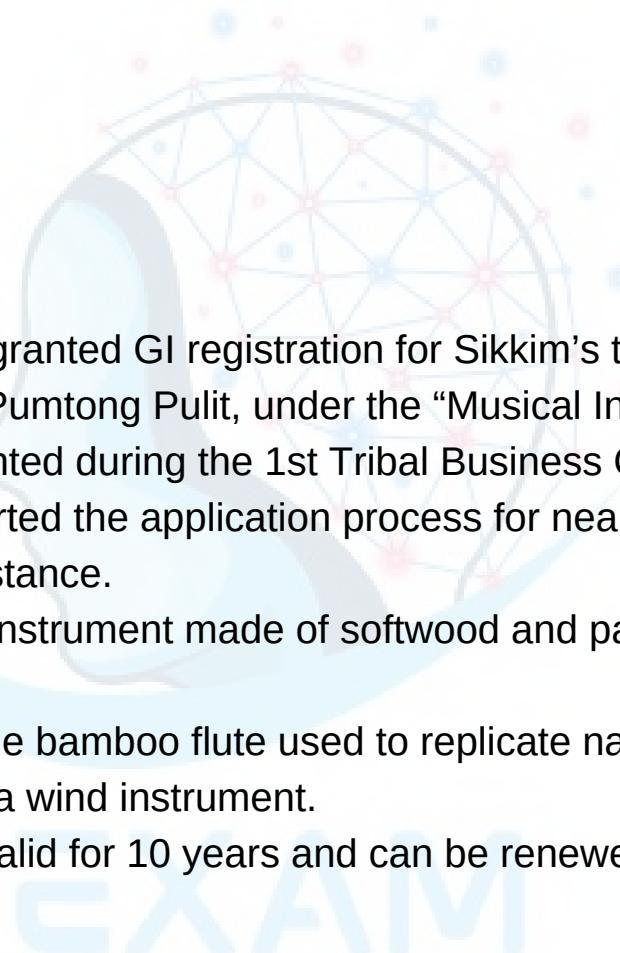
## Ques: Which traditional musical instruments of Sikkim received Geographical Indication (GI) registration?

- A) Tungbuk and Pumtong Pulin
- B) Ektara and Sitar
- C) Tabla and Harmonium
- D) Flute and Veena
- E) Mridangam and Dhol

**Answer:** Option A

### Explanation:

- The Government of India granted GI registration for Sikkim's traditional Lepcha instruments, Tungbuk and Pumtong Pulin, under the "Musical Instrument" category.
- GI certificates were presented during the 1st Tribal Business Conclave in New Delhi.
- NABARD, Gangtok supported the application process for nearly two years with financial and technical assistance.
- Tungbuk is a three-string instrument made of softwood and parchment, 36 inches long.
- Pumtong Pulin is a four-hole bamboo flute used to replicate natural sounds; "Pulin" refers to a traditional Lepcha wind instrument.
- GI registration in India is valid for 10 years and can be renewed for another 10-year period.



## Ques: Where was the 3rd edition of the International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH 2025) held?

- A) India Expo Centre, Greater Noida
- B) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- D) Hyderabad International Convention Centre
- E) Kolkata International Exhibition Centre

**Answer:** Option C

### Explanation:

- The 3rd edition of the International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH 2025) was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, hosted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- It was organized in collaboration with the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T), and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR).
- Key announcements included the establishment of four hydrogen valleys with a total investment of ₹485 crore to demonstrate the full hydrogen value chain.
- Out of this, the Government of India allocated ₹169.89 crore under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), while ₹315.43 crore will come from industry and consortium partners.
- The hydrogen valleys will be set up in Pune (Maharashtra), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Bhubaneshwar (Odisha), and Kerala, aiming to capture about 10% of global green hydrogen demand by 2030.



## Ques: Which ministry withdrew Quality Control Orders on 14 petrochemical raw materials?

- A) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- B) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- C) Ministry of Textiles
- D) Ministry of Heavy Industries
- E) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer: Option B

### Explanation:

- The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers withdrew the Quality Control Orders (QCOs) issued under the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on 14 petrochemical products with immediate effect.
- Earlier, these QCOs had made BIS certification mandatory for major raw materials such as chemicals, polymers, plastic resins, and fibres.
- The 14 affected materials include Terephthalic Acid (PTA), Ethylene Glycol (EG), various Polyester Yarn types, Polyethylene, Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene (ABS), Polypropylene, Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Homopolymers, Ethylene-Vinyl Acetate (EVA) Copolymers, Polyurethanes, and Polycarbonate (PC).
- These raw materials are used widely across textile and apparel, packaging and plastics, chemical processing, automotive components, home appliances, and electronics manufacturing.

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**Ques: Under which scheme is the Integrated Development of the Sohra (Cherrapunji) Tourism Circuit being funded?**

- A) PM Gati Shakti
- B) NEC Special Development Scheme
- C) PRASAD Scheme
- D) Swadesh Darshan 2.0
- E) PM-DevINE Scheme

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The project for the Integrated Development of the Sohra (Cherrapunji) Tourism Circuit in Meghalaya is being funded under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) scheme.
- Total investment exceeds Rs. 650 crore, including Rs. 221 crore contributed by the Ministry of DoNER.
- PM-DevINE is a Central Sector Scheme launched in the Union Budget 2022–23 to support infrastructure and social development in the Northeastern region.
- Total scheme outlay: Rs. 6,600 crore for 2022–23 to 2025–26.

**About PM-DevINE Scheme :**

- Launched : 2022
- Outlay : Rs. 6,600 crore (for 2022–23 to 2025–26)
- Implementing Ministry : Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER)
- Coverage Area : All eight North Eastern States — Arunachal Pradesh (AP), Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura
- Aim : To fund infrastructure and social development projects in the North Eastern Region (NER) of India

**Ques: Vrindavani Vastra was originally woven under the guidance of which saint-reformer?**

- A) Sankardev
- B) Madhavdev
- C) Chaitanya Mahaprabhu
- D) Ramanujacharya
- E) Vallabhacharya

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Vrindavani Vastra is a historic silk textile woven under Srimanta Sankaradeva in the 15th–16th century.
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma travelled to London to initiate the process of bringing back the revered Vrindavani Vastra from the British Museum.
- He is expected to sign an agreement for the “homecoming” of the silk textile.
- Pieces of Vrindavani Vastra likely reached Tibet in the 17th–18th century and were later collected by British explorers.
- The Assam government states that the Vastra is an important part of Assam’s cultural and civilizational heritage.
- The British Museum has agreed to lend the artifact for 18 months, provided Assam builds a museum that meets international standards.

