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Ques: 'Google Pay Flex Axis Bank Credit Card' is built on which payment network?

- A) Visa
- B) Mastercard
- C) American Express
- D) RuPay
- E) NPCI Card

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Axis Bank and Google Pay have jointly launched the 'Google Pay Flex Axis Bank Credit Card'.
- It is a UPI-enabled co-branded credit card built on the RuPay network.
- The card allows users to make payments at millions of offline merchants as well as online apps.
- Users can earn and instantly redeem reward points directly through Google Pay.
- The card also offers easy and seamless repayment options via Google Pay.
- The launch further strengthens digital credit access in India through the UPI ecosystem.

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Ques: What do the RBI's final "Commercial Banks – Undertaking of Financial Services, 2025" guidelines primarily focus on?

- A) Reducing lending rates
- B) Easing bank group reorganisation with tighter compliance
- C) Merging all NBFCs into banks
- D) Nationalising private banks
- E) Promoting digital-only banks

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The RBI released the final guidelines titled "Commercial Banks – Undertaking of Financial Services, 2025" to provide flexibility in bank group reorganisation while strengthening compliance norms.
- The guidelines allow overlapping lending operations for bank group entities with board approval, preventing compulsory restructuring for around 12 major bank groups.
- RBI retained key restrictions across group entities, including upper-layer scale-based rules for NBFCs and a 20% ceiling on bank group shareholding in Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs).
- Crisil noted that the final guidelines reduce operational disruption compared to the 2024 draft while ensuring continuity and compliance.

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Recently signed banking agreements

- City Union Bank has partnered with the financial wellbeing platform SalarySe to launch the Level Up Credit Card.
- Sberbank and JSC First Asset Management have jointly launched a new mutual fund named First-India.
- The Department of Posts (DoP) and BSE, Asia's oldest stock exchange, have signed a landmark MoU to expand access to mutual fund services across India.
- Bank of Baroda, a public sector bank, partnered with the Government of Nagaland for the Hornbill Festival 2025.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance has partnered with Vastu Housing Finance to offer insurance to Vastu's housing loan customers.
- Indian Navy, the Brazilian Navy, and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) signed MOU to strengthen long-term maintenance support for Scorpène-class submarines and expand naval cooperation between the two nations

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Ques: The Securities Markets Code Bill, 2025 seeks to replace which of the following laws?

- A) SEBI Act, 1992
- B) Depositories Act, 1996
- C) Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956
- D) All of the above
- E) Companies Act, 2013

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Securities Markets Code Bill, 2025 in the Lok Sabha.
- The Bill aims to consolidate and replace three existing securities laws into a single modern framework.
- The laws proposed to be repealed and subsumed are the SEBI Act, 1992, Depositories Act, 1996, and Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956.
- The objective of the Bill is to strengthen investor protection, improve ease of doing business, and enable efficient capital mobilisation.
- It proposes decriminalisation of minor procedural violations by shifting them from criminal liability to civil penalties.
- The Bill also strengthens SEBI's governance with stricter conflict-of-interest disclosure norms.
- Additional provisions such as a specialised ombudsman and a regulatory sandbox are included to promote innovation in securities markets.





Ques: Which regional rural banks have been directed by the Ministry of Finance to prepare draft IPO plans by the end of March?

