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## WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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explanation



- Banking & finance
- National
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- Sports





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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

**About Canara Bank:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

**About Axis Bank:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

**About YES Bank:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

Explanation:

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

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**Ques: PESA Day is observed on which date?**

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

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

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

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**Ques : National Mathematics Day is observed on which date?**

राष्ट्रीय गणित दिवस किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation | व्याख्या:**

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





**Ques: What recent change did Nepal make regarding carrying Indian currency?**

- A) Allowed carrying ₹1,000 notes up to ₹50,000
- B) Lifted ban and allowed ₹200 and ₹500 notes up to ₹25,000
- C) Allowed only ₹100 notes without any limit
- D) Allowed Indian currency only for Nepali citizens
- E) Continued the ban on high-denomination Indian notes

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of Nepal has lifted its decade-long ban on carrying high-denomination Indian currency.
- Under the revised currency rules, Indian banknotes of ₹200 and ₹500 are permitted.
- The maximum limit allowed is ₹25,000 per person.
- The rule applies to both Nepali and Indian citizens and is valid for carrying currency from India to Nepal and from Nepal to India.
- The decision follows amendments made by the Reserve Bank of India to FEMA and the Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Currency) Regulations, 2015.

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**Ques: The World Bank approved a loan of ₹9,821 crore for which organisation to refinance debt related to the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) project?**

- A) Indian Railways
- B) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)
- C) Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL)
- D) National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)
- E) Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited (IRFC)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The World Bank has provided a loan of ₹9,821 crore to the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL).
- The loan is routed through the Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited (IRFC).
- The objective of the loan is to refinance DFCCIL's existing World Bank currency debt for the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) project.
- The refinancing is expected to improve debt sustainability and support efficient freight transportation infrastructure in India.

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**Ques: In which language and script was the Constitution of India released by the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan?**

- A) Ho language in Warang Citi script
- B) Santhali language in Devanagari script
- C) Santhali language in Ol Chiki script
- D) Mundari language in Roman script
- E) Bodo language in Devanagari script

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Hon'ble President of India Droupadi Murmu released the Constitution of India in the Santhali language at a special function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The Constitution has been published in the Ol Chiki script, which is the traditional script of the Santhali language.
- This initiative enables Santhali-speaking citizens to read, understand, and connect with the Constitution in their mother tongue.
- Santhali is one of the most ancient living tribal languages of India and is widely spoken in Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, and Bihar.
- Owing to its cultural and demographic importance, Santhali was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution through the 92nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003.

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**Ques: What does the latest labour market data for November 2025 indicate about employment conditions in India?**

- A) Declining labour participation and rising unemployment
- B) Stable labour indicators with no major change
- C) Strengthening labour market with higher participation and lower unemployment
- D) Sharp fall in female workforce participation
- E) Weak rural employment and stagnant urban demand

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), which measures the percentage of population aged 15 years and above that is working or seeking work, rose to 55.8% in November 2025.
- This is the highest LFPR recorded in the last seven months.
- Rural female LFPR increased steadily from 35.2% in June 2025 to 39.7% in November 2025, while urban female LFPR remained broadly stable at around 25.5%.
- The Worker Population Ratio (WPR), which represents the percentage of population aged 15 years and above that is employed, improved to 53.2% in November 2025 from 52.5% in October 2025.
- Rural female WPR rose from 36.9% in October 2025 to 38.4% in November 2025, and overall female WPR increased from 32.4% to 33.4%.

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**Ques: The agreement to strengthen consumer protection and expand access to quality testing services was signed between which two organisations?**

- A) Bureau of Indian Standards & India Post
- B) National Test House & Department of Posts
- C) Consumer Affairs Ministry & NITI Aayog
- D) FSSAI & Department of Posts
- E) Quality Council of India & India Post

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The agreement was signed between the National Test House (NTH) and the Department of Posts.
- The objective of the collaboration is to strengthen consumer protection and expand access to quality testing services across the country.
- Under the arrangement, sample testing will be conducted at NTH laboratories located in Kolkata, Ghaziabad, Mumbai, Jaipur, Guwahati, Varanasi, and Chennai.

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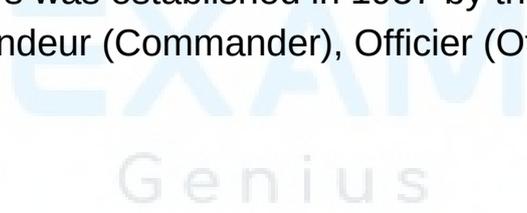
**Ques: Who was honoured with the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) for contributions to multilingualism and literary innovation?**

- A) Pramod Kapoor
- B) Aditi Maheswari
- C) Shah Rukh Khan
- D) Nandita Das
- E) Ravi Deecee

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Ravi Deecee, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of DC Books, was honoured with the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, one of France's highest civilian honours.
- He was recognised for his commitment to multilingualism, literary innovation, and international cultural collaboration.
- DC Books has published Malayalam translations of several renowned French authors, including Annie Ernaux, Jean-Paul Sartre, Emmanuel Carrère, David Diop, and Maryse Condé.
- The Order of Arts and Letters was established in 1957 by the French Ministry of Culture and has three ranks: Commandeur (Commander), Officier (Officer), and Chevalier (Knight).





**Ques: Where did ISRO conduct the qualification tests for drogue parachutes used in the Gaganyaan Crew Module?**

- A) Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
- B) Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory, Chandigarh
- C) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram
- D) DRDO Flight Test Range, Odisha
- E) ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri

Answer: Option B

**Explanation:**

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully completed a series of qualification tests for drogue parachutes used in the deceleration system of the Gaganyaan Crew Module, marking a major milestone toward human spaceflight readiness.
- The tests were conducted at the Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) facility of the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL) in Chandigarh.
- Under the Gaganyaan Mission, ISRO plans to send a 3-member Indian crew into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) in 2027 at an altitude of about 400 km for a 3-day mission.
- The mission aims to ensure safe orbital flight, controlled re-entry, and recovery of the crew in the Indian Ocean.

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**Ques: Who was awarded the 'Transformational Leader of the Year' at NDTV Indian of the Year 2025?**

- A) Sourav Ganguly
- B) Jay Shah
- C) Roger Binny
- D) Nita Ambani
- E) Anurag Thakur

**Answer: Option B**

Explanation:

- Jay Shah was conferred the 'Transformational Leader of the Year' award at the NDTV Indian of the Year 2025.
- He served as the Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) from 2019 to 2024.
- In December 2024, Jay Shah became the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- The award recognises his leadership and transformative contributions to cricket administration at national and international levels.

**List of winners in NDTV Indian of the Year 2025:**

- Indian of the Year 2025: Indian Armed Forces
- Actor of the Year (Male): Vicky Kaushal
- Actor of the Year (Female): Janhvi Kapoor
- Director of the Year: Neeraj Ghaywan
- Debutant Actor of the Year: Ahaan Panday
- Debutant Director of the Year : Aryan Khan
- Disruptor of the Year : Sridhar Vembu
- Social Impact of the Year : Bhim Singh Bhavesh
- Business Leader of the Year : Sunil Vachani
- Climate Impact of the Year : Manvendra Singh Shekhawat
- Science Icon(s) of the Year : G Madhavi Latha & Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla
- Sports Performance of the Year : Indian Women's Cricket Team
- Transformational Leader of the Year : Jay Shah
- Health Leader of the Year : Dr Ashish & Kavita Satav



**Ques: DRDO recently completed User Evaluation Trials (UETs) of which missile system at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur?**

- A) Akash-New Generation (Akash-NG)
- B) Akash Prime
- C) Akash Mark-1
- D) Barak-8
- E) MR-SAM

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully completed the User Evaluation Trials (UETs) of the Akash-New Generation (Akash-NG) surface-to-air missile system at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.
- Akash-NG is the successor to the Akash Mark-1 and Akash Prime missile systems and is designed to counter a wide range of aerial threats, including high-speed aircraft, drones, and cruise missiles, with improved accuracy and responsiveness.
- The Akash-NG is a medium-range surface-to-air missile system developed by DRDO and produced by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).
- The missile has a strike range of about 70–80 kilometres and can achieve speeds between Mach 2.5 and Mach 3.

