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Ques: Under the revised Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) rules, what is the new TCS rate on education and medical remittances above ₹10 lakh?

- A) 1%
- B) 2%
- C) 5%
- D) 10%
- E) 20%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Budget rationalised Tax Collected at Source (TCS) on outward remittances under RBI's Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS).
- TCS on education and medical remittances above ₹10 lakh has been reduced from 5% to 2%.
- The reduction will ease liquidity pressure and ensure more funds directly reach students and patients abroad.
- Lower TCS will reduce cash blockage at the point of remittance.
- TCS on overseas tour packages has also been rationalised to a flat 2%.
- Earlier, overseas tour remittances attracted 5% TCS below ₹10 lakh and 20% above ₹10 lakh.
- In November 2025, total outward remittances under LRS stood at \$1,937 million, showing a decline from October.

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Ques: Under Union Budget 2026–27, what is the revised Tax Collected at Source (TCS) rate on overseas tour packages?

- A) 5%
- B) 10%
- C) 20%
- D) 2%
- E) 1%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Under the Union Budget 2026–27, interest awarded by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) to a natural person has been exempted from income tax.
- The TCS rate on overseas tour packages has been reduced from 5%/20% to 2% without any minimum amount threshold.
- Under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS), the TCS rate for education and medical purposes has also been reduced from 5% to 2%.
- The time limit for revising income tax returns has been extended from 31 December to 31 March with a nominal fee.
- ITR-1 and ITR-2 filers can continue filing returns till 31 July, while non-audit business cases and trusts are allowed time till 31 August.
- These measures aim to simplify compliance and enhance ease of living for taxpayers.

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Ques: In which city did the State Bank of India launch a Global Trade Finance Centre (GTFC) to strengthen its trade finance and global banking operations?

- A) Kolkata
- B) New Delhi
- C) Chennai
- D) Mumbai
- E) Bengaluru

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- State Bank of India, India's largest Public Sector Bank, launched a Global Trade Finance Centre to strengthen its trade finance and global banking operations.
- The GTFC was launched in Kolkata.
- In July 2025, SBI launched two specialized GTFCs in Kolkata and Hyderabad on the occasion of its 70th anniversary.
- The GTFC uses advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Blockchain.
- The initiative marks a shift from traditional paper-based trade finance systems to digital processes.

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Ques: What was the total value of UPI transactions in January, as per NPCI data?

- A) ₹27.97 lakh crore
- B) ₹25.40 lakh crore
- C) ₹28.33 lakh crore
- D) ₹30.10 lakh crore
- E) ₹21.75 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), UPI transaction value touched a record high of ₹28.33 lakh crore in January.
- The total number of UPI transactions in January stood at 2,170 crore.
- In December, the UPI transaction value was ₹27.97 lakh crore, showing a sharp rise in January.
- Month-on-month growth in UPI transaction value was recorded at 21%.
- Average daily UPI transactions during January were around 70 crore.
- The average daily transaction value stood at about ₹91,400 crore.
- In January 2026, UPI transactions recorded a year-on-year growth of 28% in value terms.
- NPCI noted that the growth momentum of UPI continues to strengthen with increasing adoption of digital payments.

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Ques: What is the annual financing commitment under the new Country Partnership Framework (CPF) announced by the Government of India and the World Bank Group?

- A) USD 3–5 billion
- B) USD 5–7 billion
- C) USD 6–8 billion
- D) USD 10–12 billion
- E) USD 8–10 billion

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Government of India and the World Bank Group announced a new Country Partnership Framework to accelerate job creation in both urban and rural areas.
- The framework includes an annual financing commitment of USD 8–10 billion for the next five years.
- The new CPF came into effect from the beginning of January 2026.
- The framework aligns with India's "Viksit Bharat" vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047.
- The World Bank was established in 1944 and is headquartered in Washington D.C.
- The World Bank has 189 member countries.

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Ques: From which date will the Income Tax Act, 2025 come into effect?

- A) 1st January 2026
- B) 1st April 2025
- C) 1st April 2026
- D) 1st July 2026
- E) 31st March 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Income Tax Act, 2025 will come into force from 1st April 2026.
- The Finance Minister announced that simplified Income Tax Rules and Forms will be notified soon.
- Tax forms have been redesigned to make compliance easier for common taxpayers.
- The timeline for filing Income Tax Returns has been extended.
- ITR-1 and ITR-2 filers can file returns till 31st July.
- Non-audit business cases and trusts will be allowed to file returns till 31st August.
- The fiscal deficit for FY 2026–27 is estimated at 4.3% of GDP, lower than 4.4% in the current fiscal year.
- No deduction will be allowed on interest expenditure related to dividend income or mutual fund income.
- These provisions aim to improve ease of compliance and enhance ease of living for taxpayers.





