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explanation



- Banking & finance
- National
- International
- Sports





Ques: What is the main objective of the MoU signed between SBI and BOI?

- A) Launching new retail banking services
- B) Establishing a Centre of Excellence in Strategic Partnership
- C) Merging both banks
- D) Expanding international branches
- E) Offering microfinance to rural areas

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SBI and BOI signed an MoU to jointly establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Strategic Partnership.
- The main purpose is to strengthen leadership, technical capability, and expertise in project financing across India.
- The CoE will help both banks collaborate on evaluating, funding, and managing large-scale infrastructure and industrial projects.
- It will also improve the capacity of employees through specialised training programs.
- The partnership enhances joint financing ability, improves market competitiveness, and helps both banks share risk on high-value projects.
- Overall, the initiative aims to build a strong, unified platform for project finance excellence.

About State Bank of India (SBI):

- Established: 01 July 1955
- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman: Challa Sreenivasulu Setty

About Bank of India:

- Established: 07 September 1906
- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO: Rajneesh Karnatak





Ques: Which Indian state received the highest share of FDI Equity inflow in the first half of FY 2025-26?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's FDI inflow increased 18% to \$35.18 billion during April–September 2025-26, with the U.S. showing the strongest rise.
- The services sector, especially financial and business services, attracted the highest FDI share.
- Major investing countries included Singapore, Mauritius, and the U.S.A.
- Maharashtra received the highest FDI share at 31% (\$10,571 million), followed by Karnataka (21%) and Gujarat (15%).

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Ques: How much amount is the government expected to raise by selling its 6% stake in Bank of Maharashtra?

- A) ₹1,850 crore
- B) ₹2,000 crore
- C) ₹2,492 crore
- D) ₹3,100 crore
- E) ₹4,250 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The government diluted a 6% stake in Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) through an Offer-for-Sale (OFS) at a floor price of ₹54 per share.
- The stake sale is expected to raise around ₹2,492 crore for the government.
- After allotment, BoM will comply with SEBI's Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) norms.
- Before the OFS, the government's shareholding in BoM was 79.60%.
- Bank of Maharashtra is headquartered in Pune, Maharashtra.
- The oversubscribed OFS helped the government raise funds while helping BoM meet regulatory public shareholding requirements.

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Ques: What recent initiative has Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) launched to improve loan processing?

- A) Digital Savings Account Platform
- B) Loan Origination System (LOS)
- C) Mobile Wallet App
- D) Investment Advisory Portal
- E) Blockchain-based Payment System

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) has launched a new Loan Origination System (LOS) developed with Nucleus Software to streamline loan processing.
- The system enables faster, standardized, and more accurate loan processing through automated checks and digital workflows.
- It includes a uniform appraisal mechanism to ensure consistent credit decisions and improved customer experience.
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Ques: What is the significance of Indian banks achieving ISO 20022 readiness?

- A) To expand domestic ATM networks
- B) To enable richer, structured, and detailed payment data for cross-border transactions
- C) To reduce interest rates on loans
- D) To merge all public sector banks
- E) To launch a new digital currency

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian banks have fully implemented the SWIFT ISO 20022 messaging standard ahead of the 22 November 2025 global deadline.
- India achieved 100% readiness, surpassing the global compliance average of 87%.
- ISO 20022 enables richer, structured, and highly detailed payment data, leading to better analytics, compliance monitoring, AML checks, and fraud-prevention capabilities.
- From 22 November 2025, ISO 20022 becomes mandatory for all cross-border payments, replacing older MT message formats.
- Banks not meeting the standard may face payment disruptions and regulatory penalties.

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Ques: How many medals did India win at the 25th Summer Deaflympics 2025 in Tokyo?

- A) 16
- B) 18
- C) 24
- D) 22
- E) 20

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 25th Summer Deaflympics was held in Tokyo, Japan, from 15–26 November 2025.
- India sent a contingent of 73 athletes competing across 11 sports.
- India won a total of 20 medals: 9 Gold, 7 Silver, and 4 Bronze — the country's best-ever performance at the Deaflympics.
- India's previous best was 16 medals in 2022.
- Shooting alone contributed 16 medals, while athletics had the second-largest participation.
- Notable highlight: Diksha Dagar defended her women's golf gold with a 14-shot lead.



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Ques: Who is the co-author of the book “A Sixth of Humanity: Independent India’s Development Odyssey” along with Arvind Subramanian?

- A) Raghuram Rajan
- B) Kaushik Basu
- C) Devesh Kapur
- D) Amartya Sen
- E) Bibek Debroy

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book “A Sixth of Humanity: Independent India’s Development Odyssey” is co-authored by Arvind Subramanian and political scientist Devesh Kapur.
- It examines India’s development journey since independence, including economic reforms, social transformation, and policy evolution.
- The book provides insights into India’s growth model, governance issues, inequality, and future development challenges.

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Ques: What is the new name of the Jaisalmer–Delhi (Shakur Basti) special train?

- A) Desert Queen Express
- B) Thar Link Express
- C) Golden City Express
- D) Rajasthan Sampark Express
- E) Swarn Nagari Express

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The inaugural special train of the new Jaisalmer–Delhi (Shakur Basti) rail service was flagged off from Jaisalmer by Union Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- Considering public sentiment, the train has been officially renamed Swarn Nagari Express.

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Ques: What is the main objective of Punjab's Easy Registry Initiative?

- A) Boost agricultural exports
- B) Simplify property registration & improve transparency
- C) Promote tourism in rural areas
- D) Provide online education services
- E) Strengthen district-level disaster management

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Punjab launched the Easy Registry Initiative to simplify property registration, reduce delays, curb corruption, and enhance transparency.
- The initiative allows citizens to complete property registration with fewer visits to government offices.
- Under the new system, property located anywhere within a district can be registered at any Sub-Registrar office in that district.
- This removes jurisdictional restrictions and reduces travel and inconvenience for both buyers and sellers.

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Ques: Which initiative has enabled remote digital access to over 25 million archival records related to modern and contemporary Indian history?

- A) National Archives of India
- B) Nehru Memorial Museum & Library
- C) Prime Ministers' Museum & Library
- D) Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
- E) National Digital Library of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Prime Ministers' Museum & Library (PMML) has launched remote digital access to its archival collections containing over 25 million records linked to more than 1,300 individuals and organisations.
- The digitised collections include personal papers, correspondence, speeches, diaries, newspaper archives, and documents related to modern and contemporary Indian history.
- Scholars can access these records through a dedicated IT platform in a secure view-only mode after an online request and approval, removing the need for physical visits.

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Ques: Where was the 2025 Syed Modi International Super 300 badminton tournament held?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Lucknow
- D) Hyderabad
- E) Chennai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 2025 Syed Modi International Super 300 badminton tournament was held at the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- The tournament was originally launched in 1991 by the Uttar Pradesh Badminton Association (UPBA) to honour the late badminton player Syed Modi.
- The 2025 edition was organised by the Badminton Association of India (BAI) under the sanction of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

Syed Modi International 2025 Winners:

- Men's singles: Jason Gunawan (Hong Kong)
- Women's singles: Hina Akechi (Japan)
- Men's doubles: Kang Khai Xing & Aaron Tai (Malaysia)
- Women's doubles: Gayatri Gopichand & Treesa Jolly (India)
- Mixed doubles: Dejan Ferdinansyah & Bernadine Anindya Wardana (Indonesia)





Ques: Which Biological E vaccine recently received WHO pre-qualification?

- A) Corbevax
- B) Pneubevax 14 (BE-PCV-14)
- C) Rabivax
- D) JE Vaccine
- E) Rotavac

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Biological E's 14-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine Pneubevax 14 (BE-PCV-14) has received WHO pre-qualification (PQ), enabling global distribution through immunisation programmes.
- This becomes Biological E's 11th WHO-prequalified vaccine.
- The vaccine protects against 14 *Streptococcus pneumoniae* serotypes, including 22F and 33F, which are not covered in some other pneumococcal vaccines.
- Target group: Administered to infants from 6 weeks of age to prevent pneumonia, meningitis, sepsis, and invasive pneumococcal disease.

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Ques: What is the main aim of the Indira Gandhi National Pension and Related Schemes?

- A) Promote rural employment
- B) Provide social security assistance to vulnerable BPL individuals
- C) Support agricultural subsidies
- D) Enhance urban infrastructure
- E) Offer educational scholarships

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indira Gandhi National Old Age, Widow, and Disability Pension Schemes were launched on 15 August 1995 as Centrally Sponsored Schemes with 100% central funding.
- Implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, the schemes cover both rural and urban areas.
- The schemes aim to provide social security assistance to vulnerable Below Poverty Line (BPL) individuals.

Beneficiary coverage includes:

- IGNOAPS – Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme: 221 lakh
- IGNWPS – Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme: 67 lakh
- IGNDPS – Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme: 8.33 lakh+
- NFBS – National Family Benefit Scheme: 3.5 lakh
- Annapurna Scheme: 8.31 lakh





Ques: Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan was launched in which year?

- A) 2015
- B) 2018
- C) 2020
- D) 2014
- E) 2022

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, launched in 2018, is an integrated school education scheme covering pre-school to Class 12.
- The scheme merges SSA, RMSA, and Teacher Education programs into one unified structure to ensure quality, equitable, and inclusive education for all children.
- Key focus areas include learning outcomes, teacher training, infrastructure development, digital learning, equity, and inclusion, aligned with SDG-4 (Quality Education).
- The scheme has been extended for the period 2021–22 to 2025–26.

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Ques: What is the main objective of the SportEdge initiative launched in Meerut?

- A) Promote traditional sports
- B) Accelerate India's rise as a global leader in sports manufacturing and enterprise
- C) Build new stadiums only
- D) Provide scholarships to athletes
- E) Organize local tournaments

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SportEdge Meerut (Sports and Entrepreneurship Development for Growth & Excellence) was launched to transform Meerut into an internationally recognized Sports Hub.
- The initiative aims to accelerate India's leadership in sports manufacturing, innovation, and enterprise.
- It will empower 1,000 women-led nano enterprises to scale up, formalize, and achieve financial independence.

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Ques: IIT Madras signed an MoU with Young Indians (Yi) for which key purpose?

- A) International student exchange
- B) Promotion of student innovation & early-stage start-ups
- C) Faculty training programmes
- D) Research on renewable energy
- E) Development of online courses

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- IIT Madras signed an MoU with Young Indians (Yi), the youth wing of CII, to promote student innovation and early-stage start-ups.
- Under this collaboration, 18 start-ups were selected from over 150+ entries submitted under the Bharat Billion Impact Challenge.
- These start-ups participated in a boot camp at the IIT-M Research Park, focusing on deep tech, fundraising, and entrepreneurship.
- IIT Madras professors provided mentorship for refining business models and pitch strategies.
- The initiative strengthens India's innovation ecosystem and supports youth-led entrepreneurship.

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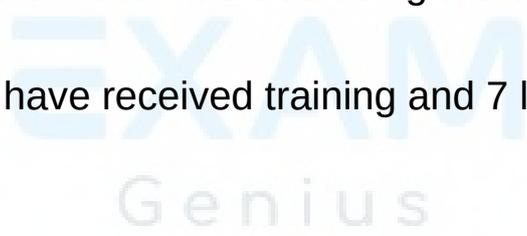
Ques: How many artisans have been enrolled under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme so far?

- A) 1.5 crore
- B) 2.0 crore
- C) 2.72 crore
- D) 3.5 crore
- E) 1.2 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A total of 2.72 crore artisans have been enrolled under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme so far.
- Launched in 2023 for five years, the scheme supports artisans of 18 traditional trades, offering skill training, toolkit incentives, holistic assistance, and collateral-free credit.
- The scheme is fully funded by the Union Government with an outlay of ₹13,000 crore.
- Artisans are registered free of cost via CSCs using the biometric-based PM Vishwakarma portal.
- Over 23 lakh beneficiaries have received training and 7 lakh have been given digital incentives.





Ques: What was the growth rate of India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for October 2025?