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**Ques: The Union Cabinet approved the expansion of which phase of the Delhi Metro Rail Project with three new corridors?**

- A) Phase–IV
- B) Phase–V (A)
- C) Phase–III
- D) Phase–II
- E) Phase–VI

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the expansion of Delhi Metro Rail Project Phase–V (A) with three new corridors.
- The project includes construction of 13 new stations (10 underground and 3 elevated) over a period of three years.
- The expansion will add 16.076 km to the Delhi Metro network, taking its total length beyond 400 km.
- The total project cost is ₹12,014.91 crore, funded by the Government of India, Government of Delhi, and international funding agencies.

Delhi Metro extension routes:

- Ramakrishna Ashram Marg–Indraprastha corridor: 9.9 km (₹9,570.4 crore)
- Aerocity–Airport Terminal-1 corridor: 2.3 km (₹1,419.6 crore)

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**Ques: Where will the inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) be held in February 2026?**

- A) Ranchi, Jharkhand
- B) Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- C) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- D) Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- E) Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya unveiled the logo, theme song, and mascot for the inaugural edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG).
- The Khelo India Tribal Games will be held from 14 February 2026 at the Late B. R. Yadav Sports Stadium in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- The Games are jointly managed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India, Indian Olympic Association, National Sports Federations, and the Chhattisgarh state organising committee.
- The inaugural edition will feature seven sports: Archery, Athletics, Football, Hockey, Wrestling, Swimming, and Weightlifting.
- Selected athletes will receive ₹5 lakh per year for eight years to support long-term athlete development.
- The official mascot 'Morveer' symbolises the courage, identity, and pride of India's tribal communities, while the logo and theme song celebrate their rich cultural heritage and undying spirit.





**Ques: Who led the 1st anniversary celebrations of the “Fit India Sundays on Cycle” movement at Rock Beach, Puducherry?**

- A) Anurag Thakur
- B) Kiren Rijiju
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Dharmendra Pradhan
- E) Mansukh Mandaviya

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), led the 1st anniversary celebrations of the “Fit India Sundays on Cycle” movement with over 1,500 participants at Rock Beach in the Union Territory of Puducherry.
- The Fit India Sundays on Cycle programme was launched on December 17, 2024, and is conducted every Sunday as a nationwide weekly fitness activity, building upon the earlier Fit India Cycling Drive.
- During the event, the Union Minister launched the ‘Fit India Mobile App Carbon Credit Incentivization’ initiative to encourage cycling and promote environmental sustainability.
- The top three cyclists—Bharatbhai Parmar, Shashikant Veerkar, and Govind Singh—who earned the highest carbon credits were felicitated, and through the Fit India Mobile App, top three cyclists from each State/UT will be incentivised every month.

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**Ques: Under which operation did India announce a \$450 million humanitarian and reconstruction package for Sri Lanka after Cyclone Ditwah?**

- A) Operation Maitri
- B) Operation Sagar Bandhu
- C) Operation Samudra Setu
- D) Operation Karuna
- E) Operation Dost

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India announced a \$450 million humanitarian and reconstruction assistance package for Sri Lanka following the widespread destruction caused by Cyclone Ditwah.
- The announcement was made during high-level meetings held in Colombo.
- The assistance package includes a \$100 million grant and \$350 million in concessional credit lines.
- This support is part of Operation Sagar Bandhu, launched by India to provide timely humanitarian assistance and disaster response to Sri Lanka after Cyclone Ditwah.

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**Ques: Which team won the 3rd edition of the Global Chess League (GCL) 2025?**

- A) Alpine SG Pipers
- B) Ganges Grandmasters
- C) Triveni Continental Kings
- D) PBG Alaskan Knights
- E) upGrad Mumbai Masters

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Alpine SG Pipers clinched the 3rd edition of the Global Chess League (GCL) 2025, also known as the Tech Mahindra Global Chess League 2025, by defeating two-time defending champions Triveni Continental Kings in the final held in Mumbai.
- The tournament was organised by the Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE) in collaboration with Tech Mahindra Limited.
- The 2025 Global Chess League featured six teams: Triveni Continental Kings (Alireza Firouzja), Alpine SG Pipers (Fabiano Caruana), Ganges Grandmasters (Viswanathan Anand), PBG Alaskan Knights (Gukesh Dommaraju), upGrad Mumbai Masters (Vidit Gujrathi), and Fyers American Gambits (Hikaru Nakamura).
- Alireza Firouzja of Triveni Continental Kings was named the Male Player of the Tournament, while Hou Yifan of Alpine SG Pipers was recognised as the Notable Female Player.

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**Ques: ISRO recently launched the BlueBird Block-2 satellite for which purpose?**

- A) Earth observation and weather forecasting
- B) Military surveillance
- C) Direct cellular broadband connectivity to smartphones
- D) Navigation and positioning services
- E) Deep space scientific research

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- ISRO successfully launched the BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) using the LVM3-M6 on a dedicated commercial mission.
- The launch was conducted from the Second Launch Pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- The satellite was built by US-based AST SpaceMobile Inc. under a commercial agreement with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).
- Weighing about 6,100 kg, it is the heaviest commercial payload ever launched by India.
- The satellite enables direct cellular broadband connectivity, allowing standard smartphones to access global 4G/5G voice calls, video calls, messaging, streaming, and data services without any special hardware.

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**Ques: Which scheme was launched by the Chief Minister of Delhi to provide nutritious meals at just ₹5 per plate?**

- A) Indira Canteen Scheme
- B) Atal Canteen Scheme
- C) Annapurna Bhojan Yojana
- D) Deen Dayal Rasoi Yojana
- E) Aam Aadmi Rasoi Scheme

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched the “Atal Canteen Scheme” to provide nutritious and hygienic meals at a highly subsidised rate of ₹5 per plate.
- The scheme will be implemented at 100 locations across New Delhi.
- In the initial phase, 45 canteens have been made operational, while the remaining 55 will be rolled out in later phases.
- A budget allocation of approximately ₹100–₹118 crore has been made for the scheme in the Delhi Budget 2025–26.

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**Ques: India's first medical colleges under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model are being established in which districts of Madhya Pradesh?**

- A) Katni and Panna
- B) Bhopal and Indore
- C) Gwalior and Morena
- D) Jabalpur and Rewa
- E) Dhar and Betul

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, along with Madhya Pradesh CM Dr. Mohan Yadav, laid the foundation stones for India's first medical colleges under the PPP model.
- These medical colleges are being set up in the tribal-dominated districts of Dhar and Betul in Madhya Pradesh.
- Both colleges are linked to existing district hospitals, which will be upgraded to National Medical Commission (NMC) standards and remain under state administration.
- Dhar Medical College has an estimated cost of ₹260 crore with Swami Vivekananda Shiksha Dham Foundation as the private partner, while Betul Medical College is estimated at around ₹300 crore.





**Ques: Which country has announced plans to build a nuclear power plant on the Moon by 2036?**

- A) United States
- B) China
- C) Japan
- D) Russia
- E) European Union

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Russia has announced plans to construct a nuclear power plant on the Moon by 2036 to strengthen its lunar exploration programme and support a joint Russia–China International Lunar Research Station.
- Russia’s space agency Roscosmos has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Lavochkin Association for building the lunar nuclear power plant.
- The proposed nuclear facility will provide a stable and long-term power source for lunar bases, especially during the Moon’s long nights.

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**Ques: National Farmer's Day is observed on which date in India?**

- A) 22 December
- B) 23 December
- C) 24 December
- D) 25 December
- E) 26 December

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- National Farmer's Day is observed on 23 December every year in India.
- The day commemorates the 123rd birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, former Prime Minister of India and a prominent champion of farmers' rights.
- National Farmer's Day was officially started in 2001.
- On this occasion, the Chaudhary Charan Singh Awards, instituted by the Kisan Trust, are presented in New Delhi.
- 2025 Award Winners:

**Kisan Award:** Satyawan Sehrawat

**Krishi Utthan Award:** Dr Devendra Yadav

**Agricultural Entrepreneur Award:** Fruvetech Pvt Ltd

**Seva Ratna Award:** Pratham Education Foundation

**Kalam Ratna Award:** Harvir Singh





**Ques: Which day is observed on 25 December in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee?**

- A) National Governance Day
- B) Good Governance Day
- C) Constitution Day
- D) National Administration Day
- E) Rashtriya Sewa Diwas

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- December 25 is observed as Good Governance Day in India.
- The day commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- In 2025, Good Governance Week was observed from 19th to 25th December under the theme “Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore (Governance Towards Villages)”.
- As part of the celebrations, the 33rd National Good Governance Webinar was conducted.

