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explanation



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- Sports





**Ques: JPMorgan Chase is establishing Asia's largest Global Capability Centre (GCC) in which city?**

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- JPMorgan Chase, a leading U.S. banking and financial services firm, is setting up Asia's largest Global Capability Centre (GCC) in Powai, Mumbai.
- The centre will cover approximately 2 million square feet and is expected to be completed by 2029.
- The GCC aims to enhance JPMorgan's operational capabilities and provide advanced services across Asia.

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**Ques: Which bank won the Global Bank of the Year 2025 award by The Banker?**

- A) HSBC
- B) Standard Chartered
- C) DBS Bank
- D) JPMorgan Chase
- E) Citibank

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Singapore-based DBS Bank was awarded Global Bank of the Year 2025.
- The award was conferred by The Banker, a reputed publication of the Financial Times Group.
- The honour was presented at the Bank of the Year Awards 2025 held in London, United Kingdom.
- DBS also won other major titles such as Asia Bank of the Year, Singapore Bank of the Year, Investment Bank of the Year – Asia, and the first-ever Investment Bank of the Year award.
- This is DBS's third Global Bank of the Year win after 2018 and 2021.
- With this achievement, DBS now holds Best Bank titles from both The Banker and Euromoney in 2025.

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**Ques: NCDEX has received in-principle approval from SEBI to launch which of the following platforms?**

- A) Commodity spot trading platform
- B) Mutual Fund transaction platform
- C) Digital lending platform
- D) Insurance distribution platform
- E) Crypto asset exchange

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) has received in-principle approval from SEBI to launch a Mutual Fund transaction platform.
- The approval will enable NCDEX to set up a platform that allows investors to buy and sell mutual fund units, subject to compliance with regulatory requirements.
- The backend processing for the MF transaction platform will be handled by National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of NCDEX.

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**Ques: According to data shared by the Ministry of Finance, what was the value of crypto transactions in India during 2024–25?**

- A) ₹36,270 crore
- B) ₹45,000 crore
- C) ₹51,180 crore
- D) ₹60,000 crore
- E) ₹22,130 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- For 2024–25, the value of crypto transactions in India crossed ₹51,000 crore, registering a 41% year-on-year growth, as informed by the Ministry of Finance in the Rajya Sabha.
- The government collected ₹511.8 crore as 1% Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) on crypto transactions during this period.
- Growth trend in crypto transaction value shows a steady rise: ₹22,130 crore in 2022–23, ₹36,270 crore in 2023–24, and ₹51,180 crore in 2024–25.
- Under Indian law, cryptocurrencies are classified as Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs); they are not legal tender but are treated as taxable assets.
- VDAs include cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin and Ether, NFTs, and other cryptographic tokens, but exclude the RBI-issued digital rupee (e₹).

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**Ques: Which bank partnered with SalarySe to launch the Level Up Credit Card powered by Credit on UPI?**

- A) Federal Bank
- B) City Union Bank
- C) Canara Bank
- D) IDFC First Bank
- E) Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- City Union Bank partnered with SalarySe to launch the Level Up Credit Card.
- The card is designed for salaried individuals and is powered by Credit on UPI technology.
- The initiative aligns with RBI's vision of promoting a cashless economy.
- The Level Up Credit Card rewards users based on spending patterns such as UPI payments, online transactions, monthly bills, and in-store purchases.
- The collaboration aims to integrate credit cards with UPI, enhancing convenience and digital payment adoption among working professionals.

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**Ques: JPMorgan Chase & Co. has received in-principle approval from the RBI to open a new branch in which Indian city?**

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- JPMorgan Chase & Co. has received in-principle approval from the RBI to open a new branch in Pune.
- This marks JPMorgan's first branch expansion in India in nearly a decade.
- The Pune branch will be JPMorgan's fourth branch in India and will mainly serve corporate clients.
- Currently, JPMorgan has major corporate centres in Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad.
- JPMorgan last received approval to open branches in India in 2016, when it was allowed to set up three branches.

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**Ques: The newly launched mutual fund First-India, offering Russian retail investors exposure to India's equity market, is linked to which stock market index?**

- A) Sensex
- B) Nifty Bank
- C) Nifty Midcap 100
- D) Nifty50 Index
- E) BSE 500

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Sberbank and JSC First Asset Management have launched a mutual fund named First-India.
- The fund provides Russian retail investors exposure to India's equity market.
- The fund tracks the Nifty50 Index, India's flagship equity index.
- It was unveiled during Sberbank CEO Herman Gref's visit to India at an NSE-hosted event.
- The Nifty50 Index, launched in 1996, consists of 50 major stocks across 15 sectors and is one of the world's most widely tracked indices.

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**Ques: RBI has approved HDFC Bank and its group entities to acquire up to what maximum stake in IndusInd Bank Limited?**

- A) 5%
- B) 7.5%
- C) 9%
- D) 9.5%
- E) 10%

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- RBI has approved HDFC Bank and its group entities to acquire up to 9.5% of the paid-up share capital or voting rights in IndusInd Bank Limited.
- The approval is valid for one year, from 15 December 2025 to 14 December 2026.
- The aggregate holding of HDFC Bank and its group entities must not exceed 9.5% at any point during the approval period.

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**Ques: According to a Moody's survey, banks in which region have stronger capital positions compared to banks in the United States and Western Europe?**

- A) Latin America
- B) Africa
- C) Asia-Pacific
- D) Middle East
- E) Eastern Europe

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Moody's survey states that banks in the Asia-Pacific region, including India, have stronger capital positions than banks in the US and Western Europe, supported by prudent regulatory supervision.
- Largest Asia-Pacific banks show stronger capital buffers and healthier balance sheets compared to their US and Western European peers.
- Risk-Weighted Asset (RWA) densities of Asia-Pacific banks generally reflect actual asset risks and align with their credit loss patterns over the last decade.
- India, Vietnam, and parts of China show higher RWA densities due to the use of the Standardised Approach.
- Indian regulators plan to allow banks to shift to the advanced Internal Ratings-Based (IRB) approach by 2028, which may reduce RWA densities.

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**Ques: Which Indian state became the first to launch MahaCrimeOS AI to strengthen cybercrime investigations?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Gujarat
- D) Telangana
- E) Maharashtra

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Maharashtra became the first Indian state to launch MahaCrimeOS AI, an AI platform to strengthen cybercrime investigations.
- The platform was unveiled at the Microsoft AI Tour held in Mumbai.
- MahaCrimeOS AI supports cybercrime victims, accelerates justice delivery, and enhances digital safety across the state.
- Built on Microsoft Azure OpenAI Service and Microsoft Foundry, it uses advanced AI tools and secure cloud infrastructure.
- Initially piloted in 23 police stations in Nagpur, it will expand to all 1,100 police stations across Maharashtra.

