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Ques: How many lenders are live on RBI's Unified Lending Interface (ULI) platform as of December 12, 2025?

- A) 52
- B) 58
- C) 60
- D) 64
- E) 70

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- As of December 12, 2025, 64 lenders are live on the Reserve Bank of India's Unified Lending Interface (ULI) platform.
- These include 41 banks and 23 Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- Lenders are using 136+ data services across 12 different loan journeys through ULI.
- Data services cover authentication and verification, land records from 8 states, satellite data, property search, dairy insights, transliteration, and credit guarantee services.
- ULI operates on a standardised, open API-based, plug-and-play architecture, removing the need for complex one-to-one integrations.

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Ques: Rediff.com India Limited has received final approval from which organisation to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) for its digital payments platform 'RediffPay'?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY)
- C) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- D) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- E) Department of Financial Services (DFS)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rediff.com India Limited, a subsidiary of Infibeam Avenues Limited, received final approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP).
- After receiving approval, the company initiated Closed User Group (CUG) testing of its digital payments platform RediffPay.
- This testing phase is being conducted prior to the public launch of RediffPay on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- According to the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India, the number of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) declined by 15 during FY25, bringing the total down to 1,457.
- According to the RBI report, deposits in India's payments banks increased by 57% year-on-year to ₹25,605 crore as of March 2025.
- As per the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2024–25, the banking system's balance sheet expanded by 11.2% during the year.
- According to the RBI report, the total number of ATMs in India declined to 2,51,057 as of March 31, 2025, from 2,53,417 a year earlier.
- Aryaman Finance (India) Limited (AFIL) has received a Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start the business of a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
- The Reserve Bank of India has postponed the implementation of Phase-II of Continuous Clearing and Settlement on Realisation (CCSR) under the Cheque Truncation System, which was earlier scheduled for 3 January 2026, until further notice.

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Ques: Which insurance company was penalised ₹1 crore by IRDAI for serious lapses related to claims settlement, policyholder protection, and corporate governance?

- A) Star Health and Allied Insurance
- B) Care Health Insurance
- C) HDFC ERGO Health Insurance
- D) Niva Bupa Health Insurance
- E) ICICI Lombard Health Insurance

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a ₹1 crore penalty on Care Health Insurance after a remote inspection.
- The penalty was due to serious lapses in claims settlement, policyholder protection, and corporate governance.
- Issues noted included failure in grievance redressal, cybersecurity lapses, lack of transparency in claims settlement, reinsurance accounting irregularities, and improper handling of unidentified proposal deposits.

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Ques: As per RBI data, what was the total value of bank frauds reported in the first half of FY26 (H1FY26)?

- A) ₹16,569 crore
- B) ₹18,336 crore
- C) ₹21,515 crore
- D) ₹25,000 crore
- E) ₹17,501 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per RBI data, banks reported 5,092 fraud cases amounting to ₹21,515 crore during H1FY26.
- The largest share of fraud value was related to advances (loans), accounting for ₹17,501 crore across 4,255 cases.
- Other fraud areas included deposits, foreign exchange transactions, and card/internet-based frauds.
- Compared to H1FY25 (₹16,569 crore), the value increased while the number of cases declined in FY26.
- RBI clarified that the rise in value was mainly due to reclassification and re-reporting of earlier fraud cases.

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Ques: 'Gaj', the premium metal credit card, has been launched by which bank and is available exclusively for which category of customers?

- A) HDFC Bank – Mass Retail Customers
- B) Axis Bank – Corporate Clients
- C) ICICI Bank – Premium Salary Account Holders
- D) IDFC First Bank – High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs)
- E) SBI – Wealth Management Clients

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- 'Gaj' is a premium metal credit card launched by IDFC First Bank Limited on an invitation-only basis.
- The card is available exclusively for High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs).
- The joining fee for the 'Gaj' credit card is ₹12,500 plus applicable GST.
- 'Gaj' represents the top tier of IDFC First Bank's premium metal credit card series known as the Ashva–Mayura–Gaj trilogy.

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Ques: How much does the Government of India plan to borrow through short-term Treasury Bills (T-Bills) over 12 weeks in Q4 of the current financial year?