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## Ques: Where will the Global Energy Leaders' Summit (GELS) 2025 be held?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Bengaluru
- E) Puri, Odisha

**Answer:** Option E

### **Explanation:**

- Union Minister of State Shripad Yesso Naik launched the logo and official website of the Global Energy Leaders' Summit (GELS) 2025 in New Delhi.
- GELS 2025 will be held in Puri, Odisha, focusing on the theme “Powering India: Sufficiency, Balance, Innovation.”
- The theme aligns with the Prime Minister's vision built on four pillars: Energy Access, Efficiency, Sustainability, and Security.
- The summit will bring together Union and State Energy Ministers, global energy leaders, policymakers, innovators, researchers, and industry experts.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which battalion's valour was honoured with a special commemorative "My Stamp" unveiled by Union Minister Rajnath Singh?**

- A) 11th Gorkha Rifles
- B) 12th Maratha Light Infantry
- C) 13th Kumaon Regiment
- D) 14th Sikh Regiment
- E) 15th Rajput Regiment

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled a special commemorative "My Stamp" to honour the valour of the 13th Battalion of the Kumaon Regiment, which fought under Major Shaitan Singh Bhati (PVC) during the 1962 India–China War at Rezang La, Ladakh.
- The stamp is based on the Rezang La War Memorial in Ladakh and was issued by the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication.
- The initiative celebrates the bravery and sacrifice of the soldiers who fought at Rezang La ahead of the 63rd anniversary of the historic battle.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which company has received the licence to explore and mine tungsten in Andhra Pradesh?**

- A) NMDC
- B) Hindustan Zinc Ltd
- C) Vedanta Aluminium
- D) Coal India
- E) NALCO

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL) has received a composite licence from the Andhra Pradesh government to explore and mine a tungsten block.
- This milestone allows HZL, part of the Vedanta Group, to expand beyond zinc, lead, and silver into high-value critical minerals.
- The licence permits both exploration and, if successful, mining of tungsten.
- Tungsten is considered a strategic mineral due to its industrial and defence applications.

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**Ques: National Press Day is observed every year on which date?**

- A) 10 November
- B) 12 November
- C) 14 November
- D) 16 November
- E) 18 November

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- National Press Day is observed every year on 16 November in India.
- The day marks the establishment of the Press Council of India, which started functioning on 16 November 1966.
- The Press Council acts as an independent moral watchdog to protect press freedom and maintain journalistic standards.
- This year's theme highlights the importance of press credibility and ethical reporting amid rising misinformation.
- The day reminds us of the press's role in strengthening democracy.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: How many Tribal Freedom Fighters Museums are being established by the Government of India under the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh initiative?**

- A) 5
- B) 8
- C) 11
- D) 15
- E) 20

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India is establishing 11 Tribal Freedom Fighters Museums across the country to honour the contributions of tribal freedom fighters.
- India celebrates Janjatiya Gaurav Divas every year on November 15 to commemorate the birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda (born 1874).
- The year 2024-25 is being observed as Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh to mark 150 years of his birth.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs runs various schemes promoting tribal history, culture, art, and traditions.
- Out of the 11 museums, four have already been inaugurated in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Madhya Pradesh.
- The Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Memorial & Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum, Raipur (Chhattisgarh), was inaugurated on 1st November 2025 by PM Narendra Modi.



**Ques: What GDP growth projection has India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) made for India in Q2 FY26?**

- A) 5.6%
- B) 6.4%
- C) 7.2%
- D) 7.8%
- E) 8.0%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has projected India's GDP growth at 7.2% for the second quarter of FY26, which is higher than Q2 FY25's 5.6% but lower than Q1 FY26's 7.8%.
- Ind-Ra also noted that India's nominal GDP growth may have slipped below 8% year-on-year in Q2 FY26.

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**Ques: Which bank organised the 10th edition of EVOLVE, a knowledge series for MSMEs, in Kozhikode, Kerala?**

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Axis Bank Limited organised the 10th edition of EVOLVE, its flagship multi-city knowledge series for MSMEs, in Kozhikode, Kerala.
- The theme was “MSMEs Powering the USD 10 Trillion Economy”, with participation from 100+ entrepreneurs and experts.
- EVOLVE aims to empower MSMEs with tools to enhance operational efficiency, adopt digital solutions, and expand market reach.

**About Axis Bank:**

- **Established: 1993**
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman: Rakesh Makhija
- MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline: Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi



**Ques: Which bank became the first lender to put its ₹511 crore exposure to Lavasa Corp up for sale?**

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

Answer: Option A

**Explanation:**

- Axis Bank became the first lender to put its ₹511 crore exposure to Lavasa Corp up for sale at a reserve price of ₹80 crore.
- The bank invited Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs), NBFCs, and financial institutions, with submissions due by November 18, 2025, and an e-auction scheduled for November 21, 2025.
- Lavasa Corp's bankruptcy case has been ongoing since 2018, with creditors led by Union Bank of India facing challenges due to environmental clearances and unresolved legal issues.
- Lavasa owes creditors a total of ₹6,642 crore.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: When will the mCASH sending and claiming facility on OnlineSBI and YONO Lite be discontinued by SBI?**

- A) 15 November 2025
- B) 30 November 2025
- C) 1 December 2025
- D) 31 December 2025
- E) 1 January 2026

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- **State** Bank of India (SBI) announced that the mCASH sending and claiming facility on OnlineSBI and YONO Lite will be discontinued on 30 November 2025, and the service will be unavailable from 1 December 2025.
- The discontinuation aligns with SBI's shift toward more secure and modern digital payment systems.
- mCASH allowed instant transfers using only the recipient's mobile number or email ID without beneficiary registration.
- SBI has advised customers to use UPI, IMPS, NEFT, and RTGS for third-party transfers.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: The Ministry of Defence signed a contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited for the procurement of which missile system for the Indian Army?**

- A) Nag Anti-Tank Missile
- B) HELINA Missile
- C) MPATGM
- D) Konkurs-M Missile
- E) INVAR Anti-Tank Guided Missile

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract worth ₹2,095.70 crore with Bharat Dynamics Limited for the procurement of INVAR Anti-Tank Guided Missiles.
- The INVAR ATGM is a laser-guided weapon system designed to enhance the firepower of the Indian Army's T-90 main battle tanks.
- The missile can destroy both stationary and moving targets travelling at speeds up to 70 km/h.
- It has an effective range of around 5 km and reaches maximum distance in about 17.6 seconds.
- The T-90 main battle tank is equipped with a 125 mm smoothbore gun, advanced fire-control systems, and reactive armour.

