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**Ques: According to the ACI Worldwide 'Prime Time for Real-Time 2024' report, what share does UPI hold in global real-time payment transactions?**

- A) 35%
- B) 49%
- C) 28%
- D) 56%
- E) 40%

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its June 2025 report, recognised India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as the world's largest real-time retail fast-payment system by transaction volume.
- According to ACI Worldwide's 'Prime Time for Real-Time 2024' report, UPI accounts for 49% of global real-time payment transactions.
- India recorded 129.3 billion real-time transactions, the highest in the world, far ahead of countries like Brazil, Thailand, China and South Korea.
- Government, RBI and NPCI initiatives such as BHIM-UPI incentives and Payment Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) support helped small merchants rapidly adopt digital payments.
- As of 31 October 2025, 5.45 crore digital touchpoints and 56.86 crore QR codes were deployed across around 6.5 crore merchants nationwide.





**Ques: AU Small Finance Bank has received approval to increase its foreign investment limit up to what level?**

- A) 51%
- B) 60%
- C) 65%
- D) 70%
- E) 74%

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- AU Small Finance Bank has received approval from the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance.
- The approval allows the bank to increase its foreign investment limit from 49% to 74% of its paid-up capital.
- The 74% cap is the maximum permissible foreign investment limit for private sector banks in India.
- The move is expected to enhance capital availability, attract global investors and support the bank's growth plans.
- The approval is subject to compliance with RBI guidelines and applicable regulatory norms.

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**Ques: Why did Airpay recently receive approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?**

- A) To launch a digital bank
- B) To operate as a cross-border payment aggregator
- C) To issue credit cards
- D) To manage government subsidies
- E) To provide cryptocurrency services

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Airpay Payment Services has received RBI approval to operate as a cross-border payment aggregator.
- With this approval, Airpay has completed all required authorisations under the unified payment aggregator framework.
- Airpay is now licensed to operate as a payment aggregator across online, physical and cross-border payment categories.
- The approval strengthens India's regulated fintech ecosystem and enables smoother international digital transactions.
- RBI's payment aggregator framework ensures compliance, transparency and consumer protection in digital payments.

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**Ques: Which bank launched the FIRST WOW! Black Credit Card backed by Fixed Deposit?**

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) IDFC First Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) SBI Card

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- IDFC First Bank Limited launched the FIRST WOW! Black Credit Card, a premium credit card backed by a Fixed Deposit (FD).
- The card offers 0% forex (FX) markup, making it attractive for international travellers and cross-border online shoppers.
- Eligibility: Available to individuals aged 18 years and above, against a Fixed Deposit starting at Rs 20,000.

**About IDFC First Bank:**

- Established: 2015
- HQ: Mumbai
- MD & CEO: V Vaidyanathan
- Tagline: Always You First

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**Ques: What direction did the Supreme Court of India give regarding women's representation in State Bar Councils?**

- A) 15% reservation only in elected seats
- B) 30% reservation in State Bar Councils including some office-bearer posts
- C) Reservation applicable only at the Bar Council of India level
- D) Advisory guidelines without legal effect
- E) Reservation limited to new State Bar Councils

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Supreme Court of India directed that 30% of seats in every State Bar Council must be reserved for women.
- The Court also mandated that this reservation should apply to some office-bearer posts within the State Bar Councils.
- Exercising its plenary powers, the Supreme Court held that the necessary rule changes are “deemed to have been made,” giving the order immediate legal effect.
- The decision was based on data showing a severe gender imbalance, with only 9 women among 441 elected representatives across 18 State Bar Councils.
- Women's representation stood at just 2.04%, highlighting systemic exclusion.
- Historically, the Bar Council of India has not had a single woman member since 1961.

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**Ques: Who was awarded the first-ever FIFA Peace Prize instituted by FIFA in 2025?**

- A) Gianni Infantino
- B) António Guterres
- C) Barack Obama
- D) Donald John Trump
- E) Joe Biden

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- FIFA presented the first-ever FIFA Peace Prize to Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America.
- The award was presented by Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA, and was accompanied by a gold medal and a certificate.
- The FIFA Peace Prize, titled “FIFA Unites the World,” is a new global award instituted by FIFA in 2025.
- The award recognises individuals who have made exceptional contributions to peace, unity, and conflict resolution.
- FIFA has announced that the Peace Prize will be an annual award.