- A) ₹2.47 lakh crore
- B) ₹3.94 lakh crore
- C) ₹3.50 lakh crore
- D) ₹4.10 lakh crore
- E) ₹3.84 lakh crore

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The **Government** of India plans to borrow ₹3.84 lakh crore through short-term Treasury Bills over 12 weeks in Q4 to meet short-term funding requirements.
- Weekly T-Bill auctions will range between ₹29,000 crore and ₹35,000 crore, as per the Finance Ministry.
- The planned Q4 borrowing is ₹10,000 crore lower than the ₹3.94 lakh crore raised in Q4 of the previous financial year.
- Earlier, the government had announced a Q3 T-Bill auction calendar of ₹2.47 lakh crore, which ended on 31 December 2025.

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Ques: Who published the Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2024–25 (10th Edition)?

- A) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Reserve Bank of India
- E) National Statistical Office

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2024–25 (10th Edition) has been published by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- It provides a consolidated and comparable statistical database for Indian States and Union Territories, with time-series data from 1951 onwards.
- The handbook is prepared by the Regional Economy Monitoring Division (REMD) under the Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR) of RBI.
- The 10th edition introduces a new External Sector section and includes 11 new state-wise statistical tables, improving regional analysis.

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Ques: According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which digital payment system accounted for the largest share in transaction volume during FY 2024–25?

- A) RTGS
- B) NEFT
- C) IMPS
- D) UPI
- E) Cheques

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- As per RBI data, digital payments continued to dominate India's payment ecosystem during FY 2024–25.
- In volume terms, digital payments grew by about 35%, driven mainly by small-value retail transactions.
- UPI emerged as the digital payment system with the largest share in transaction volume, reflecting its widespread use for everyday payments.
- In contrast, RTGS accounted for the largest share in value terms, as it is used primarily for high-value transactions.

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Ques: Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme – UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), how many routes have been operationalised across India as of 30 November?

- A) 512
- B) 589
- C) 651
- D) 702
- E) 725

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme – UDAN, a total of 651 routes have been operationalised across India as of 30 November.
- The scheme aims to enhance regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable.
- UDAN has connected 93 unserved and underserved airports, along with 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes.
- Around 157 lakh passengers have benefited so far, with approximately 3.27 lakh UDAN flights operated.
- The scheme was launched on 21 October 2016 and is implemented by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

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Ques: Which state has become the first in India to host the Indian Artificial Intelligence Research Organization (IAIRO), approved to be set up at GIFT City?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Karnataka
- C) Telangana
- D) Gujarat
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Gujarat Government granted in-principle approval for setting up the Indian Artificial Intelligence Research Organization (IAIRO) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- With this initiative, Gujarat has become the first state in India to host a dedicated AI research organization.
- IAIRO is scheduled to become operational from 1 January 2026.
- The organization will be established as a non-profit SPV under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- It will be set up through a tripartite partnership involving the Gujarat Government, Government of India, and the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA).
- The total five-year budget of ₹300 crore will be shared equally among the three partners.

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Ques: Where was the maiden flight test of the Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR-120) successfully conducted?

- A) Integrated Test Range, Chandipur
- B) Pokhran Test Range
- C) Abdul Kalam Island
- D) Mahendragiri Test Facility
- E) Balasore Firing Range

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The maiden flight test of the Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR-120) was successfully conducted at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur.
- पिनाका लॉन्ग रेंज गाइडेड रॉकेट (LRGR-120) का प्रथम उड़ान परीक्षण इंटीग्रेटेड टेस्ट रेंज (ITR), चांदीपुर में सफलतापूर्वक किया गया।
- The test validated the rocket's maximum strike range of 120 km.
- इस परीक्षण में रॉकेट की 120 किमी की अधिकतम मारक क्षमता का सत्यापन किया गया।
- LRGR-120 has been designed by ARDE in collaboration with HEMRL, with support from DRDL and RCI.
- LRGR-120 को ARDE, HEMRL, DRDL और RCI के सहयोग से विकसित किया गया है।
- The Pinaka system is named after "Pinaka", the celestial bow of Lord Shiva, and was developed by DRDO as an indigenous alternative to the BM-21 Grad system.

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Ques: Which major telecom policy document was released by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to manage and allocate radio-frequency spectrum in India with effect from 30 December 2025?

- A) National Digital Communications Policy 2024
- B) Indian Telegraph Spectrum Policy
- C) National Broadband Mission Plan
- D) National Frequency Allocation Plan 2025
- E) Spectrum Harmonisation Framework

Answer: Option D

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) released the National Frequency Allocation Plan 2025 (NFAP-2025) to manage and allocate radio-frequency spectrum in India.
- NFAP-2025 came into effect on 30 December 2025.
- It serves as a key reference document for spectrum managers, telecom operators, and equipment manufacturers.
- The plan supports future communication needs including 5G, 6G, and satellite services, aligned with global standards.
- NFAP-2025 allocates spectrum across a wide frequency range from 8.3 kHz to 3000 GHz.





