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explanation



- Banking & finance
- National
- International
- Sports





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

**About IDFC First Bank:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

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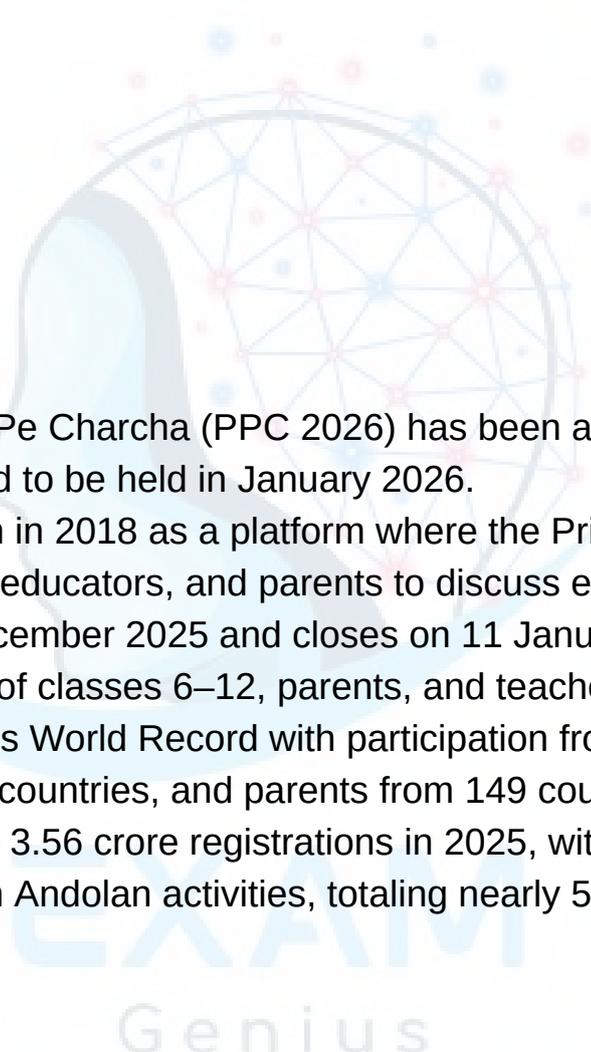
**Ques: When is the 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC 2026) scheduled to be held?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over seven indigenous technologies developed under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme to the Indian Armed Forces, including the Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force.

**Technologies Handed Over:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

**Ranking :**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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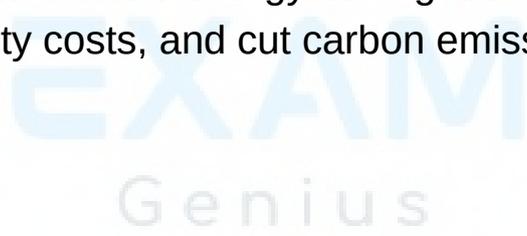
**Ques: What is the primary objective of the UJALA Scheme?**

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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**Ques: Which banks have received RBI approval to set up the Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC)?**

- A) SBI and PNB
- B) Bank of Baroda and Canara Bank
- C) SBI and Bank of Baroda
- D) Union Bank and Bank of India
- E) SBI and HDFC Bank

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The State Bank of India (SBI) and Bank of Baroda (BoB) have received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up a dedicated Digital Payments Intelligence Platform.
- The new entity will be named the Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC) and aims to strengthen fraud detection and prevention across public sector banks.
- IDPIC will be incorporated as a Section 8 company under the Companies Act, 2013.
- RBI approval is subject to an exemption by the Department of Financial Services, allowing the banks to hold more than 30% of the paid-up share capital in the company till 16 October 2026.

**About Bank of Baroda :**

- Established : 1908
- HQ : Vadodara, Gujarat
- MD & CEO : Debadatta Chand
- Tagline : India's International Bank





**Ques: What is ADB's revised GDP growth forecast for India for FY26?**

- A) 6.5%
- B) 6.8%
- C) 7.0%
- D) 7.2%
- E) 7.5%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 from 6.5% to 7.2%.
- The upward revision of 0.7 percentage points is mainly driven by strong domestic consumption supported by recent tax cuts.
- Stronger Q2 expansion reflected improving economic momentum in India, and this revision will also support Asia's overall growth, now projected at 5.1% for 2025.
- The forecast was published in ADB's Asian Development Outlook, December 2025 edition.

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**Ques: According to the World Bank International Debt Report 2024, what was the debt situation of developing countries between 2022–2024?**

- A) Developing countries received more financing than debt service payments
- B) Developing countries' debt service payments exceeded new financing by \$741 billion
- C) Debt gap was the lowest in 50 years
- D) Interest rates fell to pre-2020 levels
- E) Bond markets were closed entirely

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Between 2022–2024, developing countries paid \$741 billion more in debt service than they received in new financing, marking the largest gap in 50 years.
- Despite high debt service, temporary relief came as interest rates peaked and bond markets reopened; \$90 billion of debt was restructured in 2024, the highest since 2010.
- Bond investors provided \$80 billion in net financing, enabling new bond issuances but at high interest (~10%), double pre-2020 levels.
- External debt of low- and middle-income countries reached \$8.9 trillion in 2024; IDA-eligible countries owe \$1.2 trillion (record).
- Developing nations paid \$415 billion in interest alone, diverting funds from health, education, and infrastructure; in highly indebted countries, 1 in 2 people cannot afford a minimum daily diet.

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**Ques: As per RBI data, how much loan amount has been written off by PSBs during the last five financial years and the current year till September 30, 2025?**

- A) ₹3,25,000 crore
- B) ₹4,80,000 crore
- C) ₹5,10,000 crore
- D) ₹6,15,647 crore
- E) ₹7,00,000 crore

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- According to RBI data, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have written off loans worth ₹6,15,647 crore over the last five financial years and the current year up to September 30, 2025.
- Loan write-off is an accounting exercise to clean bank balance sheets and does not imply waiver of loans; banks continue recovery efforts even after write-off.
- Large write-offs are mainly related to stressed assets and non-performing assets (NPAs).

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**Ques: How much funding has the World Bank approved to promote clean air in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana?**

- A) \$400 million
- B) \$500 million
- C) \$600 million
- D) \$700 million
- E) \$800 million

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The World Bank has approved \$600 million financing for two clean air programmes in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.
- The Uttar Pradesh Clean Air Management Programme (UPCAMP) will receive \$299.66 million for strengthening the state's Clean Air Plan through investments in transport, agriculture, and industrial sectors.
- The Haryana Clean Air Project for Sustainable Development Operation will receive \$300 million, focusing on reducing air pollution through multi-sectoral interventions.

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**Ques: What is the main objective of the nationwide campaign “Aapki Poonji, Aapka Adhikar – Your Money, Your Right”?**

- A) Promoting digital payments
- B) Recovery of unclaimed financial assets
- C) Financial literacy for students
- D) Tax compliance awareness
- E) Expansion of banking services

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The campaign was launched by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, from 4 October to 5 December 2025.
- Its main objective is to facilitate the settlement and recovery of unclaimed financial assets such as bank deposits, insurance claims, dividends, shares, mutual funds, and pension amounts.
- The initiative follows the 3A Framework — Awareness, Accessibility, and Action.
- Key regulators involved include RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA, and IEPFA.
- District-level camps were organised in 477 districts, and digital platforms like UDGAM, Bima Bharosa, and MITRA were used to trace and claim unclaimed assets.

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**Ques: Which company has launched the Wise Travel Card in India for multi-currency international travel?**

- A) PayPal
- B) Wise
- C) Revolut
- D) Mastercard
- E) Visa

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Wise, a global money movement company, has launched its multi-currency Wise Travel Card in India.
- The card is designed for international travellers seeking transparent pricing and ease of use abroad.
- It was announced at the Global Fintech Festival (GFF) 2025 held in Mumbai.
- The card supports over 40 currencies, including Vietnam, Indonesia, Turkey, and Georgia.
- Accepted on the Visa Network in more than 160 countries, it offers free ATM withdrawals up to USD 200 per month, with standard charges thereafter.

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**Ques: On which bank did the Reserve Bank of India impose a penalty of ₹99.30 lakh for regulatory non-compliance?**

- A) Punjab & Sind Bank
- B) Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) Union Bank of India
- E) Central Bank of India

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India imposed a monetary penalty of ₹99.30 lakh on Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited.
- The penalty was for contravention of Section 26A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- The bank was also non-compliant with RBI directions on the Internal Ombudsman Scheme, 2018.
- Additional lapses were observed in Customer Service norms and Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines.
- The action underscores RBI's focus on regulatory compliance and consumer protection in the banking sector.

