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Ques: What is the maximum dividend payout cap proposed for commercial banks, small finance banks and payments banks under the revised framework?

- A) 60% of net profit
- B) 70% of net profit
- C) 75% of net profit
- D) 80% of net profit
- E) No upper limit

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the proposed framework, dividend payouts are capped at 75% of net profit for commercial banks, small finance banks and payments banks.
- Regional rural banks and local area banks will be allowed to distribute dividends up to 80% of net profit.
- Banks incorporated in India must report positive adjusted profit after tax for the relevant period to be eligible for dividend payout.
- Foreign banks operating through branches must have positive profit after tax from Indian operations to remit earnings to their head offices.
- The proposed directions apply to commercial banks, small finance banks, payments banks, regional rural banks and local area banks.
- The revised directions also cover all commercial banks, including State Bank of India and foreign banks operating in India through branches.
- Eligible foreign banks can remit profits to their head offices without prior RBI approval, subject to audited accounts and continued compliance with capital requirements.





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The first meeting of the Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) was held in Mumbai under the chairmanship of RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.
- Reserve Bank of India granted final authorisation to BRISKPE to operate as a Payment Aggregator-Cross Border (PA-CB) under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 enabling it to facilitate both inward and outward payment flows.
- The Reserve Bank of India proposed adding podcasts to its communication toolkit to widely disseminate information of public interest.
- The RBI has eased capital adequacy norms for Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) lending to high-quality infrastructure projects through Amendment Directions, 2026.
- The Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2024–25 (10th Edition) has been published by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- According to the RBI report, the share of small-value retail digital payments is increasing rapidly in India.
- As of December 12, 2025, a total of 64 lenders are onboard the Reserve Bank of India's Unified Lending Interface (ULI) platform.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the Supervisory Data Quality Index (sDQI) created by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) To assess profitability of banks
- B) To measure data quality in regulatory returns
- C) To rank banks based on customer service
- D) To evaluate credit growth
- E) To monitor monetary transmission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

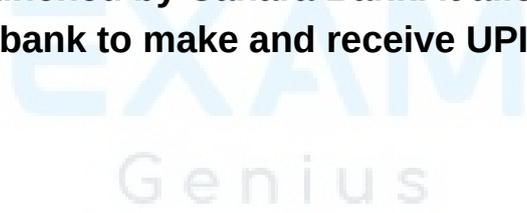
- The Reserve Bank of India created the Supervisory Data Quality Index (sDQI) to measure the quality of data submitted by banks.
- The index evaluates data quality based on accuracy, timeliness, completeness, and consistency in regulatory returns.
- RBI reported that the sDQI score of Scheduled Commercial Banks improved to 90.7 in the September 2025 quarter from 89.9 in April–June 2025.
- Among bank groups, Small Finance Banks recorded the highest sDQI score of 91.5, followed by Public Sector Banks at 91.1.
- Private Sector Banks (90.6) and Foreign Banks (90.4) remained in the “good” category.
- In September 2025, no Scheduled Commercial Bank scored below 80, indicating overall improvement in data quality.
- As per sDQI grading: less than 70 indicates “major concerns”, 70–80 “needs improvement”, 80–90 “acceptable”, and above 90 “good”.
- The sDQI currently covers 87 Scheduled Commercial Banks and assesses returns related to asset quality, liquidity, risk-based supervision, and capital adequacy.





Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- Federal Bank Limited launched 'The Fortuna Wave', a refreshed brand identity, in Mumbai in the presence of Vidya Balan, the bank's brand ambassador.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a Special Revival Campaign to revive lapsed individual policies.
- IDFC FIRST Bank launched the Zero-Forex Diamond Reserve Credit Card as a premium offering for frequent international travellers.
- 'Gaj' is a premium metal credit card launched by IDFC First Bank Limited on an invitation-only basis.
- 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.





Ques: Which bank has introduced the 'Safety Centre' feature on its mobile banking app to enhance protection against digital fraud?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Axis Bank has introduced a new feature called 'Safety Centre' on its mobile banking app to strengthen customer protection against digital fraud.
- The initiative aims to provide customers with greater control over digital banking security and fraud prevention.

About Axis Bank:

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





Ques: How many Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) had their Certificate of Registration (CoR) cancelled by the RBI during December 2025, including voluntary surrenders?

