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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of IIFL Finance Limited?

- A) Shaktikanta Das**
- B) Urjit Patel**
- C) Bibhu Prasad (BP) Kanungo**
- D) Viral Acharya**
- E) Raghuram Rajan**

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- **Bibhu Prasad (BP) Kanungo, former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of IIFL Finance Limited.**
- **Kanungo served as Deputy Governor of the RBI from 2017 to 2021.**
- **He was also a member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).**
- **IIFL Finance Limited was established in 1995 and is headquartered in Mumbai.**

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Ques: Which digital payments platform has launched UPI Biometric Authentication, allowing users to approve transactions using fingerprint or face scan without entering a PIN?

- A) Google Pay
- B) PhonePe
- C) Paytm
- D) Amazon Pay
- E) BHIM

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Amazon Pay has launched UPI Biometric Authentication, enabling users to approve UPI transactions using fingerprint or face scan instead of entering a UPI PIN.
- Amazon Pay is among the first payment service providers in India to introduce biometric-based authentication for UPI payments.
- The biometric authentication feature is available for transactions of up to ₹5,000 across Amazon Pay UPI services.
- The move aims to enhance security, convenience, and ease of use for UPI customers.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **Ashwini Kumar Tewari** : Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India
- **Ravi Ranjan (Deputy MD in SBI)** : Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (Replaced Vinay M. Tonse)
- **Ajai Kumar Shukla** : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of PNB Housing Finance
- **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: According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Monthly Bulletin for November 2025, what was the unemployment rate among persons aged 15 years and above in India?

- A) 5.1%
- B) 4.9%
- C) 4.7%
- D) 4.5%
- E) 6.0%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Statistical Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, released the PLFS Monthly Bulletin for November 2025.
- As per the report, the unemployment rate among persons aged 15 years and above declined to 4.7% in November 2025.
- This was the lowest unemployment rate recorded since April 2025, when it stood at 5.1%.
- The report showed that rural unemployment rate fell to 3.9%, while urban unemployment rate declined to 6.5%.

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Ques: Which digital payments firm received the final Payment Aggregator (PA) licence from the Reserve Bank of India to offer both online and offline merchant payment acceptance under a single regulatory framework?

- A) PayU
- B) Razorpay
- C) Pine Labs
- D) Mswipe Technologies
- E) Easebuzz

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Digital payments firm Mswipe Technologies Private Limited received the final Payment Aggregator licence from the Reserve Bank of India.
- The licence allows Mswipe to offer both online and offline merchant payment acceptance under a single regulatory framework.
- Mswipe also holds an in-principle Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) licence and a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) licence obtained in 2022.
- With this approval, Mswipe joins a select group of fully authorised payment aggregators such as Paytm, Razorpay, Pine Labs, Easebuzz, PayU, and Airpay.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners

- **Golden Globe Horizon Award at Red Sea Film Festival : Alia Bhatt**
- **Best Domestic Airline award : India's national carrier Air India**
- **Best FIFA Men's Player : France's Ousmane Dembélé**
- **Best FIFA Women's Player : Spain's Aitana Bonmatí**
- **Geddes Gavel Award : Col Prateek Roy of the Indian Army**
- **Oman's highest civilian honour, 'The First Class of the Order of Oman' Awarded by Sultan Haitham bin Tarik : Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
- **IEEE Standards Association (IEEE SA) Corporate Award 2025 : Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT)**
- **Ethiopia's highest civilian award, "The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia." : Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
- **Sanctuary Wildlife Service Award 2025 : BNHS Scientist Parveen Shaikh**
- **Excellence in Generative AI Innovation in Banking at 7th ETBFSI Exceller Awards 2025 : State Bank of India**

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Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed regulatory restrictions on which two Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs)?

- A) Mumbai District Central Co-op Bank & Surat Mercantile Co-op Bank
- B) Gauhati Cooperative Urban Bank (Assam) & Valsad Mahila Nagrik Sahakari Bank (Gujarat)
- C) PMC Bank & Cosmos Cooperative Bank
- D) Ahmedabad Mercantile Co-op Bank & Shamrao Vithal Co-op Bank
- E) Nashik Merchants Co-op Bank & Kolhapur Urban Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed regulatory restrictions on two Urban Cooperative Banks—The Gauhati Cooperative Urban Bank Limited in Assam and The Valsad Mahila Nagrik Sahakari Bank Limited in Gujarat.
- The restrictions were issued in the form of 'Directions' under the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949, and will remain in force for six months, subject to review.

