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Ques: Asian Development Bank (ADB) provided ₹4,100 crore assistance to which state for the Musi Riverfront Development Project Phase-I?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Asian Development Bank provided ₹4,100 crore (USD 500 million) to the Government of Telangana.
- The amount was given to the Minister for Industries and Commerce, Government of Telangana.
- The assistance is for Phase-I of the Musi Riverfront Development Project.
- The project aims to rejuvenate and restore the Musi River.

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Ques: Who chaired the first meeting of the Payments Regulatory Board (PRB)?

- A) Shaktikanta Das
- B) S Krishnan
- C) T Rabi Sankar
- D) Aruna Sundararajan
- E) Sanjay Malhotra

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The first meeting of the Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) was held in Mumbai under the chairmanship of RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.
- The Board reviewed the functioning of the Department of Payment and Settlement Systems and domestic and global payment systems.
- The draft Payments Vision 2028 was presented for strategic guidance.
- PRB was constituted after amendment to the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, effective from 9 May 2025.
- PRB replaced the Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems (BPSS).
- Members present included S Krishnan, Nagaraju Maddirala, Aruna Sundararajan, T Rabi Sankar, and Vivek Deep.

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RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan of ₹300 crore (about USD 30 million) to the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) issued by Grihum Housing Finance Limited.
- The World Bank has provided a loan of ₹9,821 crore to the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL).
- Five loan agreements worth over \$2.2 billion given by ADB to India to Support key national flagship programmes and state-level projects in skilling, renewable energy, healthcare, urban transport, and sustainable livelihoods
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 240 million loan for the expansion of the Chennai Metro Rail network.
- Petronet LNG Limited has received a loan of ₹12,000 crore. The loan has been extended jointly by State Bank of India (SBI) and Bank of Baroda.
- The World Bank has approved \$600 million financing for two clean air programmes in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of ESAF Small Finance Bank?

- A) R. P. Ramakrishnan
- B) Karthikeyan Manickam
- C) K. Paul Thomas
- D) Rajnish Kumar
- E) Shyam Srinivasan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Karthikeyan Manickam, former Executive Director (ED) of Bank of India, has been appointed as the Chairman of ESAF Small Finance Bank (ESAF SFB).
- He replaced R. P. Ramakrishnan in this position.
- ESAF Small Finance Bank was established on 10 March 2017.
- The headquarters of ESAF Small Finance Bank is located in Thrissur, Kerala.
- K. Paul Thomas is the Managing Director and CEO of the bank.

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Ques: What major milestone was announced in the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project in Maharashtra?

- A) Completion of the longest underground tunnel in Gujarat
- B) Breakthrough of the second mountain tunnel in Palghar
- C) Inauguration of Virar bullet train station
- D) Completion of the entire tunnel network
- E) Start of commercial operations of bullet train

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the breakthrough of the second tunnel in Palghar, Maharashtra, marking the first mountain tunnel of the Bullet Train Project in the state.
- The breakthrough was achieved in the 1.5 km long mountain tunnel MT-5 between Virar and Boisar bullet train stations.
- Earlier, a 5 km underground tunnel between Thane and BKC was completed in September 2025.
- The Mumbai–Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project is 508 km long with a total tunnel length of 27.4 km, including 21 km underground and 6.4 km surface tunnels.
- The project includes eight mountain tunnels and connects major cities from Sabarmati to Mumbai across Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and Maharashtra.

About Maharashtra :

- Capital : Mumbai
- CM : Devendra Fadnavis
- Governor : Acharya Devvrat





Ques: Who is set to become the oldest woman to play at the Australian Open after receiving a wildcard entry?

- A) Serena Williams
- B) Kimiko Date
- C) Venus Williams
- D) Martina Navratilova
- E) Victoria Azarenka

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Venus Williams (45) has been awarded a wildcard entry to the Australian Open.
- She will become the oldest woman ever to compete at the Australian Open.
- The Australian Open is the season-opening Grand Slam tournament.
- Venus will play in the main draw for the first time since 2021.
- She is a seven-time Grand Slam singles champion and one of the greatest players in tennis history.
- Venus Williams expressed excitement about returning to Australia and competing again.

