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Ques: Axis Bank has approved an investment of ₹1,500 crore in which subsidiary?

- A) Axis Securities
- B) Axis Finance
- C) Axis Mutual Fund
- D) Axis Capital
- E) Axis Trustee Services

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Axis Bank approved an investment of ₹1,500 crore in its wholly owned subsidiary Axis Finance.
- The bank will continue to hold 100% ownership after the investment.
- The proposal has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The investment aims to strengthen the financial position and lending capacity of Axis Finance.

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Ques: South Indian Bank has launched the EPF payment service in collaboration with which organization?

- A) RBI
- B) SEBI
- C) NABARD
- D) EPFO
- E) SIDBI

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- South Indian Bank has launched a new EPF payment service.
- The service has been introduced in collaboration with Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- It allows employers to make EPF contributions directly through the bank's internet banking platform "SIBerNet".
- The initiative simplifies compliance and enhances ease of doing business for employers.

About South Indian Bank:

- Established – 1929
- Headquarters – Thrissur, Kerala
- MD & CEO – P. R. Seshadri
- Tagline – "Experience Next Generation Banking"





Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- RNF Services, through its fintech platform Relipay, has rolled out a nationwide UPI QRbased cash withdrawal service.
- Razorpay, India's omnichannel payments and banking platform for businesses, launched the world's first "Agent Studio" at the FTX 2026 event.
- Bank of Baroda launched a special savings account for women called "bob Women Sapphire Savings Account."
- PhonePe Limited launched the RuPay "On-The-Go" Card, a National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) designed for contactless payments across public transport systems in India.
- Yes Bank launched a specialised salary account named "YES Essence Women's Salary Account" aimed at supporting the financial and lifestyle needs of working women ahead of International Women's Day (March 8).
- L&T Finance Ltd, a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), launched the "Spoorthi" programme to support women entrepreneurs.





Ques: The Sahitya Akademi Award is considered which highest literary honour in India?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Sahitya Akademi Award recognises outstanding literary works across 24 Indian languages.
- It includes categories like poetry, novels, short stories, essays, literary criticism, autobiography, and memoirs.
- Each awardee receives ₹1,00,000 cash prize, a ceremonial shawl, and an engraved copper plaque.
- The award was established in 1954 and is the second-highest literary honour in India after the Jnanpith Award.
- It is conferred annually by the Sahitya Akademi, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture.

Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 Winners:

Poetry :

- Shrestha Kabita (Bengali) – Prasun Bandyopadhyay
- Bhattkhadaki (Gujarati) – Yogesh Vaidya
- Padapurana (Odia) – Girijakumar Baliyar Singh
- Animesha (Telugu) – Nandini Sidha Reddy





- Eligibility: The work must be original, published within the last 5 years, and the author must be an Indian citizen.
- Safar Jaari Hai (Urdu) – Pritpal Singh Betab
- Prasthanacatustaye Brahmaghosah (Sanskrit) – Sadhu Bhadreshdas

Novel Winners

- Karhi Khelar Sadhu (Assamese) – Devabrat Das
- Dwngnwi Lama Mwse Gathwn (Bodo) – Sahaisuli Brahma
- Crimson Spring (English) – Navtej Sarna
- Maayaamanushyar (Malayalam) – N. Prabhakaran

Short Story Winners

- Dada Seerisu Tande (Kannada) – Amaresh Nugadoni
- Safety Kit (Punjabi) – Jinder
- Bharkhama (Rajasthani) – Jitender Kumar Soni
- Waghoo (Sindhi) – Bhagwan Atlani

Essay

- Konkani Kavyem: Rupani Ani Rupakam (Konkani) – Henry Mendonca
- Nepali Paramparik Sanskriti Ra Sabhyata Ko Dukuti (Nepali) – Prakash Bhattarai

Memoir

- Jeete Jee Allahabad (Hindi) – Mamta Kalia
- Dhatri Paat San Gaam (Maithili) – Mahendra





