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Ques: By how much did India's foreign exchange reserves increase in the latest data released by the RBI?

- A) USD 1.03 billion
- B) USD 0.89 billion
- C) USD 0.75 billion
- D) USD 1.25 billion
- E) USD 1.50 billion

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 1.03 billion, taking the total reserves to USD 687.26 billion. The data was released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The increase followed a decline in the previous week, indicating a balanced recovery in forex reserves.
- Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) remained the largest component of India's forex reserves.
- Changes in FCA are mainly due to valuation effects arising from movements in the Euro, Pound Sterling, and Japanese Yen against the US Dollar.
- The rise in reserves was primarily supported by an increase in gold reserves and gains in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs).
- India's forex reserves include Foreign Currency Assets (FCA), Gold Reserves, Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), and the RBI's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).





Ques: Canara ai1Pe, recently in news, is launched by which bank?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) Canara Bank
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Union Bank of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Canara ai1Pe has been launched by Canara Bank.
- It allows users to link savings or current accounts from any bank to make and receive UPI payments.

About Canara Bank:

- Established: 1906
- Headquarters: Bengaluru
- MD & CEO: K Satyanarayana Raju
- Tagline: Together We Can





Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- The IndusInd Bank Jio-bp Mobility+ Credit Card was launched on 10 December 2025.
- South Indian Bank has launched the RuPay SIB Paytag, a contactless NFC-enabled payment sticker/device.
- IDFC First Bank has launched the 'IDFC First Global Savings Account' for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs).
- Axis Bank and Google Pay have jointly launched the 'Google Pay Flex Axis Bank Credit Card'.
- 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).

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Ques: Which bank launched the 'Digital Merchant Cash Advance Loans' for MSMEs in India?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- D) SBI
- E) Axis Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Axis Bank Limited launched a new digital loan product called 'Digital Merchant Cash Advance Loans' for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- The product is designed to meet the cash flow requirements of small merchants.
- It offers an unsecured credit facility ranging from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 20 lakh.
- The loan features an Everyday Installment (EDI) system for flexible repayment.

About Axis Bank:

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

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Canara Bank?

- A) K Satyanarayana Raju
- B) Brajesh Kumar Singh
- C) Bhanu Pratap Sharma
- D) Atanu Kumar Das
- E) Rajneesh Karnatak

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Brajesh Kumar Singh has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Canara Bank.
- He has replaced K. Satyanarayana Raju in this position.
- Prior to this appointment, Brajesh Kumar Singh was serving as an Executive Director at the state-owned Indian Bank.
- The appointment was made based on the recommendation of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB).
- FSIB is responsible for selecting the chiefs of public sector banks and insurance companies.
- The Chairman of FSIB is Bhanu Pratap Sharma.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Ms. Shahla Ayoub : Independent Directors in J&K Bank for Tenure 3 Years (Dec 26, 2025 – Dec 25, 2028)
- Bibhu Prasad (BP) Kanungo, former Deputy Governor of RBI : Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of IIFL Finance Limited
- 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

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Ques: Which fintech company received the TPAP license from NPCI to offer UPI services through its platform?

- A) Paytm
- B) PayNearby
- C) PhonePe
- D) Google Pay
- E) BharatPe

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PayNearby secured the Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) license from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), enabling it to offer UPI services directly through its own platform.
- Following NPCI's approval, the company launched the 'PayNearby Saathi' application.
- The app integrates BHASHINI, an AI-driven speech technology platform supported by the Government of India, allowing users to interact in their preferred language, raise queries, and receive instant responses.

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Ques: Paytm Cloud Technologies Ltd (PCTL) has approved the incorporation of step-down wholly owned subsidiaries in which countries?

- A) Singapore and UAE
- B) Indonesia and Luxembourg
- C) UK and Germany
- D) Indonesia and Singapore
- E) Luxembourg and France

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Paytm Cloud Technologies Ltd (PCTL), a wholly owned subsidiary of One97 Communications, approved the incorporation of two step-down wholly owned subsidiaries in Indonesia and Luxembourg.
- Up to Rs 25 crore will be invested in each subsidiary, either in one or two tranches.
- The transaction is expected to be completed by February 28, 2026.
- Separately, Paytm is diluting its stake in Paytm Arab Payments LLC, its UAE-based subsidiary, through a strategic investment by Abbar Global Opportunities Holdings.

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Ques: How much liquidity will the RBI inject into the banking system through OMOs and forex buy-sell swaps?