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**Ques: India–Sweden joint decarbonisation projects are mainly related to which sectors?**

- A) Power and textiles
- B) Steel and cement
- C) Agriculture and food
- D) Transport and aviation
- E) IT and electronics

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India and Sweden have launched seven joint projects to reduce carbon emissions in the steel and cement sectors.
- The projects are funded by India's Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Swedish Energy Agency.
- These initiatives are being implemented under the LeadIT (Leadership Group for Industry Transition) partnership.
- Major Indian companies such as Tata Steel, JK Cement, Ambuja Cements, Jindal Steel & Power and Prism Johnson are involved.
- Swedish technology firms including Cemvision, Kanthal and Swerim are partnering in these projects.
- Indian academic institutions such as IIT Bombay, IIT-ISM Dhanbad, IIT Bhubaneswar and IIT Hyderabad are participating.

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**Ques: Which organisation collaborated with NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub to launch India's national Quantum Technology Roadmap?**

- A) Google
- B) Microsoft
- C) International Business Machines (IBM)
- D) Intel
- E) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub, in collaboration with International Business Machines (IBM), launched a national Quantum Technology Roadmap.
- The roadmap aims to position India among the top three quantum economies in the world by 2047.
- It focuses on developing indigenous quantum hardware and software capabilities, reducing import dependence, and promoting globally competitive quantum startups and companies.
- By 2035, the roadmap targets incubation of at least 10 globally competitive quantum startups, each with revenues exceeding USD 100 million, and capturing over 50% of the global quantum software and services market value.
- Implementation will be carried out in two phases: Phase 1 (2025–2030) focuses on scaling up quantum hubs and funding at least 50 startups, while Phase 2 (2030–2035) aims at achieving global leadership.

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**Ques: Who became the first Indian bowler to take 100 wickets in all three international formats?**

- A) Mohammed Shami
- B) Arshdeep Singh
- C) Jasprit Bumrah
- D) Bhuvneshwar Kumar
- E) Ravichandran Ashwin

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Jasprit Bumrah became the first Indian bowler to complete 100 wickets in all three international formats — Tests, ODIs and T20Is.
- He achieved this historic milestone by dismissing Dewald Brevis in Cuttack.
- In the shortest format, Bumrah has taken 101 wickets in 81 T20I matches, underlining his consistency and impact.
- With this achievement, Bumrah joined an elite global list of bowlers with 100+ wickets in Tests, ODIs and T20Is.
- Bumrah is also the second Indian to take 100 wickets in T20 Internationals, after Arshdeep Singh.

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**Ques: Maharashtra created a world record by installing 45,911 solar agriculture pumps in one month under which scheme?**

- A) PM-KUSUM Scheme
- B) Magel Tyala Saur Krushipump Scheme
- C) Suryashakti Kisan Yojana
- D) Solar Mission Maharashtra
- E) National Solar Agriculture Programme

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Maharashtra installed 45,911 solar agriculture pumps within a single month, setting a new world record.
- The achievement was accomplished under the 'Magel Tyala Saur Krushipump' scheme.
- The record was officially recognised by Guinness World Records as the highest number of solar pumps installed in a month.
- The achievement was announced by MSEDCL (Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited).
- The certificate presentation ceremony was held at AURIC City grounds, Shendra MIDC, Maharashtra.

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**Ques: As of 01 December 2025, what percentage of rural households in India have tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)?**

- A) 72.40%
- B) 81.36%
- C) 69.10%
- D) 85.20%
- E) 90.00%

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- As on 01 December 2025, 81.36% of rural households in India have tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Out of a total 19.36 crore rural households, 15.75 crore households have been provided with tap water supply.
- At the time of launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, only 3.23 crore rural households, i.e. 16.7%, had tap water connections.
- Since 2019, 12.51 crore additional rural households have been covered with tap water connections, reflecting rapid expansion of the scheme.
- The Jal Jeevan Mission has been extended till 2028 with enhanced budgetary support as announced in Budget 2025.
- Drinking water is a State subject, and the operation and maintenance responsibility lies with States and Union Territories.