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**Ques: Which companies have partnered to offer insurance products to housing loan customers across 17 states and 340 districts in India?**

- A) HDFC Ergo and LIC
- B) ICICI Lombard and Vastu Housing Finance
- C) Bajaj Allianz and PNB Housing
- D) SBI General Insurance and L&T Finance
- E) Tata AIG and Indiabulls

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- ICICI Lombard General Insurance partnered with Vastu Housing Finance to provide insurance products to Vastu's housing loan customers.
- Coverage spans 17 states and 340 districts across India.
- Key products include:
  - Income Protect: Covers 33 critical illnesses, accidental death, and permanent total disability.
  - Home Insurance: Protects homes against fire, natural calamities, theft, and accidental damage.
- Targeted mainly at peri-urban and rural borrowers, including first-generation homeowners and self-employed individuals.
- Distribution is through Vastu's branch network and digital platforms.

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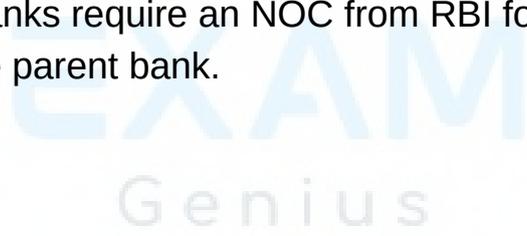
**Ques: What has the RBI directed banks to do regarding core and non-core business risks?**

- A) Merge all lending entities
- B) Submit a plan to ringfence core business from riskier non-core business
- C) Stop overseas operations
- D) Seek prior approval for all non-financial holdings
- E) Limit board approvals to one entity

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- RBI has directed banks to submit a plan by March 2026 to ringfence their core business from riskier non-core business.
- Banks may operate multiple lending entities but need board approval for each.
- The implementation deadline for the new rules is March 31, 2028.
- This revises the October 2024 guidelines, which allowed only one entity per bank group for similar business.
- The change provides relief to banks, especially private banks with lending subsidiaries like HDFC Bank and Axis Bank.
- For overseas operations, banks require an NOC from RBI for branches undertaking activities not permitted for the parent bank.





**Ques: What change has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced regarding cash credit, current and overdraft accounts?**

- A) Complete ban on current accounts
- B) Only one bank can maintain OD accounts
- C) Easing of norms for opening and maintenance of CC, current and OD accounts
- D) Mandatory restrictions on cash credit accounts
- E) Withdrawal of overdraft facilities

Answer: Option C

**Explanation:**

- RBI has eased norms for opening and maintaining cash credit (CC), current, and overdraft (OD) accounts.
- The changes were notified via amended master directions, following industry feedback on draft rules issued on 1 October 2025.
- Banks can now offer CC accounts based on customer needs without restrictions.
- Customers with banking exposure below ₹100 million can maintain current accounts without limits.
- For exposures above ₹100 million, banks with at least 10% exposure to the borrower can provide current and OD facilities.
- If no bank or only one bank meets the 10% threshold, the top two lenders by exposure are allowed to maintain current and OD accounts.

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**Ques: Why has the RBI asked partner banks to stop issuing OneCard credit cards?**

- A) Due to high interest rates
- B) Due to fraudulent transactions
- C) To seek clarity on data-sharing norms in the partnership
- D) Because of low customer demand
- E) Due to technical issues with card network

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- FPL Technologies issues co-branded credit cards under the OneCard brand.
- RBI has asked partner banks to halt issuance of OneCard credit cards.
- The reason is RBI wants clarity on data-sharing norms in the partnership.
- The ban will continue until RBI receives compliance confirmation or clarity.
- This affects both FPL Technologies and its partner banks issuing the cards.
- The move is viewed as a regulatory step impacting business operations.

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**Ques: Who won the UN Champions of the Earth award 2025 in the Inspiration and Action category?**

- A) Supriya Sahu
- B) Harsh Vardhan
- C) Sunita Narain
- D) R.K. Pachauri
- E) Vandana Shiva

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Supriya Sahu, Tamil Nadu additional chief secretary in the Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, won the 2025 UN Champions of the Earth award.
- The award is the UN's highest environmental honour, presented in its 20th edition.
- She received it in the "Inspiration and Action" category.
- The award ceremony was held in Nairobi, Kenya.
- The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) presents this award annually, started in 2005.

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**Ques: From where will ISRO start launching rockets from 2027?**

- A) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- B) Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
- C) Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu
- D) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- E) Satish Dhawan Space Centre

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- ISRO will begin launching rockets from Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu, starting in 2027.
- Kulasekarapattinam spaceport, located in Thoothukudi district, is India's second spaceport.
- The spaceport is being developed mainly for Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) missions.
- Its southern location allows direct polar launches, saving fuel compared to launches from Sriharikota.

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**Ques: Which foreign university has received a Letter of Interest (LOI) to set up its campus in India?**

- A) University of Melbourne
- B) University of Sydney
- C) University of New South Wales
- D) Monash University
- E) Australian National University

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia, has received a Letter of Interest (LOI) from the Government of India to establish its campus in India.
- The LOI was handed over by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan along with Australian Education Minister Jason Clare during the 3rd Australia–India Education and Skills Council Meeting in New Delhi.
- UNSW is a top-ranked Australian university, listed among the top 20 globally in QS World University Rankings.
- The initiative aims to strengthen India–Australia cooperation in higher education, research, innovation, and skill development.

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**Ques: Which company has secured a ₹120 crore contract from the Ministry of Defence to establish India's first Combat Training Node (CTN)?**

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- B) Zen Technologies
- C) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
- D) Tata Advanced Systems
- E) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Zen Technologies, an Indian defence training solutions company, has secured a ₹120 crore contract from the Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- The contract is to establish India's first Combat Training Node (CTN) at the Infantry School, Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.
- The project falls under the MoD's Simulation Framework 2024 and will be a fully integrated, simulation-based training ecosystem.
- The CTN will feature over 60 simulators operating on a Live–Virtual–Constructive (LVC) framework.
- The initiative aims to enhance realism, preparedness, and effectiveness of military training.

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- A) Promote only large corporations; RBI imposed stricter loan norms
- B) Strengthen MSMEs and first-time exporters; RBI allowed term-loan moratorium & extended export credit tenure
- C) Limit export financing to domestic markets; RBI reduced interest rates
- D) Merge import schemes; RBI froze export credit
- E) Focus only on logistics; RBI increased penalties for delayed shipments

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Export Promotion Mission (EPM) aims to strengthen India's export competitiveness, especially for MSMEs, first-time exporters, and labour-intensive sectors.
- EPM supports employment generation, manufacturing & services growth, and integration into global value chains.
- Launched in Union Budget 2025–26, it merges multiple export schemes into a single framework with a total outlay of ₹25,060 crore for FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31.
- RBI measures in November 2025 for exporters included:
  - Allowing a term-loan moratorium for exporters.
  - Extending the tenure of export credit to ease liquidity pressure.
- These measures aim to support MSMEs and first-time exporters, helping them sustain operations and expand in international markets.





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- Policy focus: affordable trade finance, export standards & compliance, branding & market access, and logistics support for remote regions.
- Governance: Led by the Department of Commerce in collaboration with ministries, Export Promotion Councils, boards, institutions, and states.

RBI Trade Relief Measures (Nov 2025):

- Moratorium on term-loan and working capital dues (Sep–Dec 2025) with simple interest convertible to FITL.
- Export credit tenure (pre/post-shipment) extended to 450 days for loans till Mar 31, 2026.
- Exporters can liquidate packing credit via alternate sources including domestic sales.
- Banks can reassess working capital limits or reduce margins to maintain liquidity.





- Moratorium is excluded from DPD, not treated as restructuring; credit history unaffected.
- 5% general provision mandatory on eligible standard accounts receiving relief.
- FEMA rules relaxed: export realisation extended to 15 months, shipment against advances up to 3 years.

These measures are aimed at supporting MSMEs and first-time exporters, ensuring liquidity, compliance flexibility, and ease of doing business in export markets.



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**Ques: Who has been named PETA India's Person of the Year 2025?**

- A) Alia Bhatt
- B) Priyanka Chopra
- C) Raveena Tandon
- D) Dia Mirza
- E) Anushka Sharma

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Actor and animal advocate Raveena Tandon has been named PETA India's Person of the Year 2025.
- She was honoured for her consistent efforts towards animal welfare, vegan advocacy, and cruelty-free living.
- Raveena Tandon has actively campaigned against animal cruelty, supported adoption of animals, and promoted ethical fashion.
- PETA India recognises individuals who use their influence to bring positive change for animals and society.