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**Ques: Which Indian company won the 2025 FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) Teams Title?**

- A) Tata Motors
- B) JK Tyre
- C) MRF Tyres
- D) Apollo Tyres
- E) Mahindra Racing

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- MRF Tyres won the 2025 FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) Teams Title, strengthening India's presence in global motorsport technology.
- This marks the third time MRF Tyres has secured the ERC Teams Championship.
- MRF Tyres first won the title in 2022, followed by another win in 2023, and reclaimed the championship again in 2025.

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**Ques: Kolkata unveiled a 70-foot statue of which football legend, considered the largest of him in the world?**

- A) Cristiano Ronaldo
- B) Lionel Messi
- C) Diego Maradona
- D) Neymar Jr.
- E) Kylian Mbappé

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Kolkata unveiled a 70-foot iron statue of Lionel Messi, believed to be the largest in the world.
- Created by Sree Bhumi Sporting Club at Lake Town in South Dum Dum, the statue depicts Messi lifting the FIFA World Cup trophy, symbolizing his 2022 triumph with Argentina.
- The installation was completed in just 40 days and has become a major attraction for fans.

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**Ques: The Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2025 is organised by which institutions?**

- A) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship & NITI Aayog
- B) Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) & AICTE
- C) Ministry of Electronics and IT & ISRO
- D) AICTE & University Grants Commission (UGC)
- E) NITI Aayog & Startup India

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The 8th edition of SIH 2025 is announced by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) in collaboration with AICTE.
- The event is conducted across 60 nodal centres, with the Software Grand Finale hosted by WeSchool, Mumbai.
- SIH 2025 received a record 72,165 idea submissions from 68,766 student teams covering 271 problem statements from ministries, state departments, PSUs, and industries.
- A total of 1,360 teams with over 8,000 students and more than 1,300 mentors qualified for the Grand Finale.
- Since 2017, SIH has emerged as the world's largest open innovation platform, promoting creativity, design thinking, startup culture, and national integration under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

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**Ques: Which Indian cricket legends had stadium stands named after them at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium, Mullanpur?**

- A) MS Dhoni and Mithali Raj
- B) Virat Kohli and Smriti Mandhana
- C) Rohit Sharma and Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Kapil Dev and Jhulan Goswami
- E) Yuvraj Singh and Harmanpreet Kaur

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Cricket legends Yuvraj Singh and Harmanpreet Kaur were honoured by naming stadium stands after them at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium in Mullanpur, New Chandigarh.
- The stands were inaugurated by Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann ahead of the second T20I between India and South Africa.
- On the occasion, players were felicitated with monetary rewards: ₹11 lakh each to Harleen Deol, Amanjot Kaur, and Harmanpreet Kaur, and ₹5 lakh to Fielding Coach Munish Bali.

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**Ques: Which country won the 2025 Squash World Cup mixed-team title for the first time?**

- A) Australia
- B) England
- C) Egypt
- D) India
- E) Hong Kong

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The 2025 Squash World Cup was organised by the World Squash Federation in collaboration with the Squash Rackets Federation of India.
- The tournament was held in Chennai for the third consecutive time and featured mixed teams from 12 nations.
- The Indian mixed team defeated Hong Kong in the final to clinch its first-ever Squash World Cup title.
- With this victory, India became the first Asian nation and the fourth country overall, after Australia, England, and Egypt, to win the Squash World Cup.

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**Ques: India's first Power Museum is being developed in which state?**

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Gujarat
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) West Bengal
- E) Bihar

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Bihar is set to build India's first Power Museum.
- The museum will be developed on the 3-acre campus of the defunct Karbigahia Thermal Power Station in Patna.
- The project is estimated to cost around ₹200 crore.
- The Karbigahia Power Plant was constructed by the British in 1930 to supply electricity to Patna.
- Once completed, it will become the world's fourth Power Museum.

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**Ques: Which country became the first in the world to receive UNESCO recognition for its entire national cuisine?**

- A) France
- B) Spain
- C) Japan
- D) Mexico
- E) Italy

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Italy became the first country globally to receive UNESCO recognition for its entire national cuisine.
- The announcement was made during UNESCO's cultural assembly held in Delhi.
- Italy already has 21 elements on UNESCO's intangible heritage list, including Neapolitan pizza-making and opera singing, supported by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's government.

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**Ques: According to the 2025 Passport Index published by Arton Capital, what is India's global rank in terms of passport strength?**

- A) 54th
- B) 60th
- C) 65th
- D) 67th
- E) 72nd

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The 2025 Passport Index, published by Arton Capital, ranks UAE as the world's strongest passport for the 7th consecutive year, with a Mobility Score of 179.
- UAE passport holders enjoy visa-free access to 126 destinations, visa-on-arrival in 45 countries, and ETA access to 8 countries.
- India ranks 67th globally in the 2025 Passport Index.
- Indian passport holders have visa-free access to 74 countries, covering about 37% of the world.

**Top 5 Countries in 2025 Passport Index:**

- 1 The United Arab Emirates(UAE) - 179
- 2 Singapore and Spain - 175
- 3 Belgium, France, Sweden, Germany, the Netherlands, Finland, Luxembourg, Italy, Denmark, Portugal, Switzerland, Greece, Austria, Malaysia, Norway, Ireland, South Korea, and Japan - 174
- 4 Poland, Slovenia, Croatia, Slovakia, Hungary and Estonia - 173
- 5 Malta, Romania, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Latvia, and New Zealand - 172
- 67 India - 74
- 94 Afghanistan (last) - 38





**Ques: Who virtually inaugurated the 3rd Session of the Council of the International Organisation for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA) in Mumbai?**

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Sarbananda Sonowal
- C) Nitin Gadkari
- D) Dharmendra Pradhan
- E) Mansukh Mandaviya

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways virtually inaugurated the 3rd Session of the IALA Council in Mumbai.
- The session was organised by the Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- During the inaugural session, the Digital Ticketing Portal for Lighthouse Tourism was launched for 75 lighthouse destinations across India.
- All 193 Indian lighthouses are now fully solar-powered, reducing carbon footprint and operational costs by about 40%.