- A) Punjab Gramin Bank, Karnataka Gramin Bank, Odisha Gramin Bank
- B) Haryana Gramin Bank, Kerala Gramin Bank, Tamil Nadu Grama Bank
- C) Assam Gramin Bank, Bihar Gramin Bank, Jharkhand Gramin Bank
- D) Rajasthan Marudhara Gramin Bank, Baroda UP Bank, Aryavart Bank
- E) Maharashtra Gramin Bank, Andhra Pradesh Grameena Bank, Telangana Grameena Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance has directed Haryana Gramin Bank, Kerala Gramin Bank and Tamil Nadu Grama Bank to prepare and submit draft Initial Public Offering (IPO) plans by the end of March.
- Senior officials from these three banks and their respective sponsor institutions participated in the review process.
- The Centre aims to list at least five Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) over the next two financial years, with up to three potential listings planned for FY27.
- This move follows the consolidation of RRBs from 43 to 28 under the 'One State, One RRB' initiative.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- Google Launches 'Flex' Its First-Ever Credit Card in India on RuPay in collaboration with Axis Bank
- SVC Co-operative Bank, a 118-year-old multi-state scheduled bank, has launched SVCNXT, an upgraded Mobile and NetBanking platform.
- IndusInd Bank Jio-bp Mobility+ Credit Card Launched by IndusInd Bank & Jio-bp, a Joint Venture (JV) between Jio and British Petroleum (bp)
- IDFC First Bank Limited launched the FIRST WOW! Black Credit Card, a premium credit card backed by a Fixed Deposit (FD).
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has launched a premium card named 'Luxura', powered by RuPay.
- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) has launched a new Loan Origination System (LOS) developed with Nucleus Software to streamline loan processing.
- Banking Connect is a net-banking platform developed by NPCI to allow the RBI to monitor fund transfers with shorter time lags.

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Ques: Which bank launched the 'IDFC First Global Savings Account' for Non-Resident Indians, allowing them to hold earnings in USD and EUR?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Axis Bank
- D) IDFC First Bank
- E) ICICI Bank

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- IDFC First Bank has launched the 'IDFC First Global Savings Account' for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs).
 - The account allows NRIs to hold their foreign currency earnings in United States Dollar (USD) and Euro (EUR).
 - The account is offered through the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
 - Key features include zero fees on overseas transfers, interest rate of around 4.75% per annum on USD balances, and no minimum balance requirement.
 - The account offers 100% repatriation of principal and interest to overseas accounts along with TDS exemption on interest earned. About IDFC First Bank :
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- Established : 2015
 - HQ : Mumbai
 - MD & CEO : V Vaidyanathan
 - Tagline : Always You First





Ques: Why did the Finance Ministry unveil a new logo for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)?

- A) To reflect merger with public sector banks
- B) To signify a single and unified brand identity for RRBs
- C) To mark the completion of 50 years of RRBs
- D) To promote digital-only banking in rural areas
- E) To replace sponsor banks' logos

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Finance Ministry unveiled a new logo for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to signify a single and unified brand identity across the country.
- The colours of the logo reflect the objectives of RRBs — dark blue represents finance and trust, while green symbolises life and growth, highlighting their mission to serve rural India.
- Under the 'One State, One RRB' principle, the Department of Financial Services has consolidated 15 Regional Rural Banks across 11 states and Union Territories, effective from May 1, 2025.
- At present, 28 RRBs continue to operate nationwide through a network of over 22,000 branches across more than 700 districts.

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Ques: India signed a bilateral visa waiver agreement with which country to facilitate official travel?

- A) UAE
- B) Oman
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Qatar
- E) Kuwait

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Saudi Arabia signed a bilateral visa waiver agreement in Riyadh to facilitate official travel between the two countries.
- The agreement was signed under the framework of the India–Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council.
- It provides mutual exemption from short-stay visa requirements for holders of diplomatic, special and official passports of both countries.
- On behalf of India, the agreement was signed by Suhel Ajaz Khan, Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.
- From the Saudi side, the agreement was signed by Abdulmajeed bin Rashed Alsmari, Deputy Minister for Protocol Affairs.
- The agreement is expected to streamline the movement of officials and enhance bilateral exchanges.
- According to the Indian Embassy, the move will further strengthen strategic cooperation across multiple sectors.





Ques: Which ministry approved 25 road projects under PM-JANMAN to improve connectivity for PVTGs in Tripura?

पीएम-जनमान के तहत त्रिपुरा में PVTG के लिए कनेक्टिविटी सुधारने हेतु 25 सड़क परियोजनाओं को किस मंत्रालय ने मंजूरी दी?

