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**Ques: The government plans to sell up to 3% stake in which public sector bank to raise ₹2,100 crore?**

- A) Bank of Maharashtra
- B) Punjab & Sind Bank
- C) Indian Overseas Bank
- D) Central Bank of India
- E) UCO Bank

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has decided to divest up to 3% stake in Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) through an Offer for Sale (OFS) route.
- At current market prices, the stake sale is expected to raise around ₹2,100 crore.
- The OFS will first open for non-retail investors, followed by retail investors the next day.
- IOB shares closed at ₹36.57 per share on the BSE, down 1.08%.
- This move is part of the government's disinvestment and asset monetisation strategy.

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**Ques: State Bank of India (SBI) extended a loan of €150 million to KfW Development Bank for what purpose?**

- A) Expansion of digital banking services
- B) Urban transport infrastructure development
- C) Climate-friendly energy generation projects
- D) Affordable housing projects
- E) MSME credit support

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- State Bank of India (SBI) has extended a loan of €150 million (approximately ₹1,360 crore) to Germany's KfW Development Bank.
- The loan is aimed at supporting financing for climate-friendly energy generation projects in India.
- The initiative seeks to accelerate renewable energy adoption and promote sustainable infrastructure development across the country.
- Such international green financing partnerships align with India's long-term climate goals and transition towards a low-carbon economy.

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## RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- 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.
- The International Finance Corporation invested USD 50 million (approximately ₹450 crore) in GFCL EV Products Limited through compulsorily convertible instruments.
- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) invested USD 50 million (approximately Rs 450 crore) in GFCL EV Products Limited through compulsorily convertible instruments.

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**Ques: NABARD is set to launch two new thematic funds in January 2026 primarily to support which sector?**

- A) Urban housing and infrastructure
- B) Manufacturing and MSMEs
- C) Agriculture and climate technology start-ups
- D) Digital payments and fintech
- E) Healthcare and pharmaceuticals

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) will launch two thematic funds in January 2026 — the ₹1,000 crore NABARD Green Impact Fund (NGIF) and the ₹300 crore NABARD Carbon Fund (NCF).
- These funds are aimed at supporting agriculture and climate technology start-ups across India.
- Both funds have been developed with technical assistance from Intellectap, part of the Aavishkaar Group.
- The NABARD Green Impact Fund, financed from NABARD's profits, will use interest income to reduce borrowing costs for state governments implementing climate adaptation projects such as crop diversification and water-efficient farming.
- The NABARD Carbon Fund will focus on carbon developers and start-ups working on emission reduction and carbon capture, which are capital-intensive and underserved by traditional finance.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India with tenure up to December 31, 2027?**

- A) Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh
- B) Rama Mohan Rao Amara
- C) Ravi Ranjan
- D) Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- E) Ashwini Kumar Tiwari

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Ashwini Kumar Tewari has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India.
- His tenure will be up to December 31, 2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- He first took charge as SBI Managing Director in January 2021 for a period of three years.
- His tenure was later extended by two years in 2024, till January 2026.
- Other Managing Directors of SBI include Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Ashwini Kumar Tiwari, Rama Mohan Rao Amara, and Ravi Ranjan.

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## Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **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**
- **Vikram Sahu : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of America NA (BANA) in India for a tenure of three years.**
- **Brendan Nelson : Chairman of HSBC Holdings (Replaced Mark Tucker)**
- **Piyush Gupta : non-executive Chairman of Temasek Holdings, Singapore's sovereign wealth fund for India**
- **Ramakrishnan Chander : Managing Director (MD) of LIC**
- **Usha Janakiraman : Executive Director (ED) of RBI**
- **Paschal Donohoe, former Minister for Finance of Ireland : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Knowledge Officer (CKO) of World Bank Group (WBG) (Replaced Axel van Trotsenburg)**

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**Ques: How did R. Praggnanandhaa qualify for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2026?**

आर. प्रज्ञानानंदा ने FIDE कैंडिडेट्स टूर्नामेंट 2026 के लिए किस प्रकार क्वालिफाई किया?