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**Ques: India's first all-electric green tug was launched under which flagship programme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways?**

- A) Sagarmala Programme
- B) National Green Hydrogen Mission
- C) Inland Waterways Development Scheme
- D) Maritime India Vision 2030
- E) Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP)

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal virtually flagged off India's first all-electric green tug, marking a major milestone in sustainable maritime operations.
- The tug has been developed under the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP) of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
- GTTP is a flagship decarbonisation initiative aimed at reducing carbon emissions in India's maritime sector.
- The all-electric green tug has been designed for the Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Kandla, and features a 60-ton bollard pull capacity.
- Key advantages of the green tug include silent operations, zero carbon emissions, and optimised energy efficiency.

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**Ques: When is the 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC 2026) scheduled to be held?**

- A) December 2025
- B) January 2026
- C) February 2026
- D) March 2026
- E) November 2025

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC 2026) has been announced by the Ministry of Education and is scheduled to be held in January 2026.
- Pariksha Pe Charcha began in 2018 as a platform where the Prime Minister interacts directly with school students, educators, and parents to discuss exam-related concerns.
- Registration opens on 1 December 2025 and closes on 11 January 2026. Eligible participants include students of classes 6–12, parents, and teachers.
- In 2025, PPC set a Guinness World Record with participation from students in over 245 countries, teachers from 153 countries, and parents from 149 countries. Participation has grown from 22,000 in 2018 to 3.56 crore registrations in 2025, with an additional 1.55 crore participants in nationwide Jan Andolan activities, totaling nearly 5 crore.

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**Ques: Which organisation hosted RESOLVE-2025, the 3rd International Convention on Insolvency Resolution and Valuation?**

- A) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)
- B) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
- C) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- E) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) hosted RESOLVE-2025, the 3rd International Convention on Insolvency Resolution and Valuation.
- The theme of the convention was “Enabling Resolution, Maximizing Value.”
- The convention was held in Mumbai and witnessed participation of over 500 professionals from multiple jurisdictions.
- The event was organised in collaboration with IBBI, IICA, IIIPI, and ICAI Registered Valuers Organisation (ICAI RVO).
- The convention was hosted by the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of ICAI.
- ICAI is a statutory body established under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, functioning under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

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**Ques: Which Rabi crop has the highest Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the 2026–27 marketing season?**

- A) Wheat
- B) Gram
- C) Rapeseed & Mustard
- D) Masur (Lentil)
- E) Safflower

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has announced the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for Rabi crops for the 2026–27 marketing season.
- Masur (Lentil) has been fixed with the highest MSP among all Rabi crops at ₹7,000 per quintal.
- Barley has the lowest MSP among Rabi crops at ₹2,150 per quintal.
- The highest MSP increase has been given to Safflower at ₹600 per quintal, followed by Masur (₹300) and Rapeseed & Mustard (₹250).
- Wheat offers the highest expected return of 109% over the all-India weighted average cost of production.
- The MSP revision follows the Union Budget 2018–19 policy of fixing MSP at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production.

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**Ques: How much investment has Microsoft committed for India's AI buildout between 2026 and 2029?**

- A) \$10 billion
- B) \$12.5 billion
- C) \$15 billion
- D) \$17.5 billion
- E) \$20 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Microsoft announced an investment commitment of \$17.5 billion in India during the period 2026–2029 to expand cloud and Artificial Intelligence (AI) infrastructure.
- This is Microsoft's largest investment commitment in Asia so far, reflecting India's growing importance in the global AI ecosystem.
- The announcement was made after Microsoft Chairman and CEO Satya Nadella met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.
- The investment aims to strengthen India's sovereign digital capabilities and hyperscale AI infrastructure.
- Microsoft will also expand large-scale skilling programmes to develop AI-ready talent across the country.

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**Ques: Which organisation handed over seven indigenous technologies developed under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme to the Indian Armed Forces?**

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C) Bharat Electronics Limited
- D) Department of Defence Production
- E) Indian Space Research Organisation

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- 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.