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**Ques: Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore campaign is being organised to achieve which primary objective?**

- A) Promote digital payments
- B) Improve public grievance redressal and service delivery
- C) Conduct census operations
- D) Implement election reforms
- E) Promote rural tourism

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore is a nationwide campaign aimed at strengthening public grievance redressal mechanisms and improving service delivery at the grassroots level.
- The campaign will be held across all districts, states, and Union Territories from 19 to 25 December 2025.
- It is a decentralized version of Special Campaign 5.0 conducted earlier in central ministries, departments, and PSUs.
- Over 700 District Collectors will visit Tehsils and Panchayat Samiti Headquarters to address grievances directly.
- This is the fourth national-level Tehsil-based campaign by the Government of India to improve governance outcomes.

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**Ques: National Energy Conservation Day (NECD) is observed in India on which date?**

- A) December 10
- B) December 12
- C) December 14
- D) December 16
- E) December 20

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- National Energy Conservation Day is observed annually on December 14.
- National Energy Conservation Week 2025 is observed from December 14 to 20, promoted by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).
- The National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2025 marked the 35th edition, presented by the President of India.
- Awards covered 28 subsectors across 7 categories, with a new category for Social Media Influencers and Digital Content Creators to promote energy conservation awareness.
- NECA 2025 awarded 25 First Prizes, 5 Second Prizes, 26 Certificates of Merit, and 3 Certificates of Recognition under Innovation Awards.

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation / व्याख्या:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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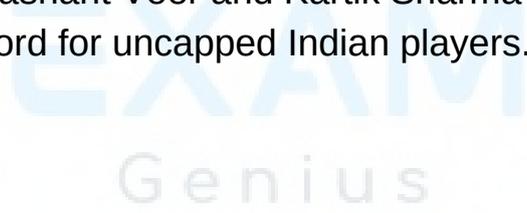
**6Ques: Who emerged as the costliest overseas player at the IPL mini-auction ahead of the 2026 season?**

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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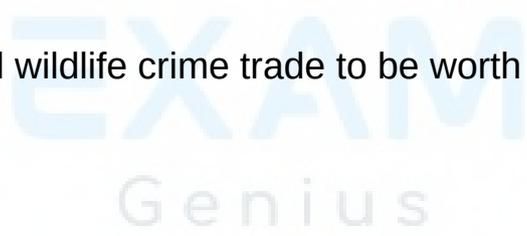
**Ques: Interpol recently conducted a global campaign against wildlife trafficking. What was the name of this operation?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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





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

#### Technical Series Category :

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

#### Short Film Categories :

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

#### Web Original Film Categories :

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





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



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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

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

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation / व्याख्या:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer:** Option A

### Explanation

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

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**Ques: INAS 335 'Ospreys', recently commissioned by the Indian Navy, is the second squadron of which helicopter?**

- A) ALH Dhruv
- B) Sea King Mk 42B
- C) MH-60R Romeo
- D) Chetak
- E) Kamov Ka-31

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Navy commissioned INAS 335 'Ospreys', its second squadron of MH-60R (Romeo) multi-role naval helicopters, at INS Hansa, Goa.
- The commissioning ceremony was attended by the Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, as the Chief Guest.
- INAS stands for Indian Naval Air Squadron, 335 denotes the squadron number, and 'Osprey' is the squadron's nickname, inspired by a powerful sea bird.
- The second squadron, INAS 335, comprises a total of six MH-60R helicopters.
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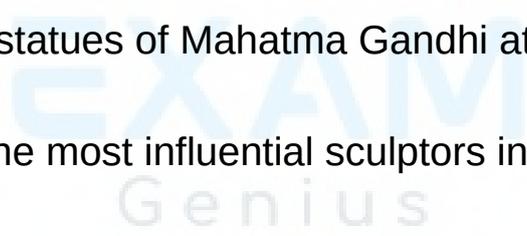
**Ques: Ram Vanji Sutar, who passed away recently, was the designer of which iconic monument?**

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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





**Ques: Which bank launched a new advertising campaign featuring Sachin Tendulkar as its global brand ambassador?**

सचिन तेंदुलकर को वैश्विक ब्रांड एंबेसडर के रूप में शामिल करते हुए किस बैंक ने नया विज्ञापन अभियान लॉन्च किया है?

- A) Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
- B) Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
- C) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- D) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
- E) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation / व्याख्या:**

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has unveiled a new advertising campaign featuring Sachin Tendulkar as its global brand ambassador.
- बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा (BoB) ने सचिन तेंदुलकर को अपना वैश्विक ब्रांड एंबेसडर बनाते हुए नया विज्ञापन अभियान शुरू किया है।
- The campaign focuses on promoting four key retail banking products: Home Loans, Car Loans, MSME Loans through bob Digi Udyam, and the bob Masterstroke Lite Savings Account.
- यह अभियान चार प्रमुख रिटेल बैंकिंग उत्पादों—होम लोन, कार लोन, bob Digi Udyam के माध्यम से MSME लोन और bob Masterstroke Lite बचत खाता—को बढ़ावा देने पर केंद्रित है।
- The campaign builds on last year's branding platform titled "Play The Masterstroke."
- यह अभियान पिछले वर्ष के ब्रांडिंग प्लेटफॉर्म "Play The Masterstroke" पर आधारित है।
- Campaign teasers featured cricket commentator Jatin Sapru and media entrepreneur Kamiya Jani.
- अभियान के टीज़र में क्रिकेट कमेंटेटर जतिन सप्रू और मीडिया उद्यमी कामिया जानी को दिखाया गया।
- Bank of Baroda was founded in 1908 and is a public sector bank with 63.97% ownership held by the Government of India.
- बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा की स्थापना 1908 में हुई थी और यह एक सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का बैंक है, जिसमें भारत सरकार की 63.97% हिस्सेदारी है।





**Ques: Bank of India raised ₹2,500 crore through the issuance of which type of bonds?**

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया ने ₹2,500 करोड़ किस प्रकार के बॉन्ड जारी करके जुटाए?