Ques: Which port will host the 150 Tonnes Per Day e-Methanol plant proposed by Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited?

- A) Mumbai Port
- B) Paradip Port
- C) Kandla Port
- D) Visakhapatnam Port
- E) Kochi Port

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Deendayal Port Authority to establish a 150 TPD e-Methanol plant at Kandla Port, Gujarat.
- The project involves a capital investment of over ₹1,200 crore.
- E-Methanol is produced using green hydrogen and captured carbon dioxide, powered by renewable electricity.
- The fuel serves as a clean alternative for marine and industrial use, especially in sectors where electrification is difficult.
- The e-Methanol will supply vessels operating along the Singapore–Rotterdam corridor and position Kandla Port as a green fuel hub.

About Assam:

- Capital: Dispur
- Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Governor: Lakshman Acharya





Ques: Where was the second India–Arab Foreign Ministers’ Meeting held in January 2026?

- A) Riyadh
- B) Manama
- C) Abu Dhabi
- D) New Delhi
- E) Cairo

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The second India–Arab Foreign Ministers’ Meeting was held on 31 January 2026 in New Delhi.
- The meeting was co-chaired by India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- Foreign Ministers of Arab League member countries and the Secretary-General of the Arab League participated in the meeting.
- Representatives from all 22 Arab countries took part in the event.
- This was the first India–Arab Foreign Ministers’ Meeting hosted by India in New Delhi.
- The meeting was held after a gap of 10 years; the first such meeting was held in Bahrain in 2016.

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Ques: By how much did the allocation for the Union Education Ministry increase in the latest Union Budget?

- A) 8.5%
- B) 10.2%
- C) 12.6%
- D) 14.21%
- E) 18.0%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Allocation for the Union Education Ministry increased by 14.21% to about ₹1.39 lakh crore in the Union Budget.
- Major boost has been given to school education, skilling, and employability-linked programmes.
- Allocation for the Samagra Shiksha scheme has increased significantly.
- Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) received around ₹600 crore more than the revised estimates.
- Allocation for Atal Tinkering Labs increased sharply from ₹500 crore to ₹3,200 crore.
- PM Poshan Scheme allocation rose by about ₹2,150 crore.
- Budget for the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship increased by 62% to about ₹3,885.8 crore.
- Focus is on PM Skill India, employability enhancement, and upgrading ITIs.
- Announcement made to establish five university townships near industrial and logistics corridors.

- Proposal to create Content Creator Labs in 15,000 schools and 500 colleges for the AVGC sector.
- TCS on foreign education has been reduced from 5% to 2%.
- A high-powered panel will study pathways from education to employment, including AI integration in curricula.





Ques: Which organisation signed an MoU with the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board to establish a Women Entrepreneurs' Industrial Park?

- A) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- B) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- C) FICCI Ladies Organisation (FICCI-FLO)
- D) National Federation of Indian Women Entrepreneurs
- E) ASSOCHAM Women's Council

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry Ladies Organisation (FICCI-FLO).
- The MoU aims to establish a Women Entrepreneurs' Industrial Park in Andhra Pradesh.
- The industrial park will cater exclusively to women entrepreneurs who are members of FICCI-FLO.
- The initiative seeks to promote financial self-reliance among women, generate employment, nurture local talent, and reduce regional industrial disparities.
- The project aligns with Andhra Pradesh's 'One Family, One Entrepreneur' vision.
- It also complements the state's plan to establish 175 MSME parks across all assembly constituencies.

About Andhra Pradesh :

- Capital : Amaravati
- CM : N.Chandrababu Naidu
- Governor : S. Abdul Nazeer





Ques: What is the main objective of the SHE Mart initiative?