- A) By World Championship Wild Card / विश्व चैंपियनशिप वाइल्ड कार्ड से
- B) By winning the FIDE Circuit 2025 / FIDE सर्किट 2025 जीतकर
- C) Through continental qualification / महाद्वीपीय क्वालिफिकेशन के माध्यम से
- D) By six-month average FIDE rating / छह महीने की औसत FIDE रेटिंग के आधार पर
- E) By finishing top in Grand Swiss / ग्रैंड स्विस में शीर्ष स्थान हासिल कर

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation / व्याख्या:**

- Indian chess grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa qualified for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2026 by winning the FIDE Circuit 2025.
- भारतीय शतरंज ग्रैंडमास्टर आर. प्रज्ञानानंदा ने FIDE सर्किट 2025 जीतकर FIDE कैंडिडेट्स टूर्नामेंट 2026 के लिए क्वालिफाई किया।
- The FIDE Candidates Tournament 2026 will be held in Cyprus from 28 March to 16 April 2026.
- FIDE कैंडिडेट्स टूर्नामेंट 2026 का आयोजन 28 मार्च से 16 अप्रैल 2026 तक साइप्रस में किया जाएगा।
- The final remaining Candidates spot is determined based on the six-month average FIDE rating.
- अंतिम शेष कैंडिडेट्स स्थान का निर्धारण छह महीने की औसत FIDE रेटिंग के आधार पर किया जाता है।
- On the women's side, three Indian players — Divya Deshmukh, Koneru Humpy, and R. Vaishali — have qualified for the Women's Candidates 2026.
- महिला वर्ग में भारत की तीन खिलाड़ी — दिव्या देशमुख, कोनेरू हम्पी और आर. वैशाली — महिला कैंडिडेट्स 2026 के लिए क्वालिफाई कर चुकी हैं।
- Praggnanandhaa will lead India's challenge in the men's Candidates, while the three women grandmasters will represent India in the Women's Candidates.
- पुरुष वर्ग में प्रज्ञानानंदा भारत की चुनौती का नेतृत्व करेंगे, जबकि महिला वर्ग में तीनों ग्रैंडमास्टर भारत का प्रतिनिधित्व करेंगी।





**Ques: Hansi has been declared as the 23rd district of which Indian State?**

- A) Punjab
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Haryana
- E) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced that Hansi will become the 23rd district of Haryana, carved out from Hisar district.
- The official notification for the district status will be issued within one week, after which Hansi will formally attain district status from a revenue administration perspective.
- The announcement was made at the “Hansi Vikas Rally,” and the Chief Minister also inaugurated development projects worth ₹77.30 crore, including a ₹61.44 crore water management project.

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**Ques: According to the Government's statement in the Lok Sabha, what was India's multidimensional poverty rate in 2022–23?**

- A) 29.17%
- B) 21.50%
- C) 15.75%
- D) 11.28%
- E) 5.25%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Government informed the Lok Sabha that India's multidimensional poverty declined significantly from 29.17% in 2013–14 to 11.28% in 2022–23.
- During this period, around 24.8 crore people moved out of multidimensional poverty.
- Citing the World Bank's International Poverty Line, the Minister stated that India's extreme poverty rate fell from 27.12% in 2011–12 to 5.25% in 2022–23.
- The number of people living in extreme poverty declined sharply from 34.4 crore to 7.5 crore.
- The Government follows a multi-pronged strategy focusing on reducing inequality, improving social mobility, and enhancing employment outcomes, reflected in the fall in unemployment rate from 5.8% (2018–19) to 3.2% (2023–24).