About Directions on Gauhati Cooperative Urban Bank:

- Directions came into effect from the close of business on December 17, 2025.
- Depositors are allowed to withdraw up to ₹35,000 across all deposit accounts; the bank may adjust outstanding loans against deposits.

About Directions on Valsad Mahila Nagrik Sahakari Bank

- Directions came into effect from the close of business on December 18, 2025.
- No withdrawals are permitted from any deposit accounts; however, the bank may adjust outstanding loans against deposits as per RBI conditions.





Ques: Who became the first artist with a learning disability to receive the Turner Prize, the prestigious contemporary art award of the United Kingdom?

- A) Zadie Xa
- B) Rene Matić
- C) Mohammed Sami
- D) Nnena Kalu
- E) Tracey Emin

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- British contemporary artist Nnena Kalu became the first artist with a learning disability to receive the Turner Prize.
- She is known for her sculptures and drawings and was awarded a cash prize of £25,000.
- Other shortlisted artists — Rene Matić, Mohammed Sami, and Zadie Xa — received £10,000 each.
- The Turner Prize was instituted in 1984 and honours a British or UK-based artist for outstanding contemporary art.
- The prize is named after the famous British painter Joseph Mallord William (J.M.W.) Turner.

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Ques: Who authored the biography 'Salman Khan: The Sultan of Bollywood'?

- A) Anupama Chopra
- B) Rajeev Masand
- C) Mohar Basu
- D) Shubhra Gupta
- E) Barkha Dutt1

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- HarperCollins India released the biography titled 'Salman Khan: The Sultan of Bollywood'.
- The book is written by award-winning journalist Mohar Basu.
- Mohar Basu is the Chief Correspondent (Entertainment) at Midday.
- She also authored the book 'Shah Rukh Khan' published in 2024 by HarperCollins.
- Mohar Basu was featured in the Indian Achievers Club '40 under 40' list.

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Ques: Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) worth ₹5,567 crore have been finalised for greenfield PM MITRA Parks in which three Indian states?

- A) Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Telangana
- C) Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha
- D) Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh
- E) West Bengal, Assam and Tripura

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Textiles (MoT), in collaboration with the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (NICDC), held a stakeholder consultation in New Delhi to engage prospective developers for PM MITRA Parks.
- During the meeting, Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, announced that DPRs worth ₹5,567 crore have been finalised for three greenfield textile parks.
- The three greenfield PM MITRA Parks will be developed in Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Gujarat.

Locations:

- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 1,000 acres
- Kalaburagi, Karnataka – 1,000 acres
- Navsari, Gujarat – 1,142 acres

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Ques: Which two public sector entities have signed a Joint Venture Agreement to establish a green energy company for developing renewable energy projects in India?

- A) NTPC Limited and Power Grid Corporation
- B) NLC India Renewables Limited and PTC India Limited
- C) REC Limited and NHPC Limited
- D) Indian Oil Corporation and BPCL
- E) Adani Green Energy and SECI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- NLC India Renewables Limited has signed a Joint Venture Agreement with PTC India Limited to establish a green energy joint venture company.
- The joint venture will focus on establishing, operating, and maintaining renewable energy projects across multiple sectors.
- Renewable energy segments covered include solar, wind, hydro, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), green ammonia, and other emerging green technologies.
- The joint venture plans to develop a total green energy capacity of up to 2,000 MW in phases.
- The initial deployment is expected to be around 500 MW.

Announced : Union Budget for Financial Year 2021-22 (FY22) by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance

- Outlay : Rs 4,445 crore
- Tenure : 7 years up to FY28
- Area covered : 7 sites across 7 Indian states namely, Tamil Nadu (TN) (Virudhnagar), Telangana (Warangal), Gujarat (Navsari), Karnataka (Kalaburagi), Madhya Pradesh (MP) (Dhar), Uttar Pradesh (UP) (Lucknow) and Maharashtra (Amravati) for setting up of PM MITRA Parks

About NICDC :

- HQ : New Delhi
- MD & CEO : Rajat Kumar Saini





Ques: Which Indian football club won the inaugural SAFF Women's Club Championship 2025?

