



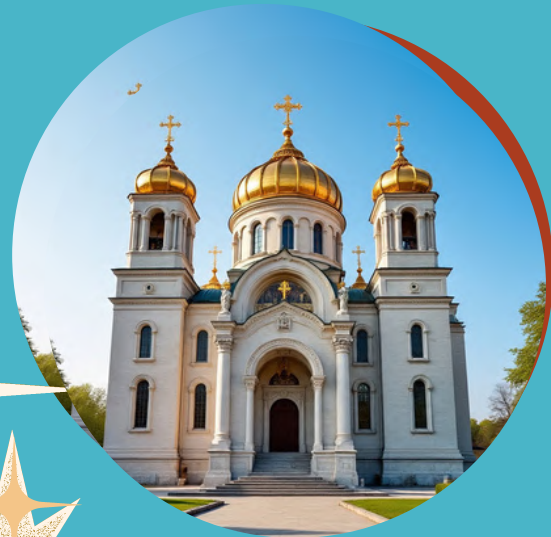
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Ques: Which committee proposed the elevation of seven Chief General Managers to Executive Director positions in various Public Sector Banks?

- A) Reserve Bank of India Committee
- B) Finance Ministry Advisory Committee
- C) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)
- D) Public Sector Bank Board
- E) Banking Regulatory Committee

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) proposed elevating seven Chief General Managers (CGMs) to the position of Executive Director (ED) in various Public Sector Banks.

Key appointments include:

- Amit Kumar Srivastava → ED of PNB
- Sunil Kumar Chugh → ED of Canara Bank
- Amresh Prasad → ED of UBI
- Prabhat Kiran → ED of BoM
- Mini T M → ED of Indian Bank
- E. Ratan Kumar → ED of CBI
- Pramod Kumar Dwivedi → ED of BoI



Ques: What is the total deposit under PMJDY as of November 19, 2025?

- A) ₹1.95 lakh crore
- B) ₹2.50 lakh crore
- C) ₹2.75 lakh crore
- D) ₹3.10 lakh crore
- E) ₹4.00 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As of 19 November 2025, deposits in PMJDY accounts have increased to ₹2.75 lakh crore.
- This reflects steady growth from ₹2.61 lakh crore on March 31, 2025.
- The scheme remains one of the world's largest financial inclusion programmes with over 57 crore beneficiaries.

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Ques: As of September 2025, what share of new home loans by value is held by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in India?

- A) 30%
- B) 40%
- C) 50%
- D) 60%
- E) 70%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As of September 2025, public sector banks hold 50% of total new home loan originations by value.
- Nearly 40% of these new home loans are above ₹75 lakh, indicating a trend toward high-value lending.

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Ques: What grade has the IMF given to India's national accounts statistics in its annual review?

- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation:

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its annual Article IV review, assigned a 'C' grade to India's national accounts statistics, which include GDP, GVA, and related macroeconomic indicators.
- 'C' is the second-lowest grade in IMF's rating system, indicating methodological weaknesses and data limitations.
- IMF cited outdated base year (2011–12) and the use of wholesale price indices for deflators as major issues.
- It also highlighted discrepancies between production and expenditure method GDP estimates.
- Despite these issues, India received an overall 'B' grade across all data categories.

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Ques: What new feature did the BHIM app introduce for UPI Circle?

- A) QR Code Payments
- B) Full Delegation for Payments
- C) Contactless NFC Payments
- D) Bill Splitting
- E) Cross-Bank Transfers

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The BHIM app introduced a full delegation feature for UPI Circle, allowing a primary user to authorize trusted secondary contacts to make UPI payments from their account under a monthly limit of ₹15,000.
- Each primary account can delegate payments to up to five secondary users; each secondary user can be linked to only one primary account.
- UPI Circle (launched in 2024) supports both partial and full delegation of payments.

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Ques: Which SBI-promoted entity plans to raise ₹2,000 crore for its third climate-focused fund to invest in startups?

- A) SBI Capital Markets
- B) SBI Mutual Fund
- C) SBI Ventures
- D) SBI Life Insurance
- E) SBI Holdings

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- SBI Ventures, promoted by State Bank of India, plans to raise ₹2,000 crore for its third climate-focused fund to invest in startups.
- The fund will target early and growth-stage climate startups, especially those working on frontier climate technologies and AI-enabled climate innovations.