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**Ques: Where has India recently inaugurated a new consulate building to strengthen economic and people-to-people ties?**

- A) Beijing
- B) Shanghai
- C) Guangzhou
- D) Hong Kong
- E) Shenzhen

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India has inaugurated a new consulate building in Shanghai, China.
- The inauguration was done by India's Ambassador to China, Pradeep Kumar Rawat, along with Consul General Prateek Mathur.
- This is the first major step for the Shanghai consulate in 32 years.
- India has an embassy in Beijing and three consulates/representative offices in Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong.
- With this, India now has a total of four official diplomatic missions in China.

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**Ques: What is India's green hydrogen production target under the National Green Hydrogen Mission by 2030?**

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

**Answer: Option D**

Explanation:

- Under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), India targets the production of 5 million metric tonnes (MMT) of green hydrogen annually by 2030.
- The mission, launched in January 2023, has an initial outlay of ₹19,744 crore till FY 2029–30, focusing on policy & regulatory framework, demand creation, R&D & innovation, and enabling infrastructure & ecosystem.
- Expected outcomes include creating over 6 lakh green jobs, reducing fossil fuel imports by more than ₹1 lakh crore, and avoiding nearly 50 MMT of greenhouse gas emissions annually by 2030.

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- A) GAIL (India) Limited
- B) ONGC
- C) Indian Oil Corporation
- D) Petronet LNG Limited
- E) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- Petronet LNG Limited has received a loan of ₹12,000 crore from SBI and Bank of Baroda.
- The funding is for the company's Dahej LNG plant in Gujarat.
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**Ques: How much non-fossil power capacity did India add in FY 2024–25, and what role did solar energy play?**

- A) 20 GW, mainly wind
- B) 31.25 GW, mainly solar
- C) 15 GW, mainly hydro
- D) 50 GW, mainly biomass
- E) 10 GW, mainly nuclear

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India added 31.25 GW of non-fossil power in FY 2024–25, the highest ever in a single year.
- Solar energy contributed 24.28 GW, highlighting its central role in India's renewable growth.
- Between 2022–24, India added 46 GW of solar capacity, making it the third-largest contributor globally.
- India's solar capacity grew from 2.8 GW a decade ago to ~130 GW, a 4,500% increase in 11 years.
- This demonstrates India's strong push towards clean energy expansion while remaining the 5th largest coal reserve holder and 2nd largest coal consumer.

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**Ques: Who won his maiden Formula One World Drivers' Championship by clinching the title in Abu Dhabi, ending Max Verstappen's four-year reign?**

- A) Lando Norris
- B) Oscar Piastri
- C) Max Verstappen
- D) Lewis Hamilton
- E) George Russell

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Lando Norris won his first Formula One World Drivers' Championship in Abu Dhabi, ending Max Verstappen's four-year reign.
- Norris finished the season with 423 points, just 2 points ahead of Verstappen (421), while Oscar Piastri was third with 410 points.
- Despite Verstappen securing the most wins in the season (8), he lost the championship on points.
- Norris became the 35th different driver in F1 history to win the Drivers' Championship.
- He is the first McLaren driver since 2008 to win the title, ending the team's 17-year title drought.

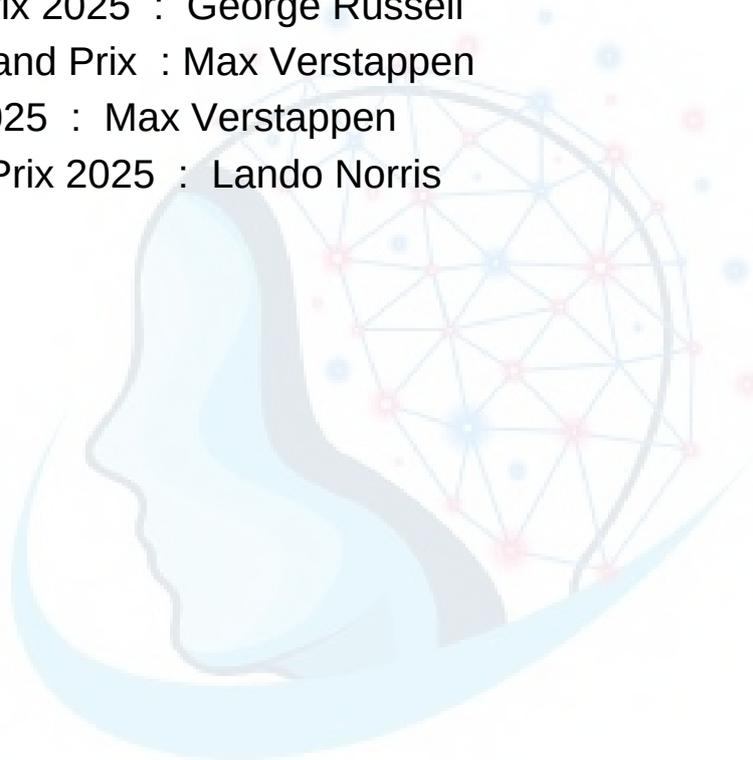




- Norris is Britain's first Formula One world champion since Lewis Hamilton in 2020, and this marks McLaren's 13th Drivers' Championship title.

### Recent Grand Prix Winner :

- United States Grand Prix 2025 : Max Verstappen
- Singapore Grand Prix 2025 : George Russell
- 2025 Las Vegas Grand Prix : Max Verstappen
- Qatar Grand Prix 2025 : Max Verstappen
- Mexico City Grand Prix 2025 : Lando Norris



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**Ques: SabhaSaar, recently seen in news, is related to which of the following?**

- A) Digital payments in Panchayats
- B) AI-based voice-to-text summarisation of Gram Sabha meetings
- C) Online voting system for Panchayats
- D) Land record digitisation
- E) Rural health monitoring platform

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- SabhaSaar is an AI-enabled voice-to-text tool for automated summarisation of Gram Sabha and Panchayat meetings.
- Launched on 14 August 2025 by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR).
- Adopted by 92,376 Gram Panchayats across states and UTs.
- Supports 13+ Indian languages using AI, NLP, and BHASHINI integration.
- Enhances efficiency, transparency, and record-keeping in local governance.

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**Ques: Which Indian company has renewed its collaboration with the Argentina Football Association (AFA) for the 2026 World Cup cycle?**

- A) Tata Group
- B) Reliance Industries
- C) Infosys
- D) Adani Group
- E) Amul

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Amul has renewed its collaboration with the Argentina Football Association (AFA) for a fourth consecutive year.
- This makes Amul the official regional sponsor of the Argentine national football team during the 2026 World Cup cycle.
- Amul became the first Indian regional sponsor in Argentine football history in 2022.
- AFA, founded in 1893, is South America's oldest football governing body.
- Argentina has won three FIFA World Cup titles, the latest in 2022.

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**Ques: Which institution launched India's first deep tech-focused venture capital fund 'Y-Point'?**

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Delhi
- D) IISc Bengaluru
- E) NITI Aayog

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- IIT Bombay launched India's first deep tech-focused venture capital fund named Y-Point Venture Capital Fund.
- The fund, with a total corpus of ₹250 crore, was created by the Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (SINE), IIT Bombay.
- Its objective is to support deep tech startups at early stages and focus on high-impact technologies emerging from research and innovation ecosystems.

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**Ques: Which high-level conference was held on 5 December 2025 to discuss AI and Digital Public Infrastructure for a developed India?**

- A) India AI & Tech Summit
- B) Harnessing AI and Digital Public Infrastructure for a Developed India
- C) Digital India Forum
- D) Smart Governance Conference
- E) MeitY AI Conclave

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The conference titled "Harnessing AI and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for a Developed India" was held on 5 December 2025 in New Delhi.
- Organised by National Institute for Smart Government (NISG) in collaboration with MeitY and the Directorate of IT, Tripura, with EY as the knowledge partner.
- Purpose: To discuss the role of AI and DPI in empowering governance, improving public service delivery, and achieving the vision of a Developed India by 2047.
- NISG is a non-profit institute established in 2002 under a PPP model, chaired by the Secretary of MeitY.

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**Ques: What is the name of the new India–Israel Joint Venture launched to manufacture and commercialise pheromone-based crop protection technologies?**

- A) AgroShield Ltd.
- B) CropGuard JV
- C) GreenGrow Technologies
- D) BioProtect Israel
- E) Semiophore Ltd.

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- India and Israel launched a 50:50 Joint Venture named Semiophore Ltd.
- The JV will manufacture and commercialise Indian pheromone-based crop protection technologies in international markets.
- Licensing agreements were exchanged between ATGC Biotech Pvt. Ltd. (India) and Luxembourg Industries Ltd. (Israel).
- The Joint Venture is being set up in Israel with a total planned investment of USD 10 million.
- Under this JV, 18 technologies developed in India will be introduced to global markets.