**Technologies Handed Over:**

- Indigenous High-Voltage Power Supply for Airborne Self-Protection Jammers
- Tide-Efficient Gangway for Naval Jetties
- Advanced VLF–HF Switching Matrix System
- VLF Loop Aerials for Underwater Platforms
- Indigenous Water-Jet Propulsion System for Fast Interceptor Craft
- Novel Process to Recover Lithium Precursors from Used Lithium-Ion Batteries
- Long-Life Seawater Battery System for Underwater Sensing and Surveillance Applications





**Ques: Which Indian institute celebrated 10 years of UVIT operations under the AstroSat mission?**

- A) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- B) Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)
- C) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)
- D) Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- E) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) celebrated 10 years of UVIT operations with a one-day academic workshop in Bengaluru, reviewing achievements and future plans.
- AstroSat, launched by ISRO on 28 September 2015, is India's first dedicated space observatory carrying five scientific payloads for observations in ultraviolet, soft X-ray, and hard X-ray bands.
- The Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (UVIT) is the primary payload of AstroSat, designed and developed by IIA at its Hosakote campus, and was activated on 30 November 2015.

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**Ques: What is the main objective of the Vigyan Dhara Scheme, updated in 2025?**

- A) Promote sports and physical fitness
- B) Strengthen India's ecosystem for scientific research, technological development, and innovation
- C) Develop rural infrastructure
- D) Enhance digital governance
- E) Support agriculture and farmers

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Vigyan Dhara Scheme aims to strengthen India's ecosystem for scientific research, technological development, and innovation.
- The scheme received a budget allocation of ₹330.75 crore in 2024–25, which increased to ₹1,425.00 crore in 2025–26, marking more than a fourfold increase.
- Total outlay from 2021–22 to 2025–26 is ₹10,579.84 crore, in line with the 15th Finance Commission recommendations.
- The scheme came into effect on 16 January 2025 and merges three umbrella programs into one:
  - Science and Technology (S&T) Institutional and Human Capacity Building
  - Research and Development (R&D)
  - Innovation, Technology Development, and Deployment
- Key focus areas include capacity building, R&D, innovation and technology development, promoting gender parity in science and technology, and international collaboration.
- All programs under Vigyan Dhara are aligned with the 5-year goals of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- The R&D component is structured to align with the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), ensuring India's scientific research meets global standards while adhering to national priorities.





**Ques: Which tunnel inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh provides the first reliable all-weather connectivity near the LAC in eastern Ladakh?**

- A) Zoji La Tunnel
- B) Atal Tunnel
- C) Shyok Tunnel
- D) Sela Tunnel
- E) Nechiphu Tunnel

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Shyok Tunnel as part of 125 infrastructure projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
- The Shyok Tunnel is located on the Durbuk–Shyok–Daulat Beg Oldie (DS-DBO) road in eastern Ladakh.
- The DS-DBO road runs parallel to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, making it strategically crucial.
- The Shyok Tunnel is the first reliable all-weather tunnel in the region, ensuring year-round uninterrupted connectivity.
- It significantly improves troop movement, logistics supply, winter stocking, and medical evacuation in forward areas.
- During the event, Rajnath Singh also virtually inaugurated the Galwan War Memorial in eastern Ladakh.

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**Ques: Who inaugurated the 2nd edition of the EARTH Summit 2025 held in Gandhinagar?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Nitin Gadkari
- E) Amit Shah

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Cooperation, inaugurated the 2nd edition of the EARTH Summit 2025 held in Gandhinagar.
- The summit is part of a series of three EARTH summits aimed at strengthening the rural economy and providing result-oriented solutions for rural development.
- During the summit, more than 13 new digital services and products were launched under the 'Sahakar Sarathi' initiative.
- Key launches included Digi Kisan Credit Card (digiKCC), ePACS, Sahakar Setu Portal, Cooperative Governance Index, World's Largest Grain Storage Application, Campaign Sarathi, Website Sarathi, Shiksha Sarathi, and Sarathi Technology Forum, among others.