- A) 4.0%
- B) 2.5%
- C) 0.4%
- D) -1.0%
- E) 3.2%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Quick Estimate of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is released on the 28th of every month (or the next working day if the 28th is a holiday).
- The IIP growth rate for October 2025 was 0.4%, down from 4.0% in September 2025.
- The slower growth is attributed to fewer working days due to multiple festivals including Dussehra, Diwali, and Chhath.
- Sector-wise growth for October 2025:
 - Mining: -1.8%
 - Manufacturing: 1.8%
 - Electricity: -6.9%

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Ques: Where was the 60th DGP & IGP Conference held in November?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Gandhinagar
- D) Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- E) Lucknow

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 60th DGP & IGP Conference was held in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh from 28 to 30 November 2025.
- The conference was led and overseen by top national leadership, including the Prime Minister, Home Minister, and National Security Advisor.
- Theme 2025: Viksit Bharat: Security Dimensions
- A key priority was the complete elimination of Left-Wing Extremism (LWE/Naxalism), with a government-set deadline of 31 March 2026.
- Focus areas included assessing remaining Naxal-affected pockets, reviewing operational gaps, evaluating counter-insurgency progress, and improving coordination between state and central forces.

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Ques: Which state was awarded the Partner State category at the 44th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Odisha
- D) Meghalaya
- E) Haryana

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 44th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025 concluded with a grand Award Presentation Ceremony at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, organized by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO).
- Rajasthan was awarded the Gold Winner in the Partner State category, while Jharkhand was recognized in the Focus State category and Odisha in the States & Union Territories category.
- Other awards included thematic presentation by Meghalaya, Swachh Pavilion by Haryana, Ministry of Defence for Ministries & Government Departments, Airports Authority of India for Ministries, PSUs & PSBs, Tea Board India for Commodity Boards, Directorate General of Taxpayer Services for Public Communication & Outreach, and Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for Empowering India category.

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Ques: How many votes did India secure to be re-elected to Category B of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for 2026–27?

- A) 150 votes
- B) 169 votes
- C) 160 votes
- D) 165 votes
- E) 154 votes

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India was re-elected to Category B of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for the 2026–27 term, receiving 154 out of 169 valid votes.
- This is the highest number of votes secured by any country in Category B during the November 2025 election at the 34th session of the IMO Assembly in London, UK.
- Category A countries include China, Greece, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Norway, Panama, Republic of Korea, UK, and USA.
- Other Category B countries include Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and UAE.

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Ques: Which mission carried a US–Russia crew to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2025?

- A) Artemis I
- B) Shenzhou-16
- C) Crew-7
- D) Soyuz MS-28
- E) SpaceX CRS-31

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Soyuz MS-28 mission carried a three-member US–Russia crew to the International Space Station (ISS).
- The spacecraft, Soyuz MS-28, was launched using a Soyuz booster from Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan.
- Crew members:

Chris Williams (NASA) – first spaceflight

Sergei Mikaev (Russia) – first spaceflight

Sergei Kud-Sverchkov (Russia) – second spaceflight

- The crew is expected to stay on the ISS for approximately eight months.





Ques: What is the monthly financial support provided under Assam's Prerona Scheme for Class 10 students?

- A) Rs 100
- B) Rs 200
- C) Rs 300
- D) Rs 500
- E) Rs 600

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Assam's Prerona Scheme provides Class 10 students with a monthly support of ₹300 until they complete their board exams.
- The scheme aims to help students focus on studies by reducing financial stress, supporting the purchase of study materials, and ensuring basic nutrition.
- It is applicable to all students appearing for HSLC exams and those in CBSE Adarsha Vidyalayas in Assam, with no income limitation.

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Ques: Paras Defence & Space Technologies recently signed a Technology Transfer Licensing Agreement with DRDO for which system?

- A) Fire Control Radar
- B) Electro-Optical Surveillance Pod
- C) Missile Guidance Kit
- D) Armoured Communication Suite
- E) Driver Night Sight System

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Paras Defence & Space Technologies signed a Technology Transfer Licensing Agreement with DRDO for the Driver Night Sight (DNS) system used in T-90 battle tanks.
- The DNS system enhances night-time driving capability and battlefield visibility for tank operators.
- Paras Defence operates in four major segments: Defence & Space Optics, Defence Electronics, Heavy Engineering, and EMP Protection Solutions.
- The company is engaged in designing, developing, manufacturing, and testing advanced defence and space products.
- The agreement strengthens India's indigenous defence manufacturing capabilities.

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Ques: What is commemorated on December 1, 2025, by the Border Security Force (BSF)?

- A) 61st Raising Day of BSF
- B) BSF Foundation Day
- C) National Security Day
- D) India Border Security Day
- E) Armed Forces Day

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- December 1, 2025, marks the 61st Raising Day of the BSF, commemorating its establishment on 1st December 1965 as India's primary border guarding force.
- The event was celebrated as a diamond jubilee with a grand ceremonial parade held in Bhuj, Gujarat.

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Ques: What is observed on December 1 every year to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS?

- A) World Health Day
- B) World AIDS Day
- C) International Red Ribbon Day
- D) Global Immunity Day
- E) HIV Awareness Week

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- December 1 is observed as World AIDS Day to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and support those living with the disease.
- The theme for 2025 is “Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response.”
- The symbol associated with World AIDS Day is the red ribbon.
- First observed on 1st December 1988.

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Ques: NPCI International Payments partnered with ACLEDA Bank of which country to enable UPI acceptance?

- A) Thailand
- B) Vietnam
- C) Cambodia
- D) Singapore
- E) Malaysia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NPCI International Payments (NIPL) has partnered with Cambodia-based ACLEDA Bank to enable acceptance of India's real-time digital payment system UPI in Cambodia.
- The partnership will also allow India to accept Cambodia's national QR network Bakong (KHQR), facilitating cross-border payments.
- Indians and Cambodians will be able to pay via QR codes at tourist spots, restaurants, and retail outlets in both countries, promoting seamless and faster cross-border transactions.

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Ques: By what percentage did consumer grievances under the RBI's Ombudsman framework increase in FY25 compared to FY24?

- A) 10.25%
- B) 11.80%
- C) 17.40%
- D) 15.20%
- E) 13.55%

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Consumer grievances under the RBI's Ombudsman framework increased significantly in FY25, reflecting rising dissatisfaction with banking and financial services.
- Complaints under the Reserve Bank Integrated Ombudsman Scheme rose to 13,34,244 in FY25 from 11,75,075 in FY24, marking a 13.55% increase.
- Out of total complaints, the 24 RBI Ombudsman Offices received 2,96,321, while the Centralised Receipt and Processing Centre (CRPC) handled 9,11,384 cases, forwarding many to ombudsman offices and Consumer Education and Protection Cells (CEPCs).
- Over 7.7 lakh cases were deemed non-maintainable and closed at the CRPC level.
- Complaints against banks were highest at 2.41 lakh (81.53%), followed by NBFCs with 43.8K cases (14.80%).





Ques: What was the year-on-year (YoY) growth of bank credit in India as of 14 November 2025?

- A) 9.5%
- B) 10.2%
- C) 11.4%
- D) 11.5%
- E) 12.0%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As of 14 November 2025, India's bank credit growth on a year-on-year (YoY) basis stood at 11.4%.
- Deposit growth during the same period rose to 10.2% from 9.5% two weeks earlier, indicating healthy liquidity in the system.
- Gold loans continued a triple-digit surge, up 129% YoY to Rs 41,409 crore as of 31 October 2025.
- Consumer durable loans grew only 1% to Rs 23,646 crore, reflecting weak festive demand compared to 6.9% growth last year.
- Outstanding bank credit as of 14 November 2025 was Rs 194 lakh crore, while outstanding deposits stood at Rs 241 lakh crore.

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Ques: Under RBI's new metal loan norms, loans will NOT be provided against which of the following?

- A) Gold Jewellery
- B) Silver Coins
- C) Bullion (Gold/Silver Bars)
- D) Silver Jewellery
- E) Gold Coins

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI has liberalized metal loan rules, allowing banks and NBFCs to provide loans against gold and silver jewellery or coins.
- The new norms come into effect from April 1, 2026, and apply to commercial banks, SFBs, RRBs, UCBs, cooperative banks, NBFCs, and HFCs.
- Loans can be given only against gold/silver jewellery or coins; loans against bullion (gold/silver bars), ETFs, or mutual fund units are not allowed.
- RBI has specified pledging limits:
 - Gold jewellery—1 kg
 - Silver jewellery—10 kg
 - Gold coins—50 g
 - Silver coins—500 g
- The move aims to streamline lending, enhance transparency, and strengthen risk management.





Ques: Which state received USD 109.97 million under the Skills Development Programme?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Punjab
- C) Haryana
- D) Odisha
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Maharashtra received USD 500 million for the Power Distribution Enhancement Programme, aimed at modernising rural power infrastructure and supplying daytime solar electricity to farmers.
- Madhya Pradesh received USD 190.6 million for the Indore Metro Rail Project, supporting an 8.62 km underground metro line with 7 stations, improving airport connectivity.
- Gujarat received USD 109.97 million under the Skills Development Programme, aimed at upgrading 11 mega ITIs, establishing centres of excellence, and training youth in high-growth sectors.

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Ques: LIC has recently signed a bancassurance pact with which bank to expand customer access to life insurance products?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- LIC has entered into a strategic bancassurance partnership with Yes Bank to provide its life insurance products through branches and digital platforms.
- The partnership leverages LIC's network of over 3,600 branches and satellite offices along with Yes Bank's branch network.
- The pact aims to expand insurance penetration and increase customer reach across India.
- Customers can now access LIC's life insurance products via Yes Bank's physical and digital channels.

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Ques: Who became the highest six-hitter in ODI history as of November 30, 2025?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) MS Dhoni
- C) Shahid Afridi
- D) AB de Villiers
- E) Rohit Sharma

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Rohit Sharma became the highest six-hitter in ODI history, surpassing Shahid Afridi.
- The milestone was achieved on November 30, 2025, during the first ODI against South Africa in Ranchi.
- Rohit entered the match with 349 sixes and needed three more to break Afridi's record of 351 sixes from 398 ODIs.

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Ques: What mandate has the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) issued for messaging apps on users' devices?

- A) Apps must provide end-to-end encryption only
- B) Apps must be constantly linked to a SIM card on the user's device
- C) Apps must allow multiple device login without restrictions
- D) Apps must store all user data locally
- E) Apps must be open-source

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The DoT has mandated that all messaging apps, including WhatsApp, Telegram, and Arattai, must remain constantly linked to a SIM card on the user's device.
- Web versions of messaging apps must automatically log out users at least every six hours and allow re-login only through a QR code linked to an active SIM.
- All compliance measures must be implemented within 90 days, and detailed compliance reports must be submitted within 120 days.
- This mandate is supported by the Telecommunications Act, 2023; Telecom Cyber Security Rules, 2024 (Amended); and the Telecommunication Cybersecurity Amendment Rules, 2025.

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Ques: Operation Trident is associated with which war?

- A) Kargil War
- B) 1971 Indo-Pak War
- C) Sino-Indian War
- D) Operation Vijay
- E) 1965 Indo-Pak War

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Operation Trident was a naval offensive carried out by the Indian Navy against Pakistan during the 1971 Indo-Pak War.
- During the operation on 4 December 1971, Indian missile boats attacked Karachi harbour and sank three Pakistani vessels, killing over 250 sailors.
- India used Soviet-made Osa missile boats equipped with SS-N-2 Styx missiles, marking the first use of such missiles in the region, and India suffered zero casualties.
- On 8 December, India launched Operation Python to inflict further damage, and the war ended on 16 December with Pakistan's surrender in Dhaka.

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Ques: What is the purpose of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Lucknow on 25 December?

- A) To inaugurate the Indore Metro Rail Project
- B) To launch the Maharashtra Power Distribution Enhancement Programme
- C) To commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- D) To announce the Gujarat Skills Development Programme
- E) To inaugurate a new AI research center in Lucknow

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Lucknow on 25 December to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- During the visit, he will felicitate senior BJP leaders who worked with Vajpayee and announce new educational schemes named after him.
- A major highlight is the inauguration of Prerna Sthal, a museum preserving memorabilia, personal belongings, and archival photographs of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, and Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee.
- December 25 is observed as Good Governance Day in India in honor of Vajpayee's birth anniversary.

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Ques: Which airport has become the first in India to deploy the advanced 'Mobility Assist' system for passengers with reduced mobility?

- A) Delhi International Airport
- B) Mumbai International Airport
- C) Chennai International Airport
- D) Hyderabad International Airport
- E) Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has introduced India's first 'Mobility Assist' system for safe and seamless boarding and deboarding of passengers with reduced mobility.
- The system assists passengers—including children and those requiring special care—by mechanically transferring them from a wheelchair to an aircraft seat.
- The equipment was donated by B.S. Ajaikumar, Founder & Executive Chairman of Healthcare Global Enterprises, and is available on request through Airline Coordination.