- A) ₹1 trillion
- B) ₹2 trillion
- C) ₹3 trillion
- D) ₹4 trillion
- E) ₹5 trillion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a fresh round of liquidity measures, including open-market operations (OMOs) and a foreign exchange buy-sell swap, to inject nearly ₹3 trillion into the banking system.
- RBI will purchase Government of India securities worth ₹2 trillion through OMOs in four tranches of ₹50,000 crore each on 29 December, 5 January, 12 January, and 22 January.
- Additionally, RBI will conduct a three-year USD-INR buy-sell swap of \$10 billion on 13 January.
- Net liquidity in the banking system was in deficit by ₹54,852 crore, and RBI has infused ₹1.45 trillion of durable liquidity in December so far.

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Ques: 'Pay Later with BharatPe', recently in news, is launched in partnership with which bank?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- BharatPe, in partnership with YES Bank, launched 'Pay Later with BharatPe', an instant Credit on UPI product powered by NPCI.
- The facility offers interest-free credit for up to 45 days.
- Credit limits are refreshed upon repayment.
- Flexible EMI options of 3–12 months are available.

About YES Bank:

- Established: 2004
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- MD & CEO: Prashant Kumar
- Tagline: Life Ko Banao Rich

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Ques: When was the ASEAN–India Tourism Professionals Exchange Programme 2025 held?

- A) 1–5 December 2025
- B) 12–17 December 2025
- C) 20–25 November 2025
- D) 5–10 December 2025
- E) 15–20 December 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The ASEAN–India Tourism Professionals Exchange Programme 2025 aimed to strengthen tourism cooperation, professional exchange, and people-to-people ties between India and ASEAN countries.
- The programme was held from 12–17 December 2025 across Guwahati, Kaziranga, and New Delhi.
- It was organised by the Assam Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (ATDC) under the aegis of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India.
- A total of 41 ASEAN delegates participated in the programme.
- Key locations focused on nature and wildlife tourism (Kaziranga) and policy consultations with the Ministry of Tourism, MEA, and ASEAN Missions in India (New Delhi).
- ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) was founded on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book The Eleventh Hour?

- A) Arundhati Roy
- B) Salman Rushdie
- C) Vikram Seth
- D) Amitav Ghosh
- E) None of the Above

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Eleventh Hour is a literary work written by Salman Rushdie.
- Salman Rushdie is a renowned British-Indian author known for novels, essays, and short stories.
- He is also the author of acclaimed works such as Midnight's Children and The Satanic Verses.
- The book is important from a literature and author–book perspective for competitive examinations.

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Ques: What is the key feature of the new Petroleum and Natural Gas (P&NG) Rules, 2025 notified by the Government of India?

- A) Introduction of multiple licences for hydrocarbons
- B) Single Petroleum Lease replacing multiple licences
- C) Criminal penalties for violations
- D) Lease tenure limited to 10 years
- E) No dispute resolution mechanism

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India notified the new Petroleum and Natural Gas (P&NG) Rules, 2025, introducing a revised regulatory framework for the oil and gas sector.
- A key feature is the introduction of a Single Petroleum Lease replacing multiple licences.
- This simplifies procedures, reduces red tape, and allows all hydrocarbon operations under one authorisation.
- Lease tenure is up to 30 years, extendable for the full economic life of the field.
- Criminal penalties have been removed and replaced with financial penalties.
- Petroleum lease applications are to be decided within 180 days with faster, investor-friendly dispute resolution mechanisms.

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Ques: Who is the author of the novel Ghost-Eye?

- A) Arundhati Roy
- B) Salman Rushdie
- C) Amitav Ghosh
- D) Jhumpa Lahiri
- E) Vikram Seth

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ghost-Eye is a novel written by Amitav Ghosh, a Jnanpith Award–winning Indian author.
- The novel explores themes of family, fate, memory, and a world grappling with multiple crises.
- Amitav Ghosh is known for weaving history, environmental issues, and global politics into his narratives.
- The book reflects contemporary global challenges through a deeply human and reflective perspective.

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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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Ques: India recently signed an MoU on maritime heritage cooperation with which country?

- A) France
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Netherlands
- D) Germany
- E) Spain

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and the Netherlands signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation in maritime heritage, museum design, and cultural exchange.
- The MoU supports the development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat.
- The agreement was exchanged during a bilateral meeting between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Dutch Foreign Minister David van Weel.
- The partnership involves NMHC under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and the National Maritime Museum, Amsterdam.
- Cooperation includes knowledge exchange, museum design best practices, curation, conservation, joint exhibitions, and research.
- NMHC at Lothal aims to showcase India's 4,500-year-old maritime legacy globally.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book Sanatan Sanskriti Ki Atal Drishti?