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Ques: Who launched the Cyber Security Innovation Challenge (CSIC) 1.0 under the Information Security Education and Awareness Project?

- A) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- B) S Krishnan
- C) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- D) Ajay Prakash Sawhney
- E) Abhishek Singh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- S Krishnan — Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology — launched CSIC 1.0 under the Information Security Education and Awareness Project.
- The initiative aims to involve students and researchers in real-world cybersecurity challenges, foster indigenous innovation, and strengthen national cyber resilience.

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Ques: India–UAE bilateral trade in FY 2024–25 crossed which milestone during the 3rd CEPA Joint Committee meeting?

- A) USD 50 billion
- B) USD 75 billion
- C) USD 90 billion
- D) USD 100 billion
- E) USD 120 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India and the UAE held the 3rd CEPA Joint Committee meeting in New Delhi, co-chaired by Ajay Bhadoo (India) and Juma Al Kait (UAE).
- During FY 2024–25, bilateral trade crossed USD 100.06 billion, registering a 19.6% growth.
- Discussions reviewed CEPA progress including market access, data sharing, Gold TRQ allocation, services, anti-dumping, Rules of Origin, and BIS licensing.
- Both sides reaffirmed commitment to expand non-oil/non-precious metal trade to USD 100 billion by 2030 and agreed to strengthen trade facilitation, regulatory cooperation, and data sharing.

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Ques: Which Indian military operation is being officially commemorated after 38 years?

38 साल बाद किस भारतीय सैन्य अभियान को आधिकारिक रूप से स्मरण किया जा रहा है?

- A) Operation Meghdoot / ऑपरेशन मेघदूत
- B) Operation Vijay / ऑपरेशन विजय
- C) Operation Cactus / ऑपरेशन कैक्टस
- D) Operation Shakti / ऑपरेशन शक्ति
- E) Operation Pawan / ऑपरेशन पवन

Answer: Option E

Explanation / व्याख्या:

- For the first time in 38 years, the Indian Army will officially commemorate the soldiers martyred during Operation Pawan, one of India's most challenging external military missions.
- 38 वर्षों में पहली बार, भारतीय सेना ऑपरेशन पवन में शहीद हुए सैनिकों को आधिकारिक रूप से श्रद्धांजलि देगी, जो भारत के सबसे चुनौतीपूर्ण बाह्य सैन्य अभियानों में से एक था।
- The operation was conducted in Sri Lanka from 1987 to 1990 and resulted in heavy casualties.
- यह अभियान 1987 से 1990 के बीच श्रीलंका में संचालित किया गया था और इसमें भारी हताहत हुए थे।
- A total of 1,171 Indian soldiers were martyred during the mission.
- मिशन के दौरान कुल 1,171 भारतीय सैनिक शहीद हुए।
- Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra in 1987 for his bravery during this operation.
- मेजर रामास्वामी परमेश्वरन को इस अभियान में दिखाए गए साहस के लिए 1987 में परम वीर चक्र मरणोपरांत प्रदान किया गया।
- The year 2024 marks the first official Army tribute to the martyrs of Operation Pawan.
- वर्ष 2024 ऑपरेशन पवन के शहीदों को पहली आधिकारिक सेना श्रद्धांजलि का वर्ष है।
- The mission is regarded as one of India's largest overseas deployments.
- यह मिशन भारत के सबसे बड़े विदेशी सैन्य तैनाती अभियानों में से एक माना जाता है।





Ques: Which country proposed the name 'Ditwah' for the cyclonic storm that developed in the southwest Bay of Bengal?

- A) Thailand
- B) UAE
- C) Yemen
- D) Bangladesh
- E) India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- 'Ditwah' is a cyclone name given by Yemen under the WMO/ESCAP cyclone naming guidelines.
- It is the third cyclonic storm in the post-monsoon season of 2024, after Montha and Senyar.
- The cyclone is heading towards the Tamil Nadu–Puducherry coast, with IMD issuing heavy rainfall and wind warnings for the region.

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Ques: Which type of plant did Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurate in Rewari, Haryana?