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Ques: What is the purpose of France's new voluntary military service program announced by President Macron?

- A) To recruit 18- and 19-year-olds for overseas military operations
- B) To enroll young people in a 10-month domestic military service program
- C) To replace compulsory military service with a permanent professional army
- D) To train youths exclusively in cyber warfare
- E) To create a special task force for international peacekeeping missions

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- France will launch a voluntary military service program in 2026 for 18- and 19-year-olds, aiming to start with 3,000 participants and expand to 50,000 by 2035.
- The program includes 10 months of service: 1 month of basic military and weapons training, followed by 9 months of deployment within French territory.
- Participants will receive a salary and will join missions such as Operation Sentinel, France's domestic security mission since 2015.
- The objective is to strengthen national security and increase youth participation through structured military service.

EXAM
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Ques: What is the purpose of the global Call for Nominations announced by MeitY and UN Women India?

- A) To fund AI startups in India
- B) To develop AI tools for the education sector
- C) To compile a compendium showcasing AI solutions advancing gender equality
- D) To regulate the use of AI in social media platforms
- E) To train government employees in AI technologies

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and UN Women India have announced a global Call for Nominations to create a compendium highlighting real-world AI solutions that advance gender equality.
- The compendium is being jointly developed by IndiaAI and UN Women India to give innovators, researchers, and practitioners a platform to showcase validated and scalable AI-driven solutions.

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Ques: Which country is the world's largest producer of milk, as per the latest livestock report 2024–25?

- A) United States
- B) Brazil
- C) China
- D) India
- E) Germany

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The annual livestock report released by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj highlights India as the world's largest milk producer with 247.87 million tonnes in 2024–25, a 3.58% year-on-year increase.
- Per capita milk availability in India increased to 485 g/day from 468 g/day.
- The top milk-producing states (contributing 54.09% of total output) are Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Maharashtra.
- Milk production growth by animal type: Crossbred cattle +4.97%, Indigenous cattle +3.51%, Buffaloes +2.45%.
- India is also the 2nd largest egg producer (149.11 billion eggs) and ranks 4th in meat production (10.50 million tonnes). Wool production stands at 34.57 million kg, led by Rajasthan.





Ques: Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) has been recently granted which status by the Government of India?

- A) Maharatna
- B) Miniratna Category II
- C) Navratna
- D) Schedule B
- E) Strategic CPSE

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), a state-run refinery in Assam and a subsidiary of Oil India Limited, has been granted Navratna status by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance.
- NRL operates under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and has become the 27th Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) to receive Navratna status.
- To qualify for Navratna status, a CPSE must be Miniratna Category-I, a Schedule 'A' company, have "excellent" or "very good" MoU ratings in at least 3 of the last 5 years, and score 60 or above in six performance indicators including profitability and management efficiency.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the newest brand ambassador of DP World?

- A) Sachin Tendulkar
- B) Tommy Fleetwood
- C) Rohit Sharma
- D) Virat Kohli
- E) Abhishek Sharma

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indian cricketer Abhishek Sharma has been appointed as the newest brand ambassador of global logistics firm DP World.
- He becomes the third athlete in DP World's expanding sports roster, joining Sachin Tendulkar and English golfer Tommy Fleetwood.
- Abhishek Sharma scored 314 runs in seven innings and was named Player of the Tournament in the 2025 DP World Asia Cup.

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Ques: Where was the 7th edition of the India International Seaweed Expo and Summit held?

- A) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- B) Kolkata, West Bengal
- C) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- D) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- E) Kochi, Kerala

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 7th edition of the India International Seaweed Expo and Summit was held in Kochi, Kerala.
- The event was organised by ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Indian Chamber of Commerce, and CSIR–Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute.
- Participants included countries such as Brazil, Sri Lanka, the Netherlands, and Sweden.

EXAM
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Ques: How many products from Tamil Nadu now have the GI tag after the latest additions?

- A) 62
- B) 68
- C) 70
- D) 74
- E) 80

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Tamil Nadu has secured the GI tag for five traditional products: Woraiyur Cotton Sari, Kavindapadi Nattu Sakkarai (Jaggery Powder), Namakkal Makkal Pathirangal (Soapstone Cookware), Thooyamalli Rice Variety, and Ambasamudram Choppu Saman (Wooden Toys).
- With these five additions, the total number of GI-tagged products from Tamil Nadu has increased to 74.
- The GI tag protects the uniqueness, cultural heritage, and authenticity of local products, helping preserve traditional knowledge.

EXAM
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Ques: Which metro system has been recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's longest fully driverless metro?

- A) Dubai Metro
- B) Riyadh Metro
- C) Singapore MRT
- D) Shanghai Metro
- E) London Underground

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Riyadh Metro in Saudi Arabia has been recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's longest fully driverless metro system.
- The metro spans a total length of 176 km across 6 integrated lines and 85 stations.
- It operates on GOA 4 (Grade of Automation 4), meaning it is completely driverless and managed through centralized control centers for safety and efficiency.
- Part of the King Abdulaziz Project for Riyadh Public Transport, it aims to reduce congestion and support low-emission transportation.
- The network consists of elevated, underground, and at-grade corridors and uses around 190 fully automated trains from Siemens, Bombardier, and Alstom.

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Ques: What is the main role of the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) in India?

- A) To manage India's coastal tourism initiatives
- B) To anchor India's polar and oceanic exploration
- C) To regulate India's inland waterways
- D) To oversee India's fisheries exports
- E) To promote marine biotechnology startups

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) serves as the anchor for India's polar and oceanic exploration.
- NCPOR operates permanent Indian research stations in Antarctica (DakshinGangotri, Maitri, Bharati), the Arctic (Himadri), and the Himalayas (Himansh).
- The center supports scientific research on climate, oceanography, polar biology, and environmental monitoring.
- India has major initiatives under NCPOR, including a new research station Maitri-II and the first indigenous ice-class research vessel.
- Antarctica holds nearly 70% of the world's fresh water, making NCPOR's research crucial for understanding global sea levels and climate stability.

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Ques: What is the name of the proposed UPI-like addressing system by the Department of Posts?

- A) ADRS
- B) DIGIPIN Hub
- C) DHRUVA
- D) NPAAS
- E) e-Bharat Address

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department of Posts has proposed a new interoperable, standardised, and user-centric addressing system called DHRUVA (Digital Hub for Reference and Unique Virtual Address).
- The system will use UPI-like smart labels such as “name@entity” as a proxy for physical addresses.
- Smart labels will be powered by DIGIPIN, a 10-character alphanumeric code representing precise latitude-longitude, covering around 14 sq. metre land patches.
- Users can grant limited, consent-based access to firms for specific periods, with re-authorisation required afterward; private companies can join as address service providers under the consent architecture managed by Address Information Agents (AIAs).

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Ques: Which team won the 31st Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2025 in men's field hockey?

- A) India
- B) Belgium
- C) New Zealand
- D) Malaysia
- E) South Korea

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Belgium national men's field hockey team defeated India 1-0 in the final to win their first-ever Sultan Azlan Shah Cup at the 31st edition held in Ipoh, Malaysia.
- With this win, Belgium secured the gold medal, while India earned the silver medal.
- New Zealand won the bronze medal with a 6–1 victory over host Malaysia.

About 31st Sultan Azlan Shah Cup:

- **Organiser:** Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC), sanctioned by the International Hockey Federation
- **Participants:** Belgium, India, New Zealand, Malaysia, Canada, and South Korea
- **Tournament:** 15 matches played with 92 goals scored
- **Top Scorer:** Tom Boon (Belgium) scored 6 goals, becoming the tournament's leading scorer





Ques: Which Indian Navy ship is the 4th Nilgiri-class (Project 17A) stealth frigate recently delivered?

- A) INS Nilgiri
- B) INS Taragiri
- C) INS Himgiri
- D) INS Udaygiri
- E) INS Shivalik

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- INS Taragiri, the 4th ship of the Nilgiri-class (Project 17A) stealth frigates, was delivered to the Indian Navy at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai.
- The ship features advanced stealth design, automation, and improved survivability, and is a next-generation version of the earlier INS Taragiri (1980–2013).
- Designed by the Warship Design Bureau and built using integrated construction methodology, Taragiri was delivered in 81 months, faster than the first P17A ship.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What distinction has Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport recently achieved?

- A) First carbon-neutral airport in India
- B) First water-positive airport handling over 40 million passengers
- C) First airport with 100% renewable energy use
- D) First airport to deploy automated baggage handling
- E) First airport with zero waste management certification

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has become India's first water-positive airport among facilities handling over 40 million passengers annually.
- A water-positive facility replenishes more freshwater than it consumes.
- The achievement was formally recognised at the Water Innovation Summit 2025 under the NITI Aayog–CII water neutrality framework.
- The airport has deployed 625 rainwater harvesting structures and two new underground reservoirs with a combined 9-million-litre capacity to enhance capture, recharge, and storage.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is commemorated on December 2 in India as National Pollution Control Day?

- A) To raise awareness about air pollution
- B) To honour the victims of the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy
- C) To promote water conservation
- D) To celebrate achievements in renewable energy
- E) To mark the foundation of the Central Pollution Control Board

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- December 2 is observed as National Pollution Control Day in India to honour the victims of the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy.
- The theme for 2025 is “Sustainable Living for a Greener Future.”
- The Bhopal Gas Tragedy, India’s first major industrial disaster, occurred on the night of 2–3 December 1984 when nearly 45 tons of Methyl Isocyanate leaked from the Union Carbide India Limited pesticide plant in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

EXAM
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Ques: How many Aadhaar authentication transactions were executed in November 2025?

- A) 219 crore
- B) 231 crore
- C) 250 crore
- D) 200 crore
- E) 245 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Aadhaar number holders executed 231 crore authentication transactions in November 2025, showing a growth of almost 8.5% compared to November 2024.
- In October 2025, 219.51 crore transactions were recorded, indicating month-on-month growth.
- Nearly 60% of Digital Life Certificates generated by pensioners used Aadhaar face authentication; overall, 28.29 crore face authentication transactions were done in November 2025, up from 12.04 crore in November 2024.
- e-KYC transactions also rose significantly to 47.19 crore in November 2025, a more than 24% increase from November 2024.





Ques: ESAF Small Finance Bank recently received an upgraded ESG rating. What is its new ESG score as per CareEdge Ratings?

- A) 62.3
- B) 68.1
- C) 71.9
- D) 75.4
- E) 82.6

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- ESAF Small Finance Bank received one of the highest ESG ratings in Indian banking.
- CareEdge ESG Ratings upgraded its score to 75.4, placing the bank in the CareEdge-ESG 1 category.
- The previous year's ESG score was 68.1, showing a significant improvement.
- ESAF SFB demonstrated strong performance across Environmental, Social, and Governance parameters with best-in-class disclosures.
- The Social pillar score was 82.6, well above the industry median.
- Key strengths include community development programmes, priority-sector lending, and a women-centric financial inclusion model.
- With a score of 75.4, ESAF SFB ranks among the top-performing institutions under the SEBI ESG framework.

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Ques: As per NABARD, agricultural credit from banks is expected to reach what level in FY26?

- A) ₹25 lakh crore
- B) ₹28.69 lakh crore
- C) ₹30 lakh crore
- D) ₹32.5 lakh crore
- E) ₹35 lakh crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Credit to agriculture from commercial banks and regional rural banks (RRBs) is expected to exceed ₹32.5 lakh crore in FY26, the highest ever, according to NABARD.
- This growth is driven by rising formalisation of rural lending and increasing credit demand.
- In the first half of FY26, banks have already disbursed ₹14.51 lakh crore in farm loans.
- FY25 performance: Total agriculture credit was ₹28.69 lakh crore, provided by commercial banks, cooperatives, and RRBs.
- Loan share: 60% short-term crop loans and 40% investment credit (agriculture and allied sectors).
- Regional disparity: Southern states (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu) received 48% of agricultural loans in FY25, despite having only 17% of India's gross cropped area.
- NABARD identifies the causes as weak rural financial infrastructure and low financial literacy in many other states.

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Ques: Russia will become which number member of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?