- A) Vasudev Devnani
- B) Bhanu Pratap Sharma
- C) Om Birla
- D) Kalraj Mishra
- E) Harivansh Narayan Singh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Sanatan Sanskriti Ki Atal Drishti is written by Shri Vasudev Devnani, Speaker of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.
- The book was released by the Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan.

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Ques: Who will be the chief guests at India's Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2026?

- A) President of France and Germany
- B) UN Secretary-General and EU Parliament President
- C) European Commission President and European Council President
- D) UK Prime Minister and EU Trade Commissioner
- E) NATO Secretary-General and EU Commission Vice-President

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President António Costa will be the chief guests at India's Republic Day celebrations on 26 January 2026.
- Their joint presence highlights the deepening India–European Union strategic partnership.
- The visit reflects growing cooperation in trade, technology, climate action, and global security.
- Republic Day 2026 will showcase strong India–EU diplomatic, economic, and geopolitical engagement.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- NLC India Renewables Limited has signed a Joint Venture Agreement with PTC India Limited to establish a green energy joint venture company.
- India and the Netherlands signed Letter of Intent (LoI) on Defence Cooperation to Strengthening and institutionalizing their bilateral defence partnership
- 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.

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Ques: Which company is investing USD 1 billion to develop Asia's largest GCC in Powai, Mumbai?

- A) TCS
- B) Infosys
- C) Reliance
- D) Wipro
- E) Brookfield Asset Management

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Brookfield Asset Management is investing USD 1 billion to develop Asia's largest Global Capability Centre (GCC) in Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The project is expected to generate over 30,000 jobs by 2029 and strengthen Mumbai's position as a leading GCC hub.
- Under the Maharashtra GCC Policy (2025), valid till 2029–30, the state aims to establish 400 new GCCs, create 4 lakh high-skilled jobs, and attract ₹50,600 crore in incremental investment.
- Policy incentives include land allotment support, capital subsidies, and operational reimbursements to promote GCC development.

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Ques: Who won the men's elite title at the Tata Steel World 25K Kolkata 2025?

- A) Gulveer Singh
- B) Alphonse Simbu
- C) Joshua Cheptegei
- D) Degitu Azimeraw
- E) Kibiwott Kandie

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Uganda's two-time Olympic champion Joshua Cheptegei won the men's elite title at the Tata Steel World 25K Kolkata 2025.
- He clocked a winning time of 1:11:49, defeating a world-class field of runners.
- Joshua Cheptegei is the current world record holder in the men's 5000m and 10,000m events.
- Ethiopia's Degitu Azimeraw won the women's elite race.
- Gulveer Singh and Seema won the Indian men's and women's titles respectively, both setting national record timings.

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Ques: 'SHAKTI Scholars: NCW Young Research Fellowship', recently in news, has been launched by which institution?

- A) National Commission for Women
- B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Indian Council of Social Science Research
- E) Ministry of Education

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The National Commission for Women (NCW), under the Ministry of Women and Child Development, launched the 'SHAKTI Scholars: NCW Young Research Fellowship' to promote policy-oriented research on women-related issues in India.
- The fellowship is open to Indian citizens aged 21–30 years with at least a bachelor's degree and independent researchers.
- It offers a research grant of Rs 1,00,000 for six months.

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Ques: Who became the world's first wheelchair user to travel into space?

- A) Sally Ride
- B) Michaela Benthaus
- C) Sunita Williams
- D) Valentina Tereshkova
- E) Christina Koch

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- German engineer Michaela Benthaus became the world's first wheelchair user to travel into space.
- She was severely injured in a mountain biking accident about seven years ago, which left her wheelchair-bound.
- Michaela Benthaus travelled to space aboard a rocket operated by Jeff Bezos's company Blue Origin.
- The launch took place from West Texas, United States.
- Her journey marks a major milestone for inclusivity and accessibility in space exploration.

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Ques: INS Anjadip, recently delivered to the Indian Navy, belongs to which class of warships?

- A) Arnala Class
- B) Kamorta Class
- C) Shivalik Class
- D) Nilgiri Class
- E) Kolkata Class

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) delivered INS Anjadip, the third of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), to the Indian Navy at Chennai Port Trust, Tamil Nadu.
- INS Anjadip belongs to the Arnala class of vessels, named after islands, and is named after an island off the coast of Karwar, Karnataka.
- The vessel was formally accepted by Rear Admiral Gautam Marwaha, VSM, Chief Staff Officer (Technical), Eastern Naval Command.
- It is the fifth warship delivered by GRSE in 2025, the 115th warship built by the shipyard, and the 77th delivered to the Indian Navy.