- A) 35
- B) 45
- C) 50
- D) 51
- E) 55

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India cancelled the Certificate of Registration of 35 NBFCs for non-compliance with regulatory requirements.
- These cancellations were effective between December 9 and December 31, 2025.
- Additionally, 16 NBFCs voluntarily surrendered their Certificate of Registration to the RBI.
- This brought the total number of cancelled registrations to 51 NBFCs.
- RBI exercised its powers under Section 45-IA(6) of the RBI Act, 1934.

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Ques: Which state government launched a new financial assistance scheme for Udasin Bhakats to preserve cultural and religious heritage?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Odisha
- C) Assam
- D) Tripura
- E) Manipur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Assam government launched a new financial assistance scheme for Udasin Bhakats.
- Udasin Bhakats are celibate Vaishnavite monks devoted to spiritual practice, worship, and preservation of the Udasin satra system founded by 15th-century saint Srimanta Sankardeva.
- The term “Bhakat” means devotee or disciple, while “Udasin” refers to detachment from worldly life in pursuit of spirituality.
- The scheme aims to ensure the welfare of Bhakats and support the preservation of Assam’s cultural and religious heritage.
- Under the scheme, each eligible Udasin Bhakat receives monthly financial assistance of ₹1,500 directly into their bank account.
- Around 620 Udasin Bhakats have been identified as beneficiaries across Assam.

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Ques: Which of the following books is written by Arundhati Roy?

- A) Midnight's Children
- B) Mother Mary Comes to Me
- C) A Suitable Boy
- D) The Inheritance of Loss
- E) Train to Pakistan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Arundhati Roy is a renowned Indian author, essayist, and social activist.
- Mother Mary Comes to Me is a collection of essays reflecting her views on politics, society, resistance, and justice.
- Her debut novel The God of Small Things (1997) won the Booker Prize and brought her international recognition.
- The Ministry of Utmost Happiness (2017) is her second novel, focusing on identity, conflict, and marginalized voices.
- Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction. (2020) is a non-fiction work discussing democracy, dissent, and freedom in contemporary India.

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Ques: Which state police ranked first in the second edition of the national Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) 2.0 rankings released by the NCRB?

- A) Haryana Police
- B) Assam Police
- C) Uttar Pradesh Police
- D) Uttarakhand Police
- E) Delhi Police

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Uttarakhand Police ranked first in the second edition of ICJS 2.0 rankings with a score of 93.46.
- The rankings were released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- Haryana Police secured second place with a score of 93.41, followed by Assam with 93.16.
- ICJS is a digital platform that integrates police, courts, prosecution, prisons, forensic laboratories, and fingerprint and crime databases to strengthen the criminal justice system.

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Ques: Mount Bur Ni Telong volcano, recently in news, is located in which country?

- A) Philippines
- B) Japan
- C) Indonesia
- D) Papua New Guinea
- E) Chile

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indonesian authorities raised the alert level of Mount Bur Ni Telong volcano to the second-highest level due to increased volcanic activity.
- The alert upgrade followed a series of recorded volcanic earthquakes in the region.
- Mount Bur Ni Telong is located in Aceh province, Indonesia's westernmost province.
- Authorities are closely monitoring seismic and volcanic activity to assess the risk of a possible eruption.
- Indonesia lies on the Pacific Ring of Fire, making it prone to frequent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

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Ques: Where is the Indian Navy planning to establish a new naval detachment to strengthen its maritime posture in the northern Bay of Bengal?

- A) Haldia
- B) Visakhapatnam
- C) Paradip
- D) Digha
- E) Port Blair

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Navy has begun preparatory work to establish a new naval detachment at Haldia to strengthen its maritime posture in the northern Bay of Bengal.
- The new facility will function as a detachment for small warships.
- Operating directly from the Bay of Bengal will help naval units avoid the long transit through the Hooghly River.
- This will enable faster deployment and improved response during contingencies.

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Ques: What is the name of the modern warfare force created by the Indian Army to integrate drone technology and enhance combat capabilities?