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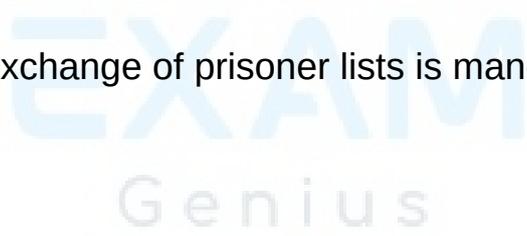
Ques: India and Pakistan exchanged the list of Nuclear Installations and Facilities for which consecutive time?

- A) 33rd time
- B) 34th time
- C) 35th time
- D) 36th time
- E) 37th time

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Pakistan exchanged the list of Nuclear Installations and Facilities simultaneously through diplomatic channels in New Delhi and Islamabad.
- This marked the 35th consecutive exchange of such lists between the two countries.
- The agreement was signed on 31 December 1988 and came into force on 27 January 1991.
- The two countries also exchanged the list of prisoners under the Consular Access Agreement signed on 21 May 2008.
- Pakistan handed over a list of 257 Indian prisoners, including 199 fishermen and 58 other civilians.
- As per the agreement, the exchange of prisoner lists is mandatory twice a year, in January and July.





Ques: What is the main objective of the Lakhpati Didi Initiative under DAY–NRLM?

- A) Strengthening SHGs as institutions
- B) Providing subsidies to rural enterprises
- C) Enabling SHG women to earn ₹1 lakh or more annually on a sustainable basis
- D) Promoting urban self-employment
- E) Creating rural industrial clusters

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Lakhpati Didi Initiative is an outcome of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY–NRLM), a centrally sponsored scheme of the Ministry of Rural Development.
- It focuses on individual SHG women and aims to enable them to earn at least ₹1,00,000 per year or ₹10,000 per month on a sustainable basis.
- Income must be sustained for a minimum of four agricultural seasons or business cycles.
- There is no separate budget; all activities are funded under DAY–NRLM through training, capacity building, financial assistance, and bank linkage.

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Ques: Under which programme did President Droupadi Murmu launch the #SkillTheNation Challenge to promote AI education in India?

- A) Digital India Mission
- B) Skill India Mission – SOAR Programme
- C) National AI Strategy
- D) PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- E) Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu launched the #SkillTheNation Challenge under the Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme, a key component of the Skill India Mission.
- The initiatives were launched at an event held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi.
- She also virtually inaugurated the IGNOU centre at Rairangpur, Odisha.
- The IGNOU centre aims to expand higher education and skill development in tribal-dominated regions of northern Odisha.
- Under SOAR, AI learning is integrated into school education and teacher training for students of classes 6 to 12 and educators nationwide.
- Students complete three 15-hour modules, while teachers undergo a 45-hour module covering AI, machine learning, data literacy, and ethical use of technology.

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Ques: MOI-1 mini-satellite, developed by Hyderabad start-ups, is being launched as a co-passenger payload on which ISRO mission?

- A) PSLV-C54
- B) Gaganyaan-G1
- C) PSLV-C62
- D) SSLV-D3
- E) LVM3-M4

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hyderabad-based space-tech start-ups TakeMe2Space and EON Space Labs developed the 14-kg Earth observation mini-satellite MOI-1.
- The satellite is being launched as a co-passenger payload on ISRO's PSLV-C62 mission from Sriharikota.
- MOI-1 will operate in Low Earth Orbit at about 500 km altitude with an expected lifespan of 3–5 years.
- Built in six months, it is 40–70% cheaper than comparable global satellites.
- It carries a multispectral camera with 9 colour bands, 9.2-metre spatial resolution, and an 18.7-km swath.
- The satellite supports in-orbit computing and AI-based data processing using an onboard NVIDIA GPU, reducing raw data transmission costs.