- A) 15th
- B) 17th
- C) 18th
- D) 19th
- E) 21st

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Russia has approved the framework agreement to join the India-led International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).
- With this, Russia will become the 19th member nation of the alliance, which works to protect seven big cat species including tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, and puma.
- IBCA was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April 2023 and is headquartered in New Delhi, with a one-time budget support of ₹150 crore for 2023–24 to 2027–28.

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Ques: What is the primary purpose of CoEFA launched by the CAG in Hyderabad?

- A) To provide financial loans to PSEs
- B) To serve as a knowledge-driven platform for transforming public sector financial auditing
- C) To offer training for tax collection officers
- D) To develop urban infrastructure projects
- E) To regulate stock exchanges in India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, K Sanjay Murthy, launched the Centre of Excellence for Financial Audit (CoEFA) in Hyderabad.
- CoEFA is designed as a knowledge-driven platform to transform financial auditing in the public sector, focusing on Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs), autonomous bodies, and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- The initiative addresses the need for modernisation in public finance systems, leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and technology-enabled, insight-driven auditing practices.

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Ques: Archaeologists recently discovered a well-preserved pottery vessel beneath which lake in Japan?

- A) Lake Biwa
- B) Lake Kawaguchi
- C) Lake Ashi
- D) Lake Tazawa
- E) Lake Inawashiro

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Archaeologists discovered a well-preserved pottery vessel beneath Lake Biwa, Japan, at the Tsuzuraozaki underwater ruins, 64 metres deep.
- The pottery is estimated to be over 10,000 years old, dating to the early Jomon period, and has a height of 25 cm.
- It is one of the oldest and most intact pottery vessels in the world, providing rare insights into prehistoric ceramic craftsmanship in Japan.
- The lake's unique environment helped prevent decay over millennia.
- The Tsuzuraozaki site was first explored in the 1920s and is long known for submerged prehistoric remains.

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Ques: Which company has been contracted to develop and operate the proposed temple museum in Ayodhya?

- A) Tata Sons
- B) Adani Group
- C) Reliance Industries
- D) Larsen & Toubro
- E) Mahindra & Mahindra

Answer: Option A

Explanation: • The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the expansion of the proposed temple museum in Ayodhya, assigning Tata Sons to develop and operate the project on a total area of 52.102 acres.

- Earlier, 25 acres of nazul land in Manjha Jamthara village had been approved for transfer for 90 years. Tata Sons requested additional land to match the architectural scale envisioned.
- Accordingly, an additional 27.102 acres will be transferred, taking the total project area to 52.102 acres.

About Uttar Pradesh:

- Capital: Lucknow
- CM: Yogi Adityanath
- Governor: Anandiben Patel

EXAM
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Ques: Who inaugurated India's first private navigation technology hub, Anant Centre of Excellence for Navigation (ACEN)?

- A) S. Somnath
- B) K. Sivan
- C) V. Narayanan
- D) G. Satheesh Reddy
- E) R. H. Srinivasan

Answer: Option C

Explanation: • V. Narayanan, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), inaugurated the Anant Centre of Excellence for Navigation (ACEN) at Kinfra Park, Thiruvananthapuram.

- ACEN, established by Ananth Technologies Limited, is India's first private navigation technology hub.

- The centre supports technology for satellites, launch vehicles, rockets, missiles, aircraft, UAVs, ships, submarines, mapping, surveying, disaster management, and civil transportation and logistics.

EXAM
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Ques: What milestone did the Turkish UAV Bayraktar Kizilelma achieve recently?

- A) First UAV to carry nuclear payload
- B) First UAV to refuel mid-air autonomously
- C) First UAV to shoot down a jet-powered aircraft using a BVR missile
- D) First UAV to perform supersonic flight
- E) First UAV to operate at 50,000 ft altitude

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Turkish uncrewed fighter jet Bayraktar Kizilelma successfully shot down a jet-powered aircraft using a Beyond-Visual-Range (BVR) missile, marking the first recorded instance of a UAV achieving this globally.
- The missile was fired from an under-wing station after the target was detected and tracked by the indigenous MURAD AESA radar, developed by ASELSAN.
- Technical specifications include length 14.5 m, wingspan 10 m, height 3.5 m, payload 1,500 kg, maximum take-off weight 8.5 tons, maximum speed 0.9 Mach, cruise speed 0.6 Mach, combat radius 500 nautical miles, operational altitude 25,000 ft, and endurance over 3 hours.

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Ques: Which company has NHAI partnered with to introduce a telecom-based safety alert system on national highways?

- A) Airtel
- B) Vodafone Idea
- C) Reliance Jio
- D) BSNL
- E) Tata Communications

Answer: Option C

Explanation: • NHAI has signed an MoU with Reliance Jio to introduce a telecom-based safety alert system across the National Highway network.

- Using Jio's 4G and 5G network, travellers will receive advance warnings on their mobile phones at identified risk locations such as accident-prone stretches, stray cattle zones, fog-affected areas, and emergency diversions.
- Alerts will be sent via SMS, WhatsApp, and high-priority calls, and the system will be integrated in phases with NHAI digital platforms, including the Rajmargyatra app and helpline number 1033.

About NHAI:

- Established: 1995
- HQ: Dwarka, Delhi
- Chairman: Santosh Kumar Yadav

EXAM
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Ques: Who were named the World Athletes of the Year 2025 in the men's and women's categories?

- A) Armand Duplantis & Elaine Thompson-Herah
- B) Usain Bolt & Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone
- C) Armand Duplantis & Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone
- D) Christian Coleman & Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce
- E) Jakob Ingebrigtsen & Sha'Carri Richardson

Answer: Option C

Explanation: • Swedish pole vault star and double Olympic champion Armand “Mondo” Duplantis won the Men’s World Athlete of the Year 2025 title for the third time, having previously won in 2020 and 2022.

- American sprinter Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone won the Women’s World Athlete of the Year 2025 award for the second time, having first won it in 2022.
- The awards were presented at the 2025 World Athletics Awards ceremony held in Monaco.

List of Winners at World Athletics Awards 2025:

- Women’s World Athlete of the Year: Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (USA)
- Men’s World Athlete of the Year: Mondo Duplantis (Sweden)
- Women’s Track Athlete of the Year: Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (USA)
- Men’s Track Athlete of the Year: Emanuel Wanyonyi (Kenya)
- Women’s Field Athlete of the Year: Nicola Olyslagers (Australia)
- Men’s Field Athlete of the Year: Mondo Duplantis (Sweden)
- Women’s Out of Stadium Athlete of the Year : Maria Perez (Spain)
- Men’s Out of Stadium Athlete of the Year : Sabastian Sawe (Kenya)
- Women’s Rising Star : Zhang Jiale (China)
- Men’s Rising Star : Edmund Serem (Kenya)
- Coaching Achievement Award : Michael O’Connor (Ireland)
- President’s Award : Bruce McAvaney (Australian Sports Commentator)
- Woman of the Year : Ruth Jepchumba Bundotich (Kenya)
- International Fair Play Award : Tim Van de Velde (Belgium)
- Photograph of the Year : Vegard Grott (Norway)
- Member Federation Award : China





Ques: Which Union Minister inaugurated the Semiconductor Process Gallery and PARANGAT Semiconductor Training Lab at SCL Mohali?

- A) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- B) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Jitendra Singh
- E) Manoj Sinha

Answer: Option B

Explanation: • Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), inaugurated the Semiconductor Process Gallery and PARANGAT Semiconductor Training Lab at the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) in Mohali, Punjab.

- He announced that the Government of India is investing Rs. 4,500 crore to modernise and expand SCL Mohali.
- During the inauguration, 28 chips developed by various institutions and startups were handed over.

EXAM
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Ques: India recently announced a 30-day free tourist visa for citizens of which country?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation: • India has introduced a 30-day free tourist visa and, for the first time, free 30-day group visas for Russian nationals to boost tourism.

- PM Narendra Modi announced that free electronic visas will soon be issued to Russian tourists and groups.
- Russia is a key tourism source market for India, with arrivals steadily recovering post-pandemic.
- The scheme aims to enhance tourism, create business opportunities, and generate employment.

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Ques: What is the main objective of GIFT City in Gujarat regarding Intellectual Property (IP)?

- A) To become a global manufacturing hub
- B) To provide education and research facilities
- C) To host only fintech companies
- D) To act as a tourism and convention hub
- E) To develop an IP-holding and registration centre

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City) aims to become a major IP (Intellectual Property) centre, attracting Indian and foreign firms to register and hold IP in India.
- The model is inspired by Guernsey, a global IP-holding jurisdiction, and the city offers business-friendly features such as tax advantages, relaxed currency rules, single-window clearances, and a stable legal framework.
- GIFT City hosts India's first operational smart city and GIFT IFSC (International Financial Services Centre), providing facilities in banking, capital markets, funds, insurance, fintech, leasing, and more.
- The IFSCA is exploring proposals to allow IP registration and IP-based financing at GIFT City, creating an onshore alternative to offshore IP jurisdictions.
- Potential offerings include licensing, royalty structures, and cross-border transactions inside India.

EXAM
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Ques: Pakistan and Egypt recently decided to revive bilateral engagement after years of limited interaction. When are the two countries expected to resume formal political consultations?

- A) Late 2025
- B) Early 2026
- C) Mid 2026
- D) Late 2026
- E) Early 2027

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Pakistan and Egypt agreed to revitalise bilateral cooperation across economic, commercial, cultural, and defence sectors after years of limited engagement.
- Their Joint Ministerial Commission last met in 2010, and no formal political consultations have taken place since then.
- Both countries have agreed to resume political consultations in early 2026.
- Plans include revitalising institutional frameworks to ensure consistent dialogue.
- Pakistan will share a list of 250 business houses with Egypt to boost trade, with the list expected to expand to 500 within three months.
- Visa facilitation for Pakistani entrepreneurs will be expedited, and a Pakistan–Egypt Business Council will be created to institutionalise private-sector cooperation.

EXAM
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Ques: Maruti Suzuki India's amalgamation with which subsidiary became effective from December 1, 2025?

- A) Suzuki Motor Punjab
- B) Suzuki Motor Gujarat
- C) Suzuki Motor Maharashtra
- D) Suzuki Motor Rajasthan
- E) Suzuki Motor Karnataka

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) announced that its amalgamation with Suzuki Motor Gujarat (SMG), a wholly owned subsidiary of MSI, became effective from December 1, 2025.
- The merger scheme was sanctioned by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), and MSI filed the certified copy of the order with the Registrar of Companies (RoC), Delhi.
- As a result of the merger, the authorised share capital of MSI increased by ₹15,000 crore.

EXAM
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Ques: Which organisation recently conducted a successful high-speed rocket-sled test of a fighter aircraft escape system?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) HAL
- D) ADA
- E) BEL

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a high-speed rocket-sled test of a fighter aircraft escape system at controlled velocity.
- The test, carried out at the Rail Track Rocket Sled facility of the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory in Chandigarh, validated canopy severance, ejection sequencing, and complete aircrew recovery.
- The test was conducted in collaboration with Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

EXAM
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Ques: Which IPL allrounder recently announced his retirement and will join KKR as their “Power Coach”?

- A) Sunil Narine
- B) Shreyas Iyer
- C) Dinesh Karthik
- D) Pat Cummins
- E) Andre Russell

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Andre Russell, the 37-year-old Jamaican cricketer, has announced his retirement from IPL cricket after a decade-long association with Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR).
- Russell first entered the IPL in 2012 with Delhi Daredevils and became a KKR icon from 2014 onwards.
- He played 133 matches for Kolkata in the famous purple and gold, winning two IPL titles in 2014 and 2024.
- Russell was also named IPL MVP twice, in 2015 and 2019.
- Post-retirement, he will join KKR as their new “Power Coach” ahead of the IPL 2026 mini-auction in Abu Dhabi.

EXAM
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Ques: India was recently re-elected to which UNESCO body for the 2025–2029 term?

- A) UNESCO World Heritage Committee
- B) UNESCO Executive Board
- C) UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee
- D) UNESCO Science Committee
- E) UNESCO Cultural Committee

Answer: Option B

Explanation: • The Indian Permanent Delegation to UNESCO announced that India was re-elected to the UNESCO Executive Board for the 2025–2029 term.

- The announcement was made during the 43rd UNESCO General Conference held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- India was first elected to the UNESCO Executive Board in 1952, soon after joining UNESCO in 1946, and has been re-elected multiple times, including in 2017.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Indian state celebrated its 63rd Statehood Day on 1 December 2025?