Ques: Who was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) in 2025?

- A) Sukhmal Chand Jain
- B) Saleem Ahmad
- C) Pradeep Gaur
- D) Ashok Kumar
- E) R.K. Sharma

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Saleem Ahmad was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL).
- His tenure will continue until his superannuation on 30 April 2029.
- He replaced Sukhmal Chand Jain (Pradeep Gaur).
- RVNL was established in 2003 and is headquartered in New Delhi.

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Ques: Who is the first Indian batter to score 4,000+ runs in Women's T20 Internationals?

- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) Mithali Raj
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Jemimah Rodrigues
- E) Shafali Verma

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Smriti Mandhana became the first Indian batter to score more than 4,000 runs in Women's T20 Internationals.
- She is only the second player in the world to achieve this milestone in Women's T20Is.
- New Zealand's Suzie Bates is the only other player to cross the 4,000-run mark, with 4,716 runs.
- This milestone highlights Smriti Mandhana's consistency and significant impact at the highest level of women's T20 cricket.

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Ques: Which institution conducted India's first clinical trial of the Supernova Stent?

- A) AIIMS, New Delhi
- B) PGIMER, Chandigarh
- C) CMC, Vellore
- D) NIMHANS, Bengaluru
- E) Fortis Hospital, Mumbai

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences), New Delhi conducted India's first clinical trial of the Supernova Stent, an advanced stroke treatment device.
- This is the first stroke-related medical device in India cleared based on a domestic clinical trial.
- The Supernova Stent is designed for India's diverse patient population and addresses strokes occurring at a younger age compared to Western countries.

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Ques: Which two defence systems are covered under the India Optel Limited (IOL)–Safran collaboration agreement?

- A) Akash NG and Pinaka ER
- B) BrahMos and Astra
- C) SIGMA 30N and CM3-MR
- D) Arjun Mk-1A and ATAGS
- E) Prithvi-II and Nag Missile

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Optel Limited (IOL), a Mini Navratna Defence PSU, signed a collaboration agreement with France's Safran Electronics & Defence.
- The agreement aims at producing two high-precision, combat-proven defence systems in India.
- The two systems are:
 - SIGMA 30N Digital Ring Laser Gyro Inertial Navigation System
 - CM3-MR Direct Firing Sight, used in artillery guns and anti-drone systems.
- The collaboration supports the Make in India initiative and strengthens indigenous defence manufacturing capabilities.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- GI-tagged Indi Lime from the Vijayapura district of Karnataka was exported to Oman for the first time on 19 December 2025.
- Madhya Pradesh has announced plans to develop India's first state-level, multi-national park Tiger Corridor in collaboration with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- The University of Patanjali, Haridwar has become India's first Yoga and Ayurveda focused 'Cluster Center' under the Gyan Bharatam Mission.
- 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.
- Uttar Pradesh is set to create history by establishing India's first dedicated forest university.
- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has introduced India's first wildlife-safe road on National Highway-45 (NH-45) in Madhya Pradesh.
- University of Patanjali in Haridwar (Uttarakhand) became India's first Yoga and Ayurveda focused 'Cluster Center' under the Gyan Bharatam Mission (GBM), a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Culture





Ques: What is one of the key outcomes of the India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA)?

- A) Complete removal of tariffs on dairy products
- B) \$20 billion investment inflow over 15 years
- C) Permanent residency for Indian professionals
- D) Opening of India's dairy sector to New Zealand
- E) Reduction of bilateral trade volume

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and New Zealand concluded a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) to enhance bilateral trade relations.
- The agreement is expected to attract investments worth about \$20 billion over the next 15 years.
- It aims to double bilateral trade to \$5 billion within five years and provides India tariff-free access to New Zealand's markets.
- Sensitive sectors like dairy, onions, sugar, spices, edible oils, and rubber are excluded from concessions.
- New Zealand will offer 5,000 temporary work visas annually to Indian skilled professionals for up to three years.

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Ques: Which team won the 12th edition of the ACC Men's Under-19 Asia Cup 2025?

- A) India
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Afghanistan
- E) Pakistan

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 12th ACC Men's Under-19 Asia Cup 2025 was held in UAE at ICC Academy Ground and Sevens Stadium, Dubai.
- Pakistan's Under-19 team won the title by defeating India by 191 runs in the final.
- This was Pakistan's second victory in the tournament.
- Sameer Minhas (Pakistan) was Player of the Series and highest run-scorer with 471 runs.
- Deepesh Devendran (India) was the highest wicket-taker with 14 wickets.

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Ques: How often is the All-India Tiger Estimation (AITE) conducted?