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**Ques: The report titled “Rewiring GVCs in a Changing Global Economy” has been jointly published by which of the following institutions?**

- A) Asian Development Bank, World Trade Organization, World Economic Forum
- B) International Monetary Fund, World Bank, OECD
- C) United Nations, World Bank, WTO
- D) World Economic Forum, OECD, UNDP
- E) Asian Development Bank, IMF, World Bank

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The report is jointly published by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Trade Organization (WTO), and World Economic Forum (WEF).
- It focuses on Global Value Chains (GVCs), highlighting how globalization is being rewired due to technological changes, green transition, and shifting geopolitical conditions.
- GVCs account for 46.3% of global trade, slightly below the 2022 peak of 48%, showing resilience despite global challenges.

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**Ques: What is the purpose of the centralized portal launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?**

- A) To allow international UPI payments
- B) To track failed UPI transactions only
- C) To view, manage, and revoke UPI Autopay standing instructions from one platform
- D) To provide loans through UPI
- E) To increase UPI transaction charges

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- NPCI launched a centralized portal ([npci.org.in](http://npci.org.in)) to let users view, manage, and revoke all UPI Autopay standing instructions from a single platform.
- The initiative ensures consumer protection and transparency across the UPI ecosystem, requiring all banks and payment service providers to implement it by December 31, 2025.
- Rapid growth in recurring digital payments is evident, with the top 10 banks processing 926 million UPI Autopay transactions in November 2025, up from 530.5 million in November 2024.
- SBI processed the largest number of transactions (290 million), while Airtel Payments Bank recorded the fastest growth (25.6 million → 89.7 million in one year).

**About NPCI :**

- Established : 2008
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe





**Ques: Which bank has partnered with Fyno to deploy a unified customer communication platform?**

- A) Kerala Grameena Bank
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) Canara Bank
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Indian Bank

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- **Fyno** has partnered with Kerala Grameena Bank (KGB) to implement a unified customer communication platform.
- The platform acts as an intelligent communications hub for banks, enabling centralized management, automation, and governance of all customer interactions.
- Key features include creating, managing, and updating communication templates consistently across the banking network.
- Fyno's CEO and Co-Founder is Aniketh Jain.

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**Ques: Which company has launched the health insurance product “Galaxy Twin 360” for young adults?**

- A) Star Health Insurance
- B) HDFC ERGO Health Insurance
- C) Care Health Insurance
- D) ICICI Lombard Health Insurance
- E) Galaxy Health Insurance

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Galaxy Health Insurance, promoted by V Jagannathan and TVS Group’s Venu Srinivasan, has launched the health insurance product “Galaxy Twin 360”.
- It is targeted at young adults aged 18–45 years.
- Available in three plans: Core, Max, and Ultra, the product provides IPD coverage, high-value OPD benefits, and wellness services.

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**Ques: What change has SEBI made regarding eligibility for a Basic Services Demat Account (BSDA)?**

- A) Increased the BSDA holding limit to ₹20 lakh
- B) Included ZCZP bonds in valuation threshold
- C) Excluded ZCZP bonds and delisted securities from valuation threshold
- D) Abolished BSDA accounts altogether
- E) Made BSDA mandatory for all investors

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- SEBI has excluded Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) bonds and delisted securities from the valuation threshold used to determine eligibility for a BSDA.
- Under the revised norms, the value of these bonds and delisted securities will not be counted when checking if an investor's holdings are within the ₹10 lakh BSDA limit.
- The changes come into effect from March 31, 2026, supporting small investors to continue availing BSDA benefits despite such holdings.
- BSDA is a simplified demat account introduced in 2012 to reduce maintenance charges for investors with relatively small portfolios.

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**Ques: India's first-ever national-level 'Organised Crime Network Database' (OCND) has been launched by which ministry to combat organised crime and terror-linked networks?**

- A) Ministry of Defence
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Law and Justice
- D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- E) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India's first national-level Organised Crime Network Database (OCND) was launched under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) by Union Minister Amit Shah.
- The database was unveiled during the 'Anti-Terror Conference-2025' held in New Delhi.
- OCND has been developed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in close coordination with State Police Forces and the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID).
- The purpose of OCND is to combat organised crime and terror-linked networks by providing a centralized platform for intelligence and investigation.

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**Ques: Which senior advocates have been appointed as Additional Solicitors General (ASGs) for India in the Supreme Court of India?**

- A) Mukul Rohatgi, Harish Salve, and Tushar Mehta
- B) Kapil Sibal, Abhishek Manu Singhvi, and Mahesh Jethmalani
- C) Davinder Pal Singh, Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar, and Anil Kaushik
- D) Ranjit Kumar, Gopal Sankaranarayanan, and Siddharth Luthra
- E) C. Aryama Sundaram, P. Wilson, and Manan Kumar Mishra

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Davinder Pal Singh, Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar, and Anil Kaushik have been appointed as Additional Solicitors General (ASGs) for India in the Supreme Court.
- Their tenure will be three years from the date of assuming office or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- ASGs assist the Attorney General of India and the Solicitor General in representing the Government of India in the Supreme Court and other courts.

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**Ques: Which Indian company delivered the first batch of indigenously developed Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 8×8 vehicles to the Royal Moroccan Army?**

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited
- B) Tata Advanced Systems Limited
- C) Larsen & Toubro
- D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- E) Bharat Dynamics Limited

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) delivered the first batch of indigenously developed Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 8×8 vehicles to the Royal Moroccan Army (RMA).
- The WhAP (Kestrel) was jointly developed by DRDO and TASL under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make with Friends/Make for the World initiatives.
- A total of 150 WhAP vehicles, contracted in September 2024, will be delivered over three years.
- The WhAP production plant at Berrechid, Morocco, inaugurated in September 2025, is the first Indian private defence manufacturing facility in Africa.

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**Ques: Losar Festival is celebrated as the New Year of which region?**

- A) Sikkim
- B) Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Ladakh
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Uttarakhand

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Losar is the traditional New Year festival of Ladakh, celebrated with devotion and joy.
- It is a major religious festival observed during winter, with prayers for prosperity, good harvest, and wealth.
- The festival involves lighting prayer lamps, illuminating monasteries, stupas, houses, and public places.
- Celebrations continue for nine days and include prayers, traditional dances, songs, and religious rituals.
- Special customs include preparing dough models of ibex, the Sun and the Moon, and sighting the first moon of the year on the third day.

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**Ques: Which country will assume the chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) from January 1, 2026?**

- A) United Arab Emirates
- B) Botswana
- C) South Africa
- D) Belgium
- E) India

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- India will assume the chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) from January 1, 2026.
- KPCS is a global initiative to remove conflict diamonds from the supply chain.
- This will be the third time India has been elected as Chair, taking over from the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- In India, the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry serves as the nodal agency for KP.

**About Kimberley Process (KP):**

- Started: January 1, 2003
- HQ: Gaborone, Botswana
- Participants: 60 participants representing 86 countries (EU counted as one participant)
- Diamond Trade Coverage: Over 99% of global rough diamond trade
- Executive Secretary: Bojun Tang

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**Ques: Who became India's first World Chess Champion by winning the FIDE World Chess Championship 2000?**

- A) D. Gukesh
- B) Alexei Shirov
- C) Viswanathan Anand
- D) Garry Kasparov
- E) Anatoly Karpov

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The FIDE World Chess Championship 2000 was held in New Delhi (India) and Tehran (Iran) in a knockout format with 100 players.
- In the final, Viswanathan Anand defeated Alexei Shirov to win the title.
- This victory made Anand the first Indian to be crowned World Chess Champion.
- Anand's historic win on December 24, 2000, is celebrated as one of India's greatest sporting achievements.