- A) Manipur
- B) Nagaland
- C) Mizoram
- D) Meghalaya
- E) Tripura

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Nagaland celebrated its 63rd Statehood Day on 1 December 2025, having become the 16th state of India in 1963.
- The 26th edition of the Hornbill Festival was inaugurated at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, Nagaland.
- The festival will run for 10 days, and the opening ceremony was marked by the sounding of the traditional Gong.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of America NA in India?

- A) Kaku Nakhate
- B) Vikram Sahu
- C) Shombi Sharp
- D) Antonio Guterres
- E) Bhupender Yadav

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Vikram Sahu has been appointed as the CEO of Bank of America NA (BANA) in India for a three-year tenure.
- He replaces Kaku Nakhate, who has been elevated to the role of Chair of Bank of America India.
- Bank of America NA India was established in 1964 and is headquartered in Mumbai.

EXAM
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Ques: As per Fitch Ratings' Global Economic Outlook (December 2025), what is India's revised GDP growth forecast for FY26?

- A) 6.2%
- B) 6.4%
- C) 6.9%
- D) 7.4%
- E) 7.8%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Fitch Ratings' "Global Economic Outlook – December 2025" revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 upward to 7.4% from the earlier estimate of 6.9%.
- The report projects India's GDP growth to slow to 6.4% in FY27 and further moderate to 6.2% in FY28.

EXAM
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Ques: Why did India's GST collections soften in November 2025?

- A) Decline in exports
- B) Rationalisation move reducing GST rates on hundreds of items
- C) Increase in fuel prices
- D) Delayed tax filings
- E) Economic slowdown

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- GST collections softened due to the rationalisation move that reduced indirect tax rates on 375 items, including soaps and small cars, consolidating slabs to 5% and 18%.
- Gross GST revenue rose only 0.7% year-on-year to ₹1,70,276 crore in November 2025, compared to ₹1.95 lakh crore in October 2025.
- The move also introduced a 40% slab for sin and luxury goods and removed the compensation cess.

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Ques: What was India's current account deficit (CAD) as a percentage of GDP in Q2 FY26?

- A) 0.2%
- B) 4.1%
- C) 2.2%
- D) 3.0%
- E) 1.3%

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India's CAD moderated to \$12.3 billion in Q2 FY26 (July–September 2025), which is 1.3% of GDP, compared to \$20.8 billion (2.2% of GDP) in the same period last year.
- The merchandise trade deficit narrowed to \$87.4 billion from \$88.5 billion a year earlier.
- Non-resident deposits declined from \$6.2 billion to \$2.5 billion.

EXAM
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Ques: What measures has the RBI announced to inject durable liquidity amid rupee depreciation?

- A) Repo rate hike
- B) Open Market Operation purchases & dollar–rupee swaps
- C) Cash reserve ratio reduction
- D) Forex intervention only
- E) Government bond buyback

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI announced OMO purchases of government securities worth ₹1 trillion and a three-year \$5 billion dollar–rupee buy/sell swap to inject durable liquidity.
- These measures help offset liquidity drained by foreign investor outflows when the rupee is under pressure.
- OMO purchases replenish liquidity in banks by providing permanent funds.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in India in December 2025?

- A) Shombi Sharp
- B) Antonio Guterres
- C) Stefan Priesner
- D) Ban Ki-moon
- E) K. Narayanan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Stefan Priesner of Austria as the UN Resident Coordinator in India.
- His four-year term began on 1 December 2025 and will continue until 2029.
- Stefan Priesner succeeds Shombi Sharp in this role.

EXAM
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Ques: India and Russia have set what target for bilateral trade by 2030?

- A) \$50 billion
- B) \$70 billion
- C) \$85 billion
- D) \$100 billion
- E) \$120 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India and Russia plan to increase bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030, up from the current \$70 billion.
- Both countries agreed to promote trade in national currencies and reduce reliance on the US dollar, with 96% of current transactions already in national currencies.
- Russia assured uninterrupted supply of fuel (oil, gas, coal), while India emphasized a swift FTA with the Eurasian Economic Union.
- Both nations aim to strengthen industrial cooperation, technology partnerships, and investment ties.
- The current trade gap is driven by high oil imports from Russia—India imported \$63.81 billion worth of goods and exported \$4.81 billion in 2024-25.

EXAM
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Ques: Who inaugurated the Saras Ajeevika Food Festival 2025 in New Delhi?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the Saras Ajeevika Food Festival 2025 in New Delhi.
- The festival will run until 9th December 2025 and showcases food from 25 states, reflecting India's cultural diversity.
- It emphasizes self-reliance, indigenous products, and traditional, home-grown culinary practices from across India.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: At which venue was the World Summit on Disaster Management (WSDM) and the 20th Uttarakhand State Science & Technology Conference 2025 held?

- A) AIIMS Rishikesh
- B) IIT Roorkee
- C) UCS&T Complex, Almora
- D) Doon University
- E) Graphic Era Silver Jubilee Convention Centre, Dehradun

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The World Summit on Disaster Management (WSDM) and the 20th Uttarakhand State Science & Technology Conference 2025 were held at the Graphic Era Silver Jubilee Convention Centre in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- The event was inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Science and Technology.
- Hosted by the Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST), the summit highlighted advancements in disaster management and science & technology.
- Uttarakhand is set to get 3 new Doppler Weather Radars at Haridwar, Pantnagar, and Auli, in addition to the existing 3 radars.
- During the event, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami presented the 'Young Women Scientists Achievement Award-2025' and the 'UCOST Young Women Scientist Excellence Award'.

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Ques: India is setting up a 2 mtpa urea plant in Russia in partnership with which Russian company?

- A) Gazprom
- B) Rosneft
- C) Uralchem JSC
- D) Norilsk Nickel
- E) Sibur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Russia's Uralchem JSC signed a joint venture agreement with Indian Potash Ltd (IPL), Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilisers (RCF), and National Fertilisers Ltd (NFL) to set up a 2 million tonnes per annum (2 mtpa) urea plant in Russia.
- Total investment in the project is \$1.2 billion (₹10,790 crore), with operations expected to start in 2027–28.
- In the joint venture, Uralchem JSC will hold 50% stake, while Indian partners IPL (22.5%), RCF (22.5%), and NFL (5%) share the remaining 50%.
- India is expected to have the first right to purchase at least 50% of the urea produced.

EXAM
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Ques: Where did the 10th edition of the India–Indonesia Joint Special Forces ‘Exercise Garuda Shakti’ begin?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- C) Jakarta, Indonesia
- D) Pune, Maharashtra
- E) Andaman Islands

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 10th edition of the India–Indonesia Joint Special Forces exercise Garuda Shakti began at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.
- Garuda Shakti is a bilateral exercise between India’s Para Special Forces and Indonesia’s special forces, first initiated in 2012.
- The 9th edition, Garuda Shakti 2024, was held in Indonesia.

EXAM
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Ques: Which team won the 15th Manipur Polo International Tournament by defeating Colombia 8–5?

- A) India A
- B) India B (Manipur)
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Argentina
- E) Colombia

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India B (Manipur) defeated Colombia 8–5 to win the 15th Manipur Polo International Tournament.
- The event was a major highlight of the Sangai Festival 2025.
- The final match was held at Mapal Kangjeibung, one of the world's oldest polo grounds.
- The match showcased fast gameplay, strong coordination, and a dominant performance by the home team.

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Ques: Exercise Harimau Shakti-2025 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Thailand
- C) Malaysia
- D) Singapore
- E) Vietnam

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 5th edition of the India–Malaysia joint military exercise Harimau Shakti-2025 was held at Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan, from 5–18 December 2025.
- Indian contingent mainly comprised the DOGRA Regiment; Malaysian side was represented by the 25th Battalion, Royal Malaysian Army.
- Aim: To rehearse Sub-Conventional Operations under UN Chapter VII and enhance joint counter-terrorism response.
- Activities included cordon & search, heliborne operations, search & destroy missions, Army Martial Arts Routine (AMAR), combat reflex shooting, and yoga sessions.
- The exercise focused on interoperability, casualty evacuation, securing helipads, and peacekeeping-oriented operations.





Ques: India will benchmark its global performance under which platform by tracking 26 international indices?

- A) SDG Monitoring Platform
- B) Global Indices for Reforms and Growth (GIRG)
- C) India Vision 2047 Index
- D) Global Competitiveness Framework
- E) National Performance Benchmark System

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India will benchmark its performance against 26 global indices under the Global Indices for Reforms and Growth (GIRG) platform.
- Announcement made in Parliament by Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of State for Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- Indices tracked across four themes: Economy, Development, Governance, and Industry, published by 16 international agencies.
- NITI Aayog's DMEO will coordinate the effort; 17 nodal ministries assigned specific indices for improvement.
- Key indices include Democracy Index, Network Readiness Index, Global Hunger Index, and Climate Change Performance Index.

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Ques: What is the primary purpose of the TEAM (Trade Enablement and Marketing) Initiative under RAMP?

- A) Promote foreign direct investment
- B) Facilitate MSMEs to participate in e-commerce
- C) Provide loans to large corporations
- D) Develop smart cities
- E) Support agriculture exports

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- TEAM is a sub-scheme of RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) with a central sector outlay of ₹277.35 crore for 2024–2027.
- Its main aim is to help Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) participate in e-commerce using Digital Public Infrastructure.
- Provides MSMEs with direct access to ONDC, ready-made online storefronts, integrated digital payments, logistics support, and capacity-building workshops.
- The initiative targets 5 lakh MSEs, with 50% reservations for women-owned enterprises.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the primary objective of the PAHAL scheme (Direct Benefit Transfer of LPG)?

- A) To provide free LPG cylinders
- B) To ensure uniform retail price and direct subsidy transfer to consumers
- C) To promote LPG use in industries
- D) To export LPG to foreign countries
- E) To set up LPG manufacturing plants

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PAHAL (Pratyaksh Hanstantarit Labh) was launched in January 2015 to ensure uniform retail prices for LPG cylinders across India and directly credit subsidies to consumer bank accounts, making the system transparent and accountable.
- Aadhaar-based verification, biometric authentication, and data cleansing have improved targeting, eliminated ghost, inactive, and duplicate connections, and reduced diversion of subsidised LPG to commercial use.
- Since its launch, 8.63 lakh PMUY connections were terminated for ineligibility, and a new SOP introduced in Jan 2025 targeted non-refill users, resulting in 20,000 inactive connections terminated by 1 Nov 2025.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Indian fast bowler recently announced his retirement from all formats of cricket?

- A) Mohit Sharma
- B) Bhuvneshwar Kumar
- C) Jasprit Bumrah
- D) Mohammed Shami
- E) Umesh Yadav

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Mohit Sharma, an Indian fast bowler, announced his retirement from all formats of cricket.
- He made his India debut in 2013 and played 26 ODIs (31 wickets) and 8 T20Is (6 wickets), including the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup where he took 13 wickets as India reached the semi-finals.
- In the Indian Premier League (IPL), he played over 120 matches, won the Purple Cap in 2014, and finished as the second-highest wicket-taker in IPL 2023 with 27 wickets.

EXAM
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Ques: For how long has discus thrower Seema Punia been suspended for a doping violation?

- A) 8 months
- B) 12 months
- C) 16 months
- D) 24 months
- E) 30 months

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Seema Punia, a former Asian Games gold medallist, tested positive for a banned substance and has been suspended for 16 months starting from November 10, 2025.
- The suspension was imposed by the National Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel.
- Seema Punia is among India's top discus throwers with multiple international medals.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Indian Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) ranked 44th in the SIPRI Top 100 Arms-Producing and Military Services Companies, 2024?

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)
- C) DRDO
- D) BHEL
- E) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- As per the SIPRI Top 100 Arms-Producing and Military Services Companies 2024 report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) ranked 44th globally with a total revenue of USD 4,010 million.
- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) was 58th with USD 2,750 million, and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) was 91st with USD 1,370 million.
- Lockheed Martin (USA) was top with USD 71,040 million, and the combined arms revenue of the SIPRI Top 100 companies reached USD 679 billion in 2024.
- India's arms revenue rose to USD 7.5 billion in 2024 from USD 6.9 billion in 2023, making up 1.1% of the total revenue of the top 100 companies.

Genius





Ques: Where were the 15th International Sand Art Festival and the 36th Konark Festival inaugurated by Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi?