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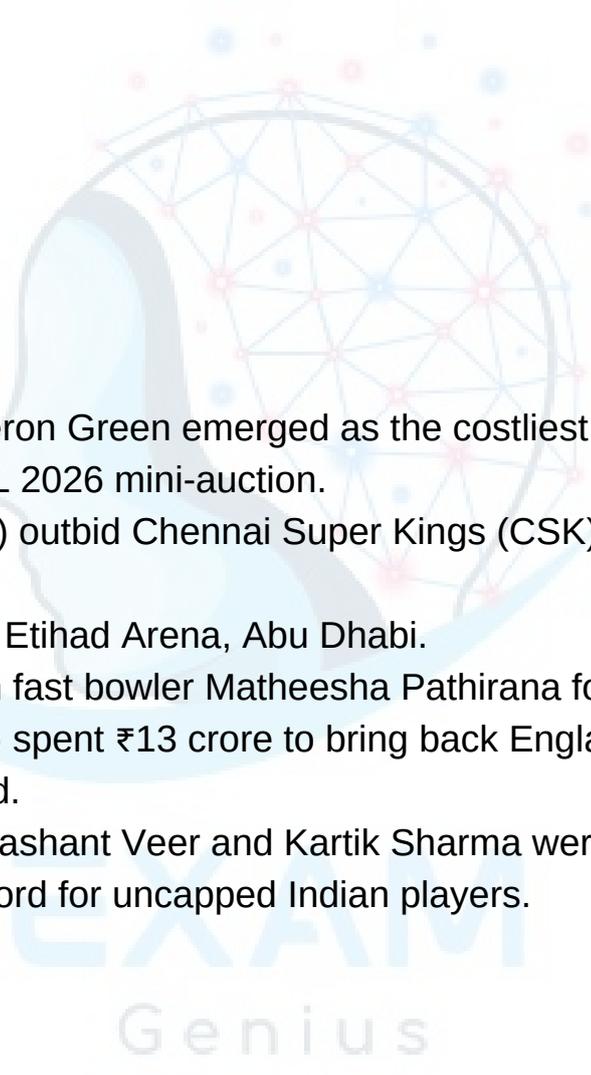
**6Ques: Who emerged as the costliest overseas player at the IPL mini-auction ahead of the 2026 season?**

- A) Cameron Green
- B) Liam Livingstone
- C) Matheesha Pathirana
- D) Glenn Maxwell
- E) Sam Curran

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Australian all-rounder Cameron Green emerged as the costliest overseas player and the third-highest overall at the IPL 2026 mini-auction.
- Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) outbid Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to sign him for ₹25.20 crore.
- The auction was held at the Etihad Arena, Abu Dhabi.
- KKR also signed Sri Lankan fast bowler Matheesha Pathirana for ₹18 crore.
- Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) spent ₹13 crore to bring back England all-rounder Liam Livingstone in the recall round.
- Uncapped Indian players Prashant Veer and Kartik Sharma were bought by CSK for ₹14.2 crore each, setting a new record for uncapped Indian players.





**Ques: PM-AASHA, an umbrella scheme related to agricultural price support, is implemented under which Ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- D) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- E) Ministry of Finance

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- PM-AASHA (Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan) is an umbrella scheme launched in 2018 to ensure remunerative prices to farmers.
- The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare as a Central Sector Scheme.
- An allocation of ₹35,000 crore has been made under the 15th Finance Commission cycle up to 2025–26.
- A major component is the Price Support Scheme (PSS), under which pulses, oilseeds, and copra are procured at MSP from pre-registered farmers by Central Nodal Agencies.
- Another component, the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF), supports procurement and subsidised distribution of essential agri-horticultural commodities such as tomato, Bharat Dal, Bharat Atta, and Bharat Rice.

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**Ques: Who became the first woman officer to graduate from the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun?**

- A) Avani Chaturvedi
- B) Sai Jadhav
- C) Bhawana Kanth
- D) Gunjan Saxena
- E) Lovina Bharadwaj

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Sai Jadhav, at the age of 23, became the first woman officer to graduate from the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun.
- Her commissioning as a Lieutenant in the Territorial Army ended a 93-year tradition where only men graduated from the IMA.
- Established in 1932, the IMA has trained over 67,000 officers for the Indian Army.