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**Ques: Kambala festival is primarily associated with which purpose?**

- A) Victory celebration after wars
- B) Harvest thanksgiving to Lord Shiva
- C) Monsoon welcome festival
- D) Temple construction ceremony
- E) Trade and cattle fair

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Kambala is a traditional buffalo race festival celebrated annually after the harvest season.
- It is mainly observed in Karnataka's Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, and Kerala's Kasargod district.
- The festival is celebrated as a thanksgiving ritual to Lord Shiva for a good agricultural yield.
- Buffaloes are central to the festival, symbolising their importance in rural agrarian life.
- The races are held in water-filled paddy fields and are accompanied by large public participation and traditional celebrations.

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**Ques: Which road in Hyderabad is proposed to be renamed as 'Donald Trump Avenue' by the Telangana government?**

- A) Road near Charminar
- B) Road adjoining the United States Consulate General
- C) Outer Ring Road stretch
- D) Financial District main road
- E) Regional Ring Road corridor

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Telangana government plans to rename the road adjoining the United States Consulate General in Hyderabad as 'Donald Trump Avenue', in honour of the former US President.
- The government will formally notify the Union Ministry of External Affairs and the US Embassy regarding the renaming.
- Additionally, a new radial road under the Regional Ring Road (RRR) project will be named 'Ratan Tata Interchange', and a stretch in Hyderabad's Financial District will be named 'Google Street' to recognise contributions to digital innovation.

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**Ques: Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam 2025, a cultural music festival, was organised in which city of Andhra Pradesh?**

- A) Visakhapatnam
- B) Tirupati
- C) Nellore
- D) Guntur
- E) Vijayawada

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam 2025, the 3rd edition of the cultural music festival, was held on 6–7 December 2025 in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- The festival was organised by the Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Sangeet Natak Akademi, with support from Andhra Pradesh Tourism and the state's Department of Culture.
- The theme was “Celebrating the Richness of Telugu Music Traditions,” aiming to strengthen Andhra Pradesh's cultural identity, promote music tourism, support artisans, and position Vijayawada as a Carnatic music hub.

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**Ques: India's proposed 'Hybrid Model' for AI training data is related to which of the following?**

- A) Free use of public domain data only
- B) Mandatory licensing and royalty for copyrighted content
- C) Complete ban on AI model training
- D) Government-owned AI datasets only
- E) Foreign AI regulation adoption

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India's proposed 'Hybrid Model' requires AI developers to obtain mandatory licenses for using copyright-protected content in training AI models.
- It provides statutory remuneration or royalty rights to content creators whose works are used for AI training.
- The framework combines blanket licensing with statutory royalty payments, making it the first legal step globally to ensure AI developers pay creators for training data.
- The recommendations were prepared by an 8-member committee under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

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**Ques: The 5th edition of the Khelo India University Games 2025 was hosted by which state?**

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Gujarat
- C) Odisha
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Maharashtra

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The 5th Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025 were held across seven cities in Rajasthan — Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota, and Bharatpur.
- The event was organised in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Association of Indian Universities (AIU), and Rajasthan State Sports Council.
- A total of 23 medal sports were included, such as Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Cycling, Football, Hockey, Kabaddi, Shooting, Swimming, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Yogasana, and others.
- Kho-kho was a demonstration sport, while beach volleyball, cycling, canoeing, and kayaking were introduced for the first time in KIUG.
- The first edition of KIUG was held in Odisha from 22 February to 1 March 2020.
- Olympian Srihari Nataraj of Jain University emerged as the most successful athlete of KIUG 2025, winning 9 gold and 2 silver medals in swimming.

**Ranking :**

- 1 Chandigarh University (Punjab) : 42 (Gold), 14 (Silver), 11 (Bronze), 67 (Total)
- 2 Lovely Professional University (Punjab) : 32 (Gold), 24 (Silver), 22 (Bronze), 78 (Total)
- 3 Guru Nanak Dev University (Punjab) : 32 (Gold), 22 (Silver), 18 (Bronze), 72 (Total)
- 4 Jain University (Karnataka) : 30 (Gold), 9 (Silver), 11 (Bronze), 50 (Total)
- 5 Guru Kashi University (Punjab) : 15 (Gold), 15 (Silver), 18 (Bronze), 48 (Total)





**Ques: Where was the 11th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) held?**

- A) Pune, Maharashtra
- B) New Delhi
- C) Panchkula, Haryana
- D) Chandigarh
- E) Jaipur, Rajasthan

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 11th India International Science Festival (IISF) was held at Panchkula, Haryana.
- The theme was “Vigyan Se Samruddhi: for Aatmanirbhar Bharat.”
- The festival focused on five thematic areas including biotechnology, space, artificial intelligence, and integration of traditional knowledge.
- IISF was organised by the Ministry of Earth Sciences and coordinated by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune.
- The India International Science Festival started in 2015.