- A) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways / सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय
- B) Ministry of Rural Development / ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय
- C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs / जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय
- D) Ministry of Urban Development / शहरी विकास मंत्रालय
- E) Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय

Answer: Option B

Explanation / व्याख्या:

- The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) approved 25 road projects under the Road Connectivity component of PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) in Tripura.
- ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (MoRD) ने त्रिपुरा में पीएम-जनमान (प्रधानमंत्री जनजाति आदिवासी न्याय महा अभियान) के रोड कनेक्टिविटी घटक के तहत 25 सड़क परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दी।
- Total road length of 65.38 km with investment of ₹68.67 crore aims to improve connectivity and development in Tripura.
- कुल सड़क लंबाई 65.38 किमी और निवेश ₹68.67 करोड़ का उद्देश्य त्रिपुरा में कनेक्टिविटी और विकास को बढ़ाना है।
- Benefits include all-weather connectivity to 30 PVTG habitations, improved socio-economic conditions, enhanced rural-urban connectivity, better access to healthcare, education, and markets, employment generation, and boosting local economies.
- इसके लाभों में 30 PVTG बस्तियों को ऑल-वेदर सड़क कनेक्टिविटी, सामाजिक-आर्थिक स्थिति में सुधार, ग्रामीण-शहरी कनेक्टिविटी में वृद्धि, स्वास्थ्य, शिक्षा और बाजार तक बेहतर पहुँच, रोजगार सृजन और स्थानीय अर्थव्यवस्थाओं को प्रोत्साहन शामिल हैं।
- The initiative supports the government's vision of a prosperous Northeast and Viksit Bharat (Developed India).
- यह पहल सरकार की समृद्ध पूर्वोत्तर और विकसित भारत (विकसित भारत) की दृष्टि का समर्थन करती है।





Ques: Which ministry partnered with WHO to launch a month-long metro awareness campaign in Delhi?

- A) Ministry of Women & Child Development
- B) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- C) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- D) Ministry of Urban Development
- E) Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Union Health Ministry, in collaboration with WHO – World Health Organization, launched a month-long metro awareness campaign in Delhi starting 10 December 2025 at Sultanpur metro station.
- The campaign runs through December 2025 and January 2026 and focuses on women's and girls' health, safety, mental health support, digital inclusion, PC-PNDT Act awareness, and tuberculosis (TB) awareness.

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Ques: Charaichung Festival is associated with the revival of which historic bird sanctuary?

- A) Keoladeo National Park**
- B) Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary**
- C) Asia's first protected royal bird sanctuary at Majuli**
- D) Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary**
- E) Chilika Lake Bird Area**

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- **Charaichung Festival was recently hosted on Majuli Island in Assam to revive awareness about Asia's first protected royal bird sanctuary.**
- **The sanctuary is regarded as Asia's first protected bird sanctuary.**
- **It was established in 1633 AD by Ahom king Swargadeu Pratap Singha.**
- **The sanctuary is located on Majuli Island, which is the world's largest river island.**
- **Majuli Island is formed by the Brahmaputra River along with its tributaries Kherkutia Xuti and Subansiri.**
- **The festival highlights Assam's rich ecological heritage and conservation traditions that date back to the Ahom era.**

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Ques: Which Indian state is set to establish India's first dedicated forest university?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Assam
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Uttar Pradesh is set to create history by establishing India's first dedicated forest university.
- The university will focus on education and research in forestry, wildlife, and environmental sciences.
- Contrary to expectations of a metro location, the forest university will be established in Gorakhpur in eastern Uttar Pradesh.
- The university will be developed on a 125-acre campus in Gorakhpur.
- The site is strategically located near the Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre.
- The project received an allocation of ₹50 crore in the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2024.

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Ministry of Finance, Government of India conducted the nationwide campaign “Aapki Poonji, Aapka Adhikar – Your Money, Your Right” as a three-month drive from 4 October to 5 December 2025.
- 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.
- National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) was launched in 2020 by the Ministry of Textiles to boost the technical textiles sector in India.
- Union Minister Annpurna Devi of the Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the “100-Day Intensive Awareness Campaign for a Child Marriage Free Bharat” at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The National e-Governance Division, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, launched the “Passport Verification Records” feature on the DigiLocker platform.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and UN Women India have announced a global Call for Nominations for a compendium on the real-world impact of AI in advancing gender equality.