- A) Promote urban women entrepreneurship
- B) Provide subsidies to SHGs only
- C) Shift rural women from SHGs to enterprise ownership
- D) Expand welfare schemes for women
- E) Promote exports by women-led firms

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The SHE Mart initiative aims to move rural women from Self Help Groups (SHGs) to enterprise ownership.
- The initiative was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Union Budget.
- SHE Marts will be established as community-owned retail outlets at the cluster level.
- It builds upon the success of the Lakhpati Didi Programme.
- The focus is on women-centric economic participation rather than welfare-based support.
- The initiative supports formalisation and scaling up of women-led enterprises and livelihoods.
- Existing schemes such as SHG networks, DAY-NRLM and Lakhpati Didi initiatives will be leveraged.
- Experts view SHE Mart as a structural instrument for inclusive rural economic growth.

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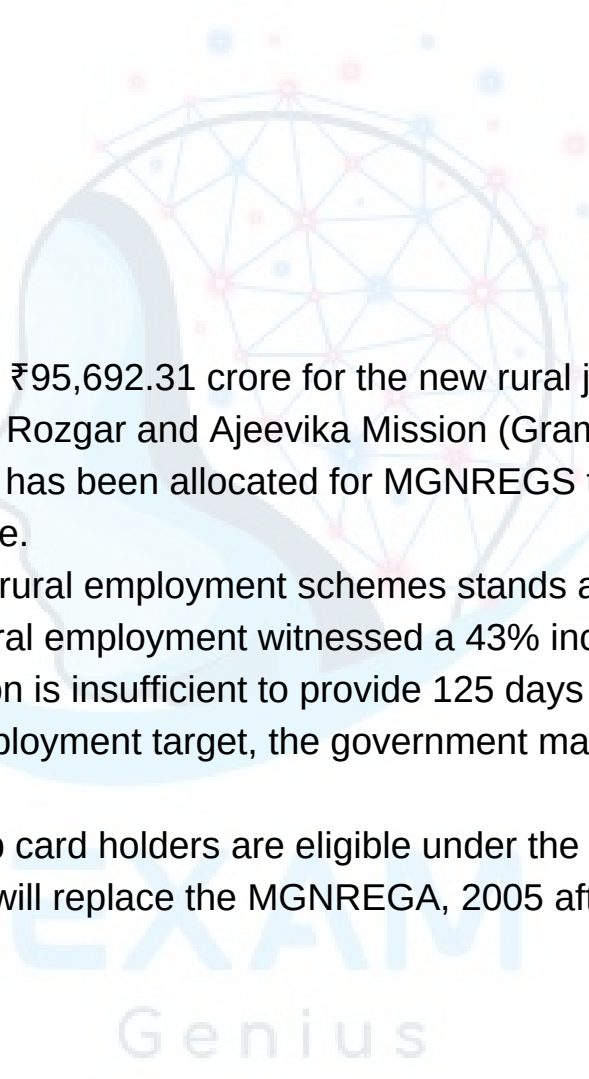
Ques: How much allocation has been made for the new rural jobs scheme under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025?

- A) ₹75,000 crore
- B) ₹85,000 crore
- C) ₹95,692 crore
- D) ₹1.25 lakh crore
- E) ₹2.3 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Budget allocated ₹95,692.31 crore for the new rural jobs scheme under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025.
- An additional ₹30,000 crore has been allocated for MGNREGS to clear pending liabilities and meet ongoing expenditure.
- The total allocation for both rural employment schemes stands at ₹1,25,692.31 crore.
- The budget allocation for rural employment witnessed a 43% increase.
- Experts believe the allocation is insufficient to provide 125 days of work to all workers.
- To achieve the 125-day employment target, the government may require around ₹2.3 lakh crore.
- Around 8.65 crore active job card holders are eligible under the scheme.
- The new VB-G RAM G Act will replace the MGNREGA, 2005 after it is officially notified.





Ques: Who became the first artist to win a major Grammy with a song entirely in Spanish?

- A) Shakira
- B) Bad Bunny
- C) Rosalía
- D) J Balvin
- E) Ricky Martin

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 68th Annual Grammy Awards were held in Los Angeles and witnessed several historic achievements.
- Puerto Rican musician Bad Bunny won three Grammy Awards, including Album of the Year, Best Música Urbana Album, and Global Music Performance.
- Bad Bunny became the first artist to win a major Grammy with a song entirely in Spanish.
- The Dalai Lama, at the age of 90, won the Grammy for Best Audio Book, Narration & Storytelling Recording for his album “Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.”
- K-Pop created history as the song “Golden” from the animated film K-Pop Demon Hunters became the first-ever K-Pop song to win a Grammy Award.
- Indian artists like Anoushka Shankar and Siddhant Bhatia were nominated but did not win.
- Other major winners included Billie Eilish (Song of the Year – Wildflower), Kendrick Lamar feat. SZA (Record of the Year – Luther), and Olivia Dean (Best New Artist).