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**Ques: How much investment has the Central Government announced for the modernization of New Mangalore Port?**

- A) ₹1,000 crore
- B) ₹1,200 crore
- C) ₹1,500 crore
- D) ₹1,800 crore
- E) ₹2,000 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Central Government has announced an investment of ₹1,500 crore for the modernization of New Mangalore Port in Karnataka to upgrade infrastructure, increase capacity, and integrate advanced digital technologies.
- The announcement was made by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal during the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the New Mangalore Port Authority in Mangaluru.
- The port has grown significantly—from handling 90,000 tonnes of cargo earlier to 46 million tonnes today—highlighting its strategic importance.

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## Ques: Who won the National Gopal Ratna Award (NGRA) this year?

- A) Sunil Patkar
- B) Aravind Yashavant Patil
- C) Prakash Rathod
- D) Anand Deshmukh
- E) Ramesh Sawant

**Answer: Option B**

### Explanation:

- Aravind Yashavant Patil, a farmer from Kolhapur, Maharashtra, has been selected for the National Gopal Ratna Award (NGRA) by the Union Animal Husbandry Ministry for being the best dairy farmer rearing indigenous cattle and buffalo breeds.
- A total of 2,081 applications were received for this year's NGRA.
- Various dairy sector awards will be presented on November 26.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate to promote awareness on children's rights, mental health, education, and gender equality?

- A) Alia Bhatt
- B) Keerthy Suresh
- C) Taapsee Pannu
- D) Deepika Padukone
- E) Priyanka Chopra

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- UNICEF India appointed National Award-winning actress Keerthy Suresh as its Celebrity Advocate to raise awareness on children's rights, mental health, education, and gender equality.
- In this role, she will promote child and adolescent mental health, gender equality, empowerment of girls, inclusive education, and child protection.
- Keerthy Suresh began her acting career as a child artist and won the National Award in 2018 for "Mahanati," a Telugu biopic on actress Savitri.

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## Ques: India's trade deficit in October 2025 widened to how much?

- A) \$28.5 billion
- B) \$34.38 billion
- C) \$41.68 billion
- D) \$45.12 billion
- E) \$51.90 billion

**Answer:** Option C

### Explanation:

- **India's** trade deficit widened to a record \$41.68 billion in October 2025 due to a sharp fall in exports and a surge in imports, especially gold.
- Exports fell 11.8% year-on-year to \$34.38 billion, mainly due to US tariffs and global economic pressure.
- Imports rose 16.63% to \$76.06 billion.
- Major export destinations such as the EU, UK, Netherlands, Germany, and Bangladesh saw declines, while exports to China grew 42.35%.
- Silver imports surged to \$2.72 billion, up from \$0.43 billion last year.
- During April–October 2025: Exports rose 0.63% to \$254.25 billion, imports increased 6.37% to \$451.08 billion, and the trade deficit stood at \$196.82 billion.

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**Ques: Who has been selected as an Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN) for the 2025–2029 Astronaut Training Programme of Titans Space Industries (TSI)?**

- A) Riya Ramesh
- B) Kunchala Kaivalya Reddy
- C) Meera Sanjeev
- D) Tanisha Rao
- E) Anika Varma

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- 17-year-old Kunchala Kaivalya Reddy from Nidadavole, East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh, has been selected as an Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN) for the 2025–2029 Astronaut Training Programme of Titans Space Industries (TSI).
- She is among the 150 candidates shortlisted from applicants representing 36 countries.
- The four-year astronaut training programme will be conducted in Florida, USA, from 2025 to 2029, with physical training scheduled from 2026 to 2029.
- She earlier became the youngest Indian to complete the International Air and Space Programme in 2023.

**Training Phases:**

- Phase 1 (2026–2027): Theoretical learning, zero-gravity flights, neutral-buoyancy drills, skydiving, mountain expeditions, and zero-gravity experience.
- Phase 2 (2027–2029): Focuses on space station operations, lunar-surface simulations, and mission-readiness training.
- After completing the programme, she will qualify for a 2029 space mission, where astronauts will orbit Earth twice at an altitude of nearly 300 km, including around three



**Ques: How many new projects were approved by MeitY under the ECMS scheme?**

- A) 10
- B) 12
- C) 17
- D) 20
- E) 7

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) approved 17 new projects under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) with a total proposed value of ₹7,172 crore.
- Firms will receive incentive payouts linked to their turnover.
- ECMS aims to deepen India's electronics value chain and boost domestic electronics component manufacturing.
- IT Secretary S. Krishnan highlighted that a stronger value chain ensures long-term global competitiveness.
- IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw noted that this approval strengthens India's electronics manufacturing push.





**Ques: Who has been granted a second consecutive extension as Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)?**

- A) Mallika Srinivasan
- B) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- C) Chanda Kochhar
- D) Naina Lal Kidwai
- E) Shikha Sharma

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Mallika Srinivasan has been granted a second consecutive one-year extension as Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), with tenure from 19 November 2025 to 18 November 2026.
- She assumed charge of the PESB in April 2021, becoming the first private-sector professional to lead this government body.
- Her first one-year extension was granted in November 2024, valid until 18 November 2025.