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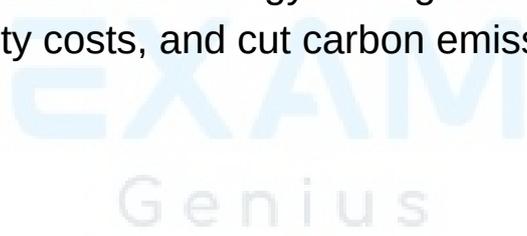
**Ques: What is the primary objective of the UJALA Scheme?**

- A) Promote digital literacy in rural areas
- B) Provide free electricity to households
- C) Promote energy-efficient lighting solutions and make affordable energy-saving technologies accessible
- D) Develop renewable energy parks
- E) Subsidize cooking fuel for households

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The UJALA Scheme (Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All) was launched on 5th January 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Initially called the Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP), it was later rebranded as UJALA.
- Implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) and DISCOMs under the Ministry of Power.
- The scheme aims to promote energy-efficient lighting solutions such as LED bulbs, tube lights, and fans, make affordable energy-saving technologies accessible to households, reduce electricity costs, and cut carbon emissions.





**Ques: Mukhyamantri Bharat Darshan Yojana has been launched by which state government?**

- A) Bihar
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Jharkhand
- E) West Bengal

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Mukhyamantri Bharat Darshan Yojana is an initiative by the Bihar Government to provide government school students exposure to India's historical, cultural, and spiritual heritage.
- The scheme aims to promote experiential learning and holistic development among students.
- Under this scheme, students will visit major national landmarks across India starting from the upcoming academic session.
- It is an expansion of the earlier Mukhyamantri Bihar Darshan Yojana, which focused on in-state tours for primary and middle school students, while the new scheme includes national-level heritage tours for secondary school students.

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**Ques: What is India's target for nuclear power generation capacity by 2047 under the Nuclear Energy Mission for Viksit Bharat?**

- A) 50 Giga Watt (GW)
- B) 75 Giga Watt (GW)
- C) 100 Giga Watt (GW)
- D) 150 Giga Watt (GW)
- E) 200 Giga Watt (GW)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Under the Nuclear Energy Mission for Viksit Bharat, India aims to achieve a nuclear power generation capacity of 100 Giga Watt (GW) by 2047, supporting the country's goal of achieving Net Zero by 2070.
- Current nuclear capacity is 8,780 MW, expected to rise to 9,480 MW by FY26, 13,480 MW by FY30, and 21,880 MW by FY32.
- The government plans to set up 10 Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) of 700 MW each at Kaiga, Chutka, Gorakhpur, and Mahi Banswara.
- Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) is developing Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) like 200 MW Bharat SMR (BSMR-200) and 55 MW SMR (SMR55) to expand nuclear energy infrastructure.

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## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

**PepsiCo has signed a global partnership with the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula 1 Team, starting 2026. The deal brings together three PepsiCo brands: Gatorade, Sting, and Doritos**

**National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) & Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Kanpur signs MOU to enhance cybersecurity**

**Patanjali Group signed a Memorandum of with the Government of Russia, with an aim to promote health, wellness, yoga, Ayurveda, and cultural cooperation between India and Russia.**

**India will change the base year for national accounts from 2011–12 to 2022–23, effective February 26–27, 2026. The update includes key indicators like GDP and Index of Industrial Production (IIP).**

**4th Sankirtana Day held at Chandrakirti Auditorium, Imphal, Manipur. Sankirtana of Manipur was inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2013.**

**Rajasthan became the first state to complete 100% digitisation of its 5.46 crore voter rolls under the Special Intensive Revision 2026 exercise**

**India–Russia Sign Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Support (RELOS) Agreement to Supports military base access, defence cooperation, operational efficiency, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) operations**