Ques: India's first Artificial Intelligence-enabled university pilot has been launched at which university?

- A) Banaras Hindu University
- B) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- C) Aligarh Muslim University
- D) Chaudhary Charan Singh University
- E) Delhi University

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State Jayant Chaudhary announced India's first AI-enabled university pilot.
- The pilot has been launched at Chaudhary Charan Singh University (CCSU), Meerut.
- The initiative has been developed in collaboration with Google Cloud.
- Advanced AI tools will be integrated across teaching, learning, administration, and employability.
- The model is designed to be scalable for universities across India.
- Google has pledged a grant of ₹85 crore (around USD 10 million) to Wadhvani AI.
- The grant will support AI integration in national platforms such as SWAYAM and POSHAN Tracker.

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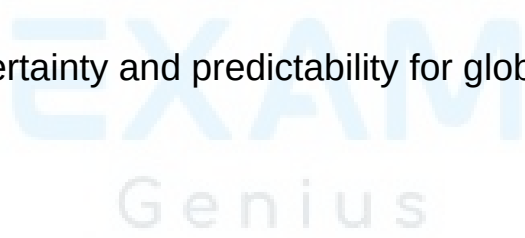
Ques: The tax holiday for IFSC units in GIFT City has been extended to how many years?

- A) 20 years
- B) 15 years
- C) 18 years
- D) 10 years
- E) 25 years

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Union Budget has extended the tax holiday for IFSC (GIFT City) units from 10 years to 20 years.
- Under Section 80LA of the Income Tax Act, eligible IFSC units are entitled to 100% tax deduction on specified incomes.
- Earlier, the deduction was available for 10 consecutive years out of 15 years.
- Now, the deduction will be available for 20 consecutive years out of 25 years.
- After the expiry of the deduction period, business income will be taxed at a concessional rate of 15%.
- The move aims to enhance the global competitiveness of GIFT City as an international financial services hub.
- It also provides long-term certainty and predictability for global investors and financial institutions.





Ques: Who launched the voice-based accounting app 'Pilloo AI' in Andhra Pradesh?

- A) Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
- B) K. Chandrashekar Rao
- C) N. Chandrababu Naidu
- D) Pinarayi Vijayan
- E) M. K. Stalin

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched Pilloo AI, a next-generation voice-based billing and accounting application.
- Pilloo AI has been designed to empower small and medium business owners (SMEs).
- The app enables users to generate invoices using simple voice commands.
- Users can easily record sales transactions and payments through the app.
- Pilloo AI assists in tracking expenses, receivables, and payables in real time.
- No formal accounting knowledge is required to operate the application.
- The launch aligns with Andhra Pradesh's broader push towards digital governance and MSME support.

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Ques: Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana (MGY) was launched by the Chief Minister of which state?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana (MGY) was launched by Bhupendra Patel, the Chief Minister of Gujarat.
- The scheme was launched from Bhadran in Anand district of Gujarat.
- The objective of the scheme is to provide urban-equivalent facilities in rural areas.
- In the first phase, 114 villages functioning as Taluka headquarters will be developed with modern amenities.
- The scheme aims to strengthen rural infrastructure and improve the quality of life.

About Gujarat:

- Capital: Gandhinagar
- Chief Minister: Bhupendra Patel
- Governor: Acharya Devvrat

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Ques: Which airport will become India's first to operate hydrogen fuel cell electric buses for passenger transportation?

- A) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- B) Kempegowda International Airport
- C) Cochin International Airport
- D) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- E) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) will become India's first airport to operate hydrogen fuel cell electric buses for passenger transportation.
- The initiative supports green mobility and aims to promote carbon-neutral transportation at airports.
- A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between CIAL and the Kerala Hydrogen Valley Innovation Cluster Foundation for this project.
- The project aligns with India's National Green Hydrogen Mission.
- Cochin International Airport is already globally recognised as the world's first fully solar-powered airport.

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Ques: Adampur Airport in Punjab has been renamed after which personality?