Literary Criticism : Thamiz Sirukathaiyin Thadangal (Tamil) – Sa. Tamilselvan

Autobiography : Kalyanilya Resha (Marathi)



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Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 Winners List Language Wise:

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2. Bengali - Shrestha Kabita (Poetry) - Prasun Bandyopadhyay
3. Bodo - Dwngnwi Lama Mwnse Gathwn (Novel) - Sahaisuli Brahma
4. Dogri - Thakur Satsayie (Poetry, Couplets) - Khajur Singh Thakur
5. English - Crimson Spring (Novel) - Navtej Sarna
6. Gujarati - Bhattkhadaki (Poetry) - Yogesh Vaidya
7. Hindi - Jeete Jee Allahabad (Memoir) - Mamta Kalia
8. Kannada - Dada Seerisu Tande (Short Stories) - Amaresh Nugadoni
9. Kashmiri - Najdavanek'y Pot Aalav (Poetry) - Ali Shaida
10. Konkani - Konkani Kavyem: Rupani Ani Rupakam (Essays) - Henry Mendonca (H.M. Pernal)
11. Maithili - Dhatri Paat San Gaam (Memoir) - Mahendra
12. Malayalam - Maayaamanushyar (Novel) - N. Prabhakaran
13. Manipuri - Kanglamdriba Eephut (Short Stories) - Haobam Nalini
14. Marathi - Kalyanilya Resha (Autobiography) - Raju Baviskar
15. Nepali - Nepali Paramparik Sanskriti Ra Sabhyata Ko Dukuti (Essays) - Prakash Bhattarai
16. Odia - Padapurana (Poetry) - Girijakumar Baliyar Singh
17. Punjabi - Safety Kit (Stories) - Jinder
18. Rajasthani - Bharkhama (Stories) - Jitender Kumar Soni
19. Sanskrit - Prasthanacatustaye Brahmaghosah (Poetry) - Mahamahopadhyaya Sadhu Bhadreshdas
20. Santali - Mid Birna Chenne Saon Inag Sagai (Short Stories) - Sumitra Soren
21. Sindhi - Waghoo (Stories) - Bhagwan Atlani
22. Tamil - Thamiz Sirukathaiyin Thadangal (Literary Criticism) - Sa. Tamilselvan
23. Telugu - Animesha (Poetry) - Nandini Sidha Reddy
24. Urdu - Safar Jaari Hai (Poetry) - Pritpal Singh Betab





Ques: Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA), recently approved by the Union Cabinet, will be implemented by which organization?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) SIDBI
- C) DPIIT
- D) Invest India
- E) NICDC

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA) has been approved by the Union Cabinet with an outlay of ₹33,660 crore.
- Under the scheme, 100 industrial parks will be developed across India, each spanning 100 to 1,000 acres.
- The scheme provides support for external infrastructure up to 25% of the project cost to ensure strong connectivity.
- BHAVYA is based on the industrial corridor model and builds upon the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme.
- It will be implemented by the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation in partnership with state governments and private players.





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Andhra Pradesh government is set to launch a free bus travel scheme for differently abled persons under the “Divyang Shakti” scheme.
- The Chhattisgarh government has launched the “Gaudham Yojana” to promote cattle welfare and protection.
- The Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) is a Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- The Stand-Up India Scheme provides loans ranging from ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore to eligible beneficiaries.
- The Orunodoi Scheme (Orunodoi 3.0) has been implemented by the Assam Government.
- President Droupadi Murmu dedicated four welfare schemes in New Delhi aimed at strengthening women empowerment and promoting social and economic inclusion of women. These are Lakhpati Bitiya Scheme, Saheli Pink Smart Card, Meri Poonji Mera Adhikaar and Free LPG Cylinder Scheme
- The Jal Jeevan Mission has been extended by the Union Cabinet of India until December 2028.





Ques: Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) signed a \$3 billion Supply and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with which company for green ammonia supply?