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Ques: Defence Laboratory Jodhpur (DLJ) of DRDO developed which portable water purification system?

- A) SeaWater Desalination System (SWaDeS)
- B) AquaMarine Purifier
- C) Portable Reverse Osmosis Unit
- D) Marine Water Filtration Device
- E) Saline Water Conversion Kit

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Defence Laboratory Jodhpur (DLJ) under DRDO developed a portable water purification system called SeaWater Desalination System (SWaDeS), available in manual-operated and engine-driven variants.
- The engine-operated variant can desalinate seawater with TDS up to ~35,000 mg/L to below 500 mg/L for 20–25 soldiers, while the manual unit supports 10–12 personnel.
- Engine-operated systems can be set up within 2–3 minutes, and manual units are suitable for remote or power-scarce areas.
- Applications include naval operations, coastal installations, inland saline lakes like Pangong Tso, and long-range patrols.

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Ques: Who became the youngest Indian and the second-youngest woman in the world to ski to the South Pole?

- A) Kaamya Karthikeyan
- B) Malavath Purna
- C) Arunima Sinha
- D) Anshu Jamsenpa
- E) Premlata Agarwal

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Eighteen-year-old Kaamya Karthikeyan from Mumbai became the youngest Indian and the second-youngest woman globally to ski to the South Pole at an elevation of 2,385 metres.
- She started from 89° South and covered 60 nautical miles (115 km) in 11 days in temperatures of -30°C across Antarctic ice.
- In 2019, she became the youngest girl to scale Mount Aconcagua (6,962 m), the highest peak in South America.
- In 2023, she became the youngest Indian to summit Mount Everest from the Nepal side.
- In 2024–25, she completed the Seven Summits challenge, finishing with Mount Vinson in Antarctica.

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Ques: What is the Minimum Export Price (MEP) on natural honey extended by the Government till March 2026?

- A) \$2,000 per tonne
- B) \$1,800 per tonne
- C) \$1,600 per tonne
- D) \$1,400 per tonne
- E) \$1,200 per tonne

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India has extended the Minimum Export Price (MEP) of \$1,400 per tonne on natural honey till 31 March 2026, as notified by the DGFT.
- Earlier, the MEP was reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,400 per tonne to boost India's honey export competitiveness.
- Honey exports between April–October stood at 60,002 tonnes valued at \$117.97 million, with FY 2024–25 exports crossing 1 lakh tonnes worth \$206.47 million.
- Major export markets include the US, UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar.
- Uttar Pradesh is the largest honey-producing state, followed by West Bengal and Punjab.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia : interim Managing Director & CEO of Canara Bank
- Ratan Kumar Kesh : Executive Director (ED) of Bandhan Bank
- Brajesh Kumar Singh : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Canara Bank. (replaced K. Satyanarayana Raju)
- Ms. Shahla Ayoub : Independent Directors in J&K Bank for Tenure 3 Years (Dec 26, 2025 – Dec 25, 2028)
- Bibhu Prasad (BP) Kanungo, former Deputy Governor of RBI : Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of IIFL Finance Limited
- Ashwini Kumar Tewari : Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India
- Ravi Ranjan (Deputy MD in SBI) : Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (Replaced Vinay M. Tonse)
- Ajai Kumar Shukla : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of PNB Housing Finance

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Ques: India's traditional medical systems (AYUSH) were formally recognised in which international trade agreements?

- A) India–UAE CEPA and India–UK FTA
- B) India–Japan CEPA and India–Australia ECTA
- C) India–Oman CEPA and India–New Zealand FTA
- D) India–ASEAN FTA and India–Sri Lanka FTA
- E) India–EU FTA and India–Canada CEPA

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Commerce & Industry announced that India's traditional medical systems under AYUSH have been formally recognised in bilateral trade agreements.
- These include the India–Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and the India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- The announcement was made during the 4th establishment anniversary celebrations of the AYUSH Export Promotion Council (AYUSHEXCIL) in New Delhi.
- AYUSHEXCIL was registered on 4 January 2022 as a Section 8 company with the Registrar of Companies, Delhi.