- A) Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji
- B) Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- C) Guru Nanak Dev Ji
- D) Sant Kabir Das
- E) Swami Vivekananda

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi renamed Adampur Airport in Jalandhar district of Punjab as Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji Airport.
- The announcement was made on the occasion of Sant Ravidas Jayanti.
- Guru Ravidas was a revered saint, poet, and social reformer.
- The renaming aims to honour the social and spiritual contributions of Guru Ravidas.
- On the same occasion, the Prime Minister virtually inaugurated the civil terminal building at Halwara Airport, Ludhiana.

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Ques: Which country's grant assistance was increased by 74 percent by India in the Union Budget FY27?

- A) Nepal
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Bhutan
- D) Afghanistan
- E) Bangladesh

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India has increased grant assistance to Bangladesh by 74 percent in the Union Budget for FY27.
- Grant allocation to Bangladesh has been raised to ₹60 crore from ₹34.48 crore in FY26 (Revised Estimates).
- At the same time, India has discontinued grant funding for Iran's Chabahar Port in FY27.
- The decision has been influenced by US tariff pressures and the risk of secondary sanctions on countries supporting Iran's infrastructure projects.
- India had earlier provided ₹400 crore to Chabahar Port in FY25, with another ₹400 crore promised for FY26.
- Among India's aid recipients, Bhutan continues to receive the highest grant allocation at ₹2,288 crore in FY27.
- Grants to Sri Lanka (33 percent increase) and Seychelles (27 percent increase) have also been enhanced.
- Overall, India's grants and loans to foreign governments in FY27 stand at ₹8,792 crore, reflecting a 27 percent decline from FY26.





Ques: Which aircraft was involved in the air accident at Baramati while operating the Mumbai–Baramati sector?

- A) Falcon 2000
- B) Cessna Citation XLS
- C) Gulfstream G280
- D) Embraer Phenom 300
- E) Learjet 45

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- A Learjet 45 aircraft operated by M/s VSR Ventures Pvt. Ltd., with registration VT-SSK, was involved in an air accident at Baramati.
- The aircraft was operating a flight on the Mumbai–Baramati sector at the time of the incident.
- There were a total of 05 persons on board, including 02 crew members.
- The passengers included Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Ajit Pawar.
- Baramati is an uncontrolled airfield, where traffic information is provided by instructors or pilots of Flying Training Organisations (FTOs).

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Ques: “Kattam” Kanjeevaram silk saree, recently in news, has received GI tag from which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Telangana
- D) Kerala

E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- “Kattam” Kanjeevaram (Kanchipuram) silk saree has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The GI tag has been awarded to Tamil Nadu for this traditional handwoven saree.
- The term “Kattam” refers to a checkered or square pattern, which is the defining design feature of this saree.
- Kanjeevaram silk sarees are renowned for high-quality mulberry silk, rich zari work, and long-lasting durability.
- The GI tag helps protect traditional craftsmanship and prevents misuse of the regional name.

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Ques: Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and GeoInformatics (BISAG-N) signed an MoU with which company to develop quantum-resilient cybersecurity solutions?

- A) Tata Advanced Systems
- B) Infosys
- C) Tech Mahindra
- D) Bharat Electronics Limited
- E) QNu Labs Private Limited

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and GeoInformatics (BISAG-N), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with QNu Labs Private Limited.
- The collaboration aims to develop and deploy quantum-resilient cybersecurity solutions.
- Under the MoU, 'Vedic Kavach', an indigenous cryptographic software developed by BISAG-N, will be integrated with QNu Labs' quantum hardware and secure infrastructure platforms.
- The initiative will strengthen India's capabilities in quantum-safe communication and cybersecurity.





Ques: Kerala has been selected for setting up a Dedicated Rare Earth Corridor along with which other states?

- A) Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan
- B) Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu
- C) Karnataka, Telangana, Goa
- D) Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal
- E) Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Kerala has been selected along with Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Tamil Nadu for setting up Dedicated Rare Earth Corridors.
- The proposal was part of Kerala's Union Budget wish list and also featured in the State Budget 2026–27.
- Kerala sought ₹1,000 crore for corridor infrastructure, technology acquisition and related development.
- The corridor aims to promote mining, processing, research and manufacturing of rare earth minerals.
- Kerala's coastline has abundant rare earth elements such as thorium and scandium, crucial for space, defence, energy, aviation and EV sectors.
- The proposed corridor will link Vizhinjam International Seaport with Chavara (Kollam), where KMML is located.
- Kerala expects ₹42,000 crore investment and generation of around 50,000 jobs through this initiative.
- ₹100 crore has been earmarked to set up a Rare Earth Critical Minerals Mission with KMML, KELTRON and NFTDC.
- The project aims to reduce India's dependence on imported rare-earth magnets.