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**Ques: What is the primary objective of establishing the Maitri-II Research Station in Antarctica?**

- A) To promote Antarctic tourism
- B) To strengthen India's polar scientific research capability
- C) To set up a permanent military base
- D) To replace Bharati Research Station
- E) To conduct only climate diplomacy activities

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- India plans to replace the existing Maitri Research Station with a new Maitri-II Research Station in Antarctica.
- The main objective is to strengthen India's polar scientific research capability and maintain a long-term scientific presence in Antarctica.
- Maitri-II will serve as a state-of-the-art, year-round research hub for multidisciplinary studies in biology, earth sciences, glaciology, atmospheric sciences, climate studies, and long-term environmental monitoring.
- The project is approved by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, with ₹29.2 crore sanctioned for pre-investment activities like architectural design and DPR preparation.
- The station is now expected to be completed by 2032, with scientific operations commencing thereafter.

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**Ques: Who won the IGU 124th Amateur Golf Championship of India?**

- A) Harman Sachdeva
- B) Jyoti Randhawa
- C) Anirban Lahiri
- D) Shubhankar Sharma
- E) Sukhman Singh

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Sukhman Singh won the IGU 124th Amateur Golf Championship of India with an impressive performance at the historic Tollygunge Club.
- In the 36-hole matchplay final, he defeated Harman Sachdeva of Haryana.
- Earlier in the season, he also claimed the IGU Rajasthan Amateur Championship.
- The IGU Amateur Championship, first held in 1892, is recognised as the world's longest-running amateur matchplay golf tournament.

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**Ques: According to BloombergNEF (BNEF), which position did India reclaim in the global wind market in 2025?**

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth
- E) Fifth

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- As per BloombergNEF (BNEF), India reclaimed the third position in the global wind market in 2025 after a four-year gap.
- In 2025, India achieved its highest-ever annual wind power capacity additions.
- With this, India now ranks behind only China and the United States in the global wind energy market.
- The improved ranking is due to faster project commissioning and a revival in the wind energy sector.
- Previously, India had slipped in ranking because of slower capacity additions in prior years.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chair of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Athletes' Commission for the 2026–2029 term?**

- A) Saina Nehwal
- B) Greysia Polii
- C) Tai Tzu-ying
- D) Carolina Marin
- E) Pusarla Venkata (P.V.) Sindhu

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Pusarla Venkata (P.V.) Sindhu, two-time Olympic medallist and 2019 World Champion, has been appointed as the Chair of the BWF Athletes' Commission.
- Her tenure will be for three years (2026–2029).
- She replaces Greysia Polii of Indonesia in this role.
- Debora Jille from the Netherlands has been appointed as the Deputy Chair for the same term.
- The BWF was established in 1934 with its headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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**Ques: NHPC recently declared the Commercial Operations Date (COD) of the first unit of which hydropower project?**

- A) Teesta-V Hydroelectric Project
- B) Dibang Multipurpose Project
- C) Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project
- D) Nathpa Jhakri Hydroelectric Project
- E) Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Project

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- NHPC Limited declared the Commercial Operations Date (COD) of Unit-2 (250 MW) of the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project.
- The project has a total installed capacity of 2000 MW ( $8 \times 250$  MW), making it India's largest hydropower project.
- Located on the Subansiri River along the Arunachal Pradesh–Assam border, it is based on a Run-of-the-River scheme.
- The project will enhance renewable energy generation and grid resilience in North-East India, contributing to India's clean energy transition and Net Zero targets.

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**Ques: Which startup has developed and deployed India's first fully indigenous 1.5-tesla (1.5T) MRI scanner?**

- A) Trivitron Healthcare
- B) Tata Medical Systems
- C) BPL Medical Technologies
- D) VoxelGrids
- E) Medha Servo Drives

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- VoxelGrids, a Zoho-backed startup, developed and deployed India's first fully indigenous 1.5T MRI scanner at the Chandrapur Cancer Care Foundation near Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- The project, led by founder Arjun Arunachalam, is the outcome of a 12-year mission to reduce India's dependence on imported MRI systems.
- Technology: Uses a helium-free "dry magnet" design, eliminating the need for expensive liquid helium.
- Cost & Efficiency: About 40% cheaper, more energy-efficient, and lighter than conventional MRI machines.
- The development was carried out under the National Biopharma Mission (NBM).

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**Ques: India's first AI-driven Diabetic Retinopathy screening programme is anchored by which system?**

- A) MadhuNetrAI
- B) AyushNetrAI
- C) NayanAI
- D) DrishtiNet
- E) RetinaCare AI

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- India's first AI-driven Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) screening programme was launched on 16 December 2025.
- The programme is anchored by MadhuNetrAI, developed by RPC, AIIMS.
- The system enables automated screening, grading, and triaging of retinal images captured via handheld fundus cameras.
- The initiative is a collaborative effort between Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS), AIIMS, and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- The pilot phase is being implemented at seven locations in India: Pune, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Dharamshala, Gaya, Jorhat, and Kochi.

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**Ques: What is the name of India's first indigenously designed and built Pollution Control Vessel (PCV) inducted by the Indian Coast Guard?**

- A) Samudra Pratap
- B) Samudra Prachet
- C) INS Vikrant
- D) Varuna
- E) INS Arihant

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Samudra Pratap (Yard 1267) is India's first indigenously designed and built Pollution Control Vessel (PCV), formally inducted by the Indian Coast Guard at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).
- The vessel is 114.5 metres long, 16.5 metres wide, and has a displacement of 4,170 tonnes.
- It was built under a two-PCV project signed on 22 June 2021 between the Ministry of Defence and GSL.

EXAM  
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**Ques: Which new airlines have received No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)?**

- A) Akasa Air and FlyBig
- B) AI Hind Air and AirAsia India
- C) Shankh Air and Akasa Air
- D) FlyExpress and Akasa Air
- E) AI Hind Air and FlyExpress

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has granted No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to two new airlines: AI Hind Air and FlyExpress.
- These airlines join Shankh Air, which had already received its NOC earlier, and all three are expected to begin operations in 2026.
- Before starting operations, the newly approved airlines must obtain an Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- India's domestic aviation market is currently dominated by IndiGo and Air India Group (Tata-owned), together accounting for nearly 90% of total passenger traffic.

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**Ques: What is the name of the newly discovered soil-dwelling micro-arthropod species found in the high-altitude regions of Sikkim, marking the first record of the genus Neelus in India?**

- A) Neelus himalayensis
- B) Neelus indicus
- C) Neelus sikkimensis
- D) Neelus altimontis
- E) Neelus orientalis

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) discovered a new soil-dwelling micro-arthropod species named Neelus sikkimensis in the high-altitude regions of Sikkim.
- This is the first record of the genus Neelus in India.
- The research was conducted by the Apterygota Section of ZSI, led by Dr. Guru Pada Mandal, with Kusumendra Kumar Suman as part of the team.
- With this discovery, the global species count under the genus Neelus has risen to eight.

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**Ques: From which date will Oman's first polymer one-rial banknote start circulating?**

- A) January 1, 2025
- B) January 11, 2026
- C) March 15, 2026
- D) July 1, 2026
- E) December 31, 2026

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Oman has introduced its first-ever polymer one-rial banknote to enhance durability and security.
- The new polymer banknote will officially enter circulation from January 11, 2026.
- Polymer banknotes last longer and are more resistant to wear and tear compared to traditional paper notes.
- The banknote incorporates advanced security features to prevent counterfeiting.
- Its design showcases Oman's cultural heritage and economic achievements.
- This initiative aligns Oman with global best practices in modern currency design.

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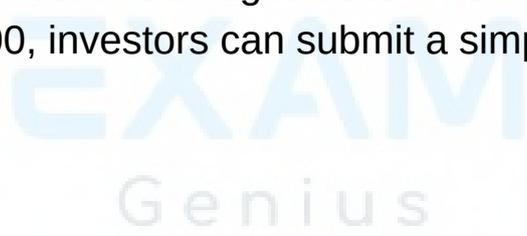
**Ques: Which regulator has simplified the procedure for issuance of duplicate securities by doubling the monetary threshold for simplified documentation to ₹10 lakh?**

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- D) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
- E) Ministry of Finance

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has simplified the procedure for issuance of duplicate securities by increasing the monetary threshold for simplified documentation from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh.
- The decision follows a consultation paper issued in November 2025, aimed at improving ease of investor services and bringing uniformity in procedures.
- Investors holding securities valued up to ₹10 lakh will now need to submit fewer documents for reissuance of lost or damaged securities.
- For securities up to ₹10,000, investors can submit a simple undertaking on plain paper.