- A) Garud Force
- B) Rudra Force
- C) Bhairav
- D) Shakti Corps
- E) Vajra Battalion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Army has created a modern warfare force named Bhairav to enhance combat capabilities through integration of drone technology and a pool of over one lakh trained drone operators.
- Bhairav aims to bridge the operational gap between Para Special Forces and regular Infantry battalions.
- It enables special operations from tactical to operational depth.
- Around 15 Bhairav battalions have already been raised and deployed across formations along both borders.
- The Army plans to raise about 25 more Bhairav battalions in the near future.
- These battalions will make their first public appearance at the Indian Army Day Parade on 15 January 2026 in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- **Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS)** was announced by Chief Minister M. K. Stalin for state government employees and teachers.
- Ahead of the Union Budget 2026–27, the Union Government is preparing to roll out **PM-KUSUM 2.0**, the next phase of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM).
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) approved 22 new proposals under **Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS)**.
- The **Market Access Support (MAS) Scheme** aims to strengthen India's export ecosystem by improving global reach, export visibility, market access, and long-term competitiveness.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0** is implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- The **Regional Connectivity Scheme – UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik)** is a flagship initiative of the Government of India aimed at improving regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable.
- **ASPIRE** stands for **A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industry, and Entrepreneurship** and is implemented by the Ministry of MSME.





Ques: Who is the author of the book “India Unlimited: Reclaiming the Lost Glory”?

- A) Amartya Sen
- B) Raghuram Rajan
- C) Arvind Panagariya
- D) Bibek Debroy
- E) Jagdish Bhagwati

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Unlimited: Reclaiming the Lost Glory is written by renowned economist Dr. Arvind Panagariya, former Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- The book discusses India’s economic journey and critically evaluates the Nehruvian development model.
- It critiques state-led, inward-looking economic policies adopted in the early decades after Independence.
- The book argues that excessive regulation, import substitution, and public sector dominance slowed India’s growth.
- It strongly supports market-oriented reforms, globalization, and private sector participation.
- The book links post-1991 economic reforms with faster growth and deeper global integration.

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Ques: Which organisation has achieved record production of General and non-AC coaches while significantly improving passenger safety and affordability in recent years?

- A) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B) Indian Railways
- C) Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL)
- D) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)
- E) National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Railways has achieved record production of General and non-AC coaches equipped with modern, passenger-friendly facilities to meet rising demand at affordable fares.
- For 2025–26, the production plan includes 4,838 new LHB General and Non-AC coaches, with a target of 4,802 LHB coaches for 2026–27.
- Over 43,000 special train trips were operated, including services for Maha Kumbh, Holi, Summer Specials, and Chhath Puja.
- Indian Railways has identified 76 stations nationwide for developing passenger holding areas following the success of the Yatri Suvidha Kendra at New Delhi Railway Station.
- Passenger safety remains a top priority, with 84% of safety-related funds already utilised under GBS outlays for 2025–26.
- Consequential train accidents have reduced sharply from 135 in 2014–15 to 11 in 2025–26 (up to November 2025).
- The safety budget has nearly tripled to ₹1,16,470 crore, and fog safety devices increased from 90 in 2014 to 25,939 in 2025.
- Amrit Bharat Express trains, fully non-AC with Sleeper and General Class coaches, offer quality travel at affordable fares; 13 new services were introduced in 2025, taking the total to 30.
- Two Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services are operational between Bhuj–Ahmedabad and Jaynagar–Patna, enhancing high-frequency regional connectivity.





Recent News Headlines Related to Books

- Khutbat-e-Modi: Lal Qila Ki Faseel Se : Released by: Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- Hindi translation of the Lithuanian novel “The Last Day”, titled “Antim Din” - Originally written by: Lithuanian-Ukrainian author Jaroslavas Melnikas and Translated into Hindi by: Dr. Poonam Tiwari
- Second edition of the book ‘History That India Ignored’ : Prem Prakash, a veteran journalist
- “Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction” : Arundhati Roy
- “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 and “Overdraft Saving the Indian Saver.”: Former Reserve Bank of India(RBI) Governor Urjit Patel





Ques: Which city has been ranked as the best city for women in India in 2025 according to the “Top Cities for Women in India 2025” report?

- A) Chennai
- B) Pune
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Bengaluru
- E) Mumbai

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The “Top Cities for Women in India 2025” report was published by Chennai-based workplace inclusion firm Avtar.
- The report evaluated 125 cities across India.
- Bengaluru ranked first as the best city for women in India in 2025.
- Bengaluru topped the list with a City Inclusion Score (CIS) of 53.29.
- It was followed by Chennai (49.86), Pune (46.27), Hyderabad (46.04), and Mumbai (44.49).

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Ques: Who is the author of “Another Day in Landour: Looking Out from My Window”?