- A) Tier-1 Bonds – टियर-1 बॉन्ड
- B) Tier-2 Bonds – टियर-2 बॉन्ड
- C) Perpetual Bonds – परपेचुअल बॉन्ड
- D) Infrastructure Bonds – इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर बॉन्ड
- E) None of these

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation / व्याख्या:**

- Bank of India raised ₹2,500 crore by issuing Tier-2 bonds with a 10-year maturity.
- बैंक ऑफ इंडिया ने 10 वर्ष की परिपक्वता अवधि वाले टियर-2 बॉन्ड जारी करके ₹2,500 करोड़ जुटाए।
- The total amount raised includes a ₹1,500 crore greenshoe option.
- जुटाई गई कुल राशि में ₹1,500 करोड़ का ग्रीनशू विकल्प शामिल है।
- Cut-off yield for the bond issue was set at 7.28%.
- इस बॉन्ड इश्यू के लिए कट-ऑफ यील्ड 7.28% निर्धारित की गई।
- The bonds include a call option after 5 years, and the option can be exercised annually thereafter.
- इन बॉन्ड्स में 5 वर्षों के बाद कॉल ऑप्शन है, जिसे उसके बाद हर वर्ष प्रयोग किया जा सकता है।

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**Ques: Central Bank of India has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which bank to build a strategic partnership for strengthening project financing capabilities in India?**

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Central Bank of India has signed an MoU with State Bank of India (SBI) to establish a strategic partnership focused on enhancing leadership and institutional capabilities in project financing.
- The collaboration aims to create new opportunities for co-financing large infrastructure and development projects across India.
- It will also support capacity building initiatives and facilitate the sharing of institutional knowledge and expertise between the two public sector banks.
- The MoU strengthens inter-bank cooperation to support India's long-term infrastructure financing needs.

About Central Bank of India :

- Established : 1911
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Kalyan Kumar
- Tagline : Central to you since 1911





**Ques: Which authority directed IRDAI-regulated entities to adopt “1600” series phone numbers for service and transactional calls to consumers?**

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- C) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- D) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- E) Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), under the Ministry of Communications, directed all entities regulated by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to adopt “1600” series phone numbers.
- The directive applies to service and transactional calls made to consumers.
- The deadline for adopting the “1600” series numbers is 15 February 2026.
- The objective is to help customers easily identify genuine calls from regulated financial institutions.
- The move will also assist consumers in distinguishing legitimate calls from spam or fraudulent calls.

**About TRAI :**

- Established : 1997
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Anil Kumar Lahoti

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**Ques: What key relaxation has SEBI introduced for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) regarding the re-KYC process?**

- A) Physical presence in India is no longer required for digital re-KYC
- B) New NRI clients can complete onboarding from abroad
- C) Geo-tagging and time-stamping are no longer mandatory
- D) Digital KYC apps can allow spoofed IP addresses
- E) Re-KYC norms have been withdrawn completely

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- SEBI has eased the re-KYC process for existing NRI clients by removing the requirement of being physically present in India during digital re-KYC.
- This relaxation applies only to re-KYC and not to digital onboarding of new NRI clients, which still requires presence in India.
- Digital safeguards such as random prompts, geo-tagging, time-stamping, GPS location matching, and IP spoofing checks remain mandatory.
- The objective is to make the re-KYC process smoother, more accessible, and user-friendly for NRIs living abroad.

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**Ques: SEBI has approved which fintech platform as an Online Bond Platform Provider (OBPP)?**

- A) Zerodha
- B) Paytm Money
- C) Groww
- D) Upstox
- E) Angel One

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved Groww as an Online Bond Platform Provider (OBPP).
- With this approval, Groww can list, distribute, and facilitate transactions of listed corporate bonds on its app.
- The platform will offer SEBI-regulated and secure access to fixed-income investment products.
- Corporate bonds will now be available alongside Groww's existing offerings such as stocks, mutual funds, and other market-linked instruments.
- This move simplifies bond investing for retail investors, supports portfolio diversification, and provides access to relatively stable, lower-risk returns.

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**Ques: Which life insurance company introduced a new brand identity with the promise “Har Wada Mumkin – Promises Made Possible”?**

- A) HDFC Life Insurance
- B) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- C) Ageas Federal Life Insurance
- D) SBI Life Insurance
- E) Max Life Insurance

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Ageas Federal Life Insurance unveiled a new brand identity with the promise “Har Wada Mumkin – Promises Made Possible.”
- The rebranding was launched in Mumbai by Managing Director & CEO Jude Gomes along with brand ambassador Sachin Tendulkar.
- The new logo features two unifying arcs symbolising protection and guidance.
- The colour palette reflects key values: orange represents optimism, while violet signifies trust.
- The rebrand aims to simplify insurance and expand access to financial protection across India.
- Ageas Federal Life Insurance is a joint venture between Ageas Group and Federal Bank, operational since 2008.





**Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of ₹61.95 lakh on which bank for regulatory violations?**

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of ₹61.95 lakh on Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance with certain regulatory guidelines.
- The penalty relates to violations in three key areas.
- These include non-compliance related to Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) accounts.
- Irregularities in the functioning of Business Correspondents (BCs) were also observed.
- The bank also failed to comply with norms related to reporting to Credit Information Companies (CICs).

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**Ques: Which bank has underwritten a \$500 million, 5-year foreign currency term loan for OVL Overseas IFSC Limited (OOIL)?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has underwritten a \$500 million, 5-year foreign currency term loan for OVL Overseas IFSC Limited (OOIL).
- OOIL is a wholly owned subsidiary of ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) and is registered in GIFT City, Gujarat.
- Bank of Baroda acted as the Sole Mandated Lead Arranger (SMLA) for the loan.
- The transaction highlights Bank of Baroda's capability and strength in syndicated foreign currency lending.

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**Ques: Which airline won the award for Best Domestic Airline at Travel + Leisure India and South Asia's Best Awards 2025?**

- A) IndiGo
- B) Vistara
- C) Air India
- D) Akasa Air
- E) SpiceJet

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India's national carrier Air India won the Best Domestic Airline award.
- The award was presented at Travel + Leisure India and South Asia's Best Awards 2025.
- The awards are organised by Travel + Leisure India and South Asia.
- Air India is currently undergoing a major transformation, including an order of 570 new aircraft.