- A) Gokulam Kerala FC
- B) Odisha FC
- C) East Bengal Football Club
- D) Sethu FC
- E) Kickstart FC

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's East Bengal Football Club won the inaugural South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Women's Club Championship 2025.
- East Bengal FC defeated Nepal's Armed Police Force (APF) FC in the final match.
- The final was held at Dasharath Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- With this win, East Bengal FC became the first Indian women's football club to win an international tournament.
- The tournament featured women's clubs from five South Asian countries: India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Bhutan.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- Biography 'Salman Khan: The Sultan of Bollywood' : Award-winning journalist Mohar Basu
- 'Chunotiya Mujhe Pasand Hai', based on the life of Uttar Pradesh Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel : Pankaj Jani, Ashok Desai and Vinay Joshi
- 'From Home to Heartland: The Story of the Sourashtras' : Anitha Rajarajan and Biswajit Balasubramanian
- "The One: Cricket, My Life and More" : former Indian Cricketer Shikhar Dhawan
- "Mohan and Muhammad" : Meghnad Desai
- "Bharat: That Is India – Reclaiming Our Real Identity" : Abhijeet Joag
- "A Sixth of Humanity: Independent India's Development Odyssey" : jointly authored by Arvind Subramanian, former Chief Economic Advisor of India, and Devesh Kapur, a noted political scientist
- "The Life and Legacy of Arun Jaitley" : Sumant Batra
- 'Unseen' : journalist Megha Vishwanath





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- A) Uzbekistan
- B) Switzerland
- C) Qatar
- D) Austria
- E) United Arab Emirates

Answer:

C) Qatar

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- A) Georgia
- B) Azerbaijan
- C) Armenia
- D) Kazakhstan
- E) Uzbekistan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of Armenia unveiled the Yerevan blue butterfly as the official logo for the 17th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- COP17 will be held in October 2026 in Yerevan, Armenia.
- Armenia also unveiled the slogan “Taking Action for Nature” for COP17.
- The emblem is inspired by the Erivan Anomalous Blue (*Polyommatus eriwanensis*), a blue butterfly endemic to the Yerevan region, symbolising local biodiversity and ecological resilience.
- The logo incorporates 23 blended colours representing the 23 targets of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted in 2022, aimed at halting and reversing biodiversity loss by 2030.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) signed an MoU with the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) to strengthen bilateral cooperation in sports.
- India and Oman signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- India and Oman signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in Muscat to strengthen cooperation in trade, investment and services.
- 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.
- India and Saudi Arabia signed a bilateral visa waiver agreement in Riyadh to facilitate official travel between the two countries.
- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) & Amazon signed MOU to strengthen market access for artisans registered under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme
- 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.

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Ques: Which Indian Navy submarine, the lead boat of the Sindhughosh class, was recently decommissioned after 40 years of service?

- A) INS Chakra
- B) INS Sindhurakshak
- C) INS Sindhughosh
- D) INS Kalvari
- E) INS Shankul

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Navy formally decommissioned Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sindhughosh after 40 years of distinguished service.
- The decommissioning ceremony was held at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.
- INS Sindhughosh was commissioned into the Indian Navy on April 30, 1986.
- The submarine is a variant of the Soviet-origin Kilo-class diesel-electric submarines, acquired by India from Russia under Project 877EKM.
- INS Sindhughosh has been replaced by the sixth Kalvari-class (Scorpene) submarine, built indigenously by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited under Project 75I.

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Ques: Where was the first Field Training Exercise of the QUAD partners conducted on the sidelines of Operation Christmas Drop?

- A) Diego Garcia, Indian Ocean
- B) Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- C) Andersen Air Force Base, Guam
- D) Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan
- E) Darwin, Australia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) partners — India, the United States, Australia, and Japan — conducted their first Field Training Exercise on the sidelines of Operation Christmas Drop.
- The exercise was held at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, United States of America.
- Operation Christmas Drop is the world's longest-running humanitarian airlift mission conducted annually by the United States Air Force (USAF).
- The mission is carried out every December for about two weeks across Pacific island nations to deliver food, medical supplies, and essential relief materials to remote and isolated communities.
- The QUAD grouping was originally conceptualised in 2007 by Japan's then Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.
- India will host the 5th QUAD Leaders' Summit, scheduled to be held in 2025.