- A) R.K. Narayan
- B) Ruskin Bond
- C) Amitav Ghosh
- D) Khushwant Singh
- E) Arundhati Roy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Another Day in Landour: Looking Out from My Window is written by Ruskin Bond.
- The work captures simple everyday moments and the quiet beauty of life in Landour.
- It highlights the theme of “Life’s Magic Moments,” finding joy in small and often unnoticed experiences.
- The piece celebrates nature, solitude, memory, and careful observation.
- Ruskin Bond’s writing style is known for its simplicity, lyrical tone, and deeply personal touch.

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Ques: Which year has been declared by the United Nations as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists?

- A) 2024
- B) 2025
- C) 2026
- D) 2027
- E) 2029

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United Nations, under the leadership of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), has declared 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP 2026).
- The initiative was led by Mongolia, with FAO acting as the lead agency.
- The UN General Assembly officially adopted the resolution on March 15, 2022.
- The declaration aims to raise global awareness about the importance of rangelands and pastoralist communities for food security, biodiversity, and sustainable livelihoods.

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Ques: Which organisation celebrated its 79th Foundation Day on 6 January 2026 with the launch of key initiatives in New Delhi?

- A) Quality Council of India (QCI)
- B) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- C) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- D) National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)
- E) Directorate of Weights and Measures

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) celebrated its 79th Foundation Day on 6 January 2026 in New Delhi with the launch and release of several key initiatives.
- BIS is India's National Standards Body under the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
- BIS continues to strengthen India's quality and standards ecosystem through innovation, digital transformation, and inclusive outreach.
- With over 23,300 Indian Standards in force, BIS plays a crucial role in ensuring safety, reliability, and global competitiveness of products and services across sectors.
- To support MSMEs, BIS offers concessions in the Annual Minimum Marking Fee: 80% for Micro, 50% for Small, and 20% for Medium Enterprises.
- "SHINE – Standards Help Inform & Nurture Empowered Women" is a new BIS scheme that places women at the center of India's quality journey. The scheme empowers women through structured training, partnerships with NGOs and SHGs, and locally delivered practical programmes.
- Shri Amandeep Singh (DGM, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.) has been conferred the prestigious 1906 IEC Award.
- He was honoured for his exceptional contributions to the development of IEC Working Groups, drawing from his experience in Indian UHV transmission line engineering.





About Bureau of Indian Standards :

- Established : 1987
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director : General Sanjay Garg



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Ques: Which team created seven partnerships of 50 or more runs in a single innings during the fifth Ashes Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground?

- A) England
- B) India
- C) South Africa
- D) Australia
- E) New Zealand

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Australia produced a historic performance on Day 3 of the fifth Ashes Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground.
- The Australian team created seven partnerships of 50 or more runs in a single innings.
- This was an unprecedented achievement in Ashes cricket and only the second such instance in the 134-year history of Test cricket.
- The only other occurrence was in 2007, when India achieved seven such partnerships at The Oval during Rahul Dravid's captaincy era.

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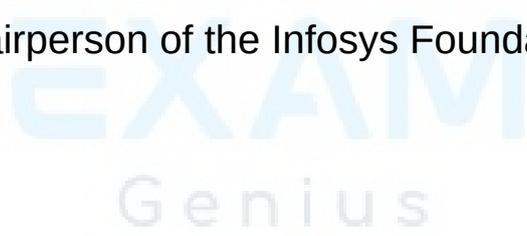
Ques: Who is the author of the books “The Circle of Life”, “How to Be Happy with Who You Are” and “The Magic of the Lost Earrings”?

- A) Arundhati Roy
- B) Jhumpa Lahiri
- C) Sudha Murty
- D) Anita Desai
- E) Kiran Desai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- All three books are authored by renowned Indian writer Sudha Murty.
- The Circle of Life explores life lessons and values.
- How to Be Happy with Who You Are focuses on self-acceptance, values, and inner happiness.
- The Magic of the Lost Earrings is a children-friendly story highlighting moral lessons and simplicity.
- Sudha Murty is known for her simple storytelling style, moral values, and strong social themes.
- She is also the former Chairperson of the Infosys Foundation.





Ques: Which condition was removed to help deep-tech startups avail financial assistance under DSIR's Industrial Research and Development Promotion Programme?