Ques: Who won the Squash on Fire Open by defeating England's top seed Georgina Kennedy?

- A) Joshna Chinappa
- B) Anahat Singh
- C) Dipika Pallikal
- D) Nour El Sherbini
- E) Saurav Ghosal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian squash player Anahat Singh defeated England's top seed Georgina Kennedy to win the Squash on Fire Open held in Washington.
- The victory earned Anahat Singh her maiden PSA Bronze-level title.
- It is the biggest title of her professional career so far.
- The Squash on Fire Open was her 15th PSA Tour title in just 26 tournaments.
- In the men's final, Egypt's Mohamed ElShorbagy defeated England's Declan James.
- With this win, Mohamed ElShorbagy secured his 52nd PSA Tour title.

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Ques: Who won the Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2026 (Masters)?

- A) Magnus Carlsen
- B) Fabiano Caruana
- C) Nodirbek Abdusattorov
- D) Ding Liren
- E) Anish Giri

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Uzbek Grandmaster Nodirbek Abdusattorov won the Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2026 (Masters).
- He secured the title after 13 rounds of elite-level competition.
- The tournament was held in Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands.
- This was Abdusattorov's first Tata Steel Masters title, achieved on his fourth attempt.
- The 2026 edition was the 88th edition of the Tata Steel Chess Tournament.
- Due to its prestige and long history, the event is often called the "Wimbledon of Chess".

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Ques: Where will the Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbour approved under PMMSY be developed?

- A) Mayabunder
- B) Campbell Bay
- C) Port Blair
- D) Diglipur
- E) Havelock Island

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Department of Fisheries approved the development of a Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbour at Mayabunder in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- The project cost is ₹199.24 crore with 100% Central Financial Assistance under PMMSY.
- The Andaman & Nicobar Islands have a vast marine resource base with a 6 lakh sq. km Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- The region has an estimated 60,000 MT of tuna and tuna-like species.
- India's fish production increased from 96 lakh tonnes (2013–14) to 197.75 lakh tonnes (2024–25).
- Seafood export value has reached ₹62,408 crore, covering 350+ products exported to nearly 130 countries.
- The Mayabunder harbour project will help unlock fisheries potential and support India's ₹1 lakh crore seafood export target by 2030–31.
- Under PMMSY, the Andaman & Nicobar Islands have received total fisheries investment of ₹5,573.02 lakh for infrastructure and livelihood support.

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- The project will be implemented under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with 100% Central Financial Assistance.
- The estimated cost of the project is ₹199.24 crore.
- Andaman & Nicobar Islands have a vast marine resource base with an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of about 6 lakh sq. km.
- The region has an estimated potential of around 60,000 metric tonnes of tuna and tuna-like species.
- The project aims to strengthen fisheries infrastructure, boost fish production, enhance exports, and support India's target of ₹1 lakh crore seafood exports by 2030–31.

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Ques: What forest cover target has Himachal Pradesh set to achieve by 2030?

- A) 25%
- B) 27%
- C) 29.5%
- D) 31%
- E) 33%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Himachal Pradesh government has set a target to increase the state's forest cover to 31% by 2030.
- Currently, the forest cover in Himachal Pradesh stands at 29.5%.
- Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has directed the Forest Department to prepare a comprehensive and sustainable roadmap to achieve this target.
- The plan emphasizes sustainable forest management and long-term ecological balance.
- Community participation has been identified as a key element in forest protection and conservation.
- The decision has been taken in view of increasing environmental and climate-related challenges.

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Ques: Which institution secured the first position in the National Awards for Model Youth Gram Sabha in the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya category?

- A) JNV Una, Himachal Pradesh
- B) JNV Ukhrul-I, Manipur
- C) JNV Kannur, Kerala
- D) JNV Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- E) JNV Hirli, Odisha

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel, conferred the National Awards to winners of the Model Youth Gram Sabha.
- In the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya category, JNV Una, Himachal Pradesh secured the first position and received ₹1 crore as prize money.
- JNV Kannur, Kerala secured the second position with a prize of ₹75 lakh.
- JNV Ukhrul-I, Manipur secured the third position and received ₹50 lakh.
- In the Eklavya Model Residential School category, EMRS Kosambuda, Chhattisgarh secured first position and won ₹1 crore.
- EMRS Hirli, Odisha and EMRS Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh secured second and third positions with prize money of ₹75 lakh and ₹50 lakh respectively.