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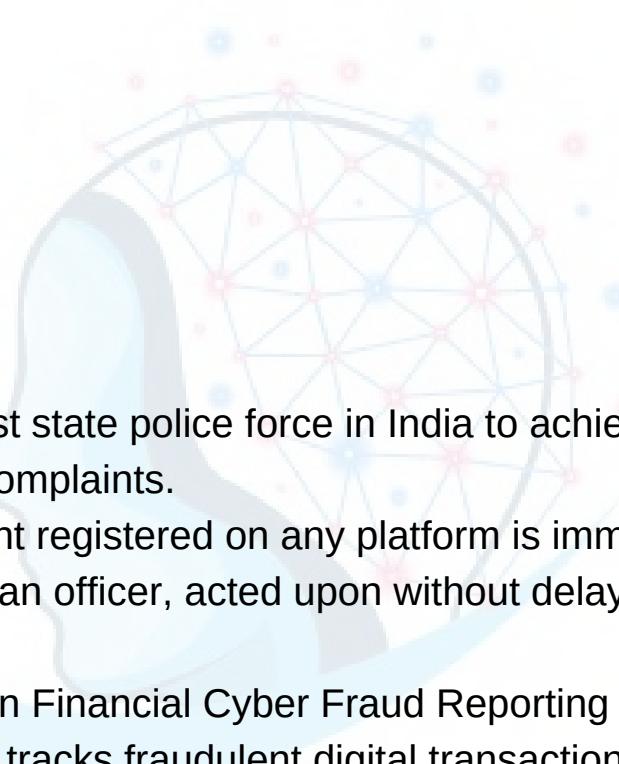
**Ques: Which state police force in India became the first to achieve a 100% response rate for cyber fraud complaints?**

- A) Kerala Police
- B) Maharashtra Police
- C) Goa Police
- D) Karnataka Police
- E) Delhi Police

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Goa Police became the first state police force in India to achieve a 100% response rate in cyber fraud-related complaints.
- Every cyber fraud complaint registered on any platform is immediately acknowledged, assigned to an officer, acted upon without delay, and followed up until resolution or escalation.
- Goa Police uses the Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting & Management System (CFCFRMS), which tracks fraudulent digital transactions in real time, sends alerts to banks/payment platforms, freezes suspicious accounts, and prevents withdrawal of defrauded money.
- Complaints received via the Cyber Fraud Helpline 1930 and the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal are instantly forwarded to the Goa Police cyber unit.





**Ques: Where has the 8th edition of the India-UK Joint Military Exercise “AJEYA WARRIOR-25” commenced?**

- A. Pune, Maharashtra
- B. Belgaum, Karnataka
- C. Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan
- D. Wellington, Tamil Nadu
- E. Chandigarh

Answer: Option C

**Explanation:**

- The 8th edition of the India-UK Joint Military Exercise “AJEYA WARRIOR-25” began at the Foreign Training Node, Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan, with participation from 240 personnel of both armies.
- The exercise is conducted under a UN mandate and focuses on counter-terrorism operations in semi-urban environments.
- It aims to share best practices, enhance tactical proficiency, and improve coordinated responses between the two forces.
- Held biennially since 2011, the exercise strengthens defence cooperation between India and the UK.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Where was the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Incubation Centre inaugurated by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan?**

- A) Delhi Public School, RK Puram
- B) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- C) Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Delhi
- D) Kendriya Vidyalaya, RK Puram
- E) Delhi University, Delhi

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Incubation Centre was inaugurated at Delhi Public School (DPS), RK Puram, New Delhi, by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.
- Developed by VVDN Technologies in collaboration with Google Cloud, the centre aims to support students from Class 6 onward, including those from neighboring government schools.

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**Ques: Which organisation has collaborated with IndiaAI Mission to launch the 'YUVAi for ALL' programme?**

- A) Intellipaat
- B) Coursera
- C) Udemy
- D) NASSCOM
- E) Microsoft

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Intellipaat has collaborated with IndiaAI Mission to launch the nationwide 'YUVAi (Youth for Unnati and Vikas with AI) for ALL' programme to accelerate AI literacy across India.
- Under this collaboration, Intellipaat will provide free training on Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI to students, teachers, and professionals.
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**Ques: Which country completed its first government transaction using the Digital Dirham in under two minutes?**

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) United Arab Emirates
- C) Qatar
- D) Oman
- E) Bahrain

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) completed its first government transaction using the Digital Dirham, its central bank digital currency (CBDC), in less than two minutes.
- The Digital Dirham is issued by the Central Bank of the UAE under the Financial Infrastructure Transformation (FIT) Programme to improve transparency, efficiency, and financial inclusion.
- The transaction was executed through the mBridge platform, a multi-CBDC cross-border settlement system developed with central banks across Asia and the Middle East.

**EXAM**  
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## Ques: What real GDP growth has SBI projected for India in Q2 FY26?

- A) 6.5%
- B) 7.0%
- C) 8.0%
- D) 7.8%
- E) 7.5%

### Answer: Option E

**Explanation:** • SBI's Economic Research Department (ERD) has projected India's real GDP growth at 7.5% in Q2 FY26, with potential for an upside.  
• Growth is supported by higher investment activities, rural demand recovery, buoyancy in services and manufacturing, and GST rationalisation.  
• India's Q1 FY26 GDP grew 7.8%, a five-quarter high, compared to 6.5% in Q1 FY25.  
• Leading indicators for consumption, agriculture, industry, and services demand rose to 83% in Q2 from 70% in Q1.  
• Credit card spending reached ₹6,400 crore on Sept 23 and ₹7,328 crore on Diwali, reflecting strong festival demand.  
• Debit card spends rose highest in Haryana (20%), Telangana (19%), and Andhra Pradesh (19%).

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which bank partnered with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to implement salary accounts and an integrated salary portal for KVS employees?**

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) Canara Bank
- E) Union Bank of India

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:** • Union Bank of India has entered into a strategic partnership with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to implement salary accounts and an integrated salary portal for KVS employees across India.

• This collaboration will cover all 1,290 Kendriya Vidyalayas and support the salary management needs of nearly 56,000 employees.

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**Ques: Who is the Chairman of the Sixteenth Finance Commission (XVIFC) for the period 2026–27 to 2030–31?**

- A) Dr. Manoj Panda
- B) Dr. Arvind Panagariya
- C) T. Rabi Sankar
- D) Dr. Soumyakanti Ghosh
- E) None

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The Sixteenth Finance Commission (XVIFC) submitted its report to the President of India for the period 2026–27 to 2030–31.
- XVIFC was constituted under Article 280(1) of the Constitution.
- Chairman: Dr. Arvind Panagariya; Members include Annie George Mathew, Dr. Manoj Panda, T. Rabi Sankar, Dr. Soumyakanti Ghosh, and Secretary Ritvik Pandey.
- The Commission was mandated to give recommendations for a 5-year award period from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031.
- Mandate includes distribution of tax proceeds between Union & States, inter-state allocation, grants-in-aid, and financing arrangements for disaster management.
- Report consists of two volumes — Volume I (Recommendations), Volume II (Annexures).
- The report will be made public after it is tabled in Parliament under Article 281.