**Ques: Which company received a Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India to commence operations as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)?**

- A) Aryaman Finance (India) Limited
- B) Bajaj Finance Limited
- C) Shriram Finance Limited
- D) Tata Capital Limited
- E) L&T Finance Limited

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Aryaman Finance (India) Limited (AFIL) has received a Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start the business of a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
- The RBI grants NBFC registration under Section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- Following this approval, AFIL will operate as a Type-II NBFC-ND-ICC (Non-Deposit Taking – Investment and Credit Company).

EXAM  
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**Ques: Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik set a new world record by creating a giant sand art installation of which figure on Niladri Beach, Puri?**

- A) Snowman
- B) Angel
- C) Globe of Earth
- D) Christmas Tree
- E) Santa Claus

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Padma Shri awardee sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik created a spectacular sand art installation of Santa Claus on Niladri Beach, Puri, Odisha, during the Christmas season, setting a new world record.
- The installation was titled “World’s Biggest Apple and Sand Installation of Santa Claus” and uniquely combined sand with apples.
- Around 1.5 tonnes of apples were used, and the sculpture measured approximately 60 feet in length, 22 feet in height, and 45 feet in width.
- The artwork depicts Santa Claus holding a globe, symbolising global peace and harmony, and was created with the help of 30 students from Pattnaik’s Sand Art Institute.

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**Ques: Who has been nominated for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 2025 for his outstanding international performances and Olympic achievements?**

- A) Harmanpreet Singh
- B) PR Sreejesh
- C) Hardik Singh
- D) Manpreet Singh
- E) Sardar Singh

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Indian men's hockey team vice-captain and two-time Olympic medallist Hardik Singh has been nominated for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 2025 at the National Sports Awards.
- The Khel Ratna is India's highest sporting honour, comprising a medal, citation, and a cash prize of ₹25 lakh.
- So far, six hockey players—Dhanraj Pillay, Sardar Singh, Rani Rampal, PR Sreejesh, Manpreet Singh, and Harmanpreet Singh—have received the Khel Ratna.
- In 2025, 24 athletes have been selected for the Arjuna Award; no cricketers were included this year.
- The Arjuna Award carries a cash prize of ₹15 lakh.

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**Ques: Bharti Enterprises and Warburg Pincus are acquiring how much stake in Haier India?**

- A) 26%
- B) 40%
- C) 49%
- D) 51%
- E) 74%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Bharti Enterprises and Warburg Pincus will jointly acquire a 49% stake in Haier India.
- After the transaction, Haier Group will retain a 49% stake in the company.
- The remaining 2% stake will be held by the Haier India management team.

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**Ques: Who conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) 2025 on children for outstanding achievements?**

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Minister for Women & Child Development
- C) Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar
- D) Union Education Minister
- E) President Droupadi Murmu

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- President of India Droupadi Murmu conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) 2025 on 20 children from 18 States and Union Territories.
- The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is awarded to children aged between 5 and 18 years for excellence in bravery, sports, social service, science and technology, environment, and arts & culture.
- A maximum of 25 PMRBP awards are conferred every year.
- The award was instituted for the first time in 1996.

**Bravery Award Winners (PMRBP 2025):**

- Vyoma Priya (Posthumous) – Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- Kamlesh Kumar (Posthumous) – Kaimur, Bihar
- Muhammed Sidan P – Palakkad, Kerala
- Ajay Raj – Agra, Uttar Pradesh





### Art and Culture Award :

- Esther Lalduhawmi Hnamte Lunglei, Mizoram
- Suman Sarkar Nadia, West Bengal(WB)

### Environment Award : Pooja Barabanki, UP

### Social Service Award :

- Shvan Singh Ferozepur, Punjab
- Vansh Tayal Chandigarh

### Science and Technology Award :

- Aishi Prisha Borah Jorhat, Assam
- Arnav Anupriya Maharshi Aurangabad, Maharashtra

### Sports Award :

- Shivani Hosuru Uppara Annamayya, Andhra Pradesh(AP)
- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Samastipur, Bihar
- Yogita Mandavi Kondagaon, Chattisgarh
- Vaka Lakshmi Pragnika Surat, Gujarat
- Jyoti Sirsa, Haryana
- Anushka Kumari Ranchi, Jharkhand
- Dhinidhi Desinghu Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Jyoshna Sabar Gajapati, Odisha
- Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana





**Ques: Which ministry launched the “Comprehensive Internship Policy for MYAS and its Autonomous Bodies” with an annual budget of ₹5.30 crore?**

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- E) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) launched the “Comprehensive Internship Policy for MYAS and its Autonomous Bodies” with an annual budget of ₹5.30 crore.
- The initiative aligns with the key objectives of the National Sports Policy and Khelo Bharat Niti 2025.
- The policy aims to create a strong talent pipeline of sports professionals in areas such as sports governance, administration, sports science, anti-doping, event management, and athlete support services.
- A total of 452 internships will be offered annually across MYAS and its key bodies, including the Sports Authority of India (SAI), National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), and National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).
- Each intern will receive a monthly stipend of ₹20,000.

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**Ques: Which Indian city ranked 5th among the world's best food cities in the Global Food City Rankings 2025–26 released by TasteAtlas?**

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Global Food City Rankings 2025–26 were published by TasteAtlas, a Croatia (Zagreb)–based food and travel guide platform.
- In the latest rankings, Mumbai ranked 5th among the best food cities in the world, making it the highest-ranked Indian city globally.
- Italian cities dominated the rankings, with Italy securing six positions in the global top 10.
- India had six cities featured among the world's top 100 food cities, reflecting the country's rich and diverse culinary heritage.

**Ranking of top 5 in Global Food City Rankings 2025–26 :**

- 1 Naples
- 2 Milan
- 3 Bologna
- 4 Florence
- 5 Mumbai

**Ranking of top Indian cities :**

- 5 Mumbai
- 48 Delhi
- 53 Amritsar
- 54 Hyderabad
- 73 Kolkata
- 93 Chennai

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques: Who became the fastest player to score 16,000 runs in List-A cricket?**

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Sachin Tendulkar
- D) Kumar Sangakkara
- E) Ricky Ponting

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Virat Kohli became the fastest to score 16,000 runs in List-A cricket, achieving the milestone in just 330 innings.
- He surpassed Sachin Tendulkar, who had reached the same landmark in 391 innings.
- Kohli achieved this feat during Delhi's match against Andhra in the Vijay Hazare Trophy.
- This record further strengthens Kohli's legacy as one of the greatest batsmen in limited-overs cricket.

EXAM  
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**Ques: Which missile was successfully test-fired by India from INS Arighaat, enhancing its sea-based nuclear strike capability?**

- A) K-4 (Kalam-4)
- B) Agni-5
- C) K-15 Sagarika
- D) Shaurya
- E) BrahMos

**Answer: Option A**

Explanation:

- India successfully test-fired the K-4, an intermediate-range Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM), from INS Arighaat in the Bay of Bengal.
- The K-4 missile is also known as Kalam-4, named after Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
- The missile has been indigenously designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- K-4 is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and can be launched from India's Arihant-class submarines.
- The missile was manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).

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**Ques: Dhanu Yatra, the world's largest open-air theatre festival, is held in which state?**

- A) West Bengal
- B) Odisha
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Dhanu Yatra is an 11-day open-air theatre festival held annually in Bargarh, Odisha, depicting the mythological story of Lord Krishna and King Kansa.
- During the festival, the entire town of Bargarh transforms into the ancient city of Mathura, with streets, palaces, and courtyards acting as live stages, making it the world's largest open-air theatre.
- The festival concludes with the defeat of King Kansa by Lord Krishna.

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**Ques: Where is Tesla's first charging station in India located?**

- A) Cyber Hub, Gurugram
- B) DLF Horizon Centre, Gurugram
- C) Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai
- D) Connaught Place, New Delhi
- E) Electronic City, Bengaluru

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Tesla has set up its first charging station in India at the DLF Horizon Centre in Gurugram, Haryana.
- The facility is equipped with advanced V4 Superchargers capable of delivering charging speeds of up to 250 kW.
- In addition, destination chargers with a capacity of 11 kW each are also available at the site.
- Using rapid charging, Tesla vehicles can gain up to 275 kilometres of driving range in just 15 minutes.