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**Ques: What does One Rank One Pension (OROP) mean for defence forces personnel in India?**

- A) Same pension for all defence personnel irrespective of rank
- B) Uniform pension for defence personnel retiring in the same rank and with the same length of service, regardless of retirement date
- C) Pension linked only to last drawn salary
- D) Pension applicable only to officers
- E) Pension revised annually for all retirees

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- One Rank One Pension (OROP) ensures uniform pension for defence personnel retiring in the same rank with the same length of service, irrespective of retirement date.
- The objective of OROP is to bridge the pension gap between present and past pensioners and maintain parity through periodic pension revisions.
- The Government of India implemented OROP in 2015, with benefits effective from 1 July 2014.
- Pensions of past pensioners are re-fixed based on the pensions of defence personnel who retired in the calendar year 2013.
- Re-fixation uses the average of minimum and maximum pension of retirees of the same rank and service length.
- Personnel already receiving pension higher than the calculated average have their higher pension protected.
- Arrears under OROP are paid in four equal half-yearly installments.
- Family pensioners, special or liberalised family pensioners, and gallantry award winners receive arrears in a single installment.
- Pension under OROP will be re-fixed every five years in the future.
- The nodal agency for implementation of OROP is the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare under the Ministry of Defence.
- OROP is not paid as a separate component but is merged with the pension.
- OROP is not applicable to personnel who seek discharge at their own request under specified provisions of the Army Rules, 1954, and equivalent rules of the Navy and Air Force.



**Ques: Which Indian state has made the UDID (Unique Disability ID) card mandatory for all persons with disabilities in government offices?**

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Karnataka
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Gujarat
- E) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Maharashtra Government has made the UDID (Unique Disability ID) card mandatory for all persons with disabilities in all government offices and departments from 9 October 2025.
- All departments are required to complete document verification by January 2026.
- The UDID card will be necessary for reservations, promotions, and availing government benefits and welfare schemes.
- The initiative aims to streamline disability certification, ensure uniform access to government benefits, and improve administrative efficiency and transparency.

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**Ques: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced its largest-ever acquisition by acquiring 100% stake in which company in an all-cash deal?**

- A) Infosys Consulting
- B) Coastal Cloud
- C) Tech Mahindra Digital
- D) Accenture India
- E) Wipro Salesforce Services

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) will acquire a 100% stake in Coastal Cloud for \$700 million (approximately ₹6,286 crore) through an all-cash deal.
- This is the largest acquisition ever undertaken by TCS and one of the biggest acquisitions by any Indian IT company.

**Strategic Context:**

- The acquisition significantly strengthens TCS' capabilities in Salesforce consulting services.
- It enhances TCS' artificial intelligence (AI)-led advisory and business transformation offerings.
- The deal supports TCS' expansion in the mid-market customer segment globally.





**Ques: Under the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) scheme, which city has been allocated the highest number of e-buses?**

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The PM E-DRIVE scheme, notified on 29 September 2024 with a total allocation of ₹4,391 crore, aims to deploy 14,028 e-buses across 9 major Indian cities to reduce emissions from public transport.
- Bengaluru has been allocated the highest number of e-buses, totaling 4,500.
- Procurement is carried out by CESL through an aggregation model and competitive bidding, with operations supported by State/City Transport Undertakings under OPEX and GCC models.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bharti Airtel Limited?**

- A) Shashwat Sharma
- B) Sunil Mittal
- C) Gopal Vittal
- D) Eiesha Zia
- E) Nitin Bansal

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Shashwat Sharma has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bharti Airtel Limited for a tenure of five years.
- He succeeds Gopal Vittal, who will transition to the role of Executive Vice Chairman (Whole-time Director) of Bharti Airtel.

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**Ques: The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country's Olympic committee to strengthen bilateral cooperation in sports?**

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Italy
- D) Japan
- E) Australia

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) signed an MoU with the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) to strengthen bilateral cooperation in sports.
- The collaboration focuses on training, sharing of infrastructure, and sports science cooperation.
- The MoU establishes a structured framework for joint promotion of sports, exchange of expertise, and mutual access to elite sporting infrastructure.
- It includes sharing of high-performance centres for athletes, coaches, and sports science professionals.
- Key components include joint training camps, coaching exchange programmes, collaborative sports science initiatives, development pathways for emerging athletes, and enhanced access to high-performance centres in both countries.





**Ques: Which team won its maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) title in the 2025–26 season?**

- A) Haryana
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Mumbai
- E) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Jharkhand won their first-ever Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy title in the 2025–26 season.
- In the final held at Pune, Jharkhand defeated Haryana by 69 runs.
- Jharkhand became the 12th team to win the domestic T20 championship.
- This was the first new champion since Mumbai won the title in the 2022–23 season.

**About Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy:**

- The tournament started in the 2006–07 season.
- A total of 38 teams participated in the tournament.
- Tamil Nadu is the most successful team with 3 titles.
- The 2025–26 edition was the 18th edition of the tournament.
- Jharkhand won the 2025–26 edition, securing its first title.
- Player of the Series was Anukul Roy from Jharkhand.
- Ishan Kishan of Jharkhand scored the most runs in the tournament with 517 runs.
- Ashok Sharma of Rajasthan took the most wickets with 22 wickets.





**Ques: Which Indian state will host a special supercar rally under the 'Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan' initiative of the Ministry of Defence?**

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Jammu & Kashmir
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Arunachal Pradesh
- E) Sikkim

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Sikkim will host a special supercar rally from 12–15 December under the 'Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan' initiative of the Ministry of Defence.
- The rally features 17 high-performance cars driving across challenging mountain routes, including Siliguri → Gangtok → Cho La → Nathu La → Zuluk.
- The event is supported by the Indian Army's Trishakti Corps and the Government of Sikkim.
- The initiative aims to promote battlefield tourism, border tourism, and position Sikkim as a destination for driving and adventure tourism.

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**Ques: Namo Drone Didi scheme has been approved as which type of government scheme?**

- A) Centrally Sponsored Scheme
- B) State Sector Scheme
- C) Autonomous Mission Mode Scheme
- D) Public–Private Partnership Scheme
- E) Central Sector Scheme

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Government has approved Namo Drone Didi as a Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of ₹1,261 crore for 2023–24 to 2025–26.
- The scheme aims to provide 15,000 drones to Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) to promote advanced agricultural technology, improve crop yields, and reduce operational costs.
- It also empowers women SHGs as drone service providers, creating additional income and livelihood opportunities.

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**Ques: According to The Lancet (2023 data), which regions recorded the highest prevalence of both intimate partner violence (IPV) and sexual violence globally?**

- A) Europe and North America
- B) East Asia and Latin America
- C) Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia
- D) Middle East and North Africa
- E) Australia and Oceania

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Global data from The Lancet (2023) indicate that over 1.01 billion individuals aged 15 years and above experienced sexual violence during childhood.
- Approximately 608 million females aged 15+ were exposed to intimate partner violence (IPV) worldwide.
- The highest prevalence of both intimate partner violence and sexual violence was observed in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.
- In these regions, the impact of violence is worsened by high prevalence of HIV and other chronic health conditions.
- In India specifically, the prevalence of intimate partner violence among women aged 15+ is estimated at about 23%.