Recent Penalties imposed on Banks:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed regulatory restrictions on two Urban Cooperative Banks—The Gauhati Cooperative Urban Bank Limited in Assam and The Valsad Mahila Nagrik Sahakari Bank Limited in Gujarat.
- The Reserve Bank of India imposed a monetary penalty of ₹99.30 lakh on Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited.
- RBI imposed a penalty of ₹91 lakh on HDFC Bank for violations related to the Banking Regulation Act and deficiencies in statutory and regulatory compliance, including KYC-related lapses.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of ₹39.60 lakh on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited.
- The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) imposed a penalty of ₹8,00,000 each on Dikshant IAS and Abhimanu IAS for misleading advertisements, unfair trade practices, and violation of consumer rights under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a ₹1 crore penalty on Liberty General Insurance for violations related to outsourcing, commission payments, and remuneration to intermediaries.

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Ques: Who inaugurated and flagged off the inaugural flight of the indigenous next-generation civil helicopter Dhruv-NG in Bengaluru?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Jyotiraditya Scindia
- C) Ram Mohan Naidu
- D) Nitin Gadkari
- E) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer: Option C

Explanation: • Union Minister for Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu inaugurated and flagged off the inaugural flight of the indigenous next-generation civil helicopter Dhruv-NG at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) facilities in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

- Dhruv-NG has been developed by HAL as an Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) in the 5.5-tonne class.
- It is a light twin-engine, multi-role civil helicopter powered by twin Shakti 1H1C engines.
- The helicopter can carry up to 14 passengers, with a maximum speed of 285 km/h and a range of 630 km.
- It features a civil-certified glass cockpit, a service ceiling of 6,000 metres, and a payload capacity of up to 1,000 kg, strengthening India's indigenous civil aviation capabilities.

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Ques: INSV Kaundinya, recently in news, is based on which historical source?

- A) Ajanta cave paintings
- B) Konark temple carvings
- C) Harappan dockyard remains
- D) Indus Valley seals
- E) Sun temple manuscripts

Answer: Option A

Explanation: • INSV Kaundinya is an engineless, indigenously built stitched sailing vessel of the Indian Navy.

- The vessel sailed on its maiden overseas voyage from Porbandar (Gujarat) to Muscat (Oman).
- The journey covers about 1,400 km and is expected to take around 15 days, using wind and oars for propulsion.
- The expedition aims to revive and showcase India's ancient maritime heritage and historic sea routes linking India with Oman.
- The vessel is based on a 5th-century CE ship depicted in Ajanta cave paintings.
- INSV Kaundinya was launched in February 2025 at Goa.
- It was built using ancient stitched-shipbuilding techniques by traditional artisans under master shipwright Babu Sankaran.
- The project was undertaken under a tripartite MoU between the Ministry of Culture, Indian Navy, and M/s Hodi Innovations.

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Ques: Which ministry is responsible for implementing Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0, under which more than 53 lakh candidates were trained in the last five years?

- A) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- B) Ministry of Education
- C) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Answer: Option A

Explanation: • PMKVY 4.0 is implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

- Over the last five years, more than 53 lakh candidates have been trained under PMKVY.
- Around 70.5% of surveyed candidates were placed in their desired skill sectors.
- PMKVY is a flagship skill development scheme launched in 2015 and implemented through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- The scheme focuses on short-term training, certification, and placement for industry-relevant skills.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- NPCI launched upihelp.npci.org.in as a centralized platform to improve transparency and user control over UPI AutoPay standing instructions, reduce dark patterns, and enable easy portability of mandates.
- Galaxy Health Insurance, promoted by V Jagannathan and TVS Group's Venu Srinivasan, has launched a new health insurance product named "Galaxy Twin 360".
- Canara ai1Pe has been launched by Canara Bank. It allows users to link savings or current accounts from any bank to make and receive UPI payments.
- Axis Bank Limited, a leading private sector lender in India, launched a new digital loan product called 'Digital Merchant Cash Advance Loans' for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- The IndusInd Bank Jio-bp Mobility+ Credit Card was launched on 10 December 2025.
- South Indian Bank has launched the RuPay SIB Paytag, a contactless NFC-enabled payment sticker/device.
- IDFC First Bank has launched the 'IDFC First Global Savings Account' for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs).

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Ques: What was the theme of the 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries held in New Delhi?