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Ques: Why did India and Bangladesh begin joint water measurement on the Ganga-Padma rivers?

- A) Due to floods in Bangladesh
- B) To start a new river treaty
- C) As the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty entered its final year
- D) For hydropower generation
- E) To resolve border disputes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Bangladesh initiated joint water measurement on the Ganga and Padma rivers as the 30-year Ganges Water Sharing Treaty entered its final year.
- The measurements are conducted 3,500 feet upstream of the Hardinge Bridge on the Padma River in Bangladesh and simultaneously at the Farakka point on the Ganga River in India.
- The joint exercise aims to ensure accurate data sharing and transparency between the two countries.
- The Ganges Water Sharing Treaty governs the distribution of dry-season flows of the Ganga between India and Bangladesh.

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Ques: “Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction” is written by which author?

- A) Aravind Adiga
- B) Amitav Ghosh
- C) Arundhati Roy
- D) Jhumpa Lahiri
- E) Kiran Desai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- “Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction” is a non-fiction book written by Arundhati Roy.
- The book is a collection of essays written between 2018 and 2020.
- It critically examines themes such as freedom, democracy, nationalism, fascism, and dissent in contemporary India.
- The title ‘Azadi’ symbolizes freedom, resistance, and civil liberties.
- The book reflects Arundhati Roy’s views on political power, state policies, minorities, and civil freedoms.
- The updated edition is published by Penguin Random House India.

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Recent News Headlines Related to DRDO

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully completed the User Evaluation Trials (UETs) of the Akash-New Generation (Akash-NG) surface-to-air missile system at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over seven indigenous technologies developed under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme to the Indian Armed Forces, including the Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a high-speed rocket-sled test of a fighter aircraft escape system at controlled velocity.
- Paras Defence & Space Technologies signed a Technology Transfer Licensing Agreement with DRDO for the Driver Night Sight (DNS) system used in T-90 battle tanks.
- DRDO's Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam, has successfully developed a new generation of Man-portable Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (MP-AUVs) designed for mine countermeasure missions.

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Ques: Why did the Government of India impose a safeguard duty on non-alloy and alloy steel flat products?

- A) To increase export competitiveness
- B) To control domestic steel prices
- C) To protect domestic industry from sudden import surge
- D) To comply with WTO penalty norms
- E) To promote foreign steel imports

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India imposed a final safeguard duty on imports of non-alloy and alloy steel flat products after a DGTR investigation confirmed a sudden surge in imports.
- The provisional safeguard duty has been converted into a definitive measure for three years with immediate effect.
- Duty rates are 12% from 21 April 2025 to 20 April 2026, 11.5% from 21 April 2026 to 20 April 2027, and 11% from 21 April 2027 to 20 April 2028.
- The measure aims to protect the domestic steel industry from a sudden increase in imports.

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Ques: Who has taken charge as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff of India?

- A) Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- B) Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari
- C) Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor
- D) Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- E) Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor has assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force.
- He succeeded Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari, who superannuated after 40 years of service.
- Air Marshal Kapoor is an alumnus of NDA, DSSC, and NDC, and a skilled fighter pilot with over 3,400 flying hours on MiG-21 and MiG-29 aircraft.
- He has held key command, operational, instructional, and staff appointments, including AOC-in-C of Training Command and South Western Air Command.
- He has received multiple gallantry and distinguished service awards.

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Ques: The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) extended SPREE 2025 till which date, allowing voluntary registration without past liabilities?

- A) 31 December 2025
- B) 15 January 2026
- C) 31 January 2026
- D) 28 February 2026
- E) 31 March 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) extended SPREE 2025, allowing voluntary registration without past liabilities until 31 January 2026.
- SPREE 2025 is implemented under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 and was originally valid from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.
- The scheme aims to expand social security coverage by promoting simplified registration of unregistered establishments and employees.
- It covers factories and establishments with 10 or more employees in ESI-notified areas, including shops, hotels, transport services, medical and educational institutions, municipal bodies, and workers earning up to ₹21,000 per month (₹25,000 for persons with disabilities).