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**Ques: Which company has received RBI's final authorisation to operate as an offline payment aggregator?**

- A) Razorpay
- B) Paytm
- C) Infibeam Avenues
- D) PhonePe
- E) CCAvenue

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:** • Infibeam Avenues has received final regulatory authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as an offline payment aggregator, enabling it to handle in-store card and QR-based transactions via POS devices.

• The company already holds licences for online payment aggregation, prepaid payment instruments (PPI), and Bharat Bill Pay.

**EXAM**  
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## Ques: Why has Bangladesh entered a critical phase of political unrest recently?

- A) Due to economic crisis
- B) Following natural disasters
- C) Due to border tensions with India
- D) Because of a military coup
- E) After the International Crimes Tribunal sentenced former PM Sheikh Hasina to death

### Answer: Option E

**Explanation:** • Bangladesh has entered a critical phase of political unrest after the International Crimes Tribunal in Dhaka sentenced former prime minister Sheikh Hasina to death for crimes against humanity linked to last year's deadly student-led protests.

- The tribunal ruled that Hasina ordered and failed to prevent lethal action during the protests that toppled her government in August 2024.
- UN estimates suggest up to 1,400 people were killed during the uprising, mostly by security forces, and prosecutors described Hasina as the mastermind behind the violence.
- The tribunal also sentenced former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal to death and handed a prison term to former police chief Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun, who later became an approver.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Who has been honoured with the Chevalier de L'Ordre Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters)?**

- A) Sabu Cyril
- B) Thota Tharani
- C) Ilaiyaraaja
- D) Mani Ratnam
- E) Resul Pookutty

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:** • Renowned Indian Art Director and Padma Shri awardee Thota Tharani has been honoured with the Chevalier de L'Ordre Arts et des Lettres.  
• The award was presented at the Alliance Française of Madras in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.  
• It was conferred by Thierry Mathieu, the French Ambassador to India.  
• Thota Tharani has previously received awards including the Padma Shri (2001), two National Film Awards (1987, 1996), and the Kerala State Film Award (1992).

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Where was the 10th edition of the International Gita Festival held?**

- A) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- B) Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- C) Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
- D) Kurukshetra, Haryana
- E) Mathura, Uttar Pradesh

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:** • The 10th edition of the International Gita Festival was held at Kurukshetra, with Madhya Pradesh as the partner state.  
• This edition witnessed participation from 51 countries, with priests from Fiji and Trinidad and Tobago attending ceremonies, and artisans from seven countries presenting their crafts.  
• The International Gita Festival was started in 2016 to promote global cultural exchange and awareness of the Bhagavad Gita.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which ministry notified the “Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone” Rules to boost India’s marine potential?**

- A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B) Ministry of Shipping
- C) Ministry of Agriculture
- D) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- E) Ministry of Science and Technology

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:** • The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying notified the “Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone” Rules to fulfill the Union Budget 2025-26 commitment and create a framework for sustainable fisheries.

- The rules aim to boost seafood exports, empower local fishing communities, and focus on the Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands, which together account for 49% of India’s EEZ.
- Mechanized vessels of 24 meters or more require an Access Pass via Registration And Licensing of Fishing Craft (ReALCRaft), valid for three years, for deep-sea fishing in the EEZ.
- Harmful fishing methods like LED light fishing, pair trawling, and bull trawling are prohibited; minimum legal sizes and Fisheries Management Plans aim to restore declining stocks, and mariculture is promoted as an alternative livelihood.
- Fish caught in India’s EEZ will be recognized as ‘Indian origin’, and vessel safety is ensured through mandatory transponders and Quick Response coded Aadhaar/Fishers identification cards, with Nabhmitra App supporting coastal security.
- India has 11,099 km coastline and an EEZ of 23 lakh sq km, supporting 50 lakh fishers; it is the world’s 2nd largest fish producer with seafood exports worth Rs. 60,000 crore



**Ques: What is the target set by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) for awarding national highway projects in FY 2026?**

- A) 6,000 km
- B) 7,500 km
- C) 10,000 km
- D) 12,000 km
- E) 15,000 km

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:** • The Union government, through MoRTH, has set a target to award 10,000 km of national highway projects in FY 2026.  
• The volume of fresh NH project awards has declined over the years: roughly 12,000 km in FY 2023, about 7,500 km in FY 2024, and approximately 6,000 km in FY 2025.  
• Out of 4,500 km of pending projects, 3,500 km have now been awarded.  
• The focus of MoRTH is on quality, speed of award, and smoother execution of awarded contracts.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: What is the name of the AI platform launched to collect beneficiary feedback on ration distribution?**

- A) Anna Darpan
- B) Bhashini AI
- C) ASHA – Anna Sahayata Holistic AI
- D) Smart EXIM AI
- E) Bhandaran 360°

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:** • The Ministry of Food & Public Distribution launched ASHA, an AI-based platform to gather feedback from PDS beneficiaries through AI-enabled calls.  
• The platform uses multilingual translation, sentiment analysis, automated grievance categorization, and real-time dashboards.  
• It reaches 20 lakh beneficiaries monthly and was developed with support from the Wadhwani Foundation and IndiaAI Mission (Bhashini platform).  
• The platform is cost-effective at ₹5 per call, significantly cheaper than traditional call centres.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which Indian space agency is planning seven more launches this financial year and targeting Chandrayaan-4 in 2028?**

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) HAL
- D) SpaceX India
- E) NSIL

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:** • ISRO is preparing for seven more launches this financial year, while India's first human spaceflight is scheduled for 2027.

- The agency aims to triple annual spacecraft production in the next three years and will launch the first PSLV fully manufactured by Indian industry.
- Chandrayaan-4, approved for 2028, will be India's most complex lunar mission and aims for a sample-return — a feat achieved only by the US, Russia, and China.
- Other major projects include LUPEX with JAXA and the Indian Space Station targeted for 2035, with its first module planned for launch in 2028.
- India aims to raise its share in the global space economy from 2% to 8% by 2030, with the domestic space sector expected to grow from USD 8.2 billion to USD 44 billion by 2033.

**EXAM**  
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## Ques: Which statement is correct regarding India's performance in the QS Sustainability Rankings 2026?