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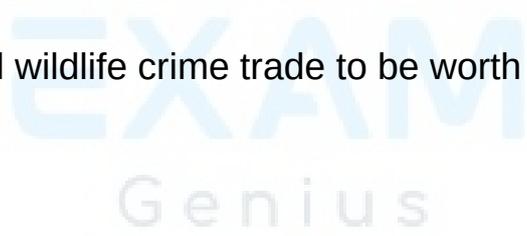
**Ques: Interpol recently conducted a global campaign against wildlife trafficking. What was the name of this operation?**

- A) Operation Wild Shield
- B) Operation Green Guard
- C) Operation Thunder 2025
- D) Operation Nature Watch
- E) Operation Eco Strike

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Interpol conducted a month-long global campaign named Operation Thunder 2025 to combat wildlife trafficking.
- The operation was carried out from 15 September to 15 October 2025.
- Law enforcement agencies, wildlife, and forestry authorities from 134 countries participated in the operation.
- Nearly 30,000 live animals were rescued, and more than 4,600 seizures were made, marking a record enforcement action.
- Rescued animals included birds, turtles, reptiles, primates, and big cats such as endangered tigers.
- Interpol estimates the global wildlife crime trade to be worth at least USD 20 billion annually.





**Ques: As per the NPS (Exits and Withdrawals) Amendment Regulations, 2025, what is the maximum lump-sum withdrawal allowed for non-government subscribers at exit if the corpus exceeds ₹12 lakh?**

- A) 60%
- B) 70%
- C) 75%
- D) 80%
- E) 100%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- PFRDA has notified the NPS (Exits and Withdrawals) Amendment Regulations, 2025, easing exit norms for non-government subscribers.
- Non-government subscribers with corpus exceeding ₹12 lakh can now withdraw up to 80% as a lump sum, while the remaining 20% must be annuitised.
- Earlier, only 60% lump-sum withdrawal was allowed with 40% mandatory annuity.
- Subscribers can remain invested until age 85 unless opting for early exit; normal exit is after 15 years of subscription or on attaining 60 years / retirement, whichever is earlier.
- There is no change in exit norms for government employees.

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## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- ***Simranpreet Kaur Brar Wins Gold in Women's 25m Pistol at ISSF World Cup Final 2025***
- **The 2025 Squash World Cup was organised by the World Squash Federation in collaboration with the Squash Rackets Federation of India.**
- **Cricket legends Yuvraj Singh and Harmanpreet Kaur were honoured by naming stadium stands after them at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium in Mullanpur, New Chandigarh.**
- **Commonwealth Sports has approved India to host the 1st-ever Commonwealth Kho Kho Championship from March 09 to 14, 2026.**
- **The 14th edition of the FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup 2025 was held in Tamil Nadu at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai, and Madurai International Hockey Stadium, Madurai.**
- **Lando Norris won his maiden Formula One World Drivers' Championship in Abu Dhabi, ending Max Verstappen's four-year title reign.**
- **Sarwagya Singh Kushwaha, aged 3 years, 7 months, and 20 days, became the youngest player in world chess history to earn an official FIDE rating.**

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**Ques: Where was the 6th National EMRS Cultural & Literary Fest and Kala Utsav – UDBHAV 2025 concluded?**

- A) Ranchi, Jharkhand
- B) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- C) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- D) Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- E) Vaddeswaram, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, concluded the 6th National EMRS Cultural & Literary Fest and Kala Utsav – UDBHAV 2025 at KL University, Vaddeswaram, in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh.
- The festival was held from 3 to 5 December 2025.
- The event was organised by NESTS and hosted by the Andhra Pradesh Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (APTWREIS – Gurukulam), with support from KL University.
- Telangana secured the top position in the overall medal tally, followed by Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and Madhya Pradesh.
- A total of 105 First Prizes, 105 Second Prizes, and 105 Third Prizes were awarded across various categories.

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**Ques: Where are the portraits of all 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees now displayed?**

- A) National War Memorial
- B) Parliament House
- C) Rashtrapati Bhavan
- D) India Gate
- E) National Museum

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Portraits of all 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees are now displayed at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in the newly inaugurated Param Vir Dhirgha gallery.
- These portraits have replaced the earlier display of 96 British Aide-de-Camps (ADCs).
- The gallery was inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu on the occasion of Vijay Diwas.
- Param Vir Chakra (PVC) is India's highest military gallantry award.
- The initiative aims to honour the supreme sacrifice, courage, and valour of Indian soldiers.
- The move reflects India's effort to shed colonial legacy and celebrate national heroes.
- The initiative aligns with the spirit of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

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**Ques: Which company has launched India's first 3D subsurface mapping initiative using advanced Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) technology?**

- A) Genesys International
- B) Tata Projects
- C) Larsen & Toubro
- D) Adani Enterprises
- E) ISRO