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Ques: Veteran journalist and Padma Shri awardee Prafulla Govinda Baruah, associated with which newspaper, recently passed away?

- A) The Hindu
- B) The Assam Tribune
- C) The Indian Express
- D) Dainik Asom
- E) Sentinel

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Veteran journalist Prafulla Govinda Baruah, Chairman Emeritus and Editor of The Assam Tribune, passed away.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2018 for his contribution to literature and education and for promoting Assam's growth.
- He actively promoted Assamese literature through 'Sahitya Prakash'.
- He founded the monthly Assamese literary magazine 'Goriyasi'.
- He also established the socio-cultural organisation 'Jyotirupa' to nurture talent in drama and the arts.

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Ques: On which date is the Raising Day of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) observed?

- A) December 18
- B) December 19
- C) December 20
- D) December 21
- E) December 22

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) observes its Raising Day on December 20.
- In 2025, the SSB celebrated its 62nd Raising Day.
- The event was held at the Central Training Centre (CTC) of SSB in Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh.
- Union Minister Amit Shah from the Ministry of Home Affairs attended the event as the Chief Guest.

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Important days :

- 1 December : 61st Raising Day of the BSF
- 1 December : World AIDS Day (theme for 2025 is “Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response.”)
- 1 December : 63rd Statehood Day of Nagaland
- 2 December : Assam Statehood Day
- 2 December : 25th World Computer Literacy Day 2025 (Started in 2001)
- 2 December : National Pollution Control Day in India (theme for 2025 is “Sustainable Living for a Greener Future.”)
- 2 December : 76th International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (2025 Theme: Acknowledge the past. Repair the present. Build a future of dignity and justice) (Started in 1986)
- 3 December : International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2025 (Theme 2025 Fostering disability-inclusive societies for advancing social progress)
- 4 December : 6th International Day Of Banks 2025 (Theme 2025 Banks Powering a Livable Planet) (Started - 4th December 2020)
- 4 December : Indian Navy Day 2025 (theme for 2025 was Combat Ready, Cohesive, Credible, and Aatmanirbhar Force)
- 4 December : International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures 2025
- 4 December : International Cheetah Day
- 5 December : International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development 2025 (Theme “Every Contribution Matters.”)
- 5 December : World Soil Day 2025 (2025 Theme: Healthy soils for healthy cities)
- 6 December : 70th Mahaparinirvan Diwas
- 7 December : International Civil Aviation Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Safe Skies & Sustainable Future: Together for All)
- 7 December : 77th Armed Forces Flag Day (AFFD)
- 8 December : 41st South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day
- 9 December : International Anti-Corruption Day (theme 2025 is “Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow’s Integrity.”)





- 10 December : Human Rights Day 2025 (2025 Theme: Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials)
- 11 December : United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Day
- 11 December : International Mountain Day (Theme 2025 is “Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond”)
- 12 December : International Day of Neutrality (Started in 2017)
- 12 December : International Universal Health Coverage (UHC) (Theme 2025 Unaffordable health costs? We’re sick of it!) (Started in 2018)
- 14 December : International Day Against Colonialism in All Its Forms and Manifestations 2025
- 14 December : National Energy Conservation Day
- 14 – 20 December : National Energy Conservation Week 2025
- 16 December : Vijay Diwas
- 17 December : 22nd International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers 2025 (Started in 2003)
- 18 December : 52nd Arabic Language Day (Theme 2025 Innovative Pathways for Arabic: Policies and Practices for a More Inclusive Linguistic Future) (Started in 2012)
- 18 December : 25th International Migrants Day (Theme 2025 My Great Story: Cultures and Development) (Started in 2000)
- 18 December : National Minority Rights Day
- 20 December : International Human Solidarity Day 2025 Theme 2025 Solidarity for Sustainable Development: Uniting Communities for a Shared Future
- 21 December : World Basketball Day 2025 (Started in 2023)