- A) Pellet & Bio-Ethanol Plant
- B) Solar Power Plant
- C) Nuclear Power Plant
- D) Wind Energy Plant
- E) Steel Manufacturing Plant

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated a pellet plant with a capacity of 240 tonnes/day and laid the foundation for the K2 Bio-Ethanol plant in Rewari, Haryana.
- The pellet plant converts crop residue such as paddy straw, mustard straw, and cotton stalks into ethanol, biomass pellets, and rural jobs.
- Supports the E20 Mission and India's Net Zero 2070 target, reduces pollution, lowers carbon emissions, and provides extra income for farmers.
- Crop waste is now profitably used as pellets instead of being burnt.

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Ques: C-DOT and IIT Roorkee have signed an MoU to establish a Centre of Excellence in which field?

- A) Renewable Energy
- B) Advanced Communication Technologies
- C) Robotics & Automation
- D) Biotechnology
- E) Defence Systems

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- C-DOT, the premier R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications, signed an MoU with IIT Roorkee to create a Centre of Excellence (CoE) to boost innovation in advanced communication technologies.
- The CoE will focus on cutting-edge domains such as 5G/6G, quantum technologies, cybersecurity, RF–Sub-THz circuits, sensors, V2X communication, and AI-based telecom applications.
- The centre aims to accelerate indigenous research, innovation, and capacity building, supporting students, researchers, and start-ups, thereby enhancing India's self-reliance in telecom innovation.

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Ques: Who has been selected for the Lok Nayak Foundation Literary Award (LNF) 2025?

- A) Velamala Simmanna
- B) K. Siva Reddy
- C) Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad
- D) Varaprasad Reddy
- E) J. Ramachandra Murthy

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Velamala Simmanna has been selected for the Lok Nayak Foundation Literary Award (LNF) for the year 2025.
- The award carries a cash prize of ₹2 lakh.
- The award ceremony will be held on January 18, 2026, in Visakhapatnam.
- Four individuals will also receive Life-Time Achievement Awards, each carrying ₹1 lakh.
- The awards recognise contributions to the promotion of Telugu language, literature, and culture.

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Ques: What was India's total foodgrain production in the 2024-25 crop year?

- A) 332.29 million tonnes
- B) 345.00 million tonnes
- C) 357.73 million tonnes
- D) 360.50 million tonnes
- E) 370.00 million tonnes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's foodgrain production rose 8% to a record 357.73 million tonnes in the 2024-25 crop year, up from 332.29 million tonnes in 2023-24.
- From 251.54 million tonnes in 2015-16, production has increased by 106 million tonnes to reach 357.73 million tonnes.
- Rice production reached a record 150.18 million tonnes, up from 137.82 million tonnes last year.
- Wheat output rose to a record 117.94 million tonnes from 113.29 million tonnes in the preceding year.
- Pulse production increased to 25.68 million tonnes compared to 24.24 million tonnes last year.

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Ques: Which country may become the second foreign buyer of India's BrahMos missile system?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and Indonesia are in advanced negotiations for the sale of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, with both sides reaching a broad agreement on pricing around USD 450 million.
- If finalized, Indonesia will become the second foreign buyer after the Philippines, which signed a USD 375 million BrahMos deal in January 2022.
- Talks took place during the 3rd India–Indonesia Defence Ministers' Dialogue in New Delhi, and cooperation also includes defence medicine, joint R&D, and military resilience.

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Ques: Which major military systems has the United States approved for sale to India in 2025?

- A) FGM-148 Javelin & M982A1 Excalibur
- B) Patriot Missile System & AH-64 Apache
- C) F-35 Fighter Jets & Tomahawk Missiles
- D) T-90 Tanks & BrahMos Missiles
- E) S-400 Air Defence System & M777 Howitzer

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The United States approved the sale of FGM-148 Javelin anti-tank missile systems and M982A1 Excalibur precision-guided artillery projectiles to India, with a total estimated value of USD 93 million.
- The package includes Excalibur projectiles and related equipment valued at USD 47.1 million, and Javelin missile systems and associated hardware estimated at USD 45.7 million.
- India has requested up to 216 Excalibur projectiles, 100 Javelin rounds, one fly-to-buy Javelin missile, and 25 Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLU) or Block-1 Command Launch Units.