Ques: Which country became the first in the world to officially end physical letter delivery?

- A) Sweden
- B) Norway
- C) Denmark
- D) Finland
- E) Netherlands

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Denmark's state-run postal service, PostNord, delivered its last physical letter, ending over 400 years of traditional mail delivery.
- Denmark became the first country in the world to officially stop physical letter delivery in the digital age.
- The decision reflects a sharp decline in letter usage, with PostNord delivering over 90% fewer letters in 2024 than in 2000.
- Parcel delivery services will continue due to growth in e-commerce, and Denmark remains among the most digitally advanced countries with most government services online.

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Recent Defence related appointments :

- **Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor** : 50th Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) (Replaced Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari)
- **Field Marshal Asim Munir** : Pakistan's first Chief of Defence Forces (CDF)
- **Major General Roman Gofman** (currently Netanyahu's military secretary) : Director of Mossad, Israel's intelligence (Replaced David Barnea)
- **Air Marshal Tejbir Singh** : Director General (Inspection and Safety) (succeeds Air Marshal Makarand Bhaskar Ranade)
- **Praveen Kumar**, currently Director General (DG) of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) : Additional charge of DG of the Border Security Force (BSF) (Replaced Daljit Singh Chawdhary)
- **Shri Raj Kumar Arora** : Financial Advisor (Defence Services)
- **Vice Admiral B Sivakumar** : 40th Chief of Materiel (Replaced Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh)
- **Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh** : Chief of Personnel of the Indian Navy

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Ques: PM-KUSUM 2.0, which the Union Government plans to roll out ahead of Union Budget 2026–27, is primarily aimed at what objective?

- A) Large thermal power plants
- B) Nuclear energy in rural areas
- C) Decentralised solar energy in agriculture
- D) Wind energy in coastal states
- E) Hydropower irrigation projects

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- PM-KUSUM 2.0 is the next phase of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM), planned ahead of Budget 2026–27.
- It focuses on promoting decentralised solar energy solutions in the agriculture sector.
- The original PM-KUSUM scheme was launched in March 2019, with the current phase valid till March 2026 and a total outlay of ₹34,422 crore.
- The scheme aims to add around 34,800 MW of solar capacity through decentralised grid-connected solar power plants, standalone solar pumps, and solarisation of existing grid-connected agricultural pumps.

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Ques: Which state hosted the Regional Artificial Intelligence Impact Conference held in December 2025?

- A) Odisha
- B) Telangana
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Karnataka
- E) Gujarat

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Odisha hosted the Regional Artificial Intelligence Impact Conference on 19–20 December 2025.
- The conference focused on AI in governance, AI-enabled public service delivery, and responsible, scalable, and inclusive AI adoption.
- The event aligned with the Odisha AI Policy 2025 and supporting policies in FinTech, Global Capability Centres, and Advanced Electronics.
- The guiding principle of the conference was the Three Ps framework: Planet, People, and Progress.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

The first Gen Z Post Office in Jammu and Kashmir has been inaugurated at AIIMS Vijaypur.

- Surat, widely known as India's "Diamond Capital", is on track to become the country's first fully slum-free city.
- The Ophthalmology Department at the Army Hospital (Research & Referral), Delhi Cantt, performed India's first-ever 3D Flex Aqueous Angiography combined with iStent surgery.
- Tesla has set up its first charging station in India at the DLF Horizon Centre in Gurugram, Haryana.
- VoxelGrids, a Zoho-backed startup, has developed and deployed India's first fully indigenous 1.5T MRI scanner at the Chandrapur Cancer Care Foundation, near Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- India's first AI-driven Diabetic Retinopathy screening programme was launched on December 16, 2025.
- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) delivered the first batch of indigenously developed Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 8x8 vehicles to the Royal Moroccan Army (RMA).