- A) Samsung C&T Corporation
- B) LG Chem
- C) Hyundai Engineering
- D) POSCO
- E) SK Innovation

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) signed a Supply and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with Samsung C&T Corporation.
- The agreement is valued at USD 3 billion.
- It aims to supply green ammonia over a period of 15 years.
- The supply will begin from the second half of Financial Year 2028–29 (FY29).
- The deal supports India's push towards green energy and sustainable fuel alternatives.

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Ques: Which country has recently withdrawn from the World Health Organization (WHO) under President Javier Milei?

- A) Brazil
- B) Peru
- C) Mexico
- D) Chile
- E) Argentina

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Argentina has formally withdrawn from the World Health Organization (WHO).
- The decision was taken under President Javier Milei.
- Argentina followed the footsteps of the United States, which had also moved to withdraw earlier.
- The move was initially announced in February last year and later formalised.
- This step marks a significant shift in global health cooperation dynamics.

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Ques: Netflix has launched its global production and innovation studio “Eyeline Studios” in which city in India?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Netflix has launched Eyeline Studios in Hyderabad.
- The studio will strengthen India’s AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics) ecosystem.
- The Hyderabad unit is part of Eyeline Studios’ global network, which includes centres in Los Angeles, Vancouver, Seoul, and London.
- The initiative aligns with the government’s “Orange Economy” vision focusing on creative and cultural industries.
- The Indian Institute of Creative Technologies will also open a regional campus in Hyderabad.

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Ques: Gujarat's first sounding rocket launch near Dholera was conducted by which organization?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) Agnikul Cosmos
- D) Skyroot Aerospace
- E) Omspace Rocket and Exploration Pvt. Ltd.

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Gujarat achieved a major milestone by successfully launching its first sounding rocket from Bavaliyari village near Dholera.
- The launch marks the state's entry into India's private space technology ecosystem.
- The test was conducted by Ahmedabad-based startup Omspace Rocket and Exploration Pvt. Ltd.
- A sounding rocket is a small rocket used for scientific research in the upper atmosphere and near space.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- Sagar Defence Engineering Pvt. Ltd. has initiated the construction of the world's first Autonomous Maritime Shipbuilding and Systems Centre.
- Chile has officially become the first country in the Americas and the second country globally to eliminate leprosy as a public health problem, as verified by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority has become the first port in India to launch the Digital Twin initiative for port management.
- International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) launched its first Sangam Infrastructure Innovation Center at the India Systems Development Lab (ISDL) campus in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Telangana will recruit its first-ever batch of women firefighters under newly introduced recruitment rules.
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone for India's first river lighthouses.
- The total project length of India's first underwater Road-cum-Rail tunnel is 33.7 km.





Ques: Under the Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme, what is the capacity range of small hydro projects?

- A) 0–10 MW
- B) 1–25 MW
- C) 10–50 MW
- D) 25–100 MW
- E) Above 100 MW

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Small Hydro Power Development Scheme has been approved for the period FY 2026–27 to 2030–31 with an outlay of ₹22,584.60 crore.
- The scheme aims to install 1,500 MW capacity through small hydro projects across India.
- Small Hydro Power projects are defined as those with a capacity between 1 MW to 25 MW.
- The scheme focuses on renewable energy generation using water, especially in hilly regions, North-Eastern states, and border districts.

Financial Assistance:

- For North-East & Border Areas: ₹3.6 crore per MW or 30% of project cost (whichever is lower), maximum ₹230 crore per project.
- For Other States: ₹2.4 crore per MW or 20% of project cost (whichever is lower), maximum ₹220 crore per project.