- A) Mandatory turnover limit
- B) Compulsory private funding requirement
- C) Mandatory 3-year existence condition
- D) Compulsory incubation under a government institute
- E) Export-oriented business condition

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh announced the removal of the mandatory 3-year existence condition for deep-tech startups.
- This allows deep-tech startups to avail financial assistance of up to ₹1 crore under DSIR's Industrial Research and Development Promotion Programme.
- The move aims to strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship in India by supporting newer startups at an early stage.
- Alongside, four new initiatives, including the PRISM Network Platform "TePP Outreach cum Cluster Innovation Centre (TOCIC) Innovator Pulse", were launched to enhance innovation pipelines for individuals, startups, and MSMEs.
 - Creative India 2025 was launched under the PRISM scheme to promote entrepreneurship.
- The DSIR Disaster Management Plan was unveiled to enhance preparedness and resilience.
- An agreement under the Technology Development and Utilisation Programme for Women was signed to establish a Skill Satellite Centre at Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, in partnership with NIT Raipur.
- Transfer of Technology agreements were also signed for technologies developed under the Common Research and Technology Development Hubs Programme supported to CSIR-CEERI, Pilani, to strengthen MSME-focused R&D infrastructure.





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- The Global Food City Rankings 2025–26 were published by TasteAtlas : Mumbai (5th), Naples (1st)
- Bloomberg published the World's Richest Families 2025 report : The Ambani Family (8th), Walton (1st)
- 2025 Passport Index published by Arton Capital : India (67th) United Arab Emirates(UAE) (1st)
- Global AI Vibrancy Tool (GVT) 2025 Published by Stanford Institute : India (3rd), USA (1st)
- Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Index 2025/26 : India (131st), Denmark (1st)
- SIPRI Top 100 Arms-Producing and Military Services Companies report 2024 Published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) : Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) – India (44th), Lockheed Martin Corporation - USA (1st)
- 7th edition of the Asia Power Index, released by the Lowy Institute of Australia : India (3rd), USA (1st)
- Cushman & Wakefield's 'Main Streets Across the World 2025' report, : Khan Market (24th)

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Ques: Which day is observed on 8 January to commemorate the historic experiment that demonstrated the Earth's rotation?

- A) World Astronomy Day
- B) Earth Science Day
- C) Space Science Day
- D) World Physics Day
- E) Earth's Rotation Day

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Earth's Rotation Day is observed every year on 8 January.
- The day commemorates French physicist Léon Foucault's historic pendulum experiment conducted in 1851.
- Foucault's experiment was the first public demonstration proving that the Earth rotates on its axis.
- 8 January 2026 marks the 175th anniversary of Foucault's landmark demonstration.

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Important Days

- 12 December : International Day of Neutrality (Started in 2017)
- 12 December : International Universal Health Coverage (UHC) (Theme 2025 Unaffordable health costs? We're sick of it!) (Started in 2018)
- 14 December : International Day Against Colonialism in All Its Forms and Manifestations 2025
- 14 December : National Energy Conservation Day
- 14 – 20 December : National Energy Conservation Week 2025
- 16 December : Vijay Diwas
- 17 December : 22nd International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers 2025 (Started in 2003)
- 18 December : 52nd Arabic Language Day (Theme 2025 Innovative Pathways for Arabic: Policies and Practices for a More Inclusive Linguistic Future) (Started in 2012)
- 18 December : 25th International Migrants Day (Theme 2025 My Great Story: Cultures and Development) (Started in 2000)
- 18 December : National Minority Rights Day
- 20 December : International Human Solidarity Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Solidarity for Sustainable Development: Uniting Communities for a Shared Future)
- 20 December : Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) observes its Raising Day
- 21 December : World Basketball Day 2025 (Started in 2023)
- 21 December : 2nd World Meditation Day (1st - 2024)
- 22 December : National Mathematics Day 2025 (Commemorates Birth date (138th) of Srinivasa Ramanujan, born in 1887)
- 22 December : National Mathematics Day
- 23 December : National Farmer's Day
- 24 December : National Consumer Day (theme "Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice.")
- 25 December : 12th Good Governance Day (theme "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore (Governance Towards Villages)")





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

- **Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, released 55 literary works in classical Indian languages in New Delhi.**
- **Third Technical Hindi Symposium (Takniki Hindi Sangoshthi) “Abhyuday-3” organised at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore. The program was jointly organised by IIT Indore, IIT Jodhpur and the CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR–NIScPR).**
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today lauded the successful commissioning of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited’s (HPCL) Residue Upgradation Facility (RUF) at the Visakh Refinery in Andhra Pradesh, describing it as a decisive leap in Bharat’s journey toward energy security and self-reliance.**
- **The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation under Ministry of Tribal Affairs in New Delhi to strengthen Eklavya Model Residential Schools through Rs 28 crore Corporate Social Responsibility funding.**

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