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**Ques: Which city will host the 72nd Senior National Volleyball Championship for men's and women's teams in January 2026?**

- A) Prayagraj
- B) Bhopal
- C) Lucknow
- D) Patna
- E) Kashi (Varanasi)

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation:**

- Kashi (Varanasi) will host the 72nd Senior National Volleyball Championship for both men's and women's teams from January 4 to 11, 2026.
- The matches will be held at Dr. Sampurnanand Sports Stadium, Sigra.
- Around 73 teams from across India will participate, with more than 1,000 players expected to compete.
- The championship will feature two mascots: "Nandu", inspired by Nandi symbolising strength, and "Neera", representing the Ganga dolphin to promote environmental awareness.

EXAM  
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**Ques: What is the main objective of the SWAMIH-2 Fund?**

- A) Financing new luxury housing projects
- B) Providing last-mile funding to stalled housing projects
- C) Promoting rental housing schemes
- D) Funding rural housing under PMAY-G
- E) Supporting affordable smart city projects

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has launched the SWAMIH-2 Fund with a corpus of ₹15,000 crore to provide last-mile financing to stalled housing projects.
- SWAMIH-2 aims to benefit nearly 1 lakh middle-class homebuyers and builds upon the success of SWAMIH-1, which completed around 55,000 dwelling units.
- The fund focuses on completing commercially viable but stalled residential projects, ensuring possession for homebuyers.

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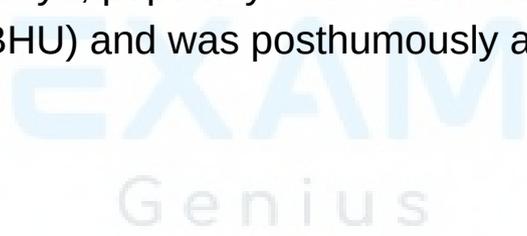
**Ques: Who released the book titled 'Mahamana Vangmay: The Collected Works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya (Second Series)' in New Delhi?**

- A) C.P. Radhakrishnan
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Jagdeep Dhankhar

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Vice President of India, C.P. Radhakrishnan, released the book titled 'Mahamana Vangmay: The Collected Works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya' (Second Series) in New Delhi.
- The first series of Mahamana Vangmay was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2023.
- The project was undertaken by the Mahamana Malaviya Mission in partnership with the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, popularly known as "Mahamana", was the founder of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2015.





**Ques: PM-YUVA 3.0 scheme is implemented by which organization?**

- A) Sahitya Akademi
- B) National Book Trust, India
- C) NCERT
- D) UGC
- E) Ministry of Culture

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- PM-YUVA 3.0 (Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors) selects young authors through an All-India contest; 43 authors were chosen in the latest round.
- The scheme is implemented by the National Book Trust (NBT), India, under the Ministry of Education and aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- All selected authors are below 30 years of age, representing 22 Indian languages and English, with 19 women and 24 men.
- Selected authors receive a scholarship of ₹50,000 per month for six months and a lifetime royalty of 10% on their published books.
- Themes include the contribution of the Indian diaspora, Indian Knowledge Systems, and Makers of Modern India (1950–2025).

EXAM  
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**Ques: Which organisation developed the new Indian Standard IS 19412:2025 for incense sticks (Agarbatti Specification)?**

- A) Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- B) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- C) Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
- D) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- E) Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The new Indian Standard IS 19412:2025 for incense sticks was developed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and released by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi.
- IS 19412:2025 sets comprehensive norms for raw materials, burning performance, fragrance quality, and chemical safety of agarbattis.
- India is the world's largest producer and exporter of agarbattis, with an annual industry value of around ₹8,000 crore and exports worth ₹1,200 crore to over 150 countries.

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**Ques: Who inaugurated the National Workshop on “Strengthening of Geospatial Ecosystem” held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D) Jitendra Singh
- E) Dharmendra Pradhan

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Department of Science and Technology (DST) organised the National Workshop on Strengthening of Geospatial Ecosystem at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.
- The theme of the workshop was “Geospatial Mission: An Enabler of Viksit Bharat”.
- The workshop was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh, who was the Chief Guest.
- The National Geospatial Mission, announced in the Union Budget 2025–26, reflects the government’s focus on advanced geospatial technologies.
- The workshop focused on strengthening national geospatial infrastructure and integrating modern geospatial technologies across sectors, including urban planning, environmental monitoring, and infrastructure development.

Genius





**Ques: Where was the Param Rudra supercomputer, under India's National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), formally launched for the first time in Bihar?**

- A) IIT Gandhinagar
- B) IIT Bhubaneswar
- C) IIT Patna
- D) NIT Patna
- E) IISc Bengaluru

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Param Rudra supercomputer, under India's National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), was formally launched at IIT Patna, marking Bihar's first Param Rudra system.
- The launch ceremony was presided over by Amitesh Kumar Sinha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- In May 2023, an MoU was signed between IIT Patna and C-DAC (under MeitY) for setting up the Param Rudra system.
- NSM, launched in 2015 with a total outlay of ₹4,500 crore, is a flagship initiative of the Government of India to enhance supercomputing capabilities nationally.

EXAM  
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**Ques: How much allocation will the Ministry of Textiles receive under the Cotton Productivity Mission?**

- A) ₹600 crore
- B) ₹1,100 crore
- C) ₹3,000 crore
- D) ₹4,000 crore
- E) ₹500 crore

**Answer: Option B**

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Textiles will receive over ₹1,100 crore, about 22% of the total ₹6,000 crore Cotton Productivity Mission budget.
- The Cotton Productivity Mission is a five-year scheme announced in the Union Budget to revive India's cotton sector by improving productivity and sustainability.
- The scheme aims to benefit cotton farmers and strengthen the entire textile value chain.

EXAM  
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**Ques: December 26 is observed in India as which day to honour the martyrdom of the Sahibzadas of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji?**

- A) Veer Bal Diwas
- B) National Bravery Day
- C) Shaheedi Diwas
- D) Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti
- E) Martyrs' Remembrance Day

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- December 26 is observed as Veer Bal Diwas to commemorate the martyrdom of the Sahibzadas, the four sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.
- The Sahibzadas were Sahibzada Ajit Singh Ji, Jujhar Singh Ji, Zorawar Singh Ji, and Fateh Singh Ji.
- Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Fateh Singh Ji, the two youngest, were bricked alive at Sirhind (present-day Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab) on December 26, 1704, for refusing to abandon their faith.
- Veer Bal Diwas was instituted in 2022 to honour their courage, sacrifice, and unwavering faith.

EXAM  
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**Ques: As per the RBI report, what was the total deposits of payments banks in India as of March 2025?**

- A) ₹18,000 crore
- B) ₹22,450 crore
- C) ₹25,605 crore
- D) ₹28,900 crore
- E) ₹30,000 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- According to the RBI report, deposits in India's payments banks increased by 57% year-on-year to ₹25,605 crore as of March 2025.
- As of March 2025, a total of six payments banks were operational in India with 81 branches across the country.
- Deposits, including savings and current accounts, accounted for 68.1% of the total liabilities of payments banks.
- On the asset side, investments were mainly in Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) securities due to restrictions on lending.
- Payments banks remained profitable for the third consecutive year in FY25, indicating improving financial stability.

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**Ques: Which Russian bank has been authorised by India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry to import gold for FY 2025–26 under the Foreign Trade Policy 2023?**

- A) VTB Bank
- B) Gazprombank
- C) Sber Bank
- D) Alfa-Bank
- E) Rosbank

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has added Russia's Sber Bank to the list of banks authorised to import gold for FY 2025–26, expanding the authorised importer base.
- The authorisation has been granted under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, as amended from time to time.
- Sber Bank's authorisation is valid from June 25, 2025, to March 31, 2026, and is restricted exclusively to gold imports meant for domestic consumption.
- With this inclusion, Sber Bank becomes the third bank—after Indian Overseas Bank and Union Bank of India—authorised to import only gold during FY 2025–26.