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**Ques: Who has been awarded the Global Humanitarian Award for Animal Welfare by the Global Humane Society?**

ग्लोबल ह्यूमेन सोसाइटी द्वारा प्रदान किया जाने वाला ग्लोबल ह्यूमेनिटेरियन अवॉर्ड फॉर एनिमल वेलफेयर किसे दिया गया है?

- A) Mukesh Ambani / मुकेश अंबानी
- B) Ratan Tata / रतन टाटा
- C) Nita Ambani / नीता अंबानी
- D) Gautam Adani / गौतम अडानी
- E) Anant Ambani / अनंत अंबानी

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation / व्याख्या:**

- Anant Ambani has been awarded the Global Humanitarian Award for Animal Welfare.
- अनंत अंबानी को ग्लोबल ह्यूमेनिटेरियन अवॉर्ड फॉर एनिमल वेलफेयर से सम्मानित किया गया है।
- The award has been conferred by the Global Humane Society.
- यह पुरस्कार ग्लोबल ह्यूमेन सोसाइटी द्वारा प्रदान किया गया है।
- Anant Ambani is the Founder of the wildlife conservation centre 'Vantara'.
- अनंत अंबानी वन्यजीव संरक्षण केंद्र 'वंतारा' के संस्थापक हैं।
- He became the youngest-ever recipient of this global honour. He is also the first Asian to receive this prestigious award.
- वे इस वैश्विक सम्मान को प्राप्त करने वाले अब तक के सबसे कम उम्र के व्यक्ति बने हैं। वे इस प्रतिष्ठित पुरस्कार को पाने वाले पहले एशियाई भी हैं।
- The award recognises exceptional contributions to animal welfare and conservation efforts worldwide.
- यह पुरस्कार पशु कल्याण और संरक्षण के क्षेत्र में असाधारण योगदान को मान्यता देता है।





**Ques: DSC A20, recently in news, is related to which force?**

- A) Indian Army
- B) Indian Air Force
- C) Indian Coast Guard
- D) Indian Navy
- E) Border Security Force

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- DSC A20 is the first indigenously designed and built Diving Support Craft commissioned by the Indian Navy at Kochi on 16 December 2025 under the Southern Naval Command.
- It is the lead vessel of five Diving Support Crafts being constructed by Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata.
- The craft is designed for diving support, underwater inspection, salvage assistance, and coastal operational deployment.
- Featuring a catamaran hull and a displacement of around 390 tonnes, it provides enhanced stability, greater deck space, and improved seakeeping capabilities.
- The commissioning of DSC A20 strengthens the Indian Navy's underwater operational capabilities and is a step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

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**Ques: How much investment has Amazon announced for India by 2030, and where was it announced?**

- A) USD 20 billion at Global Fintech Festival, Mumbai
- B) USD 35 billion at Amazon Smbhav Summit, New Delhi
- C) USD 50 billion at Vibrant Gujarat Summit
- D) USD 25 billion at Digital India Summit
- E) USD 40 billion at Startup India Conclave

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Amazon announced an investment of over USD 35 billion in India by 2030.
- The announcement was made at the Amazon Smbhav Summit in New Delhi.
- During the summit, Amazon signed an MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) under the Ministry of Railways.
- The collaboration focuses on education, research, and skill development initiatives.
- Amazon plans to expand the use of AI-powered tools for businesses and education, and boost India-enabled exports from USD 20 billion to USD 80 billion by 2030 by supporting MSMEs.
- Since 2010, Amazon has already invested about USD 40 billion in India.

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**Ques: Which international day is observed on 9 December to promote integrity and fight corruption?**

- A) International Human Rights Day
- B) International Anti-Corruption Day
- C) International Youth Day
- D) World Integrity Day
- E) International Justice Day

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- International Anti-Corruption Day is observed every year on 9 December.
- The 2025 theme is “Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow’s Integrity.”
- First observed in 2005, the day promotes transparency, accountability, and ethical governance.
- In India, the UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) hosted the Business Integrity Conclave 2.0 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

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**Ques: Which two institutions signed an MoU to expand access to mutual fund services across India?**

- A) Department of Posts and BSE
- B) Department of Posts and NSE
- C) RBI and BSE
- D) SEBI and India Post
- E) LIC and BSE

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- 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.
- The initiative will leverage India Post's extensive end-to-end presence in rural and semi-urban areas.
- The aim is to bring investment opportunities closer to millions of citizens with limited access to formal financial products.
- Mutual fund distribution will be carried out through BSE StAR MF, India's largest mutual fund platform.
- The MoU is valid for a period of three years, from 12 December 2025 to 11 December 2028.

**About BSE :**

- Established : 1875
- HQ : Mumbai
- Chairman : Subhasis Chaudhuri
- MD & CEO : Sundararaman Ramamurthy





**Ques: Which institution announced that retail Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) transactions have crossed 120 million in India?**

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) Reserve Bank of India

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that the volume of retail Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) transactions has crossed 120 million.
- The total transaction value through retail CBDC has exceeded ₹28,000 crore.
- More than 8 million users are actively using the digital rupee (e₹) for daily transactions.
- Retail CBDC, also known as the digital rupee (e₹), is RBI's flagship digital payment initiative providing a sovereign, secure, and efficient alternative to cash.
- The pilot project for retail CBDC began on 1 December 2022 and has since seen significant growth in adoption.
- RBI is also exploring programmable CBDCs for use in government schemes, Direct Benefit Transfers (DBTs), and sector-specific applications like education and healthcare.

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**Ques: Which public sector bank partnered with the Government of Nagaland for the Hornbill Festival 2025?**

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Bank of Baroda, a public sector bank, partnered with the Government of Nagaland for the Hornbill Festival 2025.
- The festival was held at the Kisama Heritage Village near Kohima.
- Bank of Baroda has strengthened its presence in North East India with 3 Regional Offices and 197 branches.
- About 61% of the bank's branches in the region are located in rural and semi-urban areas.
- The bank recently inaugurated a new Zonal Office in Guwahati to cover all North Eastern States.

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**Ques: What is the proposed increase in guaranteed employment days under the revamped MGNREGA scheme?**

- A) 110 days
- B) 120 days
- C) 125 days
- D) 150 days
- E) No change

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The government is considering a revamp of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
- Under the proposal, the number of guaranteed employment days may be increased from 100 to 125 days for eligible rural households.
- The Union Cabinet has also discussed renaming the Act as the Pujya Bapu Rural Employment Guarantee Act.
- The minimum wage under the scheme has been revised to ₹240 per day, benefiting millions of rural workers.
- The proposal aligns with the approval process for continuation of the scheme under the Sixteenth Finance Commission, effective from 1 April 2026.
- Although the Act guarantees 100 days of work, the average employment provided per household was about 50 days in 2024–25, with only 40.70 lakh households completing 100 days.

**About MGNREGA :**

- Full Form : Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- Launched : 2nd February 2006
- Act : Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was passed on 23rd August 2005
- Earlier known : National Rural Employment Guarantee Act





**Ques: Deloitte India is launching Tax Pragma, an AI-powered platform, for which purpose?**

- A) Automating GST filing for SMEs
- B) Providing AI-based tax research and legal insights
- C) Offering digital payment solutions
- D) Monitoring corporate tax evasion
- E) Blockchain-based compliance management

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- Deloitte India will launch an AI-powered tax research platform named Tax Pragma on 9 December 2025.
- The platform aims to reduce the time spent analysing tax-related legal judgments and deliver real-time, insight-driven solutions.
- Tax Pragma is an AI-based tax research and insights platform that analyses over 10 lakh tax-related court judgments and 20 years of Deloitte's internal tax knowledge papers.
- It covers both direct and indirect taxes and is built on Deloitte's proprietary database, not open-source data.
- Research outputs are delivered within minutes, replacing lengthy manual research.
- The platform provides real-time updates on Budget announcements and law amendments.
- Predictive capabilities (under development) will help assess litigation potential.

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**Ques: NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has partnered with which company to launch a nationwide start-up acceleration programme for India's circular economy transition?**

- A) Tata Group
- B) Reliance Industries Limited
- C) Larsen & Toubro
- D) ITC Limited
- E) Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has partnered with Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) to launch a nationwide start-up acceleration programme.
- The objective of the programme is to accelerate India's transition towards a circular economy by supporting innovative start-ups.
- The programme will be implemented under 'Circular Bharat', which is a flagship project of HUL.
- It aims to identify and support 50 high-potential circular economy start-ups over the next three years.