- A) Puri Beach
- B) Dhauli Hills
- C) Chilika Lake
- D) Lingaraj Temple
- E) Konark Sun Temple

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi inaugurated the 15th International Sand Art Festival and the 36th Konark Festival at the Konark Sun Temple, Odisha.
- The festivals are organized by the Odisha Tourism Department in collaboration with Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi and Odisha Tourism Development Corporation.
- The Konark Festival, started in 1986, showcases classical dance forms like Odissi, Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Kuchipudi, and Manipuri.
- The events are held with the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Konark Sun Temple, as the backdrop.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Swaraj Kaushal, who recently passed away, held which prominent position in Mizoram?

- A) Chief Minister
- B) Union Minister
- C) Advocate General
- D) Speaker of Legislative Assembly
- E) Governor

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Swaraj Kaushal served as the Governor of Mizoram from 1990 to 1993, becoming one of India's youngest governors.
- He was also the first Advocate General of Mizoram in 1987.
- Kaushal was a distinguished lawyer and politician, and the husband of the late former Union Minister Sushma Swaraj.

EXAM
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Ques: Simone Tata, pioneer of Indian fashion & beauty industry, recently passed away at what age?

- A) 90 years
- B) 92 years
- C) 95 years
- D) 97 years
- E) 100 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Simone Tata (95), Swiss-born businesswoman and pioneer of India's modern beauty and fashion retail industry, passed away in Mumbai after a brief illness.
- She was the second wife of Naval Tata and mother of Noel Tata, who heads Tata Trusts and several Tata companies.
- Simone Tata joined Lakmé in 1961 as Managing Director and transformed it into India's leading cosmetics company.
- She also laid the foundation for Westside, India's popular fashion retail chain under Trent (Tata Group).
- Simone Tata guided several philanthropic organisations, including the Sir Ratan Tata Institute.





Ques: Indian Navy Day 2025 was observed on which date?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Indian Navy Day 2025 was observed on December 4.
- The theme for 2025 was Combat Ready, Cohesive, Credible, and Aatmanirbhar Force.
- The day commemorates the anniversary of Operation Trident, a major naval offensive during the 1971 Indo-Pak war.
- The Navy Day 2025 Operational Demonstration (Op Demo 2025) was held at Shangumugham Beach, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- The event was hosted by Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff.

EXAM
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Ques: How many illegal loan lending apps were recently blocked by the Indian government?

- A) 87
- B) 67
- C) 45
- D) 102
- E) 120

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The government blocked 87 illegal loan lending apps after completing the required legal procedures.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) used Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, to block these apps.
- Companies running illegal online lending activities are subject to inquiries, account inspections, and investigations under the Companies Act, 2013, with legal action taken for any violations.
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs is responsible for enforcing the Companies Act, 2013.

EXAM
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Ques: What decision was taken by the Sanjay Malhotra-headed Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) in its fifth bi-monthly meeting for FY26?

- A) Increased repo rate to 6.0%
- B) Reduced repo rate to 5.25%
- C) Kept repo rate unchanged at 5.50%
- D) Shifted stance to 'accommodative'
- E) Raised CRR by 50 bps

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra-led Monetary Policy Committee held its 58th and fifth bi-monthly meeting for FY26 from December 3 to 5.
- The six-member MPC unanimously voted to reduce the repo rate by 25 basis points—from 5.50% to 5.25%.
- The committee decided to continue with a 'neutral' monetary stance.

Various rates (New vs Old):

- Repo Rate: 5.25% | 5.50%
- Reverse Repo Rate: 3.35% | 3.35%
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): 5.00% | 5.25%
- Marginal Standing Facility Rate: 5.50% | 5.75%
- Bank Rate: 5.50% | 5.75%
- Cash reserve ratio (CRR) : 3.00% (New rate) 3.50% (Old rate)
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) : 18.00% (New rate) 18.00% (Old rate)



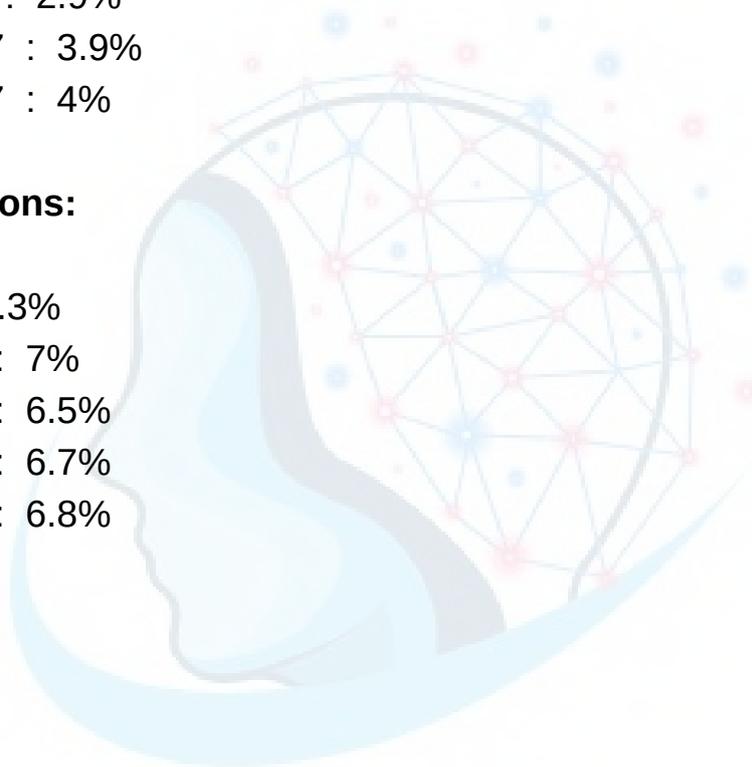


CPI Inflation Projections:

- For FY 2025-26 : 2%
- For Q3 FY 2025-26 : 0.6%
- For Q4 FY 2025-26 : 2.9%
- For Q1 of FY2026-27 : 3.9%
- For Q2 of FY2026-27 : 4%

GDP Growth Projections:

- For FY 2025-26 : 7.3%
- For Q3 FY 2025-26 : 7%
- For Q4 FY 2025-26 : 6.5%
- For Q1 FY 2026-27 : 6.7%
- For Q2 FY 2026-27 : 6.8%



EXAM
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Ques: What does the House Price Index (HPI) track in India?

- A) Agricultural commodity prices
- B) Residential property prices
- C) Stock market trends
- D) Industrial production
- E) Inflation rate

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The House Price Index (HPI), compiled quarterly by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), tracks residential property prices using transaction-level data from registration authorities.
- The new base year for HPI is 2022–23, replacing the earlier 2010–11 base.
- In Q2 FY26, All-India HPI grew 2.2% year-on-year, led by cities like Nagpur, Ghaziabad, and Chandigarh, while the quarterly trend showed a 0.6% decline due to price drops in Kolkata, Chennai, Lucknow, and Hyderabad.
- HPI covers 18 major cities across India, reflecting both rising and falling property prices.

EXAM
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Ques: What is the objective of the 'FPO Shakti' initiative launched by Vrutti in partnership with HSBC India?

- A) Promote urban startups
- B) Support Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) with structured financing
- C) Provide insurance for small businesses
- D) Fund renewable energy projects
- E) Develop e-commerce platforms

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- 'FPO Shakti' is a blended, stage-based financing model designed to help Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) access capital and strengthen their governance, market systems, financial discipline, and digital capabilities over a 24-month structured journey.
- The initiative is supported by HSBC India and Friends of Women's World Banking (FWWB) India, targeting 15 early-growth FPOs initially, with plans to scale to over 100 organisations.
- India has over 44,000 registered FPOs, forming one of the world's largest networks of farmer-owned collectives.

EXAM
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Ques: Which new feature was launched on DigiLocker in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs for citizens to view their passport verification records?

- A) Driving License Verification
- B) Aadhar Verification
- C) Voter ID Verification
- D) PAN Card Verification
- E) Passport Verification Records

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National e-Governance Division, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, launched the “Passport Verification Records” feature on the DigiLocker platform.
- Citizens can now view their PVR in the “Issued Documents” section of DigiLocker after verification through the website or mobile application.
- The feature ensures faster processing, reduced paperwork, secure and tamper-proof records, easy digital sharing, and supports paperless, eco-friendly governance.

EXAM
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Ques: Which team picked 16-year-old Deeya Yadav in the WPL 2026 auction?

- A) Mumbai Indians
- B) UP Warriorz
- C) Royal Challengers Bangalore
- D) Delhi Capitals
- E) Gujarat Giants

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Deeya Yadav, a talented 16-year-old top-order batter from Haryana, became the youngest-ever player to be signed in a WPL auction.
- She was bought by Delhi Capitals for her base price of ₹10 lakh in the WPL 2026 auction.
- Her strong domestic performances—298 runs in the Senior Women's T20 Trophy and 151 runs for North Zone—made her a standout young talent.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and SDC recently launched the second phase of which solar-based agricultural initiative?

- A) Solar Harvest Initiative
- B) Green Agriculture Mission
- C) Solar Farming Catalyst
- D) AgriSolar Plus
- E) SoLAR-Phase II

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The International Water Management Institute (IWMI), in partnership with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), launched the second phase of the Solar Energy for Agricultural Resilience initiative, known as SoLAR-Phase II.
- The initiative will be implemented in India and Bangladesh in South Asia, and Kenya and Ethiopia in East Africa.
- SoLAR-Phase II builds on the achievements and learnings of Phase I, which ran from December 2019 to May 2025.
- It aims to promote sustainable solar energy use in agriculture to enhance climate resilience, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, and strengthen water-energy-food sustainability. • India's Solar Milestone: Under PM-KUSUM, by July 2025, irrigation pumps of more than 1.43 million farmers were solarised.

About IWMI :

- Established : 1985
- HQ : Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Director General : Mark Smith





Ques: Which therapy has the WHO recently recommended for managing obesity as a chronic disease?

- A) Insulin therapy
- B) GLP-1 therapy
- C) Metformin therapy
- D) Bariatric surgery
- E) Statin therapy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Obesity affects over 1 billion people worldwide and was linked to 3.7 million deaths in 2024; without action, it is projected to double by 2030, with an estimated annual economic cost of US\$ 3 trillion.
- WHO released its first guideline recommending the use of GLP-1 (Glucagon-Like Peptide-1) therapies for treating obesity as a chronic, relapsing disease.
- GLP-1 therapies are advised as part of a comprehensive obesity management approach that includes a healthy diet, regular physical activity, and professional support.
- WHO emphasized that obesity requires lifelong care; medicines alone are not sufficient, but GLP-1 therapies can significantly help reduce obesity and related health risks.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Indian company was recognised among the Top 100 Corporate Startup Stars 2025 by the International Chamber of Commerce and Mind the Bridge?

- A) Reliance Industries
- B) Mahindra & Mahindra
- C) Indian Oil Corporation
- D) Tata Group
- E) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) became the only Indian organisation recognised among the Top 100 Corporate Startup Stars 2025 at a ceremony held in Paris by the International Chamber of Commerce and Mind the Bridge.
- The Corporate Startup Stars Awards recognise leading Forbes Global 2000 and Fortune Global 500 companies for commitment to open innovation, startup collaboration, and innovation-driven ecosystem engagement.
- BPCL's flagship startup programme 'Ankur' (launched in 2016) and the BPCL Ankur Fund were honoured for fostering innovation and supporting over 30 startups in cleaner, smarter, and more sustainable energy solutions.
- The BPCL Ankur Fund provides strategic equity investments to early-stage startups aligned with BPCL's long-term priorities.





Ques: How much Central Grant has been released so far under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS)?

- A) ₹25,000 crore
- B) ₹30,000 crore
- C) ₹35,000 crore
- D) ₹37,000 crore
- E) ₹40,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) was launched to enhance the quality and reliability of electricity supply across India.
- The government has released ₹37,000 crore, which is about 38% of the total sanctioned Gross Budgetary Support.
- DISCOMs receive funds only after meeting defined milestones and fulfilling the fund release guidelines.
- Currently, no state has any pending claim with the Ministry of Power related to distribution infrastructure works.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Indian steel company entered the top 5% of global steel companies in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for FY24-25?

- A) Tata Steel
- B) JSW Steel
- C) Essar Steel
- D) Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)
- E) Jindal Stainless Limited

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL) entered the top 5% of global steel companies in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index Corporate Sustainability Assessment for FY24-25.
- JSL secured 4th place in the global steel sector and 1st position in the stainless-steel segment with an ESG score of 78.
- The ESG score includes Environmental (83), Social (73), Governance & Economic (76), Transparency & Reporting (100), and Data Availability Rate (97%).