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Ques: Who topped the Hurun India Top 200 Self-Made Entrepreneurs of the Millennia 2025 list?

- A) Radhakishan Damani
- B) Rahul Bhatia
- C) Rakesh Gangwal
- D) Deepinder Goyal
- E) Abhay Soi

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Deepinder Goyal, founder of Eternal, topped the IDFC First Private Banking – Hurun India Top 200 Self-Made Entrepreneurs of the Millennia 2025 list.
- His company valuation stands at ₹3.2 trillion, registering a 27% year-on-year increase.
- Radhakishan Damani of Avenue Supermarts (DMart) secured the second position with a valuation of ₹2.97 trillion.
- Rahul Bhatia and Rakesh Gangwal of InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo) debuted at the third position with a valuation of ₹2.19 trillion.
- The list ranks self-made Indian entrepreneurs born after 2000 on the basis of company valuation.
- The combined valuation of companies featured in the list stood at ₹42 trillion, marking a 15% year-on-year growth.

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Ques: Which IIT's Centre for Responsible AI is hosting a Pre-Summit event ahead of India–AI Impact Summit 2026?

- A) IIT Delhi
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Madras
- D) IIT Kanpur
- E) IIT Kharagpur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- CeRAI – Centre for Responsible AI, IIT Madras, in collaboration with IndiaAI Mission under MeitY, is hosting a Pre-Summit Event on 11 December in Chennai.
- The formal inauguration took place on 10 December (evening) and includes a full-day Pre-Summit Event and a hybrid, closed-door Working Group meeting.
- The event precedes the India–AI Impact Summit 2026, scheduled for 15–20 February at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marking the first time the Summit is hosted in the Global South.
- Purpose: Strengthen India's leadership in ethical, safe, and inclusive AI, translating AI safety and governance principles into practical frameworks, addressing fairness, accountability, and AI misuse, and creating scalable governance models for diverse contexts.

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Ques: The 'Param Vir Dirgha', inaugurated by the President of India, is associated with which of the following?

- A) History of Indian independence movements
- B) Achievements of Olympic medal winners
- C) United Nations peacekeeping missions
- D) Indian Army training institutions
- E) Recipients of Param Vir Chakra

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- President of India Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Param Vir Dirgha at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- It is a dedicated gallery honouring the recipients of the Param Vir Chakra, India's highest military gallantry award.
- The gallery showcases portraits and stories of all 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees.
- Instituted in 1950, the Param Vir Chakra is awarded for exceptional bravery or supreme sacrifice in the presence of the enemy during wartime.

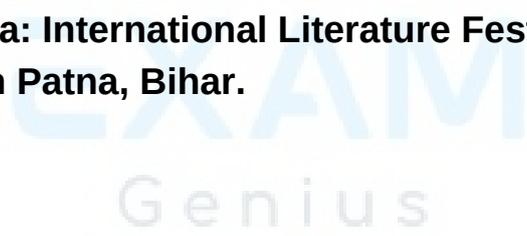
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Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- **Yomari Punhi** : Newari harvest festival celebrated in the Kathmandu Valley.
- **Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam 2025** : 3rd edition of the cultural music festival. The festival was organised by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- **Kambala** : traditional buffalo race festival celebrated annually after the harvest season. mainly observed in Karnataka's Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, and Kerala's Kasargod district
- **International Gita Festival** : 10th edition was held at Kurukshetra, with Madhya Pradesh as the partner state
- **World Peace Prayer Festival** : 16-day festival, starting from 4th November 2025 in Thimphu, Bhutan
- **'Kartik Naach'** festival : 10-day-long traditional dance-drama celebrated at Patan Durbar Square, Lalitpur, Nepal, on the occasion of Kartik Purnima
- **The 3rd edition of Unmesha: International Literature Festival** – held at the Samrat Ashok Convention Centre in Patna, Bihar.





Ques: Exercise DESERT CYCLONE 2025 is a joint military exercise between which two countries?