- A) Cooperative Federalism for New India
- B) Governance Reforms and Digital India
- C) Human Capital for Viksit Bharat
- D) Inclusive Growth and Social Justice
- E) Innovation and Sustainable Development

Answer: Option C

Explanation: • The 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries was held in New Delhi and chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- The theme of the conference was “Human Capital for Viksit Bharat.”
- The theme emphasized the role of human development in achieving the vision of a developed India.
- Focus areas included early childhood education, schooling, skilling, higher education, and sports & extracurricular activities.

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Ques: Which bird species' breeding habitats were approved for protection during the 68th Executive Committee meeting of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)?

- A) Sarus Crane
- B) Great Indian Bustard
- C) Lesser Flamingo
- D) Black-necked Stork
- E) Indian Skimmer

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The 68th Executive Committee meeting of NMCG focused on ensuring uninterrupted and unpolluted flow of the Ganga and its tributaries.
- The committee approved protection of breeding habitats of sandbar-nesting birds, specifically the Indian Skimmer.
- Nest monitoring will continue in Chambal and Lower Ganga regions, expanding to Bijnor, Narora, and Prayagraj.
- This initiative adds avifauna conservation to NMCG's existing programmes for dolphins, turtles, and muggers.
- Local communities will be trained to minimize human disturbance on sandbars and support awareness and conservation activities.

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- Under Nature-Based Solutions (NbS), in-situ treatment of drains at Shastri Park, Gaushala, and Kailash Nagar/Ramesh Nagar in Delhi was approved to rejuvenate the Yamuna.
- Raw sewage will be treated on-site using eco-friendly methods such as rock filters, stone masonry, and aquatic plants before entering the Yamuna.
- Revised infrastructure approvals were granted for projects in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal to maintain project momentum.
- A master plan was approved to restore the sanctity of the Gomti River's origin at Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh.

About National Mission for Clean Ganga :

- Launched in : 2011 under the Societies Registration Act 1860
- Flagship Program : Namami Gange (launched in June 2014)
- Parent Ministry : Ministry of Jal Shakti
- implemented by : National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of River Ganga

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Ques : Who is the author of the political memoir “107 Days”?

- A) Hillary Clinton
- B) Michelle Obama
- C) Kamala Harris
- D) Nikki Haley
- E) Condoleezza Rice

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- “107 Days” is a political memoir authored by Kamala Harris.
- The book recounts her 107-day presidential campaign journey and highlights key political experiences.
- Kamala Harris served as the 49th Vice President of the United States (2021–2025) under President Joe Biden.
- She is the first woman, first African-American, and first Asian-American to hold the Vice President position in U.S. history.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Interim Director General (DG) of the National Investigation Agency (NIA)?

- A) Sadanand Vasant Date
- B) Rakesh Asthana
- C) Ajit Doval
- D) Alok Verma
- E) Rakesh Agarwal

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Rakesh Agarwal, currently serving as the Special Director General of NIA, has been appointed as the Interim Director General (DG) of the agency.
- He will hold the additional charge until a regular DG is appointed or further orders are issued.
- Rakesh Agarwal has succeeded Sadanand Vasant Date in this role.
- The National Investigation Agency (NIA), established in 2008 after the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, is India's premier counter-terrorism agency, investigating terrorism, terror financing, and organized crime affecting national security.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- **ASPIRE stands for A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industry, and Entrepreneurship and is implemented by the Ministry of MSME.**
- **Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched the “Atal Canteen Scheme” to provide nutritious and hygienic meals at a highly subsidised rate of ₹5 per plate.**
- **The Union Home Ministry revised the guidelines under the ‘Support to Poor Prisoners’ scheme, which was launched in 2023.**
- **The Supreme Court ruled that families of doctors who died while performing COVID-19 duties are entitled to ₹50 lakh insurance under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY).**
- **The Government has approved Namu Drone Didi as a Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of ₹1,261 crore for 2023–24 to 2025–26.**
- **PM E-DRIVE scheme was notified on 29 September 2024 with a total allocation of ₹4,391 crore.**
- **System for Pension Administration – Raksha (SPARSH) has onboarded over 31 lakh defence pensioners across India and Nepal as of November 2025. SPARSH is a flagship Digital India initiative of the Ministry of Defence**

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Ques: Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS) has entered into a strategic partnership with which institution to strengthen ethical governance in EPFO?