- A) India has two institutions in the top 200
- B) IIT Delhi improved its ranking
- C) No Indian institute made it to the top 200
- D) IIT Bombay entered the top 100
- E) India topped the global list

**Answer: Option C**

### Explanation:

- India failed to secure a position in the top 200 of QS Sustainability Rankings 2026.
- IIT Delhi slipped from rank 171 to 205, while IIT Bombay moved from 234 to 235.
- Several other leading Indian institutions, such as IIT Kharagpur (202 → 236) and IIT Madras (277 → 305), also saw significant declines.
- Globally, Lund University (Sweden) topped the rankings, and the US had the highest number of universities (240) in the rankings.
- QS evaluates universities based on environmental impact (45%), social impact (45%), and governance (10%).

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: India's first bullet train's inaugural run in August 2027 will cover how many kilometers?**

- A) 50 km
- B) 80 km
- C) 100 km
- D) 150 km
- E) None

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India's first bullet train will cover 100 km between Surat and Vapi during its inaugural run in August 2027.
- Earlier, the inaugural run was planned for only 50 km (Surat–Billimora).
- The full 508-km corridor between Mumbai and Ahmedabad will allow trains to run at 320 kmph.
- The total journey between Mumbai and Ahmedabad will take 2 hours 17 minutes with limited stops.
- Foundation stone was laid in 2017; land issues delayed the project.
- Project expected to be fully operational by end of 2029.

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which Union Minister launched the 'Watershed Mahotsav' in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh to promote community-led water rejuvenation?**

- A) Narendra Singh Tomar
- B) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- C) Nitin Gadkari
- D) Bhupender Yadav
- E) Prahlad Singh Patel

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Watershed Mahotsav' in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, marking a national celebration of community-led water rejuvenation, soil health enhancement, and sustainable rural transformation.
- During the event, the Vengalayapalem Tank Rejuvenation Project was inaugurated as a model for participatory water management.
- The project aims to restore ecology, boost livelihoods, and promote community participation in sustainable resource management, reviving a 150-year-old, 21-acre water tank in Vengalayapalem village, Guntur.

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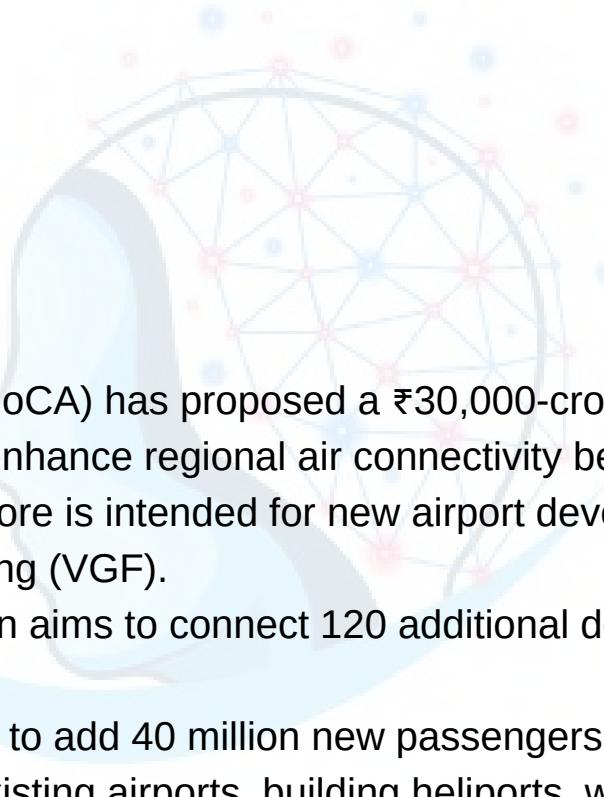
**Ques: What is the total outlay proposed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation for the modified UDAN scheme?**

- A) ₹10,000 crore
- B) ₹18,000 crore
- C) ₹25,000 crore
- D) ₹30,000 crore
- E) ₹40,000 crore

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has proposed a ₹30,000-crore outlay for the modified UDAN scheme to enhance regional air connectivity beyond April 2027.
- Out of the total, ₹18,000 crore is intended for new airport development and ₹12,000 crore for Viability Gap Funding (VGF).
- The modified UDAN version aims to connect 120 additional destinations across India.
- The expansion is expected to add 40 million new passengers over the next decade.
- Plan includes upgrading existing airports, building heliports, water aerodromes, and strengthening connectivity in underserved and hilly regions.
- 649 routes have already been operationalised under UDAN, connecting 92 underserved airports, 15 heliports, and 2 water aerodromes.





**Ques: How long did the longest government shutdown in US history last?**

- A) 30 days
- B) 43 days
- C) 50 days
- D) 60 days
- E) 35 days

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The United States concluded the longest government shutdown in its history after six weeks of political gridlock.
- The shutdown lasted for a total of 43 days.
- It was triggered by a standoff over public health subsidies linked to the Affordable Care Act.
- The Congressional Budget Office estimated an economic loss of approximately \$11 billion.

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**Ques: Which two countries are collaborating to establish the first cross-border rail link connecting Kokrajhar-Gephup and Banarhat-Samtse?**

- A) India and Nepal
- B) India and Myanmar
- C) India and Bangladesh
- D) India and Bhutan
- E) India and Sri Lanka

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- India and Bhutan are collaborating to establish the first cross-border rail link connecting Kokrajhar in Assam with Gelephu, and Banarhat in West Bengal with Samtse.
- The total length of the project is 89 km, with an estimated cost of ₹4,033 crore and a construction period of four years.
- The Kokrajhar–Gelephu section is 69 km long (₹3,456 crore), while the Banarhat–Samtse section is 20 km long (₹577 crore).

**EXAM**  
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**Ques: Which institute developed India's first Indigenous Quantum Diamond Microscope?**

- A) IIT Delhi
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IISc Bangalore
- D) TIFR Mumbai
- E) BARC Mumbai

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Researchers from the Photonics and Quantum Engineering (P-Quest) Lab at IIT Bombay developed India's first Indigenous Quantum Diamond Microscope, marking a milestone in quantum sensing and earning India its first patent in this domain.
- Developed under the National Quantum Mission of the Department of Science and Technology, it is a quantum sensor-based imaging device that uses Nitrogen Vacancy centres inside a diamond crystal to detect and visualize magnetic fields.