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**Ques: Tata Electronics signed an MoU with which global company to explore semiconductor chip manufacturing and packaging collaboration in India?**

- A) Intel Corporation
- B) Qualcomm Inc.
- C) NVIDIA Corporation
- D) AMD (Advanced Micro Devices)
- E) Samsung Electronics

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Tata Electronics and Intel Corporation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore collaboration in semiconductor chip manufacturing and packaging in India.
- The objective of the MoU is to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem and support domestic manufacturing under the Make in India initiative.
- The collaboration focuses on leveraging Tata Electronics' upcoming semiconductor facilities in Dholera, Gujarat, and Guwahati, Assam.
- These facilities may be used to produce and package Intel's semiconductor products for the Indian market.

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**Ques: Which country was welcomed as a new member under the proposed “New G20” plan announced by the United States for the 2026 G20 Summit?**

- A) Argentina
- B) Poland
- C) Indonesia
- D) South Africa
- E) Mexico

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The United States announced a plan called “New G20” while preparing to host the 2026 G20 Leaders’ Summit.
- Under this plan, Poland was welcomed as a new member of the proposed G20 framework.
- South Africa was excluded from the proposed “New G20”, with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio accusing it of prioritising “hate, division and radical agenda” during its presidency.
- The United States will host the G20 Summit in 2026 for the first time since 2009, coinciding with America’s 250th anniversary.
- The first Sherpa and Finance Track meetings for the 2026 G20 will be held on 15–16 December in Washington, DC.
- The 2025 G20 Summit was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, under the theme ‘Unity, Equality, Sustainability’.

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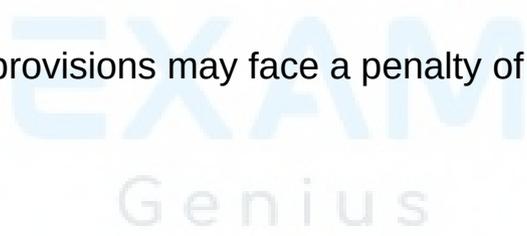
**Ques: The Right to Disconnect Bill, 2025, recently introduced in Parliament, aims to address which of the following issues?**

- A) Minimum wage fixation
- B) Workplace gender equality
- C) Digital burnout and after-hours work pressure
- D) Contract labour regulation
- E) Gig workers' social security

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Right to Disconnect Bill, 2025 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 6 December 2025 by NCP MP Supriya Sule.
- The Bill aims to protect employees from digital burnout and empower them to refuse work-related communication after office hours and holidays.
- It prohibits employers from forcing employees to respond to calls, emails, messages, or meetings outside working hours.
- No disciplinary action can be taken against employees for non-response after office hours.
- The Bill covers all forms of digital communication and allows mutually agreed rules for genuine emergencies.
- Organisations violating the provisions may face a penalty of 1% of the total remuneration paid to the employee.





**Ques: Which city became the first in India to introduce a hydrogen-powered water taxi service?**

- A) Varanasi
- B) Haridwar
- C) Prayagraj
- D) Patna
- E) Kolkata

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Varanasi has become the first Indian city to introduce a hydrogen-powered water taxi service, marking a major step towards green inland water transport.
- The service was inaugurated at Namoo Ghat and reflects the government's focus on sustainable mobility and technological innovation along the river Ganga.
- Built at Cochin Shipyard, the vessel runs on a hybrid electric–hydrogen engine, producing zero emissions and minimal noise.
- Each boat can carry up to 50 passengers and is equipped with biotoilets, CCTV cameras, and vegetarian refreshments.
- The service currently operates between Namoo Ghat and Ravidas Ghat, with plans to expand to Asi Ghat and Markandeya Dham in the future.
- The one-way fare is approximately ₹500 per person, and the vessel uses five hydrogen cylinders along with 3 kW solar panels to meet energy requirements.

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**Ques: The SHANTI Bill, recently approved by the Union Cabinet, is related to which sector?**

- A) Renewable Energy
- B) Coal Mining
- C) Nuclear Power
- D) Oil & Gas
- E) Defence Manufacturing

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The SHANTI Bill has been approved by the Union Cabinet to allow private companies to participate in India's highly restricted nuclear power sector.
- The Bill proposes amendments to liability laws, allows up to 49% FDI, and aims to support India's target of 100 GW nuclear capacity by 2047.
- SHANTI stands for Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India.
- It includes provisions for operator insurance, a unified legal framework, and a specialised nuclear tribunal.

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**Ques: Where was the 2nd edition of the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine held?**

- A) Gujarat
- B) Mumbai
- C) Jaipur
- D) Geneva
- E) New Delhi

**Answer: Option E**

Explanation:

- The 2nd edition of the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine was held in New Delhi.
- The theme of the summit was “Restoring balance: The science and practice of health and well-being.”
- The 1st edition of the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine was held in 2023 in Gujarat.
- During the summit, it was announced that the Ministry of Ayush will host a dedicated side event on Ashwagandha.
- Ashwagandha is one of India’s most renowned and scientifically studied medicinal plants, significant in both traditional and modern health practices.

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**Ques: What is the name of the new investor-linked residency scheme launched by the United States government to replace the EB-5 visa model?**

- A) Green Path Programme
- B) Freedom Visa Scheme
- C) Gold Card Programme
- D) Prime Investor Visa
- E) Elite Residency Plan

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The United States government has launched a new investor-linked residency scheme called the Gold Card Programme.
- It offers wealthy individuals and corporations a fast-tracked route to permanent residency and eventual citizenship.
- The programme replaces the long-standing EB-5 visa model.
- The entry cost is \$1 million for individual applicants and \$2 million for corporations sponsoring foreign-born employees.
- A vetting fee of \$15,000 has been introduced to fund extensive background checks.

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**Ques: Which country has become the first in the African region to eliminate onchocerciasis (river blindness)?**

- A) Niger
- B) Nigeria
- C) Ghana
- D) Kenya
- E) Ethiopia

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Niger has become the first country in the African Region to eliminate onchocerciasis, also known as river blindness.
- The announcement was made by Garba Hakimi, Minister of Public Health, Population and Social Affairs.
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) confirmed that Niger has met the required elimination standards.
- Niger is the fifth country worldwide to halt the transmission of *Onchocerca volvulus*.
- The other four countries to achieve this milestone are Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Mexico.
- Onchocerciasis is a parasitic disease caused by *Onchocerca volvulus* and is transmitted through bites of infected black flies found near rivers.
- It is a major cause of infectious blindness globally, second only to trachoma.





**Ques: What is the total cost approved for conducting Census of India 2027?**

- A) ₹9,850 crore
- B) ₹10,500 crore
- C) ₹11,718.24 crore
- D) ₹12,250 crore
- E) ₹13,000 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved ₹11,718.24 crore for conducting the Census of India 2027.
- Census 2027, the 16th Census of India, will be conducted in two phases: Houselisting & Housing Census (April–September 2026) and Population Enumeration (February 2027).
- Around 3 million enumerators will participate, and citizens will have the option of self-enumeration.
- The Census of India is considered the world's largest administrative and statistical exercise.

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**Ques: Which country won the 14th edition of the FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup 2025?**

- A) India
- B) Spain
- C) Argentina
- D) Germany
- E) Netherlands

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- 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.
- Germany won its eighth FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup title.
- Germany defeated Spain 3–2 in a shoot-out after a 1–1 draw in regulation time in the final held in Chennai.
- India won the bronze medal by making a strong comeback from 0–2 down to defeat Argentina 4–2.

**About FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup 2025:**

- Edition: 14th, Held at Chennai & Madurai
- Champions: Germany (8th title)
- Runner-up: Spain
- Top scorer : Amirul Islam (Bangladesh) (18 goals)
- Best player : Casper van der Veen (Netherlands)
- Best goalkeeper : Jasper Ditzer (Germany)
- Frequency : every 2 year
- Total : 24 team and 72 matches





**Ques: The 'Google for Startups Hub' at T-Hub, Hyderabad, is being launched through a partnership between which two entities?**

- A) Government of Telangana and Microsoft
- B) Government of Telangana and Amazon
- C) Government of Telangana and Google LLC
- D) NITI Aayog and Google LLC
- E) Government of India and Google LLC

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of Telangana has partnered with Google LLC to launch a 'Google for Startups Hub' at the Technology Hub (T-Hub) in Hyderabad.
- The initiative aims to support early-stage and growth-stage startups through mentorship, technology access, and global networking.
- The Government of Telangana will provide support through a ₹1,000 crore Startup Fund of Funds to nurture the startup ecosystem.
- The collaboration aligns with Telangana's vision to create 100 Hyderabad-based unicorns by 2034.

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**Ques: The Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhikshan Bill aims to replace which bodies?**

- A) UGC only
- B) UGC and AICTE only
- C) UGC, AICTE and NCTE
- D) UGC, AICTE and Medical Council
- E) AICTE and Bar Council of India

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet approved the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhikshan Bill to establish a single higher education regulator in India.
- The new regulator will replace existing bodies like UGC, AICTE, and NCTE, while medical and law colleges remain outside its scope.
- The regulator will handle regulation, accreditation, and setting academic standards, but funding will remain with the administrative ministry.