Ques: Bharat Tribes Fest 2026, recently held, was organised by which organization?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) TRIFED
- C) Ministry of Culture
- D) NABARD
- E) FICCI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 was held in New Delhi, bringing together tribal artisans, entrepreneurs, and cultural performers.
- The festival was organised by Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- It was inaugurated by Jai Oram in the presence of Durgadas Uikey.
- A key highlight of the event was the Bharat Tribes Business Conclave.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- The spring festival Chapchar Kut is celebrated with great enthusiasm in Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram.
- The Indian Orchid Festival 2026 concluded in Pakyong district of Sikkim.
- The National Arogya Fair 2026 was held at Shegaon in Buldhana district of Maharashtra.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami virtually inaugurated the Khadi Holi Festival organised by the Kalash Sangeet Kala Samiti in Champawat (Kumaon region).
- Herath Poshte, or "Congratulations on Herath," is the traditional greeting for the Kashmiri Pandit celebration of Maha Shivaratri (Herath) in Jammu and Kashmir, celebrated on Phalgun Krishna Paksha Trayodashi.
- 'Spituk Gustor' : two-day annual monastic festival has begun at Spituk Monastery in Ladakh
- Dhanu Yatra : 11-day open-air theatre festival held annually in Bargarh, Odisha, depicting the mythological story of Lord Krishna and King Kansa.





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- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) HAL
- D) INCOIS
- E) National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India successfully tested an indigenous Floating LiDAR Buoy System developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).
- The test was conducted off the coast of Muttom in Tamil Nadu.
- The system uses LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) technology to measure wind speed, direction, and atmospheric conditions over the sea.
- It will help in offshore wind energy assessment and marine research.

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Ques: Asia-Africa Agri Alliance (AAAA), recently launched, has been established under which legal provision in India?

- A) Section 25 of Companies Act
- B) Section 8 of Companies Act, 2013
- C) Trust Act
- D) Cooperative Societies Act
- E) Societies Registration Act

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Asia-Africa Agri Alliance (AAAA) was launched in New Delhi with participation from ambassadors, policymakers, and agribusiness leaders from over 10 countries.
- The initiative aims to boost trade, investment, agricultural cooperation, and technology exchange between Asia and Africa.
- It has been established as a Section 8 Not-for-Profit Organisation under the Companies Act, 2013.
- The alliance will strengthen global agricultural partnerships and sustainable development.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) signed an agreement with Honeywell.
- Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) signed an Memorandum of Understanding with NMDC Ltd. for collaboration in the Rare Earth Elements (REE) sector.
- The WHO Foundation and Novo Nordisk have announced a collaboration to prevent childhood obesity in India.
- Global edtech platform Coursera has collaborated with the Government of India to provide advanced upskilling for civil servants and government officials.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the European Space Agency (ESA) signed a new agreement to strengthen cooperation in Earth observation missions. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) was established on 15 August 1969.
- Google and Bharti Airtel announced a partnership on 1 March 2026 to enhance user protection against spam, phishing, and financial fraud messages. The initiative focuses on Rich Communication Services (RCS) chats available through the Google Messages app used on most Android smartphones.





Ques: Under the new food safety reforms effective from April 1, 2026, what is the new turnover limit for basic FSSAI registration?

- A) ₹12 lakh
- B) ₹50 lakh
- C) ₹1 crore
- D) ₹1.5 crore
- E) ₹2 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare approved key regulatory reforms to improve Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and strengthen food safety.
- These reforms will come into effect from 1 April 2026.
- Registrations and licences issued by FSSAI will now have perpetual validity, removing the need for renewal.
- The turnover limit for basic registration has been increased from ₹12 lakh to ₹1.5 crore.
- State licensing applies up to ₹50 crore turnover, beyond which Central licensing is required.
- Street vendors registered under the Street Vendors Act, 2014 will be deemed registered under FSSAI, benefiting over 10 lakh vendors.





Ques: The Capacity Building Programme for Tribal Homestay Owners was launched by which organization?

- A) ITDC
- B) IRCTC
- C) Incredible India
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) TRIFED

Answer: A

Explanation:

India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) under the Ministry of Tourism launched the Capacity Building Programme for Tribal Homestay Owners in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The initiative aims to promote tribal tourism and improve livelihood opportunities through homestay development.

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Ques: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) operates under which ministry in India?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Defence
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Law & Justice
- E) Ministry of Health

Answer: C

Explanation:

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) is a federal enforcement and intelligence agency in India that functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It was established on 17 March 1986 and is responsible for combating drug trafficking and substance abuse in the country.

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