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Genesys International has launched India's first 3D subsurface mapping initiative, addressing a critical need in infrastructure development.
- The initiative includes India's first-ever 3D Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey to detect and comprehensively map underground utilities.
- The project will be executed across multiple Adani Group airports, including Mumbai, Trivandrum, Lucknow, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Ahmedabad.
- Genesys is using state-of-the-art 3D GPR technology combined with high-precision LiDAR systems for advanced subsurface detection and mapping.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- **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
- **The Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS)** was launched to enhance the quality and reliability of electricity supply across India.
- **The TEAM Initiative** is a sub-scheme of RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) with a central sector outlay of ₹277.35 crore for 2024–2027.
- **PAHAL (Pratyaksh Hanstantarit Labh)** was launched in January 2015 to ensure uniform retail prices for LPG cylinders across India and directly credit subsidies to consumer bank accounts, making the system transparent and accountable.
- **Assam’s Prerona Scheme** provides Class 10 students with a monthly support of ₹300 until they complete their board exams.
- **The Government** announced that 2.72 crore artisans have been enrolled under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme so far.
- **Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan**, launched in 2018, is an integrated school education scheme covering pre-school to class 12

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**Ques: Which is the highest civilian award of Ethiopia conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

- A) Order of the Star of Ethiopia
- B) Order of Menelik II
- C) The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia
- D) Ethiopian Peace Medal
- E) African Union Honour

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with Ethiopia's highest civilian award, "The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia."
- The award was presented by Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali.
- The honour recognises PM Modi's role in strengthening India–Ethiopia bilateral relations.
- India and Ethiopia elevated their relationship to a Strategic Partnership following discussions on bilateral and global issues of mutual interest.

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**Ques: India and Ethiopia signed multiple agreements recently. Which of the following correctly reflects one of the key areas of cooperation agreed upon between the two countries?**

- A) Joint space research programme
- B) Cooperation in customs administration and UN peacekeeping
- C) Free trade agreement and currency swap
- D) Defence manufacturing partnership
- E) Nuclear energy cooperation

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India and Ethiopia signed a total of eight MoUs and agreements, including the elevation of bilateral relations to a Strategic Partnership.
- One MoU focuses on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.
- Another agreement provides for cooperation in United Nations peacekeeping operations, including training arrangements, where both countries are major contributors.
- Additional agreements include establishing a data centre at Ethiopia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, debt restructuring under the G20 Common Framework, expansion of ICCR scholarships, AI courses under ITEC, and Indian assistance in strengthening healthcare infrastructure in Addis Ababa.

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**Ques: Which edition of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) was held in Nairobi, Kenya with the theme “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet”?**

- A) 5th
- B) 6th
- C) 7th
- D) 8th
- E) 9th

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 7th edition of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) was held at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.
- The theme for UNEA-7 was “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet.”
- The Indian delegation was led by Union MoS Kirti Singh Vardhan, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- UNEA-7 concluded with member states adopting 11 resolutions, 3 decisions, and a Ministerial Declaration.
- Awards during UNEA-7 included the Entrepreneurial Vision category, won by Mariam Issoufou, Principal and Founder of Mariam Issoufou Architects.
- Science and Innovation category : Brazil-based research institute Imazon
- Lifetime Achievement award : Manfredi Caltagorine (posthumous)
- 2025 Champions of the Earth Award : Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Government of Tamil Nadu
- Policy Leadership category : Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change (PISCFCC)





**Ques: CUTS International launched which global initiative to reposition the World Trade Organization (WTO) as a fair, rule-based multilateral trading system?**

- A) Fair Trade Reform Initiative (FTRI)
- B) Global Trade Reset Programme (GTRP)
- C) Trade Not Just Aid (TRaNJA)
- D) WTO Reform Action Plan (WRAP)
- E) Multilateral Trade Revival Mission (MTRM)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- CUTS International launched the global initiative “Trade Not Just Aid: Winners and Losers in the WTO (TRaNJA)” to reposition the WTO as a fair, rule-based multilateral trading system.
- The initiative was launched at a high-level international conference held from 2–4 December 2025 in Tokyo, Japan.
- The TRaNJA Steering Committee is co-chaired by Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament and former Minister of State for External Affairs, India, and Pascal Lamy, former Director-General of the WTO.
- Supported by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), the initiative aims to promote evidence-based dialogue on WTO reforms, strengthen multilateral trade rules, and build political consensus for systemic reform.