Genius





**Ques: Which scheme launched in Union Budget 2024–25 aims to promote early savings and long-term financial security for minors in India?**

- A) Atal Pension Yojana
- B) Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana
- C) Public Provident Fund
- D) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana
- E) National Pension System Vatsalya

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The National Pension System Vatsalya (NPS Vatsalya) was announced in the Union Budget 2024–25 on 23 July 2024 and launched by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The scheme is administered and regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- It is a saving-cum-pension scheme for all minor citizens up to 18 years, with the account opened in the name of the minor and operated by a parent or guardian.
- The minimum contribution is ₹1,000 to open the account and ₹1,000 per annum thereafter, with no upper limit on maximum contribution.
- At the age of 18, the account automatically converts into an NPS Tier-I (All Citizen) account, subject to fresh KYC within three months.





**Ques: According to the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2024–25, by how much did the banking system's balance sheet expand during 2024–25?**

- A) 9.5%
- B) 10.2%
- C) 11.2%
- D) 12.0%
- E) 12.5%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- As per the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2024–25, the banking system's balance sheet expanded by 11.2% during the year.
- The total size of the banking system's balance sheet reached ₹312.2 lakh crore in 2024–25.
- During the same period, bank deposits registered a growth of 11.1%.
- Bank credit, including loans and advances, increased by 11.5%, broadly matching the pace of deposit growth.
- Overall, the report reflects steady and balanced growth in India's banking sector.

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**Ques: Which institution provided a ₹300 crore loan to the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) issued by Grihum Housing Finance Limited, marking its first-ever RMBS investment in India?**

- A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B) World Bank
- C) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- D) New Development Bank (NDB)
- E) International Finance Corporation (IFC)

**Answer: Option E**

Explanation:

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan of ₹300 crore (about USD 30 million) to the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) issued by Grihum Housing Finance Limited.
- This investment marks IFC's first-ever RMBS investment in India.
- The International Finance Corporation was established in 1956 and is headquartered in Washington, D.C., United States.
- IFC focuses on private sector development in emerging economies by providing investments, advisory services, and asset management.
- The current Managing Director of IFC is Makhtar Diop.





**Ques: As per RBI, how many Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) were operational at the end of FY25?**

- A) 1,472
- B) 1,463
- C) 1,457
- D) 1,489
- E) 1,426

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- According to the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India, the number of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) declined by 15 during FY25, bringing the total down to 1,457.
- The decline in the number of UCBs was mainly due to mergers and cancellation of licences.
- During FY25, a total of 7 mergers of UCBs were carried out, with 6 mergers in Maharashtra and 1 in Telangana.
- In comparison, FY24 witnessed 6 mergers of Urban Co-operative Banks.
- The RBI initiated the consolidation process of UCBs in 2004–05, focusing on amalgamation of weak banks and closure of unviable ones.
- As a result of this long-term consolidation, the total number of UCBs declined steadily from 1,926 in March 2004 to 1,457 in March 2025.





**Ques: What percentage of India's Broad Gauge (BG) railway network has been electrified, according to the Ministry of Railways?**

- A) 82%
- B) 90%
- C) 95%
- D) 99.2%
- E) 100%

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- According to a Ministry of Railways press release, Indian Railways has electrified 99.2% of its Broad Gauge (BG) network, bringing India close to a fully electrified railway system.
- In global comparison, India's electrification level (99.2%) is higher than the UK (39%), Russia (52%), and China (82%).
- A total of 14 railway zones have achieved 100% electrification, and 25 States/UTs are fully electrified.
- Between 2014 and 2025, 46,900 route km were electrified, more than double the 21,801 route km achieved in the previous 60 years.
- In 2023–24, 7,188 route km and in 2024–25, 2,701 route km were electrified.
- Rail transport emits 89% less CO<sub>2</sub> compared to road transport, supporting environmental sustainability.

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**Ques: From which date will Australia provide 100% duty-free access to all Indian exports under the India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)?**

- A) January 1, 2025
- B) December 29, 2025
- C) January 1, 2026
- D) April 1, 2026
- E) July 1, 2026

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Australia announced that it will provide 100% duty-free access to all Indian exports starting from January 1, 2026.
- This decision has been taken under the India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA).
- The ECTA came into force on December 29, 2022, and the announcement coincides with the third anniversary of the agreement.
- The agreement has significantly boosted Indian exports, enhanced market access, and strengthened supply-chain resilience.
- The announcement was made by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal.

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**Ques: Which milestone related to India's space programme was highlighted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 129th episode of Mann Ki Baat aired on 28 December 2025?**

- A) Launch of India's first space station module
- B) First Indian spacewalk mission
- C) Shubhanshu Shukla becoming the first Indian to reach the International Space Station
- D) Successful landing of Gaganyaan crew module
- E) Launch of Chandrayaan-4 mission

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- In the 129th episode of Mann Ki Baat aired on 28 December 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reflected on India's achievements in 2025 and outlined aspirations for the coming year.
- He highlighted that Shubhanshu Shukla became the first Indian to reach the International Space Station (ISS), marking a major milestone in India's space journey.
- The year 2025 also marked 150 years of Vande Mataram, celebrated through public participation using the hashtag #VandeMataram150.
- On the environmental front, PM Modi noted that India's cheetah population has crossed 30, indicating success in wildlife conservation.
- He also mentioned archaeological discoveries in Jehanpora, Baramulla (Jammu & Kashmir), revealing Kashmir's 2,000-year-old Buddhist heritage, and paid tribute to Parvati Giri of Odisha ahead of her birth centenary in January 2026.

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**Ques: Which authority reinstated Gujarat as a tiger-bearing state after 33 years?**

- A) Wildlife Institute of India (WII)
- B) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C) National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
- D) Forest Survey of India (FSI)
- E) None of these

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Gujarat has been officially reinstated as a tiger-bearing state after a gap of 33 years.
- The decision was taken by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).
- The presence of a tiger was confirmed in Ratnamahal Wildlife Sanctuary in central Gujarat.
- With this confirmation, Gujarat will now be included in the All-India Tiger Census.
- Gujarat had earlier lost its 'Tiger State' status in 1992 due to the absence of tigers.

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**Ques: Which organisation notified India's first dedicated standard 'IS 19445:2025' for bomb disposal systems to enhance internal security preparedness?**

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C) Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)
- D) National Security Guard (NSG)
- E) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has notified India's first dedicated standard, 'IS 19445:2025', for bomb disposal systems to strengthen internal security preparedness and safety infrastructure.
- The standard was developed at the request of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratory (TBRL) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Bomb disposal systems covered under the standard include three commonly deployed categories: bomb blankets, bomb baskets, and bomb inhibitors.

**About Bureau of Indian Standards:**

- Established: 1987
- HQ: New Delhi
- Director General: Sanjay Garg

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**Ques: Which two organisations signed an MoU to strengthen quality control and third-party testing in national highway and infrastructure projects in India?**

- A) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and NHAI
- B) National Test House (NTH) and CPWD
- C) National Test House (NTH) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- D) CSIR and NHAI
- E) IITs and NHAI

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The National Test House (NTH) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to strengthen quality control and third-party testing in national highway and infrastructure projects.
- Under the agreement, NTH will be empanelled as a recognised laboratory for NHAI, and highway construction samples may be sent to NTH laboratories across India for testing and inspection.
- Samples will be tested at NTH's regional laboratories and satellite centres located in Ghaziabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Jaipur, Guwahati, Bengaluru and Varanasi.
- NTH will provide scientific and impartial test results within an optimum time frame through its online MIS portal as well as physical reports.
- Established in 1912, the National Test House functions under the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and has a pan-India presence.

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**Ques: What name has TRAI recommended for the new light-touch service authorisation to regulate the sale of foreign telecom service providers' SIM/eSIM cards for M2M/IoT devices meant for export?**

- A) International M2M SIM Service Authorisation
- B) Foreign Telecom SIM Authorisation
- C) Global IoT Connectivity Authorisation
- D) Export Telecom Device Authorisation
- E) Cross-Border IoT Service Licence

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released recommendations on a regulatory framework for the sale of foreign telecom service providers' SIM/eSIM cards for use in M2M/IoT devices meant for export.
- TRAI recommended that such sales be regulated through a light-touch service authorisation under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
- The proposed authorisation has been named "International M2M SIM Service Authorisation."
- Any company registered under the Indian Companies Act will be eligible for this authorisation, with NIL entry fee, equity requirement, net-worth requirement, bank guarantee, and authorisation fee; only an application processing fee of ₹5,000 is payable.
- The validity period of the authorisation will be 10 years, and foreign SIM/eSIM cards may be activated in India for testing purposes for a maximum period of six months.