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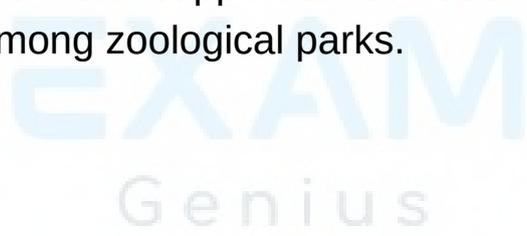
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**Ques: Which Union Territory will host its first-ever International Dangal and Rustam-e-Jammu Kashmir Title 2025?**

- A) Jammu & Kashmir
- B) Delhi
- C) Ladakh
- D) Puducherry
- E) Chandigarh

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Jammu and Kashmir will host its first-ever International Dangal and Rustam-e-Jammu Kashmir Title 2025 on 17 December at Maulana Azad Stadium, Jammu.
- The event is organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council to promote unity, strength, fitness, and cultural pride through traditional Indian wrestling.
- Professional wrestlers from India, Iran, and other international countries will participate.
- The event is expected to be one of the biggest wrestling events ever held in the Union Territory.

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**Ques: Which day is observed as the National Minority Rights Day in India?**

- A) December 15
- B) December 16
- C) December 17
- D) December 18
- E) December 19

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- National Minority Rights Day is observed annually on December 18 in India.
- In 2025, India observed the 13th National Minority Rights Day.
- The observance of National Minority Rights Day in India began in 2013.
- The day aims to promote awareness about the rights of minority communities and ensure equality, protection, and inclusion.
- Officially recognised minority communities in India include Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jains, and Zoroastrians (Parsis).

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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Ques: According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Monthly Bulletin for November 2025, what was the unemployment rate among persons aged 15 years and above in India?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

About Directions on Gauhati Cooperative Urban Bank:

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

**About Directions on Valsad Mahila Nagrik Sahakari Bank**

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



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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

**Locations:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

Explanation:

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

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

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

**About NICDC :**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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- C) Qatar
- D) Austria
- E) United Arab Emirates

**Answer:**

**C) Qatar**

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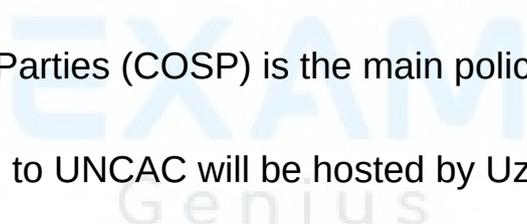
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COSP-11 was presided over by Hamad bin Nasser Al-Misnad from Qatar.

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**Ques: Which country unveiled the Yerevan blue butterfly as the official logo for COP17 of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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**Ques: Which bank launched the IndusInd Bank Jio-bp Mobility+ Credit Card on the RuPay network in December 2025?**

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

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- The IndusInd Bank Jio-bp Mobility+ Credit Card was launched on 10 December 2025.
- The card is issued by IndusInd Bank Limited, a private sector bank.
- The card is launched in partnership with Jio-bp.
- Jio-bp is a joint venture between Reliance's Jio and bp (British Petroleum).
- It is the first fuel-centric credit card launched by IndusInd Bank. It is also the first co-branded credit card of Jio-bp.

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**Ques: Which foreign bank has agreed to invest ₹39,618 crore in Shriram Finance Limited (SFL), marking the largest-ever FDI in India's financial services sector?**

- A) HSBC Bank
- B) Standard Chartered Bank
- C) MUFG Bank Limited
- D) DBS Bank
- E) Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Shriram Finance Limited (SFL) entered into a definitive agreement with MUFG Bank Limited for an investment of ₹39,618 crore (USD 4.4 billion).
- The investment will be made through a preferential issuance of equity shares.
- This transaction is the largest-ever foreign direct investment (FDI) in India's financial services sector.
- After the investment, MUFG Bank will acquire a 20% stake in Shriram Finance Limited.

**About Shriram Finance Limited :**

- Established : 1979
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Parag Sharma





**Ques: Which ministry announced measures to strengthen and streamline the grievance redressal mechanism in the BFSI sector?**

- A) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- E) Ministry of Electronics and IT

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Finance announced measures to strengthen grievance redressal in the BFSI sector.
- BFSI stands for Banking, Financial Services and Insurance.
- The main objective is to strengthen and streamline grievance redressal mechanisms and enable citizens to directly raise concerns against BFSI entities.
- All banks have been directed to develop technology-based customer feedback systems.
- Feedback collection modes include voice chat, email, QR (Quick Response) codes, and other digital tools.
- Special focus has been placed on ensuring high-quality customer service delivery at Public Sector Bank (PSB) branches.

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**Ques: According to the Worldline India report, what was the transaction volume of India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in Q3 2025?**

- A) 42.15 billion
- B) 48.90 billion
- C) 52.60 billion
- D) 59.33 billion
- E) 65.75 billion

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- **India's** UPI transaction volume reached 59.33 billion in Q3 2025, registering a year-on-year (YoY) growth of 33.5%, as per the Worldline India report.
- The total value of UPI transactions increased by 21% YoY to ₹74.84 trillion, reflecting sustained growth in digital payments.
- India recorded 709 million active UPI QR codes, marking a 21% increase since July 2024.
- The Average Ticket Size (ATS) of UPI transactions declined to ₹1,262.
- The decline in ATS indicates increased usage of UPI for low-value, everyday transactions such as tea, vegetables, and bus tickets.

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**Ques: Which bank has launched the RuPay SIB Paytag, a contactless NFC-enabled payment sticker for tap-and-pay transactions?**

- A) Federal Bank
- B) South Indian Bank
- C) Karnataka Bank
- D) City Union Bank
- E) Karur Vysya Bank

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- South Indian Bank has launched the RuPay SIB Paytag, a contactless NFC-enabled payment sticker/device.
- The product allows customers to make tap-and-pay transactions at Point-of-Sale (POS) terminals without carrying a physical debit card.
- The Paytag uses Near Field Communication (NFC) technology for quick and secure payments.
- No PIN is required for contactless transactions up to ₹5,000.
- For payments above ₹5,000 and up to ₹1,00,000 on POS terminals or online platforms, Personal Identification Number (PIN) authentication is mandatory.