**Ques: Which country did India sign MoUs on UPI-digital payment collaboration and Petra–Ellora twinning with?**

- A) Israel
- B) Oman
- C) Jordan
- D) Egypt
- E) UAE

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit, India and Jordan signed five MoUs, covering cooperation in digital payments (UPI), renewable energy, water resource management, cultural exchange (2025–29), and twinning of Petra and Ellora.
- 2025 marks the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Jordan.
- India is Jordan's 3rd largest trading partner, with both countries aiming to raise bilateral trade to US\$ 5 billion in the next five years.
- Jordan is a key supplier of phosphates and potash fertilizers to India.
- Capital of Jordan: Amman; Currency: Jordanian Dinar.

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**Ques: What is the primary purpose of the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID)?**

- A) Monitoring social media users only
- B) Centralised intelligence data sharing among agencies
- C) Issuing Aadhaar cards
- D) Tracking financial frauds only
- E) Maintaining crime statistics at state level

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) is an integrated intelligence platform designed to enhance information-sharing among India's law enforcement and intelligence agencies.
- Conceptualised in 2009 after the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, it addressed gaps in inter-agency coordination and data access.
- NATGRID became operational in 2024 and handles around 45,000 data access requests every month.
- It functions as a centralised data hub providing real-time, secure access to over 20 databases, including Aadhaar, banking data, airline records, telecom data, and driving licences.
- NATGRID is fully integrated with the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS), covering data from more than 14,000 police stations across India
- It operates under the Ministry of Home Affairs and access is available to central agencies and SP-rank state officers.

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**Ques: Which Indian film has been shortlisted in the International Feature Film category for the Oscars 2026?**

- A) Everything Everywhere All at Once
- B) Homebound
- C) RRR
- D) Gangubai Kathiawadi
- E) The Kashmir Files

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Neeraj Ghaywan's film "Homebound," produced by Karan Johar and starring Ishaan Khatter and Vishal Jethwa, has been shortlisted in the International Feature Film category for the 98th Academy Awards.
- The film is among the final 15 selected from entries submitted by 86 countries, marking a significant achievement for Indian cinema on the global stage.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Operations:

- **Operation Trident** : naval offensive carried out by the Indian Navy against Pakistan during the 1971 Indo-Pak War.
- **'Operation Sagar Bandhu'** : India launched to support Sri Lanka after Cyclone Ditwah, delivering essential relief supplies via INS Vikrant and INS Udaygiri
- **Operation Southern Spear** : U.S. announced a new military campaign aimed at removing narco-terrorists and protecting American homeland security.
- **Operation Golden Sweep** : conducted at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International (CSMI) Airport, Mumbai by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), a major anti-smuggling operation
- **Operation Guddar** : counter-terrorism operation launched in Kulgam district, Jammu & Kashmir by J&K Police, Indian Army (Chinar Corps), and CRPF
- **Operation SWARNA** : announced by Tirupati Urban Development Authority (TUDA) to rescue Swarnamukhi River from land grabbers, revive its flow, and rejuvenate it for sustainable use
- **Operation Sanskar (Operation Values)** : launched by Dungarpur Police, Rajasthan to counter glorification of criminal activities on social media by local youth gangs aged 18-24

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**Ques: The Filmfare OTT Awards 2025, held in which city?**

- A) Pune
- B) Ahmedabad
- C) Chennai
- D) Mumbai
- E) Kochi

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The 6th edition of the Filmfare OTT Awards 2025 was held in Mumbai, honouring the finest performances and productions from India's rapidly expanding streaming ecosystem.