- A) Every 2 years
- B) Every 3 years
- C) Every 4 years
- D) Every 5 years
- E) Every 10 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The All-India Tiger Estimation (AITE) is conducted once every four years since 2006.
- The sixth cycle of AITE has been launched, with data compiled and analysed by the Periyar and Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundations.
- The final report of the sixth cycle will be submitted to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) by April 2026.
- The previous national tiger census in 2022 recorded a total of 3,682 tigers across India.

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Ques: Which renowned Hindi litterateur and Jnanpith Awardee passed away in 2025 at the age of 88?

- A) Harivansh Rai Bachchan
- B) Vinod Kumar Shukla
- C) Nirmal Verma
- D) Ramdarash Mishra
- E) Kunwar Narayan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Vinod Kumar Shukla, a renowned Hindi litterateur, passed away in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, at the age of 88.
- He received the 59th Jnanpith Award in 2025, becoming the first writer from Chhattisgarh to receive India's highest literary honour.
- He was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1999 for his work 'Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rehti Thi'.
- In 2023, he became the first Indian to receive the PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature.

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Ques: When is National Consumer Day observed in India in 2025?

- A) December 24
- B) December 25
- C) December 26
- D) December 27
- E) December 28

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- National Consumer Day is observed every year on 24 December in India.
- National Consumer Day 2025 was celebrated with the theme “Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice.”
- The day marks the enactment of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, which came into force on 24 December 1986.
- The Act aims to safeguard consumer rights and provide a legal framework for redressal of consumer grievances.

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Ques: PESA Day is observed on which date?

- A) 23 December
- B) 24 December
- C) 26 January
- D) 15 August
- E) 2 October

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PESA Day is observed every year on 24 December to mark the enactment anniversary of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA).
- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj organizes events like PESA Mahotsav to celebrate tribal culture, traditions, and grassroots self-governance in Scheduled Areas.

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Ques : National Mathematics Day is observed on which date?

राष्ट्रीय गणित दिवस किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

- A) 15 August
- B) 5 September
- C) 22 December
- D) 26 January
- E) 14 November

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- National Mathematics Day is observed on 22 December to commemorate the birth anniversary of legendary mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- राष्ट्रीय गणित दिवस महान गणितज्ञ श्रीनिवास रामानुजन की जयंती के उपलक्ष्य में 22 दिसंबर को मनाया जाता है।
- The observance was instituted by the Government of India in December 2011.
- इस दिवस की शुरुआत भारत सरकार द्वारा दिसंबर 2011 में की गई थी।
- December 22 was declared National Mathematics Day in recognition of Ramanujan's exceptional contributions to the field of mathematics.
- रामानुजन के गणित में असाधारण योगदान के सम्मान में 22 दिसंबर को राष्ट्रीय गणित दिवस घोषित किया गया।
- The year 2012 was celebrated across India as the National Mathematics Year.
- वर्ष 2012 को पूरे भारत में 'राष्ट्रीय गणित वर्ष' के रूप में मनाया गया।
- The day aims to highlight the importance of mathematics in education, scientific research, and everyday life.
- इस दिवस का उद्देश्य शिक्षा, वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और दैनिक जीवन में गणित के महत्व को रेखांकित करना है।





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)





- 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)
- 20 December : Sashstra Seema Bal (SSB) observes its Raising Day
- 21 December : World Basketball Day 2025 (Started in 2023)
- 21 December : 2nd World Meditation Day (1st - 2024)
- 22 December : National Mathematics Day 2025 (Commemorates Birth date (138th) of Srinivasa Ramanujan, born in 1887)



IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

An Indian team named Photonics Odyssey based in Chennai won the NASA's Most Inspirational Award' at the International Space Apps Challenge 2025 for their innovative satellite internet concept to expand broadband access in remote and underserved regions of India. Photonics Odyssey comprises Manish D., Deeraj K., Prasanth G., Rajalingam N., Rashi M., and Sakthi R.

Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) and International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad signed MOU to collaborate across academics, research, training, and development

Protean e Gov Technologies Limited (Protean), formerly NSDL eGovernance Infrastructure Limited, has been approved by its board to acquire 4.95% stake in NSDL Payments Bank for Rs. 30.2 crores valued at Rs. 32.2 per share.

Indian Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Raghu Vamsi Par East Automation Private Limited to fast-track the development and induction of indigenous drone capabilities for land systems.

The United States and Jordan have carried out a major military operation in Syria called Operation Hawkeye Strike. This action came after an ISIS attack that killed two US soldiers and wounded three others in the Syrian city of Palmyra.

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