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**Ques: What is the key distinction of India's first hydrogen-powered train introduced recently?**

- A) It is the fastest hydrogen-powered train in the world
- B) It is the world's longest hydrogen-powered train on Broad Gauge
- C) It runs entirely on battery-electric technology
- D) It has been imported from Europe
- E) It operates only on metro rail networks

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India has introduced its first hydrogen-powered train, marking a major milestone in green mobility.
- The train has been designed and manufactured in India as per specifications issued by the Research, Design & Standards Organisation (RDSO).
- With a ten-coach configuration, it is the world's longest hydrogen-powered train operating on a Broad Gauge platform.
- The train delivers a total power output of 2,400 kW through two Driving Power Cars, each rated at 1,200 kW, making it among the most powerful hydrogen trainsets globally.

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**Ques: What was India's Wholesale Price Inflation (WPI) rate in November 2025?**

- A) 0.52
- B) 0.13%
- C) -0.32%
- D) -1.21%
- E) 2.16%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Wholesale Price Inflation (WPI) in India stood at -0.32% in November 2025, according to government data.
- The marginal improvement was driven by a month-on-month increase in prices of food articles such as pulses and vegetables.
- WPI-based inflation was recorded at -1.21% in October 2025.
- In comparison, WPI inflation was 2.16% in November last year.

**Recent WPI-based inflation in India:**

- October 2025 : -1.21%
- September 2025 : 0.13%
- August 2025 : 0.52%
- July 2025 : -0.58%

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**Ques: Which city's metro rail expansion has received a USD 240 million loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?**

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Chennai
- D) Mumbai
- E) Kolkata

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 240 million loan for the expansion of the Chennai Metro Rail network.
- This is the second tranche under the Chennai Metro Rail Investment Project.
- The project aims to provide cleaner, safer, and more reliable urban transport across the Chennai Metropolitan Area.
- The loan is part of ADB's USD 780 million multi-tranche financing facility approved in 2022, of which the first tranche of USD 350 million was approved earlier.

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**Ques: NABARD has extended a loan of ₹1,685.27 crore to which organisation?**

- A) Odisha Power Generation Corporation
- B) Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited
- C) GRIDCO Limited
- D) Odisha Hydro Power Corporation
- E) Power Finance Corporation

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned a loan of ₹1,685.27 crore to Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL).
- The loan carries an interest rate of 7.75% per annum.
- The tenure of the loan is 15 years, with the first 3 years as a moratorium period.
- The funding will support power transmission infrastructure development in Odisha.

**About NABARD:**

- Established: 12 July 1982 (under recommendations of the B. Sivaraman Committee)
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Chairman: K. V. Shaji

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**Ques: Why has RBI directed banks to link MSME loans to an external benchmark?**

- A) To increase bank profitability
- B) To standardise MSME loan documentation
- C) To improve monetary policy transmission
- D) To reduce MSME loan defaults
- E) To eliminate collateral requirements

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- RBI has directed banks to link MSME loans to an external benchmark to ensure faster and more transparent transmission of policy rate changes to borrowers.
- Under this system, the interest rate reset period for MSME loans has been reduced to three months.
- Existing MSME borrowers are allowed to switch to the external benchmark-linked interest rate regime as per mutually agreed terms with banks.

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**Ques: India's banking sector recently achieved a 20-year low in Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPAs). What was the GNPA level by March 2025?**

- A) 3.95%
- B) 2.98%
- C) 2.58%
- D) 2.31%
- E) 1.85%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- India's banking sector recorded its lowest GNPA level in 20 years, declining from 11.46% in 2018 to 2.31% by March 2025.
- Net NPA (NNPA) ratio also fell sharply to 0.52%, the lowest in two decades, compared to 6.1% in 2018, supported by stronger provisioning.
- GNPAs of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) declined from 9.11% in March 2021 to 2.58% in March 2025.
- GNPAs of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) reduced from 7.33% to 2.22% during the same period.
- Domestic deposits rose from ₹88.35 lakh crore (2015) to ₹231.90 lakh crore (2025), while credit expanded from ₹66.91 lakh crore to ₹181.34 lakh crore.
- Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) improved from 12.94% (March 2015) to 17.36% (March 2025).
- Total business of PSBs increased from ₹203 lakh crore (FY23) to ₹252 lakh crore (FY25), with net profit rising from ₹1.05 lakh crore to ₹1.78 lakh crore.





**Ques: What is SBI's user target under YONO 2.0 over the next two years?**

- A) 150 million
- B) 175 million
- C) 180 million
- D) 200 million
- E) 250 million

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched YONO 2.0, the upgraded version of its digital banking platform “You Only Need One (YONO)”.
- SBI aims to double its YONO user base from 96 million to 200 million over the next two years.
- SBI plans to hire around 10,000 staff (floor managers) to shift customers from branches to digital channels.
- YONO 2.0 is expected to reduce customer service costs by 40–60 percent.
- The platform will help reduce branch footfall by 20–30 percent and enhance productivity.
- YONO 2.0 will accelerate digital credit delivery through automated decision-making processes.
- Currently, YONO 2.0 is available in English and Hindi and will soon support 15 languages.

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**Ques: The Government recently increased the MSP for copra for the 2026 season. What is the MSP fixed for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) milling copra?**

- A) ₹11,582 per quintal
- B) ₹11,900 per quintal
- C) ₹12,400 per quintal
- D) ₹12,027 per quintal
- E) ₹12,500 per quintal

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for copra for the 2026 season.
- The MSP for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) milling copra has been fixed at ₹12,027 per quintal.
- The MSP for ball copra has been fixed at ₹12,500 per quintal.
- Compared to the previous season, the MSP was increased by ₹445 per quintal for milling copra and ₹400 per quintal for ball copra.
- MSP is fixed at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production, as announced in the Union Budget 2018–19.
- NAFED and NCCF will continue as Central Nodal Agencies for copra procurement under the Price Support Scheme (PSS).

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**Ques: Mission Mausam, approved by the Union Cabinet, is implemented by which ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B) Ministry of Science and Technology
- C) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- E) Ministry of Jal Shakti

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Mission Mausam was approved by the Union Cabinet on 11 September 2024 under the Modi Government 3.0.
- The mission is implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- It has a budget outlay of ₹2,000 crore for a period of two years.
- The aim is to make India “Weather Ready” and “Climate Smart” and position the country as a global leader in weather and climate science.
- The mission focuses on improving weather and climate services, accurate observation, modelling, and forecasting to support agriculture, disaster management, and rural development.
- Key implementing institutions include IMD, NCMRWF, and IITM, with support from INCOIS and NIOT.

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**Ques: Who administered the oath to Raj Kumar Goyal as the Chief Information Commissioner?**

- A) Prime Minister of India
- B) Vice President of India
- C) Chief Justice of India
- D) President of India
- E) Home Minister of India

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Raj Kumar Goyal took oath as the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of India for a tenure of 3 years as per the RTI Act.
- The oath was administered by President Droupadi Murmu.
- The oath ceremony was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
- The Chief Information Commissioner heads the Central Information Commission under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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**Ques: Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav 2025 was organised to mark the birth anniversary of which renowned personality?**

- A) Rabindranath Tagore
- B) Mahatma Gandhi
- C) Sarojini Naidu
- D) Periyar E. V. Ramasamy
- E) Mahakavi Subramania Bharati

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav 2025 was held at National Bal Bhawan in New Delhi and organised by the Ministry of Education.
- It was celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of renowned Tamil poet Mahakavi Subramania Bharati.
- The theme of the festival was “Many Languages, One Emotion.”
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs set up a stall showcasing publications from Tribal Research Institutes of Jharkhand, Odisha, and Gujarat.
- A key attraction was the live demonstration of Adi Vaani, India’s first AI-powered tribal language translator, developed in collaboration with IIT Delhi.
- In its initial phase, Adi Vaani supports Santali, Kui, Bhili, Mundari, Gondi, and Garo languages, with scope for future expansion.

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**Ques: Which book won the 2025 National Book Award for Fiction?**

- A) The Prophet Returns
- B) The True True Story of Raja the Gullible (and His Mother)
- C) A House Without Windows
- D) Tales from Beirut
- E) The Memory Keeper

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The novel “The True True Story of Raja the Gullible (and His Mother)” won the 2025 National Book Award for Fiction.
- The book is written by Lebanese-American author Rabih Alameddine.
- The novel explores themes of family, memory, identity, and storytelling through a layered narrative style.
- The National Book Award is one of the most prestigious literary honors in the United States.