**Filmfare OTT Awards 2025 – Series Category Highlights:**

- Best Series: Black Warrant
- Best Series (Critics): Paatal Lok – Season 2
- Best Director (Series): Vikramaditya Motwane, Satyanshu Singh, Arkesh Ajay, Ambiecka Pandit, Rohin Ravendran – Black Warrant
- Best Director (Series – Critics): Anubhav Sinha – IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack (Netflix), Nagesh Kukunoor – The Hunt: The Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case (SonyLIV)
- Best Actor (Male – Drama): Jaideep Ahlawat – Paatal Lok – Season 2
- Best Actor (Male – Critics): Zahan Kapoor – Black Warrant
- Best Actor (Female – Drama): Monika Panwar – Khauf (Prime Video)
- Best Actor (Female – Critics): Rasika Dugal Shekhar – Home (JioHotstar)
- Best Comedy Series: Raat Jawaan Hai (SonyLIV)





- Best Actor (Male – Comedy) : Barun Sobti - Raat Jawaan Hai  
: Sparsh Shrivastava Dupahiya (Prime Video)
- Best Actor (Female – Comedy) : Ananya Panday - Call Me Bae (Prime Video)
- Best Supporting Actor (Male – Drama) : Rahul Bhat - Black Warrant
- Best Supporting Actor (Female – Drama) : Tillotama Shome - Paatal Lok – Season 2
- Best Supporting Actor (Male – Comedy) : Vinay Pathak - Gram Chikitsalay (Prime Video)
- Best Supporting Actor (Female – Comedy) : Renuka Shahane - Dupahiya

#### Technical Series Category :

- Best Story : Smita Singh - Khauf  
: Sudip Sharma - Paatal Lok – Season 2
- Best Original Screenplay : Sudip Sharma - Paatal Lok – Season 2
- Best Adapted Screenplay : Satyanshu Singh, Arkesh Ajay - Black Warrant
- Best Cinematography : Pankaj Kumar - Khauf
- Best Editing : Tanya Chhabria - Khauf
- Best Background Music : Alokanda Dasgupta - Khauf
- Best Music Album (Series) : Akashdeep Sengupta - Bandish Bandits – Season 2

#### Short Film Categories :

- Best Short Film (People's Choice) : Divorce
- Best Short Film (Fiction) : Ayesha
- Best Short Film (Non-Fiction) : Langur
- Best Actor (Female – Short Film) : Fatima Sana Shaikh - Ayesha
- Best Actor (Male – Short Film) : Ayan Khan - Chashma

#### Web Original Film Categories :

- Best Web Original Film : Girls Will Be Girls (Prime Video)
- Best Director (Film) : Shuchi Talati - Girls Will Be Girls





- Best Web Original Film (Critics) : The Mehta Boys (Prime Video)
- Best Actor (Male) : Abhishek Banerjee - Stolen
- Best Actor (Female) : Sanya Malhotra - Mrs (ZEE5)
- Best Actor (Male – Critics) : Vikrant Massey - Sector 36 (Netflix)
- Best Actor (Female – Critics) : Preeti Panigrahi - Girls Will Be Girls
- Best Supporting Actor (Male) : Deepak Dobriyal - Sector 36
- Best Supporting Actor (Female) : Kani Kusruti - Girls Will Be Girls



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**Ques: Where was the 4th annual Quad Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) tabletop exercise held?**

- A) Tokyo, Japan
- B) Canberra, Australia
- C) Washington D.C., USA
- D) New Delhi, India
- E) Honolulu, Hawaii

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The 4th annual Quad Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) tabletop exercise and strategic meeting was held in Honolulu, Hawaii, with participation from India, Australia, Japan, and the USA.
- The exercise took place from 2nd to 5th of the month and aimed to reinforce the Quad's commitment to reliable and effective lifesaving assistance.
- Its primary objective was to strengthen disaster-response coordination and preparedness across the Indo-Pacific region.

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**Ques: Which Indian organization became the first to receive the IEEE Standards Association (IEEE SA) Corporate Award 2025?**

- A) ISRO
- B) BHEL
- C) C-DoT
- D) DRDO
- E) BEL

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) became the first Indian organization to receive the IEEE Standards Association (IEEE SA) Corporate Award 2025.
- C-DoT is one of only five organizations worldwide to have received this prestigious award.
- Scientist Sandeep Agarwal from C-DoT also received the IEEE Standards Medallion Award.
- The award ceremony was held in New Jersey, USA.

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