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Ques: Which two states received their first Doppler Weather Radars recently?

- A) Odisha & Kerala
- B) Karnataka & Chhattisgarh
- C) Gujarat & Maharashtra
- D) Bihar & Jharkhand
- E) Tamil Nadu & Rajasthan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) inaugurated two state-of-the-art C-band Doppler Weather Radars — one in Mangaluru (Karnataka) and one in Raipur (Chhattisgarh). These are the first Doppler Weather Radars for both states.
- Both radars have a 250 km range and can track thunderstorms, heavy rain, lightning, squalls, and hailstorms.
- The Mangaluru radar will cover regions along the Arabian Sea, Goa, South Konkan, Maharashtra, Lakshadweep, and Kerala.
- The Raipur radar at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya will cover Chhattisgarh, interior Odisha, east MP, southwest Jharkhand, and parts of east UP.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh also inaugurated a Solar Power System at Mausam Bhawan and a Meteorological Museum for students to promote scientific learning.

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Ques: What is the name of India's first indigenous CRISPR-based gene therapy launched to treat Sickle Cell Disease?

- A) GEN-Heal 1
- B) BIRSA 101
- C) CRISPR-Cure
- D) IGIB-Thera
- E) SCD-Free India Gene

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's first indigenous CRISPR-based gene therapy, developed for treating Sickle Cell Disease, has been named BIRSA 101.
- It was launched by Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- The therapy is dedicated to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary on 15 November 2025, and aligns with the goal of a Sickle Cell-Free India by 2047.
- It has been developed by CSIR-IGIB (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research – Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology) using the enFnCas9 CRISPR platform.

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Ques: What is the total outlay approved for the Tex-RAMPS Scheme?

- A) ₹150 crore
- B) ₹250 crore
- C) ₹305 crore
- D) ₹500 crore
- E) ₹1000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has approved the Tex-RAMPS Scheme with a total outlay of ₹305 crore for FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31.
- Tex-RAMPS stands for 'Textiles Focused Research, Assessment, Monitoring, Planning & Start-up Scheme'.
- The scheme will be implemented as a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by the Ministry of Textiles.
- The objective of the scheme is to strengthen research, data systems, innovation support, and capacity development in India's textile sector.
- Tex-RAMPS will also develop Integrated Textiles Statistical System (ITSS) and robust data systems, including employment assessments and supply chain mapping.
- The scheme will support incubators, hackathons, academia–industry collaborations, and high-value textile start-ups.
- The ultimate goal is to position India as a global leader in textile sustainability, technology, and competitiveness.



Ques: Which plant did Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurate in Rewari, Haryana?

- A) K2 Bio Ethanol Plant
- B) Pellet Plant
- C) Both Pellet Plant & K2 Bio Ethanol Plant
- D) Solar Energy Plant
- E) Wind Energy Plant

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, inaugurated a pellet plant and laid the foundation stone of the K2 Bio Ethanol Plant at Rewari, Haryana.
- The pellet plant will produce 240 tonnes of pellets per day from crop stubble, contributing to a clean environment.
- The plants aim to convert crop residue into ethanol, biomass pellets, and rural jobs, supporting India's E20 Mission and Net Zero 2070 goals.

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Ques: What is the key update in Bharat NCAP 2.0 draft released by the government?

- A) Relaxed vehicle safety standards
- B) Optional safety features
- C) Focus only on fuel efficiency
- D) Reduced crash tests
- E) Stricter vehicle safety standards

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The government released the draft for Bharat NCAP 2.0, introducing stricter vehicle safety standards with five new assessment areas: Safe Driving (10%), Accident Avoidance (10%), Crash Protection (55%), Vulnerable Road User Protection (20%), and Post-Crash Safety (5%).
- Final rating will be out of 100 points; a 5-star rating requires 80+ points (earlier 70), and mandatory features include Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and curtain airbags.
- Cars with side-facing seats will not be eligible for star rating, and the number of crash tests has increased to five with various impact scenarios.

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Ques: Assam Cabinet has approved ST status for how many communities?