About TRAI :

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



EXAM  
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**Ques: President Droupadi Murmu undertook a submarine sortie onboard which Indian Navy submarine?**

- A) INS Arihant
- B) INS Kalvari
- C) INS Vaghsheer
- D) INS Sindhurakshak
- E) INS Vela

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu undertook a dived submarine sortie onboard INS Vaghsheer on the Western Seaboard.
- She embarked the submarine from Karwar Naval Harbour in Karnataka.
- INS Vaghsheer is a Kalvari-class submarine built under Project-75 and is indigenously constructed.
- This marked the maiden submarine sortie undertaken by President Droupadi Murmu.
- She became the second President of India to undertake a submarine sortie, after Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in 2006.

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**Ques: Which scheme of the Ministry of MSME aims to promote innovation, rural industry, and entrepreneurship with a focus on skill development, incubation, and job creation in rural areas?**

- A) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)
- B) MSME Champions Scheme
- C) ASPIRE Scheme
- D) National SC–ST Hub Scheme
- E) Yashasvini Campaign

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- ASPIRE stands for A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industry, and Entrepreneurship and is implemented by the Ministry of MSME.
- The objective of ASPIRE is to promote entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities in rural areas.
- The Government runs outreach and awareness programmes for women and SC/ST entrepreneurs through MSME field offices in collaboration with States/UTs.
- Under the National SC–ST Hub Scheme, capacity building of SC/ST entrepreneurs is undertaken.
- Vendor Development Programmes (VDPs) for SC/ST and women are organised under PMSS, with CPSUs also conducting VDPs.
- As announced in Union Budget 2025, term loans up to ₹2 crore are provided for first-time women, SC, and ST entrepreneurs.
- Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a credit-linked subsidy scheme for self-employment, with 39% women beneficiaries; women receive a higher subsidy of 35%, while the general category gets up to 25%.





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- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma
- C) Union Home Minister Amit Shah
- D) Minister of Culture G. Kishan Reddy
- E) Governor of Assam

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the Jyoti–Bishnu International Art Centre in Guwahati, Assam.
- The Jyoti–Bishnu Auditorium has been constructed at a cost of approximately ₹291 crore.
- The centre has been built in memory of two great Assamese litterateurs and artists—Jyoti Prasad Agarwala and Bishnu Prasad Rabha.
- Jyoti Prasad Agarwala made Assam's first film Joymoti, laying the foundation of Assamese cinema.
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**About Assam :**

- Capital : Dispur
- CM : Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Governor : Lakshman Acharya





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**Ques: Who won the Women's Singles title at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships held in Vijayawada?**

- A) Tanvi Patri
- B) Ashmita Chaliha
- C) Malvika Bansod
- D) Surya Charishma Tamiri
- E) Aakarshi Kashyap

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Surya Charishma Tamiri from Andhra Pradesh won the Women's Singles crown at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships held in Vijayawada.
- She defeated Tanvi Patri in a closely contested final match.
- In the Men's Singles final, Rithvik Sanjeevi S of Tamil Nadu emerged as the champion after defeating Bharat Raghav in straight games.
- The Senior National Badminton Championships is one of India's most prestigious domestic badminton tournaments.

**Winners 2025 – Senior National Badminton Championships:**

- Men's Singles: Rithvik Sanjeevi S
- Women's Singles: Surya Charishma Tamiri
- Men's Doubles: A. Hariharan & Ruban Kumar
- Women's Doubles : Shikha Gautam & Ashwini Bhat K
- Mixed Doubles : Sathwik Reddy K & Radhika Sharma





**Ques: The Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) and Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) were notified by which ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Heavy Industries
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
- D) Ministry of Defence
- E) Ministry of Finance

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) has notified the operational guidelines for two major shipbuilding initiatives—Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) and Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS).
- The objective of these schemes is to strengthen India's domestic shipbuilding capacity and enhance global competitiveness.
- SBFAS has a total corpus of ₹24,736 crore and provides financial assistance ranging from 15% to 25% per vessel, depending on the category.
- SbDS has a budgetary outlay of ₹19,989 crore and focuses on long-term capacity and capability creation in the shipbuilding sector.

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**Ques: Where did the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2026 commence with the “Sarv Dharm Pooja”?**

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
- B) Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt
- C) Red Fort, Delhi
- D) India Gate Lawns, New Delhi
- E) National War Memorial, Delhi

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2026 commenced at the Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt, with the “Sarv Dharm Pooja”.
- The month-long camp includes various inter-directorate competitions and events showcasing discipline, leadership, and cultural unity.
- A total of 2,406 cadets, including 898 girl cadets, from 28 states and 8 Union Territories are participating—the highest number ever in RDC history.
- Cadets and officers from 25 Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) are also participating under the Youth Exchange Programme (YEP).
- National Cadet Corps (NCC) was established in 1948, headquartered in New Delhi, and is led by Director General Lt. Gen. Virendra Vats.

Genius





**Ques: By when does the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) plan to expand the total number of Aadhaar Seva Kendras to 473 across India?**

- A) September 2025
- B) December 2025
- C) September 2026
- D) March 2027
- E) June 2027

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- UIDAI has inaugurated a new Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) at Mangaluru in Dakshina Kannada district, Karnataka.
- UIDAI plans to open a total of 22 Aadhaar Seva Kendras across Karnataka.
- The total number of Aadhaar Seva Kendras across India will be expanded to 473 by September 2026 to improve accessibility and service delivery.
- Aadhaar Seva Kendras provide Aadhaar enrolment, biometric updates, and demographic correction services, especially for adults.

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**Ques: Which Indian institution will host eight sporting disciplines of the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) 2029?**

- A) Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)
- B) National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)
- C) Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- D) Gujarat University
- E) Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, will host eight sporting disciplines of the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) 2029.
- WPFG is a biennial, Olympic-style international event for police, fire, and emergency service personnel.
- RRU will host: Wrist Wrestling, Bench Press, Bodybuilding, Cross Country (10 km), Push–Pull Lifting, Muster, Indoor Rowing, and Darts.
- In 2025, over 9,000 athletes participated in the USA edition, and India won more than 600 medals.
- RRU will also host the 2nd International Olympic Research Conference (IORC) in Gandhinagar from January 27–30, 2026.
- The theme of IORC 2026 is “Building a Sustainable Olympic Ecosystem through Education, Governance and Research.”





**Ques: Which institutions signed the Work Plan 2025–27 to strengthen agricultural cooperation between India and Argentina?**

- A) ICAR and INTA
- B) Ministry of Agriculture (India) and INTA
- C) ICAR and FAO
- D) NITI Aayog and INTA
- E) ICAR and Ministry of Agriculture, Argentina

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- India and Argentina signed the Work Plan 2025–27 in New Delhi to enhance bilateral agricultural cooperation.
- The agreement was signed between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Argentina's National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA).
- Collaboration focuses on agricultural research and technology exchange, natural resource management, and sustainable agronomy practices.
- Sustainable agronomy initiatives include zero tillage, mechanisation, micro-irrigation, and fertigation.
- Other areas include germplasm exchange, expert exchanges, training in advanced agricultural technologies, oilseeds and pulses value chains, agricultural mechanisation (e.g., cotton harvesting machinery), and use of drones in agriculture.

Genius





**Ques: Which cricketer became the first bowler in history to take eight wickets in a men's T20 International match?**

- A) Sonam Yeshey
- B) Wanindu Hasaranga
- C) Rashid Khan
- D) Mustafizur Rahman
- E) Kuldeep Yadav

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation | व्याख्या:**

- Sonam Yeshey of Bhutan became the first bowler in men's T20 International history to take eight wickets in a single match.
- This achievement occurred during the third T20I against Myanmar at Gelephu.
- The 22-year-old left-arm spinner took 8 wickets for just 7 runs in 4 overs, including a maiden over.
- His economy rate of 1.80 made it one of the best bowling performances in T20I history.
- This historic feat sets a new benchmark in men's T20I cricket.

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