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is India's total solar energy capacity in 2025?

- A) 75 GW
- B) 98 GW
- C) 110 GW
- D) 129 GW
- E) 150 GW

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's solar energy capacity has expanded from 3 GW in 2014 to 129 GW by 2025.
- This nearly 40-fold growth reflects India's strong push towards clean energy through initiatives such as PM Surya Ghar, PM-KUSUM, and solar park development.
- India's non-fossil fuel power capacity has crossed 50% of the total installed capacity of 500 GW.
- Under PM Surya Ghar, around 24 lakh households adopted rooftop solar, adding about 7 GW capacity with subsidies of ₹13,464.6 crore released.
- PM-KUSUM Component-B enabled installation of about 9.2 lakh standalone solar pumps.
- As of 31 October 2025, 55 solar parks with a total capacity of 40 GW were sanctioned across 13 states.
 - 3rd in Solar Energy
 - 4th in Wind Energy
 - 4th globally in total installed RE capacity

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Ques: Which two organizations signed an agreement to jointly develop the 'MStar™ Global AI Connect' platform?

- A) NITI Aayog & IBM
- B) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) & Hitachi
- C) DST & Microsoft
- D) ISRO & Google
- E) AICTE & Intel

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Hitachi signed an agreement to jointly develop the 'MStar™ Global AI Connect', an AI-driven platform connecting students, educators, institutions, and industry to accelerate Indian innovations from lab to market.
- The initiative supports India's vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047 by strengthening innovation, skill development, and industry-academia collaboration.

About Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):

- Launched: 2016
- AIM 2.0: 2024
- Allocated Budget: ₹2,750 crore (till 31 March 2028)

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Ques: Which Indian languages will Meta soon support for AI-based automatic dubbing and lip-syncing on Instagram and Facebook reels?

- A) Marathi, Bengali, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil
- B) Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Bengali
- C) Gujarati, Punjabi, Marathi, Hindi, Kannada
- D) Assamese, Odia, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi
- E) Malayalam, Marathi, Bengali, Tamil, Kannada

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Meta announced that Instagram and Facebook creators will soon be able to translate their reels into Marathi, Bengali, Telugu, Kannada, and Tamil using AI-based automatic dubbing and lip-syncing.
- The system preserves the creator's original tone and emotion and naturally matches mouth movements.
- Previously, the feature supported only English, Hindi, Spanish, and Portuguese.
- Meta's video-editing app Edits on Android now supports new fonts in Devanagari and Bengali-Assamese scripts, aiding content creation in multiple Indian languages.

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Ques: Where will India host the 20th session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) in December 2025?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Kolkata
- C) Jaipur
- D) New Delhi
- E) Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India will host the 20th session of the UNESCO ICH Committee at the Red Fort (Lal Qila), New Delhi, from 8 to 13 December 2025.
- The Ministry of Culture and Sangeet Natak Akademi are coordinating the event.
- UNESCO adopted the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Paris.
- India has completed three terms on the UNESCO ICH Committee and has 15 elements inscribed so far.
- Chhath Mahaparva and Diwali have been nominated for inclusion this year.

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Ques: Who won the 2nd edition of Jerusalem Masters 2025 by defeating Viswanathan Anand in the final?

- A) Magnus Carlsen
- B) Arjun Erigaisi
- C) Fabiano Caruana
- D) Peter Svidler
- E) Anand Giri

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Chess Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi won the 2nd edition of Jerusalem Masters 2025 by defeating five-time world champion and Indian GM Viswanathan Anand in the final held in Jerusalem, Israel.
- The event was organised by the Israel Ministry of Culture and Sports, Jerusalem Municipality, and the Israeli Chess Federation (ICF).
- The first edition of Jerusalem Masters was held in 2024, where Russian Grandmaster Peter Svidler won the inaugural title.

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Ques: Which campaign did Union Minister Annpurna Devi launch to eliminate child marriage in India?

- A) Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao
- B) 100-Day Intensive Awareness Campaign for a Child Marriage Free Bharat
- C) Poshan Abhiyaan
- D) Saksham Bharat
- E) National Child Protection Week

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Annpurna Devi launched the “100-Day Intensive Awareness Campaign for a Child Marriage Free Bharat” at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Child marriage is defined as the marriage of a girl below 18 years or a boy under 21 years; marriages outside these limits are also classified as child marriage if they involve minors.
- The campaign aims to reduce the child marriage rate to below 5% by 2029, coordinating efforts across states and ministries including Health & Family Welfare, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, and Education.
- According to NFHS-5 (2019–21), child marriages in India decreased from 47.4% in 2005–06 to 23.3% in 2019–21.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book “Mohan and Muhammad”?

- A) Ramachandra Guha
- B) Shashi Tharoor
- C) Meghnad Desai
- D) Sugata Bose
- E) Vikram Sampath

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book “Mohan and Muhammad” is written by Meghnad Desai and published by Rupa Publications.
- It highlights the similarities and contrasts between Mohandas Gandhi and Muhammad Ali Jinnah, two major figures in the freedom struggle.
- The book discusses their ideologies, political approaches, and historic interactions during India’s freedom movement.

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Ques: Who authored the book “Bharat: That Is India – Reclaiming Our Real Identity”?

- A) Ram Bahadur Rai
- B) Arif Mohammad Khan
- C) Abhijeet Joag
- D) Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi
- E) V. Nag Subrahmanyam

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) launched the book in New Delhi.
- The book is authored by Abhijeet Joag.
- It provides deep insights into India’s cultural history, heritage, and national identity, highlighting India’s ancient cultural identity rooted in dharma, Advaita Vedanta, and the teachings of Adi Shankaracharya.

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Ques: International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development 2025 was observed on which date?

- A) December 3
- B) December 4
- C) December 5
- D) December 6
- E) December 7

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development 2025 was observed on December 5, 2025.
- The theme was “Every Contribution Matters.”
- The event was held at the UN General Assembly Hall, New York, USA.

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Ques: Which organisation has received SEBI's in-principle approval to register the Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (RIIT) as an Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT)?

- A) NHAI
- B) PGCIL
- C) NTPC
- D) IRCON
- E) GAIL

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) received in-principle approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to register the Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (RIIT) as an Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT).
- This approval was granted under the SEBI (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014.
- To receive the final approval, RIIT must fulfil several conditions over the next 6 months, including appointment of directors, submission of financial statements, and compliance with regulatory norms.
- In November 2025, NHAI incorporated Raajmarg Infra Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd. (RIIMPL) as the Investment Manager for RIIT.

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Ques: Which organisation invested USD 50 million in GFCL EV Products Limited to help set up India's first fully integrated battery materials manufacturing facility?

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) World Bank
- C) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) KfW Development Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) invested USD 50 million (approximately Rs 450 crore) in GFCL EV Products Limited through compulsorily convertible instruments.
- The investment aims to establish India's first fully integrated battery materials manufacturing facility.
- The greenfield facility will focus on large-scale production of Lithium Hexafluorophosphate, electrolyte formulations, Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) cathode materials, and PVDF/PTFE binders used in electric vehicles and energy storage systems.
- Barclays served as the financial advisor to GFCL EV for this transaction.

About International Finance Corporation :

- Established : 1956
- HQ : Washington, D.C., United States
- Managing Director : Makhtar Diop





Ques: According to RBI guidelines, customer communication by Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) must be provided in how many and which languages?

- A) Two – English and Hindi
- B) Two – Regional language and English
- C) Three – Hindi, English, and Regional language
- D) Four – Hindi, English, Sanskrit, and Regional language
- E) One – Only Regional language

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI guidelines mandate that all customer communication by Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) must be trilingual: Hindi, English, and the regional language.
- Banks must adopt a Board-approved policy for branch management to ensure customer-friendly services.
- Indicator boards, service booklets, forms, pay-in slips, and passbooks must be available in all three languages.
- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) instructed Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to strictly follow these regional language guidelines.
- The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) advised PSBs to recruit Local Bank Officers (LBOs) to improve customer communication, especially in rural and semi-urban areas.
- Customer Service Associates (CSAs) must pass a Local Language Proficiency Test (LPT) for the posting location.

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Ques: Which bank has launched the premium 'Luxura' card powered by RuPay?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has launched a premium card named 'Luxura', powered by RuPay.
- The card is available for individuals aged between 21 and 70 years.
- For salaried persons, the income eligibility is ₹2.5 lakh per month and above.
- For non-salaried individuals, the minimum annual income requirement is ₹30 lakh.

About Punjab National Bank:

- Established: 19 May 1894
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- MD & CEO: Ashok Chandra
- Tagline: The Name You Can Bank Upon





Ques: What is the primary aim of SEBI's newly launched Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA)?

- A) To regulate mutual fund NAV calculations
- B) To prevent misleading claims about past performance in financial product advertisements
- C) To monitor insider trading cases
- D) To create a central registry for investment advisors
- E) To certify financial influencers

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SEBI launched the Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA) to prevent misleading claims related to past performance made by Research Analysts, Investment Advisors, and stock brokers in financial product advertisements.
- This is the world's first initiative of its kind, launched in partnership with the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and CARE Edge Ratings.
- Intermediaries submit data via secure API or file upload, which is validated by the PaRRVA–NSE Data Centre (PDC), generating 50+ risk–return metrics with T+1 portfolio checks.
- The move addresses regulatory imbalance where registered intermediaries were restricted from displaying verified past performance while unregistered entities advertised unverifiable returns.
- PaRRVA was initially announced in December 2024 during SEBI's 208th Board Meeting and the operational framework was officially issued in April 2025.
- As per SEBI's circular, a Credit Rating Agency (CRA) with at least 15 years of experience, ₹100 crore net worth, grievance redressal mechanisms (including ODR), and 250+ rated issuers can act as PaRRVA.
- A recognised Stock Exchange with at least 15 years of experience, ₹200 crore net worth, nationwide terminals, and grievance redressal mechanisms (including ODR) can act as PaRRVA Data Centre (PDC).





Ques: When was the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) launched, and what is its total outlay for 2020-21 to 2025-26?

- A) 2019, ₹1,200 crore
- B) 2020, ₹1,480 crore
- C) 2021, ₹1,800 crore
- D) 2022, ₹1,650 crore
- E) 2020, ₹2,000 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) was launched in 2020 by the Ministry of Textiles.
- The total outlay for the period 2020-21 to 2025-26 is ₹1,480 crore.
- The mission focuses on research, innovation, market development, exports, and skill development.
- It promotes the use of technical textiles in sectors such as agriculture, infrastructure, and healthcare.
- NTTM supports 168 research projects worth ₹509 crore and aims to train 50,000 individuals.
- Component II: Promotion and Market Development
- Component III: Export Promotion
- Component IV: Education, Training, and Skill Development





Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)?

- A) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo
- B) Pawan Singh
- C) Raninder Singh
- D) Rajiv Bhatia
- E) Deepak Mishra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo has been appointed as the President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) for a four-year term from 2025 to 2029.
- Pawan Singh has been appointed as the Secretary General of NRAI.
- The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) was established in 1951 and is headquartered in New Delhi.

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Ques: Where and when was the Global Energy Leaders' Summit (GELS) 2025 held?

- A) New Delhi, 1–3 December 2025
- B) Mumbai, 10–12 December 2025
- C) Puri, 5–7 December 2025
- D) Bengaluru, 15–17 December 2025
- E) Hyderabad, 20–22 December 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Global Energy Leaders' Summit (GELS) 2025 was organised by the Government of Odisha in Puri from 5–7 December 2025.
- The theme of the summit was “Powering India: Sufficiency, Balance, Innovation”.
- The summit focused on ensuring adequate and efficient power supply, maintaining the ecology–economy balance, and promoting innovation in the energy sector.
- Emerging trends discussed included small and modular nuclear reactors, green hydrogen, and digital grid security.

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Ques: Which organisation developed India's new citizen-based reporting system for early detection of disease outbreaks?

- A) ICMR
- B) AIIMS
- C) NCDC
- D) DGHS
- E) WHO India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India has launched a citizen-based reporting system to enable early detection of disease outbreaks.
- The system has been developed by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) under the Ministry of Health.
- Citizens can report unusual health events such as fever clusters, diarrhoea, jaundice, dog bites, or food poisoning using a QR code provided on official platforms and awareness materials.
- Users can upload photos or videos to support verification.
- Reports are transmitted in real time to district, state, and national dashboards for rapid review, verification, and investigation by health authorities.