- A) IC Centre for Governance (ICCFG)
- B) Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)
- C) Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA)
- D) National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM)
- E) Centre for Good Governance (CGG)

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- PDUNASS, the apex training institution of EPFO, has partnered with the IC Centre for Governance (ICCFG) to strengthen ethical governance.
- This collaboration complements EPFO's 2025 operational reforms, such as the simplified withdrawal framework and centralized pension payment system.
- With increasing automation reducing manual processes, the partnership aims to ensure higher standards of moral judgment in complex and discretionary cases.
- The PDUNASS–ICCFG collaboration aims to ensure that the human element of governance keeps pace with the growing digital systems.
- PDUNASS is the premier learning and research institute of EPFO under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, and plays a key role in capacity building aligned with Labour Codes and Digital India initiatives.
- The IC Centre for Governance (ICCFG) is a reputed non-profit institution dedicated to strengthening ethical governance through executive education and policy dialogue for senior civil servants and PSU leaders.
- ICCfG's "Ethics in Public Governance" modules are widely recognised for their practical relevance and transformative impact on public administration.

About EPFO :

- Established : 1952
- HQ : New Delhi
- Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC) : Ramesh Krishnamurthi





Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- India successfully test-fired the K-4, an intermediate-range Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM), from INS Arighaat, India's second nuclear-powered submarine, in the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Samudra Pratap (Yard 1267) is India's first indigenously designed and built Pollution Control Vessel (PCV), formally inducted by the Indian Coast Guard at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) using the Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3-M6) on a dedicated commercial mission.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited delivered INS Anjadip, the third of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), to the Indian Navy at Chennai Port Trust, Tamil Nadu.
- NASA reported a loss of communication with the MAVEN spacecraft while it was orbiting Mars.
- The Indian Navy commissioned INAS 335 'Ospreys', its second squadron of MH-60R (Romeo) multi-role naval helicopters, at INS Hansa, Goa.

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Ques: What is the total value of defence contracts signed by the Ministry of Defence for the procurement of CQB Carbines and Heavy Weight Torpedoes?

- A) ₹3,500 crore
- B) ₹4,200 crore
- C) ₹4,666 crore
- D) ₹5,100 crore
- E) ₹6,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Ministry of Defence signed defence contracts worth ₹4,666 crore in New Delhi.
- A ₹2,770 crore contract was signed with Bharat Forge Limited and PLR Systems Pvt. Ltd. for procurement of over 4 lakh CQB Carbines for the Indian Army and Navy.
- Another contract worth ₹1,896 crore was signed with WASS Submarine Systems S.R.L., Italy for Heavy Weight Torpedoes.
- These procurements aim to modernise India's armed forces by replacing legacy weapons and strengthening underwater warfare capability.

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Ques: Who became the highest wicket-taker in Women's T20 International cricket by claiming her 152nd wicket?

- A) Deepti Sharma
- B) Ellyse Perry
- C) Jhulan Goswami
- D) Megan Schutt
- E) Anisa Mohammed

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Deepti Sharma became the highest wicket-taker in Women's T20 International cricket by claiming her 152nd wicket.
- She achieved this milestone during the 5th T20I against Sri Lanka at Thiruvananthapuram.
- Deepti Sharma surpassed Australia's Megan Schutt, who held the previous record with 151 wickets.
- With this achievement, Deepti Sharma now tops the all-time Women's T20I wicket-takers list.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The Department of Science and Technology (DST) organised the National Workshop on Strengthening of Geospatial Ecosystem at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.
- India will officially assume the chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS), a global initiative to remove conflict diamonds from the supply chain, starting January 1, 2026.
- The 20th Conference of the Parties (CoP20) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was held from 24 November to 05 December 2025.
- The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) partners — India, the United States, Australia, and Japan — conducted their first Field Training Exercise on the sidelines of Operation Christmas Drop.
- The 11th Conference of the State Parties (COSP-11) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) was held in Doha, Qatar.
- CeRAI – Centre for Responsible AI, IIT Madras, in collaboration with IndiaAI Mission under MeitY, is hosting a Pre-Summit Event on 11 December in Chennai.

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Ques: Who was Bangladesh's first female Prime Minister, who served two terms and was later honoured with the 'Mother of Democracy' award?

- A) Sheikh Hasina
- B) Rasheda Choudhury
- C) Benazir Bhutto
- D) Khaleda Mashraf
- E) Begum Khaleda Zia

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- **Begum** Khaleda Zia was Bangladesh's first female Prime Minister and served two terms: 1991–1996 and 2001–2006.
- She was the chairperson of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), which she joined in 1982.
- In 2022, she was honoured with the 'Mother of Democracy' award by the Canadian Human Rights International Organization (CHRIO).
- She was the second female Prime Minister in the Muslim world, after Benazir Bhutto.

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