**EXAM**  
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## Ques: Which ministry launched the Trade Intelligence and Analytics (TIA) portal?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of External Affairs
- C) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- D) Ministry of Electronics & IT

**Answer: Option C**

### Explanation:

- The Trade Intelligence and Analytics (TIA) portal was launched by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal to improve data-driven trade policymaking.
- The portal aims to enhance trade analytics and promote evidence-based policymaking.
- It provides a comprehensive, integrated platform covering India's trade, global trade, and bilateral trade.
- The portal integrates multiple databases covering trade and macro-economic indicators.

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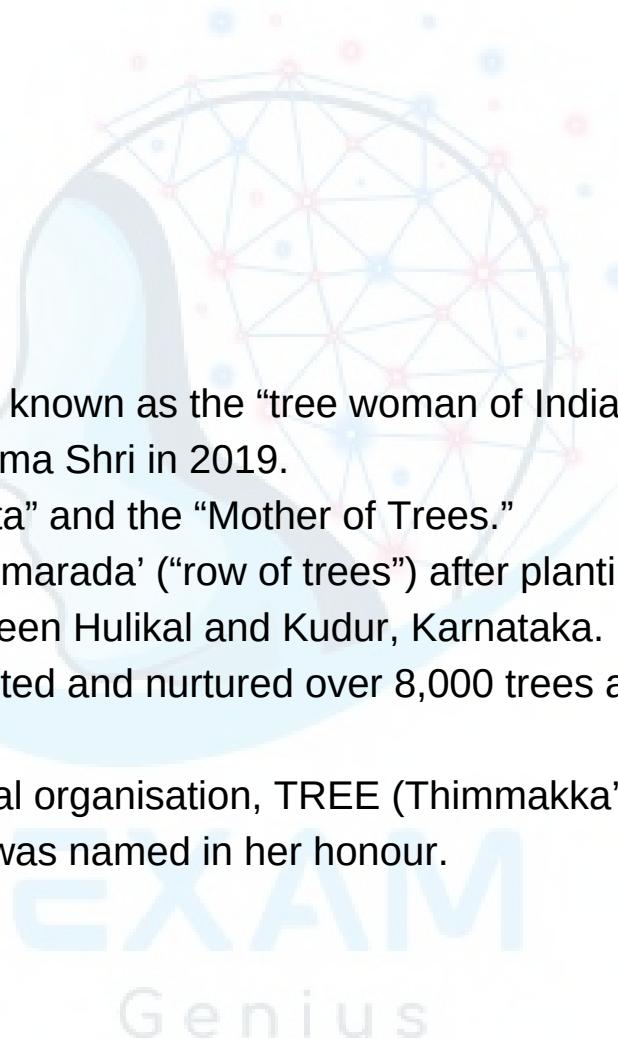
**Ques: Who was the renowned environmentalist, known as the “tree woman of India,” who recently passed away?**

- A) Medha Patkar
- B) Saalumarada Thimmakka
- C) Vandana Shiva
- D) Sunita Narain
- E) Chandi Prasad Bhatt

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Saalumarada Thimmakka, known as the “tree woman of India,” passed away.
- She was awarded the Padma Shri in 2019.
- Fondly called “Vriksha Mata” and the “Mother of Trees.”
- She earned the title ‘Saalumarada’ (“row of trees”) after planting 385 banyan trees along a 4.5 km stretch between Hulikal and Kudur, Karnataka.
- She and her husband planted and nurtured over 8,000 trees along Karnataka highways.
- An American environmental organisation, TREE (Thimmakka’s Resources for Environmental Education), was named in her honour.





**Ques: Bank of Baroda (BoB) and which institution have signed an MoU to enhance credit flow and support for MSMEs and startups?**

- A) NABARD
- B) SIDBI
- C) EXIM Bank
- D) RBI
- E) IFCI

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed an MoU to enhance credit flow and working capital support for MSMEs and startups.
- Both institutions will jointly finance MSMEs, enable SIDBI-sanctioned borrowers to use BoB's working capital platform, and provide customised solutions for export-oriented businesses.
- The collaboration will strengthen startup support through SIDBI's Venture Debt Programme and BoB's specialised Startup Banking services.

**About Bank of Baroda :**

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

**About SIDBI :**

- Established : 1990
- HQ : Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Chairman & MD : Manoj Mittal



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- A) HDFC Bank
- B) RBL Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- RBL Bank launched two premium credit cards — LUMIERE and NOVA — to enter the high-end credit card segment.
- These cards are designed to cater to high-net-worth and affluent consumers looking for luxury-focused financial offerings.
- LUMIERE is an 18-gram metal card with an annual fee of ₹50,000, while NOVA is also a metal card offering lifestyle and reward-focused benefits with an annual fee of ₹12,500.

**About RBL Bank:**

- Established: 1943
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO: R. Subramaniakumar
- Tagline: Apno Ka Bank

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- A) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) Punjab National Bank

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of ₹39.60 lakh on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited.
- The bank was penalized for violations related to:
  - Section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (PSS Act)
  - Section 26A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (BR Act)
- The action is based on non-compliance and does not question the validity of transactions or customers' interests.

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## Ques: What global ethical framework did UNESCO adopt during its 43rd General Conference?

- A) Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence
- B) Recommendation on the Ethics of Neurotechnology
- C) Recommendation on the Ethics of Biotechnology
- D) Recommendation on the Ethics of Digital Education
- E) Recommendation on the Ethics of Robotics

### Answer: Option B

#### Explanation:

- UNESCO adopted the “Recommendation on the Ethics of Neurotechnology” during its 43rd General Conference in Paris, France, creating the world’s first global ethical framework for neurotechnology.
- It ensures safeguards so that neurotechnology is used for societal benefit while protecting human rights.
- Neurotechnology includes tools like Brain-Computer Interfaces, neural implants, simulators, wearable brain-monitoring devices, and AI-based neurodata analysis systems.