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Ques: As per the latest Poshan Tracker data, what percentage of children assessed in Anganwadi centres were found to be stunted (chronically undernourished)?

- A) 14.41%
- B) 5.03%
- C) 33.54%
- D) 35.5%
- E) 19.3%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Poshan Tracker provides real-time nutrition status of children enrolled in Anganwadi centres, covering 6.44 crore children.
- Latest data shows that 33.54% of assessed children were stunted (chronically undernourished).
- Other indicators include 14.41% underweight and 5.03% wasted (acute malnutrition).
- Compared to NFHS-5 (2019–21), stunting has declined from 35.5%, indicating marginal improvement.
- Improvements are attributed to better service delivery and behaviour-change initiatives under Poshan Abhiyaan.

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Ques: Which country has granted approval to Russia to establish its first-ever naval base in Africa?

- A) Ethiopia
- B) Egypt
- C) Sudan
- D) Kenya
- E) Tanzania

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sudan has approved Russia's plan to establish its first-ever naval base in Africa.
- The base will be located near Port Sudan on the Red Sea, a strategically vital global trade route.
- This location lies along the route connecting the Red Sea to the Suez Canal, which handles about 12% of global trade.
- Under the agreement, Russia can deploy up to 300 personnel and four naval vessels, including nuclear-powered ships.
- The agreement is valid for 25 years and will automatically extend for another 10 years unless either country objects.

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Ques: Who became the youngest player in world chess history to earn an official FIDE rating?

- A) Anish Giri
- B) Praggnanandhaa
- C) Sarwagya Singh Kushwaha
- D) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
- E) Nihal Sarin

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sarwagya Singh Kushwaha, aged 3 years, 7 months, and 20 days, became the youngest player in world chess history to earn an official FIDE rating.
- He broke the previous Indian record held by Anish Sarkar, who achieved a FIDE rating at the age of 3 years, 8 months, and 19 days in November 2024.
- To earn a FIDE rating, a player must defeat at least one rated opponent; Sarwagya exceeded this requirement, highlighting the significance of his achievement.

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Ques: Which company has completed the merger of Star Television Productions Ltd (STPL) with JioStar?

- A) Tata Group
- B) Zee Entertainment
- C) Adani Group
- D) Sony Pictures
- E) Reliance Industries

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Reliance Industries has completed the merger of Star Television Productions Ltd (STPL) with JioStar, effective from 30 November 2025, as per a regulatory filing.
- STPL owns the 'STAR' brand and licenses it to other group companies.
- JioStar is the joint venture formed after the merger of Reliance's media business with Walt Disney's India business in November 2024.
- The combined valuation of the merged entity is \$8.5 billion.
- In February 2025, JioHotstar was launched by merging JioCinema and Disney+ Hotstar into a single OTT platform.

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Ques: Which Defence PSU recently handed over the ICGS Amulya, the 3rd Fast Patrol Vessel for the Indian Coast Guard?

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- C) Goa Shipyard Limited
- D) Hindustan Shipyard
- E) Cochin Shipyard Limited

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), a Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU), handed over ICGS Amulya (Yard 1272) to the Indian Coast Guard.
- ICGS Amulya is the 3rd Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) in a series of 8 vessels being built for the Indian Coast Guard.
- The vessel has a length of 51.43 m, breadth of 8 m, displacement of 330 tonnes, and a draught of 2.5 m.
- It is powered by twin marine diesel engines with controllable pitch propellers (CPP), a first in this FPV class.
- The FPV can achieve a top speed of over 27 knots and has an endurance of 1,500 nautical miles.

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Ques: Which Indian cricketer recently became the fourth Indian to cross 20,000 international runs?

- A) Shikhar Dhawan
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) KL Rahul
- D) Suresh Raina
- E) Gautam Gambhir

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Rohit Sharma crossed the landmark of 20,000 international runs during a high-stakes ODI series decider against South Africa in Visakhapatnam.
- With this feat, he became the 14th player in world cricket and the fourth Indian to achieve 20,000+ international runs.

Top Indian players with 20,000+ international runs:

- Sachin Tendulkar – 34,357 runs
- Virat Kohli – 27,910 runs
- Rahul Dravid – 24,064 runs
- Rohit Sharma – 20,048 runs





Ques: What is the main objective of the Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana?

- A) Promote solar rooftop installations
- B) Support advanced biofuel projects using agricultural waste
- C) Provide subsidies for electric vehicles
- D) Increase MSP for food grains
- E) Promote inland waterways

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana aims to promote advanced biofuel projects using lignocellulosic biomass and other renewable feedstocks.
- Launched in 2019 and amended in 2024, the scheme focuses on using agricultural and crop residues to produce biofuels.
- It seeks to generate additional income for farmers, create rural and urban employment, and reduce stubble burning.
- The scheme also supports the Swachh Bharat Mission, helps achieve Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) targets, and reduces dependence on crude oil imports.
- Financial support is provided for commercial and demonstration biofuel plants as well as R&D activities.
- 2G ethanol projects include a paddy-straw-based plant by IOCL at Panipat (Haryana) and a bamboo-based biorefinery at Numaligarh (Assam) by ABEPL.
- A 3G ethanol plant by IOCL at Panipat uses refinery off-gas as feedstock.
- The government is promoting a shift from water-intensive crops such as rice and sugarcane to maize for sustainable farming.
- Ethanol Blending Roadmap (2020–25) highlights Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) in distilleries and water conservation in sugarcane using drip irrigation under Per Drop More Crop.
- Waste-to-energy initiatives under the National Bioenergy Programme support CBG/Bio-CNG plants using urban, industrial and agricultural waste, with financial aid for biomass collection machinery to prevent stubble burning.





Ques: Which country ranked 1st in the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Index 2025/26?

- A) Sweden
- B) Norway
- C) Iceland
- D) Finland
- E) Denmark

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Index 2025/26 evaluates women's wellbeing and empowerment across 181 countries.
- It is developed jointly by the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security and the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).
- The index measures three key dimensions: Inclusion (economic participation, education), Justice (legal rights, equality), and Security (safety at home and in society).
- Denmark ranked 1st in 2025/26, marking its third time at the top; Nordic countries dominate the top 10.
- Global findings indicate that 676 million women face conflict exposure, a 74% increase since 2010.
- India ranked 131st with a score of 0.607, facing challenges in safety, political representation, labour participation, and legal outcomes.
- The USA improved from rank 37 (2023) to 31 (2025).





Top 10 Best Performing Countries for Women with Score (2025/26)

1. Denmark : 0.939
2. Iceland : 0.932
3. Norway : 0.924
4. Sweden : 0.924
5. Finland : 0.921
6. Luxembourg : 0.918
7. Belgium : 0.912
8. Netherlands : 0.905
9. Austria : 0.898
10. Australia : 0.898

Top 10 Worst Countries for Women (2025/26) :

- 181 Afghanistan : 0.279
- 180 Yemen : 0.323
- 179 Central African Republic : 0.362
- 178 Syria : 0.364
- 177 Sudan : 0.397
- 176 Haiti : 0.399
- 175 DR Congo : 0.405
- 174 Burundi : 0.407
- 173 South Sudan : 0.411
- 172 Myanmar : 0.442

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Ques: What is the main purpose of India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) framework?

- A) Regulate renewable energy subsidies
- B) Facilitate trading of carbon credits and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- C) Monitor water pollution levels
- D) Promote electric vehicles
- E) Manage urban solid waste

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) framework is India's institutional mechanism to trade carbon credits and incentivize emission reductions.
- It aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by rewarding entities that perform better than assigned Greenhouse Gas Emission Intensity (GEI) targets.
- The institutional structure includes a National Steering Committee (co-chaired by Secretaries of the Ministry of Power and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change), Grid India as the registry, and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) as the administrator.
- CCTS operates via two main mechanisms:
 - Compliance Mechanism: For emission-intensive industries to meet GEI targets and earn Carbon Credit Certificates.
 - Voluntary Mechanism: Allows non-obligated entities to participate and generate carbon credits for environmental benefits.
 - Offset Mechanism: For non-obligated entities on a voluntary basis. Projects reducing, removing, or avoiding emissions can register and receive Carbon Credit Certificates.
- Certain sectors have transitioned from the Perform, Achieve, and Trade (PAT) scheme to the CCTS compliance mechanism: Aluminium, Cement, Chlor-Alkali, Petrochemicals, Petroleum Refineries, Pulp & Paper, and Textiles. Thermal power plants have not been transitioned.





Ques: How much amount has the Centre released to States and UTs under MGNREGS in FY 2025-26?

- A) ₹45,000 crore
- B) ₹52,700 crore
- C) ₹68,393.67 crore
- D) ₹75,200 crore
- E) ₹80,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Centre has released ₹68,393.67 crore to States and Union Territories under MGNREGS for FY 2025-26.
- ₹57,853.62 crore is allocated for wages to ensure timely payment to rural workers.
- ₹10,540.05 crore is earmarked for material and administrative costs, including construction, infrastructure, and implementation.
- All wage payments are made via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to workers' bank accounts for transparency and to reduce delays or leakages.
- MGNREGS guarantees at least 100 days of wage employment to every rural household.
- The released funds support rural livelihoods, strengthen village infrastructure, and ensure transparent implementation across the country.

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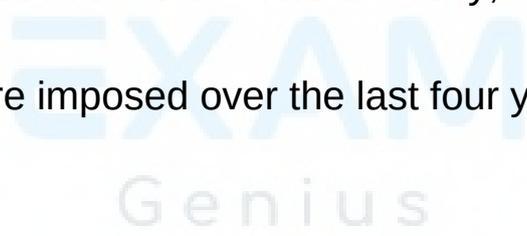
Ques: What was IRCTC's system uptime between April and October 2025?

- A) 87%
- B) 99.86%
- C) 99.98%
- D) 58%
- E) 0.0008%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IRCTC maintained a system uptime of 99.98% during April–October 2025, up from 99.86% last year.
- Administrative measures included deactivating suspicious user IDs, filing complaints on the National Cyber Crime Portal for irregular bookings, and revalidating accounts to prevent misuse.
- Technological upgrades involved rigorous system checks, use of top Content Delivery Networks (CDN), anti-BOT applications, and regular third-party audits.
- E-ticketing accounted for 87% of total reserved tickets issued.
- Indian Railways serves about 58 crore meals annually, with an average complaint rate of just 0.0008%.
- Fines worth ₹2.8 crore were imposed over the last four years after inquiries.





Ques: Which cricketer has become the first player in the world to take 600 wickets in competitive T20 cricket?

- A) Rashid Khan
- B) Adam Zampa
- C) Imran Tahir
- D) Dwayne Bravo
- E) Sunil Narine

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Sunil Narine became the first player in the world to reach 600 wickets in competitive T20 cricket.
- The West Indian spinner achieved this milestone on 4 December 2025 during a World ILT20 match between Abu Dhabi Knight Riders and Sharjah Warriorz.
- He reached the record by dismissing Tom Abell, marking a historic moment in cricket history.

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Ques: Which country's defence company announced the development of an AI-powered "Michelangelo Dome" defence shield?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Italian defence company Leonardo announced the development of an AI-powered defence shield called "Michelangelo Dome" to protect cities and critical infrastructure from modern threats.
- The dome system integrates multiple technologies to detect and neutralize threats from air and sea, including missiles and drone swarms.
- The initiative aims to strengthen Europe's sovereign defence capabilities amid rising geopolitical tensions.

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Ques: Which state became the second most popular destination for international tourists in India in 2024?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Gujarat
- D) West Bengal
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- West Bengal became the second most popular state for international tourists in India, after Maharashtra.
 - The state received 3.12 million foreign tourists in 2024, up from 2.7 million in 2023, marking a 14.8% increase.
 - Strong interest in West Bengal's culture, heritage, and tourism attractions contributed to this rise.
- 4 Gujarat – ~2.27 million

Top states in foreign tourist arrivals (2024):

- 1 Maharashtra – ~3.70 million
- 2 West Bengal – ~3.12 million

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Ques: When is the 77th Armed Forces Flag Day (AFFD) observed in India?

- A) December 1
- B) December 5
- C) December 7
- D) December 10
- E) December 15

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 77th Armed Forces Flag Day (AFFD) is observed on December 7 every year.
- The day was first started in 1949 to honour the martyrs and the personnel of the Indian Armed Forces.
- The Flag Day colours include red, deep blue, and light blue, representing the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force respectively.

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