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Ques: Which institution will act as the host institution for the high-level Committee formed to review the functioning of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in Tamil Nadu?

- A) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mumbai
- B) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd, New Delhi
- C) ICAR–National Research Centre for Banana, Tiruchirappalli
- D) Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi
- E) Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium, Hyderabad

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare formed a high-level Committee to review and strengthen the functioning of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in Tamil Nadu.
- The Committee includes representatives from NABARD, NAFED, Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium, ICAR institutions, FPOs, NGOs and officials from the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- ICAR–National Research Centre for Banana (NRCB), Tiruchirappalli, along with Krishi Vigyan Kendras through ICAR–Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes, Hyderabad, will act as the host institution.
- The host institution will provide logistical and secretarial support to the Committee.
- The initiative is part of the Government of India's effort to strengthen FPOs, following the achievement of the target of establishing 10,000 FPOs under the national scheme.

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Ques: Who won the maiden BWF Super 300 title at the Thailand Masters 2025?

- A) Devika Sihag
- B) Saina Nehwal
- C) P.V. Sindhu
- D) Goh Jin Wei
- E) Ashmita Chaliha

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Young Indian shuttler Devika Sihag won her maiden BWF Super 300 women's singles title at the Thailand Masters 2025.
- She secured the title after Malaysia's Goh Jin Wei retired mid-match due to injury in the final.
- At the time of retirement, Devika Sihag was leading 21–8, 6–3.
- The Thailand Masters is a USD 250,000 prize money tournament on the BWF circuit.
- Devika Sihag is 20 years old and hails from Haryana.
- With this victory, she became only the third Indian woman to win a Super 300 women's singles title.
- The other Indian players to have achieved this feat are P.V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal.

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Ques: With which organisation did NITI Aayog sign a Statement of Intent to promote digital literacy and financial inclusion across Aspirational Blocks?

- A) National Skill Development Corporation
- B) Digital India Corporation
- C) National Institute of Information Technology Foundation
- D) Tata Institute of Social Sciences
- E) Indian Institute of Information Technology

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NITI Aayog signed a Statement of Intent with the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) Foundation.
- The initiative aims to promote digital literacy, financial inclusion, and skill development across Aspirational Blocks.
- Individuals will be trained in basic and advanced digital skills to access online platforms, government services, and digital tools.
- The programme focuses on improving awareness of banking, insurance, and other financial services among underserved communities.
- It supports inclusive development and digital empowerment at the grassroots level.

About NITI Aayog :

- Established : January 1, 2015
- HQ : New Delhi
- CEO : BVR Subrahmanyam

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Ques: Which fund was announced to provide equity support for creating 'champion' MSMEs?

- A) SME Growth Fund
- B) Self-Reliant India Fund
- C) Startup India Fund
- D) MSME Credit Fund
- E) Production Linked Fund

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Union Budget announced a three-pronged strategy to help MSMEs grow as "champions".
- A ₹10,000 crore SME Growth Fund will provide equity support to create future MSME champions.
- Liquidity support to MSMEs will be strengthened through the Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS).
- TReDS has been mandated as the transaction settlement platform for all CPSE purchases from MSMEs.
- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) will be integrated with TReDS to enhance information sharing and access to financing.
- A credit guarantee mechanism through CGTMSE will be introduced for invoice discounting.
- Asset-backed securities based on TReDS receivables will be launched to develop a secondary market.
- The third pillar focuses on providing professional support to MSMEs through 'Corporate Mitras'.





Ques: When was the 73rd World Leprosy Day observed in 2026?

- A) 30 January
- B) 25 January
- C) 28 January
- D) Last Sunday of February
- E) First Sunday of January

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Leprosy Day is observed on the last Sunday of January every year.
- In 2026, the last Sunday of January fell on 25 January.
- Hence, the 73rd World Leprosy Day was observed on 25 January 2026.
- The theme for World Leprosy Day 2026 was “Leprosy is curable, the real challenge is stigma.”
- In India, National Leprosy Day is observed separately on 30 January every year.
- This date coincides with the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

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