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques: PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) Scheme is related to which sector?**

- A) Food processing sector
- B) Textile sector
- C) Handicrafts sector
- D) Dairy sector
- E) Fisheries sector

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) Scheme was launched on 29 June 2020.
- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan and promotes “Vocal for Local” in the food processing sector.
- The scheme period is from 2020–21 to 2025–26 with a total outlay of ₹10,000 crore.
- Expenditure sharing pattern: Centre–States 60:40; North-Eastern & Himalayan States 90:10; UTs with legislature 60:40; other UTs 100% Centre funded.
- The scheme has four broad components, including support for individual micro-units, FPOs/producer cooperatives, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
- Individual units receive a credit-linked capital subsidy of 35% of project cost (maximum ₹10 lakh), while SHG members can get seed capital support of ₹40,000 per member.

Genius





**Ques: Who released the commemorative postage stamp honouring Emperor Perumbidugu Matharaiyar II Suvaran Maran?**

- A) Prime Minister of India
- B) Union Finance Minister
- C) Vice President of India
- D) Governor of Tamil Nadu
- E) Minister of Culture

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Vice President of India Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan released a commemorative postage stamp honouring Emperor Perumbidugu Matharaiyar II Suvaran Maran in New Delhi.
- The release ceremony was held at the Vice President's Enclave as part of the commemorative stamp event.
- The stamp honours the ruler's contribution to ancient Tamil history and administration.
- The event was attended by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Harivansh, and Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan.

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques: According to the government, how many people have got employment through MSMEs registered on the Udyam Portal?**

- A) 15 crore
- B) 20 crore
- C) 25 crore
- D) 31 crore
- E) 40 crore

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi stated that over 7 crore MSMEs have been registered on the Udyam Portal so far.
- These MSMEs have generated employment for around 31 crore people across India.
- The Udyam Portal was launched in 2020 to facilitate easy registration and growth of MSMEs.
- The Ministry has supported more than 10 lakh people through grants.
- Loans have been provided to over 1 crore people to establish small enterprises.
- The government aims to help beneficiaries come out of poverty through MSME support.
- Under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, around 12 lakh artisans have already benefited, with a target to benefit about 30 lakh artisan families by 2028.

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the first woman President of the Press Club of India?**

- A) Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty
- B) Nidhi Razdan
- C) Barkha Dutt
- D) Mrinal Pande
- E) Shubhra Gupta

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Senior journalist Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty has been appointed as the first woman President of the Press Club of India.
- She has replaced Umakant Lakhera in this position.
- The Press Club of India was established in 1957.
- The headquarters of the Press Club of India is located in New Delhi.

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques: India has received approval to host the first-ever Commonwealth Kho Kho Championship. When will it be held?**

- A) January 2025
- B) March 09–14, 2026
- C) July 2026
- D) December 2026
- E) March 2030

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Commonwealth Sports has approved India to host the 1st-ever Commonwealth Kho Kho Championship from March 09 to 14, 2026.
- The championship will see participation from over 24 Commonwealth nations.
- A total of 16 men's teams and 16 women's teams are expected to compete.
- This approval marks a major milestone for India in global sports, coming after Ahmedabad was declared the host city for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.
- The event is the next key milestone for Indian Kho Kho, following the first Kho Kho World Cup held in New Delhi in January 2025.

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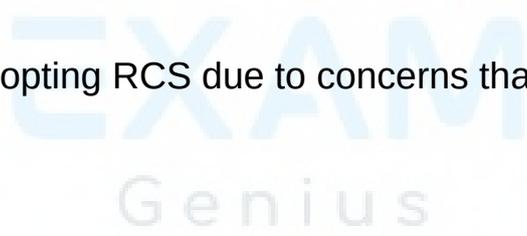
**Ques: Airtel has partnered with which company to introduce Rich Communication Services (RCS) on its network?**

- A) Meta
- B) Microsoft
- C) Samsung
- D) Amazon
- E) Google

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Bharti Airtel has partnered with Google to introduce Rich Communication Services (RCS) on its telecom network.
- This partnership marks a major shift in India's telecom and business messaging ecosystem.
- Airtel will offer RCS using Google's platform under a commercial model.
- The pricing for RCS messages has been fixed at ₹0.11 per message.
- Revenue sharing between the partners will be in an 80:20 ratio, with Airtel retaining 80% and Google receiving 20%.
- Google agreed to integrate RCS with Airtel's AI-powered intelligent spam filter, enabling the finalisation of the deal.
- Earlier, Airtel had resisted adopting RCS due to concerns that encrypted channels could increase spam.





**Ques: Field Marshal Asim Munir has been appointed as the first Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) of which country?**

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

**Answer: Option A**

Explanation:

- Field Marshal Asim Munir has been appointed as Pakistan's first Chief of Defence Forces (CDF).
- The tenure of the Chief of Defence Forces is five years.
- The post of CDF was created through the 27th Constitutional Amendment.

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques: The Mahadeva Football Initiative (Project Mahadeva), recently launched in Maharashtra, is primarily aimed at which objective?**

- A) Hosting an international football tournament
- B) Training professional football coaches
- C) Developing grassroots football talent among children
- D) Promoting futsal in urban areas
- E) Establishing football academies only in metro cities

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Maharashtra Government launched the Mahadeva Football Initiative, also known as Project Mahadeva.
- The initiative aims to train 60 young football players from rural and remote areas using world-class facilities.
- The programme focuses on Under-13 (U-13) boys and girls.
- Its objective is to create a long-term football development pathway in Maharashtra.
- An MoU was signed among the School Education, Sports and Youth Welfare Department, MITRA, WIFA and Village Social Transformation Foundation (VSTF).
- The initiative is supported by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and was announced by Sports Minister Manikrao Kokate.

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques: The River Gandak has been declared as which National Waterway under the National Waterways Act, 2016?**

- A) NW-32
- B) NW-27
- C) NW-37
- D) NW-44
- E) NW-64

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has declared 111 waterways as National Waterways under the National Waterways Act, 2016.
- As of now, 32 National Waterways are operational for cargo and passenger movement.
- The River Gandak has been declared National Waterway–37 (NW-37) and notified under the National Waterways Act, 2016.
- Two community jetties have been deployed on River Gandak at Mangalpur (Nautan) and the opposite bank at Bettiah.
- RITES Ltd. has been engaged to update the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared earlier by the Government of Bihar in 2013, at a project cost of ₹92.75 lakh.
- The DPR update aims to assess cargo and passenger movement potential on the River Gandak.

Genius





**Ques: DHRUV64 microprocessor has been developed by which organisation?**

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) BEL
- D) IIT Madras
- E) C-DAC

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- India has achieved a major milestone in its semiconductor journey with the launch of DHRUV64, the country's first fully indigenous microprocessor.
- DHRUV64 has been developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) under the Microprocessor Development Programme (MDP).
- It is a 1.0 GHz, 64-bit, dual-core microprocessor, strengthening India's indigenous processor pipeline.
- DHRUV64 is suitable for sectors such as 5G infrastructure, automotive systems, consumer electronics, industrial automation, and IoT.
- Earlier indigenous processors include SHAKTI (2018, IIT Madras), AJIT (2018, IIT Bombay), VIKRAM (2025, ISRO–SCL), and THEJAS64 (2025, C-DAC).

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques: India recently signed an MoU with Liberia to enhance cooperation in which field?**

- A) Medical education
- B) Pharmacopoeia and drug standards
- C) Vaccine manufacturing
- D) Telemedicine services
- E) Hospital infrastructure

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India and Liberia signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance cooperation in pharmacopoeia, focusing on shared quality standards for medicines.
- Under the MoU, Liberia can adopt or reference the Indian Pharmacopoeia to establish quality standards for medicines, promoting harmonised rules and benchmarks.
- Pharmacopoeias are official books of drug standards used by governments and health regulators to ensure the quality, purity, identity and strength of medicines.
- The Indian Pharmacopoeia is published by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Genius





**Ques: Who were named TIME Magazine's Person of the Year 2025?**

- A) Sam Altman alone
- B) Elon Musk
- C) Scientists of Climate Change
- D) Tech CEOs of Silicon Valley
- E) The Architects of AI

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- TIME Magazine named the collective group 'The Architects of AI' as its Person of the Year 2025 to highlight the transformative impact of AI leaders on technology, economy, and society.
- Prominent figures featured include Sam Altman (OpenAI), Jensen Huang (NVIDIA), Demis Hassabis (DeepMind), Lisa Su (AMD), Mark Zuckerberg (Meta), Elon Musk (xAI), Dario Amodei (Anthropic), and Fei-Fei Li (Stanford HAI).
- TIME noted that AI is the defining force of the modern era, transforming industries, governance, creativity, and daily life.
- This recognition is rare as TIME honored a group rather than a single individual, emphasizing the collaborative nature of AI development.