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Ques: Which Indian city, known as the “Diamond City,” is set to become the country’s first slum-free city?

- A) Ahmedabad
- B) Mumbai
- C) Surat
- D) Jaipur
- E) Indore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Surat, Gujarat’s second-largest city, is set to become India’s first slum-free city.
- Known as the “Diamond City” because it processes nearly 90% of the world’s diamonds, and also called the “Silk City” due to its large textile industry.
- Surat is referred to as “Suryapur” and “Green City” for its cleanliness and urban management.
- The city is located on the left bank of the Tapi (Tapti) River and was historically a major port and trading centre of western India.

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Ques: What is the main focus of the NIRYAT PROTSAHAN sub-scheme under the Export Promotion Mission?

- A) Export subsidies for large exporters
- B) Market branding and trade intelligence
- C) Access to affordable trade finance for MSMEs
- D) Logistics infrastructure development
- E) Regulation of export pricing

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The NIRYAT PROTSAHAN sub-scheme under the Export Promotion Mission focuses on strengthening MSME exports by providing easier access to affordable trade finance.
- A ₹7,295-crore export support package has been announced, including a ₹5,181-crore interest subvention scheme and ₹2,114-crore collateral support, easing credit constraints for MSME exporters.
- The first intervention offers interest subvention on pre- and post-shipment rupee export credit to reduce borrowing costs and working-capital constraints.
- A base interest subvention of 2.75% applies, with extra incentives for exports to emerging or under-represented markets.
- Benefits cover exports under a notified positive list (about 75% of tariff lines), with a cap of ₹50 lakh per IEC in FY 2025–26.





Ques: The Ministry of Textiles extended the deadline for submission of fresh applications under which scheme till March 31, 2026?

- A) Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme
- B) Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Textiles
- C) National Technical Textiles Mission
- D) Integrated Textile Parks Scheme
- E) Amended Technology Upgradation Scheme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Textiles extended the deadline for fresh applications under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles to 31 March 2026 (previously 31 December 2025).
- As of 9 September 2025, 91 companies were selected under the PLI scheme, with investments of ₹7,731 crore, exports of ₹733 crore, and turnover of ₹7,290 crore.
- The PLI scheme, launched in September 2021 with a tenure of 5 years (FY22–FY26) and an outlay of ₹10,683 crore, aims to promote manufacturing, global competitiveness, and exports in select textile segments.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- **“107 Days”** : political memoir written by Kamala Harris.
- **‘Mahamana Vangmay: The Collected Works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya’ (Second Series)** : Released by Vice President of India, C.P. Radhakrishnan
- **Economic Empowerment of Bharat in the Modi Era** : Professor Dr. Sikander Kumar, Member of Parliament
- **The Great Sanctions Hack** : Former Reserve Bank of India(RBI) Governor Urjit Patel
- **The Eleventh Hour** : Salman Rushdie
- **Sanatan Sanskriti Ki Atal Drishti** : Shri Vasudev Devnani
- **Ghost-Eye** : Amitav Ghosh
- **Biography ‘Salman Khan: The Sultan of Bollywood’** : Award-winning journalist Mohar Basu
- **'Chunotiya Mujhe Pasand Hai',** based on the life of Uttar Pradesh Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel : Pankaj Jani, Ashok Desai and Vinay Joshi

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Ques: What is the Aadhaar-like unique identification proposed by the Transport Ministry for Electric Vehicle (EV) batteries?

- A) EVIN
- B) Battery UID
- C) BPAN
- D) Green Battery ID
- E) e-Battery Aadhaar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) proposed a unique Aadhaar-like identification number for EV batteries.
- Under draft guidelines, battery manufacturers or importers will assign a 21-character Battery Pack Aadhaar Number (BPAN) to each EV battery.
- The purpose is to ensure end-to-end traceability of EV batteries from manufacturing/import to end-of-life recycling.
- BPAN will facilitate efficient recycling and environmentally sound disposal of used batteries, supporting India's clean mobility and circular economy goals.

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