**About South Indian Bank :**

- Established : 1929
- HQ : Thrissur, Kerala
- MD & CEO : P R Seshadri
- Tagline : Experience Next Generation Banking





**Ques: Under the revised 'Support to Poor Prisoners' scheme, what is the maximum financial assistance that can be sanctioned to help prisoners unable to pay fines?**

- A) ₹10,000
- B) ₹15,000
- C) ₹20,000
- D) ₹25,000
- E) ₹30,000

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Home Ministry revised the guidelines under the 'Support to Poor Prisoners' scheme, which was launched in 2023.
- If a convicted prisoner is unable to secure release due to non-payment of fine, the Jail Superintendent must inform the Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) within one week.
- After verification of the prisoner's financial condition, the DLSA Secretary will forward the case to the district-level Empowered Committee.
- The Empowered Committee is authorised to sanction financial assistance of up to ₹25,000, which will be deposited with the court to facilitate the prisoner's release.
- The revised guidelines aim to reduce hardship faced by poor prisoners and help address overcrowding in prisons.

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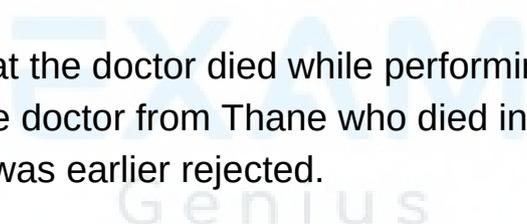
**Ques: Under which scheme did the Supreme Court rule that families of doctors who died while performing COVID-19 duties are entitled to ₹50 lakh insurance?**

- A) Ayushman Bharat Yojana
- B) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
- C) Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY)
- D) Employees' State Insurance Scheme
- E) National Health Mission

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Supreme Court ruled that families of doctors who died while performing COVID-19 duties are entitled to ₹50 lakh insurance under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY).
- The Court held that private medical practitioners cannot be excluded from the insurance coverage.
- It set aside the Bombay High Court judgment that had denied insurance coverage to private doctors.
- Claims must be decided on the basis of evidence, and the burden of proof lies on the claimant.
- The claimant must prove that the doctor died while performing COVID-19 duty.
- The case related to a private doctor from Thane who died in 2020 during the COVID-19 period, whose family's claim was earlier rejected.





**Ques: Which was India's first commercial nuclear power station?**

- A) Kalpakkam
- B) Rawatbhata
- C) Tarapur
- D) Kaiga
- E) Kudankulam

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India currently operates 24 nuclear power reactors across 7 locations, with a total installed capacity of 8.78 GW.
- These nuclear power plants are operated under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).
- Major nuclear power plant locations include Tarapur, Rawatbhata, Kakrapar, Kaiga, Narora, Kalpakkam, and Kudankulam.
- Tarapur Atomic Power Station, located in Maharashtra, was India's first commercial nuclear power station and began operations in 1969.
- India uses multiple reactor technologies, including PHWR (Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor), BWR (Boiling Water Reactor), and VVER.

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**Ques: Who became the first individual in the world to cross a net worth of USD 700 billion, as per the Forbes Billionaires Index?**

- A) Jeff Bezos
- B) Bernard Arnault
- C) Elon Musk
- D) Bill Gates
- E) Warren Buffett

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Tech billionaire Elon Musk created history by becoming the first person globally to surpass a net worth of USD 700 billion.
- According to the Forbes Billionaires Index, Musk's net worth surged to an estimated USD 749 billion.
- The sharp rise in his wealth followed a landmark ruling by the Delaware Supreme Court, which reinstated his massive Tesla stock options package.
- Musk's 2018 compensation package, initially valued at USD 56 billion, had earlier been struck down by a lower court as "unfathomable."
- Due to the lower court ruling, Musk had temporarily lost stock options worth USD 139 billion, leading to a decline in his overall wealth.
- The Delaware Supreme Court's decision restored the compensation deal nearly two years later, significantly boosting Musk's net worth.





**Ques: Which organisation released the World Inequality Report 2026?**

- A) World Inequality Lab
- B) International Monetary Fund
- C) World Bank
- D) United Nations Development Programme
- E) OECD

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The World Inequality Report 2026 was released by the World Inequality Lab.
- The editors of the report are Lucas Chancel, Ricardo Gómez-Carrera, Rowaida Moshrif, and Thomas Piketty.
- The core theme of the report highlights rising global inequality despite record-high global wealth.
- The report notes extreme concentration of wealth, where the top 0.001% (around 60,000 people) own three times more wealth than the bottom 50% of the world combined.
- Globally, the top 10% control 75% of total wealth, while the bottom 50% own only 2%.
- The report highlights that inequality exists not only between rich and poor but also within the richest groups themselves.
- India is ranked among the most unequal countries in the world, with inequality described as deeply entrenched.
- The top 1% in India alone owns 40% of total wealth.
- Female Labour Force Participation Rate in India remains low at 15.7%, with no improvement over the last decade.
- Average annual income per capita in India is €6,200 (PPP), while average wealth per adult is €28,000 (PPP).
- In India, the top 10% earn 58% of national income, while the bottom 50% earn only 15%.





**Ques: GI-tagged Indi Lime, recently in news for its export to Oman, belongs to which Indian state?**

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Gujarat
- C) Karnataka
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Kerala

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- GI-tagged Indi Lime from the Vijayapura district of Karnataka was exported to Oman for the first time on 19 December 2025.
- A total quantity of 3 metric tonnes of Indi Lime was shipped, marking its entry into the Oman market.
- Earlier, the maiden export of 3 metric tonnes was sent to Dubai on 24 August 2025, followed by additional exports of nearly 12 metric tonnes.
- Additionally, 350 kilograms of GI-tagged Indi Lime was exported to the United Kingdom.
- The export to Oman reflects early benefits of the India–Oman CEPA/FTA in boosting agricultural trade.
- Indi Lime is valued for its unique aroma, high juice content, and longer shelf life, making it competitive in global markets.
- APEDA is actively supporting the promotion, branding, and export of GI-tagged agricultural products to enhance farmers' income.





Ques: Which space agency reported a loss of communication with the MAVEN spacecraft orbiting Mars?