#### About UNESCO:

- Established: 1945
- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Director-General: Khaled al-Anani

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**Ques: Which companies signed a Memorandum to integrate drone technology into rural enterprises in India?**

- A) ISRO and DRDO
- B) Mahindra & Mahindra and Reliance
- C) Tata Consultancy Services and Infosys
- D) AVPL International and CSC e-Governance Services India Limited
- E) Bharat Electronics Limited and Wipro

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- AVPL International and CSC e-Governance Services India Limited signed an MoU to integrate drone technology into rural enterprises and empower rural entrepreneurs across India.
- The initiative will support Drone-as-a-Service and precision agriculture applications such as spraying, crop monitoring, and yield optimization.
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**Ques: Where did ISRO successfully conduct the critical Main Parachute test for the Gaganyaan Crew Module?**

- A) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- B) Babina Field Firing Range, Jhansi
- C) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- D) Jodhpur Air Base, Rajasthan
- E) Bengaluru, Karnataka

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- ISRO successfully conducted a critical Main Parachute test for the Gaganyaan Crew Module at the Babina Field Firing Range in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, as part of Integrated Main Parachute Airdrop Tests.
- The test ensured validation of the parachute system crucial for astronaut safety during re-entry and landing.
- A simulated payload mass equivalent to the Crew Module was dropped from an altitude of 2.5 km using the IAF IL-76 aircraft.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)?**

- A) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- B) Jawed Ashraf
- C) Pradeep Singh Kharola
- D) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- E) T.S. Tirumurti

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

Former IFS officer Jawed Ashraf has been appointed as Chairman of India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO).

His appointment is on a contract basis for a period of two years (or until further orders).

He succeeds Pradeep Singh Kharola, who previously held the position.

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**Ques: Which company did the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) sign an agreement with for joint development of a Mission Critical Communication System?**

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited
- B) Infosys
- C) Tata Consultancy Services
- D) Reliance Jio
- E) NAM InfoCom Private Limited

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed an agreement with NAM InfoCom Private Limited for the joint development of a Mission Critical Communication System (MCX) solution.
- Under this partnership, C-DOT will provide telecom R&D and system design expertise, while NAM InfoCom will handle system integration, deployment, and customization.
- The collaboration aims to build a fully indigenous MCX ecosystem for secure, real-time communications to support public safety, disaster response, and emergency services across India.

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**Ques: Which beaches in Odisha received the Blue Flag certification for 2025–26?**

- A) Chandrabhaga and Gopalpur
- B) Sunapur and Puri
- C) Konark and Puri
- D) Rushikulya and Chandrabhaga
- E) Gopalpur and Konark

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Sunapur and Puri beaches in Odisha received the Blue Flag certification for the year 2025–26.
- Blue Flag is a globally recognised eco-label awarded by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), based in Denmark.
- Sunapur beach in Ganjam district received the award for the third consecutive year, while Puri's Golden Beach received it for the seventh consecutive year.
- India has a total of 18 Blue Flag certified beaches.

**About Odisha:**

- Capital: Bhubaneswar
- CM: Mohan Charan Majhi
- Governor: Hari Babu Kambhampat

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**Ques: Which airline did IndiGo sign a Memorandum of Understanding with to establish a codeshare partnership?**

- A) China Southern Airlines
- B) Air China
- C) Cathay Pacific
- D) Singapore Airlines
- E) Japan Airlines

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- IndiGo signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China Southern Airlines to establish a codeshare partnership and mutual cooperation agreement.
- IndiGo currently maintains codeshare agreements with 12 airlines. A codeshare is a marketing arrangement where two airlines sell tickets on each other's flights, sharing network access.
- Direct air travel between India and China, which was suspended in early 2020 due to the pandemic and geopolitical tensions, has resumed with IndiGo operating daily Delhi–Guangzhou flights and having earlier restarted its Kolkata–Guangzhou service in October 2025.

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**Ques: Which organization launched a “one-stop” travel system to simplify regional travel in the Gulf?**

- A) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
- B) Arab League
- C) United Nations
- D) Organization of Islamic Cooperation
- E) World Tourism Organization

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) launched an ambitious project to simplify regional travel, starting with the UAE and Bahrain, by introducing a “one-stop” travel system.
- The new system allows citizens of member states to complete all travel formalities at a single checkpoint, eliminating repeated inspections upon arrival.
- If successful, the model will extend to all six GCC nations — Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, and the UAE.
- The new travel framework was announced during the 42nd meeting of GCC Interior Ministers held in Kuwait City.

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**Ques: What is the purpose of the “Startup Common Application Journey” launched on the Jan Samarth portal?**

- A) To provide subsidies for new startups
- B) To offer a unified digital platform for startups to access credit across all Indian PSBs
- C) To promote export-related services
- D) To provide tax benefits for startups
- E) To support startup incubation centres

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Department of Financial Services launched the “Startup Common Application Journey” on the Jan Samarth portal to provide a unified digital platform for startups to access credit across all Indian Public Sector Banks.
- The initiative, supported by a Model Loan Scheme, offers loans up to Rs 20 crore under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) operated by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- The Jan Samarth portal, launched in June 2022, serves as a single digital platform linking eligible beneficiaries to 14 credit-linked government schemes.

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**Ques: Which beach in Tamil Nadu retained the International Blue Flag Certification for the 5th consecutive year for 2025–26?**

- A) Marina Beach
- B) Rameswaram Beach
- C) Kovalam Beach
- D) Silver Beach
- E) Elliot's Beach

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Kovalam Beach, located in Chengalpattu district of Tamil Nadu, retained the International Blue Flag Certification for the 5th consecutive year for 2025–26.
- Kovalam Beach first received the Blue Flag Certification in September 2021, becoming the first beach from Tamil Nadu to gain this global recognition.
- The Blue Flag is a globally recognised eco-label awarded by Denmark's Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) across beaches, marinas, and sustainable tourism operators.
- In October 2025, 5 beaches from Maharashtra received the International Blue Flag Certification, taking the total number of Blue Flag-certified beaches in India to 18.

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**Ques: Which renowned Indian computer scientist, known as the “Pitamaha of Computer Science education in India,” recently passed away?**

- A) Prof. C. R. Rao
- B) Prof. V. Rajaraman
- C) Prof. Vijay Bhatkar
- D) Prof. Raj Reddy
- E) Prof. P. V. Indiresan

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Professor Vaidyeswaran Rajaraman, known as the “Pitamaha of Computer Science education in India,” passed away.
- He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1998.
- From 1982 to 1994, he served as Chairman of the Supercomputer Education and Research Centre (SERC) at IISc Bengaluru.
- He received the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize in 1976, one of India’s highest science awards instituted by CSIR in 1958.

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