- A) India – UAE
- B) India – Oman
- C) India – Saudi Arabia
- D) India – Qatar
- E) India – Bahrain

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Exercise DESERT CYCLONE 2025 is the 2nd edition of the joint army exercise between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The exercise was held at Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- India was represented by 45 personnel, primarily from a battalion of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment.
- The exercise was first conducted in 2024 at the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.
- The exercise aims to enhance interoperability, joint operational capability, and defence cooperation between the two armies.

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Ques: India's first 'wildlife-safe road' launched by NHAI is located on which National Highway and in which state?

- A) NH-45, Madhya Pradesh
- B) NH-44, Telangana
- C) NH-7, Maharashtra
- D) NH-30, Chhattisgarh
- E) NH-16, Odisha

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched India's first 'wildlife-safe road' on a 2-kilometre ghat section of the 11.96-km Hiran–Sindoor stretch of NH-45 in Madhya Pradesh.
- The project aims to reduce animal–vehicle collisions and ensure safer movement for wildlife in forested and protected areas.
- The total 11.96 km stretch between Bhopal and Jabalpur on NH-45 has been developed at a cost of around ₹122 crore.
- The Hiran–Sindoor section, located about 60 km from Jabalpur, passes through the Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve and near the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary.

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Ques: Which organization achieved a record nuclear power generation of 56,681 million units in India?

- A) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
- B) Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd.
- C) Indian Rare Earths Limited
- D) Atomic Energy Commission
- E) Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) produced 56,681 million units of electricity in 2025, marking the highest-ever annual nuclear power generation in India and the first time crossing 50 billion units.
- The generation helped avoid approximately 49 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions.
- New projects include the Mahi Banswara Nuclear Power Project in Rajasthan (4 × 700 MW), implemented by the NPCIL–NTPC joint venture ASHVINI.
- Reactor milestones: Rawatbhata Unit-7 started commercial operations; Kakrapar 700 MWe Units 1 & 2 received full operation clearance; long-duration continuous runs at Tarapur-3 and Kudankulam-2.
- The Atomic Energy Commission approved pre-project activities for 10 additional 700 MWe PHWRs beyond the planned 22.5 GW capacity by 2032.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the 11th Director General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)?

- A) Arvind Virmani
- B) Raghuram Rajan
- C) Poonam Gupta
- D) Suresh Goyal
- E) Urjit Patel

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Suresh Goyal has been appointed as the 11th Director General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER).
- He has replaced Poonam Gupta, who is currently serving as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) is India's oldest and largest independent, non-profit economic policy research think tank.
- NCAER was established in 1956 and is headquartered in New Delhi.

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Ques: What is the target set by the Government for the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras by March 2027?

- A) 20,000
- B) 22,500
- C) 24,000
- D) 25,000
- E) 30,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) aims to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all citizens.
- As of 30 November 2025, a total of 17,610 Jan Aushadhi Kendras are operational across India.
- In 2014, there were only 80 Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country.
- The Government has set a target to increase the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras to 25,000 by March 2027.
- Growing awareness and trust in Janaushadhi medicines have resulted in higher sales and expansion of the product basket.
- During the last financial year, the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras increased by 37%, while the MRP value of sales rose by 38%.

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Ques: India signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with which country, making it the second Free Trade Agreement signed by India in the last six months?

- A) Oman
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) United Arab Emirates
- D) Qatar
- E) Kuwait

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India and Oman signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- The agreement was signed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik.
- Under the agreement, Oman has offered zero-duty access on 98.08% of its tariff lines, covering 99.38% of India's exports to Oman.
- India has agreed to tariff liberalisation on 77.79% of its total tariff lines, covering 94.81% of India's imports from Oman.
- Oman is a member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and had earlier signed a Free Trade Agreement with the United States in 2006.
- After nearly 20 years, Oman has chosen India as only the second country for such an agreement.

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Ques: Under PMMSY, India's total fish production in 2024–25 (provisional) stood at how much?