- A) NASA – National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- B) ISRO – Indian Space Research Organisation
- C) ESA – European Space Agency
- D) Roscosmos
- E) CNSA – China National Space Administration

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- NASA reported a loss of communication with the MAVEN spacecraft while it was orbiting Mars.
- The communication silence occurred when MAVEN went behind Mars and the spacecraft failed to reconnect with Earth ground stations after re-emerging.
- Currently, the MAVEN spacecraft is unresponsive, and NASA has launched engineering investigations.
- Communication attempts are ongoing, and no confirmed damage or malfunction has been reported so far.
- The spacecraft was operating normally before the signal loss.
- MAVEN stands for Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution.
- The mission was launched in 2013 and entered Mars orbit in 2014.
- MAVEN has been studying Mars for more than 10 years in orbit.
- The key objectives of the mission include studying the upper atmosphere of Mars, examining its interaction with the solar wind, and understanding how Mars lost much of its atmosphere over time.





**Ques: The newly inaugurated terminal at Lokapriya Gopinath Bardoloi International Airport is designed to handle how many passengers annually?**

- A) 50 lakh
- B) 75 lakh
- C) 1 crore
- D) 1.3 crore
- E) 2 crore

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new terminal building of Lokapriya Gopinath Bardoloi International Airport in Guwahati, Assam.
- Along with the terminal, he also unveiled an 80-foot tall statue of Gopinath Bardoloi, Assam's first Chief Minister, outside the airport premises.
- The newly constructed terminal is spread over nearly 1.4 lakh square metres.
- It has the capacity to handle up to 1.3 crore passengers annually.
- The terminal's architectural design is inspired by Assam's biodiversity and cultural heritage, based on the theme 'Bamboo Orchids'.
- The project is expected to significantly enhance air connectivity, promote tourism, and boost economic development across the North-Eastern region.

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**Ques: Which country has introduced a new law banning headscarves in schools for girls below 14 years of age?**

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Austria
- D) Switzerland
- E) Belgium

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Austria has introduced a new law banning headscarves in schools for girls below 14 years of age.
- The ban applies to both public and private schools.
- The law prohibits traditional Muslim head coverings such as the hijab and burka.
- In cases of repeated violations, parents may face fines ranging from 150 to 800 euros.
- The Austrian government stated that the law aims to empower young girls and protect them from oppression.
- Earlier, in 2020, a similar ban for girls below 10 years of age was struck down by Austria's Constitutional Court.

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**Ques: What was the productivity of the Lok Sabha during the Sixth Session of the 18th Lok Sabha held in December 2025?**

- A) 95%
- B) 100%
- C) 105%
- D) 111%
- E) 116%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Sixth Session of the Eighteenth Lok Sabha commenced on 1 December 2025 and concluded successfully.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla informed that a total of 15 sittings were held during this session.
- The total sitting time of the Lok Sabha during the session was 92 hours and 25 minutes.
- The overall productivity of the Lok Sabha in this session was recorded at 111 percent.
- During the session, 10 Government Bills were introduced and 8 Bills were passed by the House.
- On 8 December 2025, the Prime Minister initiated a special discussion to commemorate 150 years of the national song 'Vande Mataram'.
- The discussion on 'Vande Mataram' lasted for 11 hours and 32 minutes, with participation from 65 Members of Parliament.
- The issue of Electoral Reforms was discussed on 9 and 10 December for nearly 13 hours, involving 63 Members of Parliament.





**Ques: Which Indian men's doubles pair became the first from India to win a medal at the BWF World Tour Finals 2025?**

- A) Lakshya Sen & HS Prannoy
- B) Manu Attri & B. Sumeeth Reddy
- C) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty
- D) MR Arjun & Dhruv Kapila
- E) Sai Pratheek & Krishna Prasad

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 8th edition of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour 2025 featured a total of 29 tournaments and concluded with the season-ending HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2025.
- The season-ending HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2025 were held in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China.
- India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the bronze medal in men's doubles at the tournament.
- They became the first Indian men's doubles pair to win a medal at the BWF World Tour Finals.
- This was only India's second medal in the history of the BWF World Tour Finals, after PV Sindhu's gold medal in 2018.

**BWF World Tour Finals 2025:**

- Men's Singles : Christo Popov (France)
- Women's Singles : An Se-young (South Korea)
- Men's Doubles : Kim Won-ho / Seo Seung-jae (South Korea)
- Women's Doubles : Baek Ha-na / Lee So-hee (South Korea)
- Mixed Doubles : Feng Yan Zhe / Huang Dong Ping (China)





**Ques: Which Indian state has announced a new regulatory framework to dismantle the Pagdi system in its urban housing sector?**

- A) Gujarat
- B) West Bengal
- C) Karnataka
- D) Tamil Nadu
- E) Maharashtra

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation:**

- Maharashtra announced the introduction of a new regulatory framework to dismantle the Pagdi system in Mumbai's urban housing sector.
- The announcement was made by Deputy Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde.
- The Pagdi system is a pre-Independence rental arrangement that originated before the 1940s.
- Under this system, tenants pay a large one-time premium (Pagdi) to the landlord in exchange for near-permanent occupancy rights.
- Monthly rents remain extremely low and often unchanged for decades, and tenancy rights can be resold informally.
- The Pagdi system became problematic due to poor maintenance, unsafe and dilapidated buildings, redevelopment deadlocks, black money transactions, and prolonged legal disputes.





**Ques: Who released the toolkit for the 10th edition of Swachh Survekshan 2025–26?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Manohar Lal
- D) Hardeep Singh Puri
- E) None of the above

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, released the toolkit for the 10th edition of Swachh Survekshan 2025–26 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Swachh Survekshan has completed ten years and is recognised as the world’s largest urban cleanliness survey.
- The survey functions not only as an annual assessment but also as a strong management tool to create Garbage-Free Cities.
- The theme for Swachh Survekshan 2025–26 is “Swacchata Ki Nayi Pehel – Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath”.
- Over the past decade, Swachh Survekshan has helped benchmark sanitation standards and encouraged competitive federalism among Indian cities.

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**Ques: Where was the 20th Conference of the Parties (CoP20) to CITES held in 2025?**

- A) Astana, Kazakhstan
- B) Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- C) Samarkand, Uzbekistan
- D) Baku, Azerbaijan
- E) Almaty, Kazakhstan

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 20th Conference of the Parties (CoP20) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was held from 24 November to 05 December 2025.
- The 12-day conference took place at the Silkroad Samarkand Expo Center in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- CoP20 marked the 50th anniversary of the CITES Convention.
- The event was hosted by the National Committee on Ecology and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Several species were added to Appendix-I, including the oceanic whitetip shark, whale shark, manta rays, devil rays, and all three species of Galapagos land iguanas.

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