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques: Which new award category will be introduced at the 98th Academy Awards in 2026?**

- A) Best Casting
- B) Best Stunt Coordination
- C) Best Voice Performance
- D) Best Visual Effects Design
- E) Best Screen Ensemble

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Academy Awards will introduce a dedicated prize for Casting for the first time in Oscar history.
- The new category recognises the craft of identifying talent, interpreting creative vision, and assembling ensembles that shape a film's identity.
- The 98th Academy Awards, scheduled to be held on 15 March 2026, will be the first ceremony to present this award.

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques: Under the proposed VB-G RAM G Bill, what will be the cost-sharing pattern for most States?**

- A) 90:10 (Centre:State)
- B) 75:25 (Centre:State)
- C) 80:20 (Centre:State)
- D) 60:40 (Centre:State)
- E) 50:50 (Centre:State)

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Union government will introduce the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee For Rozgar And Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Bill in the Lok Sabha to replace the MGNREGA, 2005.
- Under MGNREGA, the Centre bore 100% of labour wages and 75% of material costs, leading to an effective 90:10 Centre–State sharing pattern.
- Under the VB-G RAM G Bill, the financial burden on States will increase significantly.
- As per Section 22(2), most States and UTs with legislatures will follow a 60:40 (Centre:State) cost-sharing pattern.
- North-Eastern States and Himalayan States/UTs (Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir) will continue with a 90:10 pattern.

Genius





**Ques:** According to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), within how many years is India projected to cross 1 terawatt (1,000 GW) of installed power capacity?

- A) 5 years
- B) 7 years
- C) 20 years
- D) 15 years
- E) 10 years

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has projected that India will cross 1 terawatt (1,000 GW) of installed power capacity within the next 10 years.
- India's current installed power capacity stands at around 505 GW.
- CEA has submitted the National Electricity Plan (NEP) 2034–35 along with year-wise electricity demand estimates up to 2070 to NITI Aayog.
- The electricity planning framework is shifting from static five-year plans to a rolling, annually updated planning cycle.
- For 2047, the indicative power mix includes 100 GW nuclear, about 97–100 GW coal, 116 GW pumped hydro storage, around 1,200 GW solar and 400–450 GW wind capacity.

Genius





**Ques: Which two sites were recently designated as new Ramsar Sites in India?**

- A) Chilika Lake & Loktak Lake
- B) Siliserh Lake & Kopra Jalashay
- C) Sambhar Lake & Bhoj Wetland
- D) Wular Lake & Dal Lake
- E) Keoladeo & Harike Wetland

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India added Siliserh Lake in Rajasthan and Kopra Jalashay in Chhattisgarh as new Ramsar Sites, increasing the total number of Ramsar wetlands in the country to 96.
- Siliserh Lake lies within the buffer zone of Sariska Tiger Reserve, enhancing eco-tourism and conservation value.
- Kopra Jalashay is located near Bilaspur in the upper catchments of the Mahanadi River, surrounded mainly by farmland and villages.
- The Rio Negro in Brazil is the largest Ramsar Site, covering approximately 120,000 sq km.
- The Monaco Marine Reserve in Monaco is the smallest Ramsar Site, with an area of just 0.04 hectares.
- India's first Ramsar Sites: Chilka Lake (Odisha) and Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan) were designated in 1981.

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**Ques: Who presented the Shilp Guru Awards and National Handicraft Awards for 2023 and 2024?**

- A) President of India
- B) Union Minister of Textiles
- C) Prime Minister of India
- D) Vice President of India
- E) Governor of Delhi

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- President of India, Droupadi Murmu, presented the Shilp Guru Awards and National Handicraft Awards for 2023 and 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The awards were conferred during National Handicrafts Week celebrations 2025, held from 8 to 14 December 2025.
- The event was organised by the Ministry of Textiles.
- A total of 48 awards were given, including 12 Shilp Guru Awards and 36 National Handicraft Awards.
- Among the awardees, 20 were women artisans.
- Kamlesh Sharma (Women) : Wood Craft (Tarkashi work on the table) - Rajasthan
- Subhash Arora (Men) : Metal Craft (DhokraCraft) - Haryana
- Shaheen Anjum (Women) : Wood Craft (Jewellery Box) - Delhi
- Mohammad Dilshad (Men) : Wood Carving (Centre table of Sheesham Wood) - Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- Tarit Paul (Men) : Clay Modelling (Vishwarupa of Lord Krishna) - West Bengal (WB)
- Shobharani Poddar (Women) : Jute Craft (Goddess Durga) - West Bengal (WB)

List of Shilp Guru Awardees for 2023:

- Ajit Kumar Das (Men) : Hand Painted Textiles - West Bengal (WB)
- Sudhir Kumar Maharana (Men) : Painting Pattachitra - Odisha
- D. Sivamma (Women) : Leather Puppet - Andhra Pradesh (AP)





- Dolon Kundu Mandal (Women) : Terracotta - West Bengal (WB)
- Khatri Gulamhusain Umar (Men) : Artistic Textiles(Tie & Dye) - Gujarat
- Madhuri Mishra (Women) : Artistic Textiles (Batic Printing) - Uttar Pradesh (UP)



EXAM  
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**Ques: Who received the 28th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati National Eminence Award for Public Leadership?**

- A) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- B) Naveen Patnaik
- C) Yogi Adityanath
- D) Mamata Banerjee
- E) Devendra Fadnavis

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma received the 28th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati National Eminence Award for Public Leadership.
- The award was conferred during the Kanchi Mahaswami festival held at Shanmukhananda Hall, Mumbai.
- The award is instituted by the South Indian Education Society (SIES).
- It recognises outstanding contributions in the field of public leadership and governance.
- The award is named after Jagadguru Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati, the 68th Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham.

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**Ques: Which tiger reserve is set to become the third cheetah habitat in Madhya Pradesh?**

- A) Kanha Tiger Reserve
- B) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- C) Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve
- D) Satpura Tiger Reserve
- E) Pench Tiger Reserve

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve, located at Nauradehi in Sagar district (MP), will be developed as the third cheetah habitat in the State.
- The decision follows the successful translocation of cheetahs from Africa to Kuno National Park (KNP).
- The Madhya Pradesh State Cabinet has given in-principle approval for developing the reserve as a cheetah habitat.
- The reserve is expected to become operational before the next monsoon.
- Kuno National Park (Sheopur) became India's first cheetah habitat in September 2022.
- Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Mandsaur) was developed as the second cheetah habitat in April 2025.
- The MP government is also working to translocate other wildlife species in the State.

EXAM  
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**Ques: Shivraj Vishwanath Patil Chakurkar, recently in news, was associated with which political party?**

- A) Indian National Congress (INC)
- B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- C) Janata Dal (United)
- D) Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)
- E) Shiv Sena

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Shivraj Vishwanath Patil Chakurkar was a senior leader of the Indian National Congress and a former Union Minister.
- He held several Minister of State (MoS) portfolios, including Defence, Commerce, Science & Technology, Atomic Energy, Personnel & Training, Civil Aviation, and Tourism.
- He later served as the Union Home Minister from 2004 to 2008.
- He also served as the Governor of Punjab and Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh from 2010 to 2015.

EXAM  
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**Ques: December 11 is observed as which international day?**

- A) International Biodiversity Day
- B) International Forest Day
- C) World Environment Day
- D) International Mountain Day
- E) International Water Day

**Answer: Option D**

Explanation:

- December 11 is observed every year as International Mountain Day.
- The theme for International Mountain Day 2025 is “Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond.”
- The day highlights the importance of mountains in sustaining ecosystems, water resources, food security, and livelihoods.
- International Mountain Day was first observed in 2003.

EXAM  
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**Ques: Vijay Diwas is observed to commemorate India's victory in which war?**

- A) 1962 Indo-China War
- B) 1965 Indo-Pak War
- C) 1971 Indo-Pak War
- D) Kargil War, 1999
- E) First World War

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Vijay Diwas is observed every year on 16 December to commemorate India's decisive victory over Pakistan in the 1971 Indo-Pak War.
- On this day in 1971, Pakistan's Eastern Command surrendered unconditionally.
- Pakistani forces led by Lt. Gen. A.A.K. Niazi surrendered before the Indian Army and Mukti Bahini.
- Around 93,000 Pakistani soldiers were taken as prisoners of war (PoWs).
- The war resulted in the liberation of East Pakistan and the creation of Bangladesh.
- Vijay Diwas honours the supreme sacrifice and bravery of the Indian Armed Forces.

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