- A) 175 lakh tonnes
- B) 185 lakh tonnes
- C) 190 lakh tonnes
- D) 197.75 lakh tonnes
- E) 205 lakh tonnes

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Since the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in 2020, India has seen a sharp rise in fish production and aquaculture productivity.
- Total fish production increased from 141.60 lakh tonnes in 2019–20 to 197.75 lakh tonnes (provisional) in 2024–25, registering a growth of about 38%.
- This growth has been driven by the expansion of inland aquaculture, development of marine fisheries, strengthening of value-chain infrastructure, and strong policy support under PMMSY.
- India's average aquaculture productivity rose from around 3 tonnes per hectare before PMMSY to about 4.7 tonnes per hectare by early 2025.
- The top inland fish producing states are Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Odisha, with Bihar ranking 4th nationally in inland fish production.
- PMMSY was approved on 20 May 2020 and launched on 10 September 2020 to usher in the Blue Revolution.
- It is an umbrella scheme with Central Sector components having 100% central funding and Centrally Sponsored components with shared funding.
 - The total outlay of the scheme is ₹20,050 crore and it has been extended up to 2025–26.
- With these efforts, India has emerged as the world's second-largest fish producer, contributing nearly 8% to global fish production.





Ques: According to UNCTAD, what is the projected global trade value for 2025 and key trends observed?

- A) \$35 trillion
- B) \$32 trillion
- C) \$30 trillion
- D) \$40 trillion
- E) \$45 trillion

Answer: Option A

Explanation

- UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) reports that global trade is expected to exceed \$35 trillion in 2025 for the first time.
- Trade continued to expand in the second half of 2025 despite geopolitical tensions, higher costs, and uneven demand.
- Q3 2025 growth: Global trade grew 2.5% over the previous quarter; goods ↑ ~2%, services ↑ 4%.
- Expected Q4 growth slower: goods ↑ 0.5%, services ↑ 2%, projecting a 7% annual increase adding \$1.5 trillion in goods and \$750 billion in services.
- Regional highlights: East Asia shows strongest export growth (9%), intra-regional trade ↑ 10%; Africa imports ↑ 10%, exports ↑ 6%; South–South trade expanded ~8%.

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Ques: Who won the The Best FIFA Men's Player award at the ceremony held in Doha, Qatar?

- A) Lionel Messi
- B) Kylian Mbappé
- C) Erling Haaland
- D) Ousmane Dembélé
- E) Kevin De Bruyne

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- France's Ousmane Dembélé was crowned The Best FIFA Men's Player at the award ceremony held in Doha, Qatar.
- Spain's Aitana Bonmatí won The Best FIFA Women's Player award for the third consecutive time, creating history.
- The awards were presented at a special ceremony hosted in Doha, highlighting global football excellence.
- Dembélé's recognition was based on his exceptional performances at both club and international levels.

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Ques: Which institution became India's first Yoga and Ayurveda focused 'Cluster Center' under the Gyan Bharatam Mission?

- A) Banaras Hindu University
- B) Central University of Yoga
- C) All India Institute of Ayurveda
- D) Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan
- E) University of Patanjali, Haridwar

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The University of Patanjali, Haridwar has become India's first Yoga and Ayurveda focused 'Cluster Center' under the Gyan Bharatam Mission.
- Gyan Bharatam Mission is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Culture aimed at safeguarding India's intellectual heritage, especially manuscripts and traditional knowledge, through conservation, research, and dissemination.
- So far, 33 MoUs have been signed under the mission, including 20 cluster centers, out of which 8 are universities.
- The University of Patanjali has preserved more than 50,000 ancient texts, digitised over 4.2 million pages, and republished 40 manuscripts.
- As a Cluster Center, the university will mentor 20 associated institutions, strengthening nationwide efforts in cultural preservation.

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- A) Taj Mahal
- B) India Gate
- C) Statue of Unity
- D) Gateway of India
- E) Charminar

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- Renowned Indian sculptor Ram Vanji Sutar passed away at the age of 100 at his residence in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
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- The Statue of Unity is dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and symbolizes national unity.
- Ram Sutar played a significant role in giving Indian memorial sculpture global recognition.
- His notable works include statues of Mahatma Gandhi at the Parliament complex and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
- He is regarded as one of the most influential sculptors in modern Indian history.