- A) 4
- B) 5
- C) 6
- D) 7
- E) 8

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Assam Cabinet approved a Group of Ministers (GoM) report recommending Scheduled Tribe status for six major communities — Chutia, Koch-Rajbongshi, Matak, Moran, Tai Ahom, and Tea Tribes (Adivasis). This decision addresses long-pending demands.
- The report will be placed before the Assam Assembly and then forwarded to the Centre for final approval.
- Several tribal organisations protested, fearing the move may affect the rights of existing ST communities.
- Students at Bodoland University also staged protests, alleging socio-political risks to indigenous tribal groups.

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Ques: When is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women observed?

- A) 8 March
- B) 15 October
- C) 25 November
- D) 10 December
- E) 1 January

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed annually on 25 November. It was established by the UN General Assembly in 2000 and marks the start of the 16 Days of Activism (25 Nov–10 Dec).
- The 2025 theme is “UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls.”
- India's legal and institutional framework includes NCW, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005, Mission Shakti, Swadhar Greh, One Stop Centres, Digital Shakti Campaign, and SHe-Box portal.

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Ques: India's Q2 GDP growth (July–September 2025-26) reached what level, marking the highest in six quarters?

- A) 6.4%
- B) 7.8%
- C) 8.2%
- D) 7.0%
- E) 8.8%

Answer: C) 8.2%

Explanation:

- India's GDP growth in Q2 2025-26 surged to 8.2%, led by strong manufacturing and services performance along with low inflation.
- With two consecutive strong quarters, the full-year GDP estimate was raised to 7% or more.
- India remained the fastest-growing major economy during this period.

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Ques: According to the Aventus Capital report, what is the projected total NBFC borrowings by FY27?

- A) USD 500 billion
- B) USD 620 billion
- C) USD 700 billion
- D) USD 750 billion
- E) USD 800 billion

Answer: D) USD 750 billion

Explanation: • NBFC borrowings are projected to grow at a 13% CAGR through FY27.

- Total borrowings are expected to reach USD 750 billion by FY27.
- Market-linked borrowings share may rise to 64% by FY27 (from 43% in FY24).
- Share of bank credit is expected to shrink from current levels.

Major funding instruments seeing rapid growth include NCDs, ECBs, and Commercial Papers.

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Ques: Which bank signed an MoU with Financial Planning Standards Board India to promote financial planning excellence?

- A) IDFC FIRST Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) SBI

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- IDFC FIRST Bank signed an MoU with Financial Planning Standards Board (FPSB) India to promote financial planning excellence.
- The bank joined as an Approved Corporate Partner, with signatories Rahul Singh (Country Head, Private Banking, IDFC FIRST Bank) and Chandrakant Sureka (Interim CEO, FPSB India).
- The MoU aims to upskill Wealth Management Regional Managers through certification, strengthen hiring and career pathways for CFP professionals, and conduct joint programs to build a stronger financial planning ecosystem.

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Ques: Which FPI received post-facto RBI approval to increase its stake in Suryoday Small Finance Bank in 2025?

- A) 1729 Capital
- B) BlackRock
- C) Vanguard Group
- D) Fidelity International
- E) T. Rowe Price

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- RBI granted post-facto approval to SEBI-registered FPI 1729 Capital to increase its stake in Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB) from 3.81% to 7.14%.
- The approval is subject to compliance with the Banking Regulation Act, FEMA 1999, and applicable SEBI rules.
- RBI removed the earlier restriction capping voting rights below 5%, but any future increase to 5% or above will need prior approval if the stake drops below 5% later.

About Suryoday Small Finance Bank:

- Established: 2017
- Headquarters: Navi Mumbai
- Tagline: A Bank of Smiles
- MD & CEO: Baskar Babu Ramachandran





Ques: How much penalty has RBI imposed on HDFC Bank for regulatory violations?

- A) ₹50 lakh
- B) ₹75 lakh
- C) ₹91 lakh
- D) ₹1.5 crore
- E) ₹2 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI imposed a penalty of ₹91 lakh on HDFC Bank for violations related to the Banking Regulation Act and deficiencies in statutory and regulatory compliance, including KYC-related lapses.
- The penalty stems from findings in a Statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation based on the bank's financial position as of 31 March 2024.

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Ques: What is India Ratings & Research's revised GDP growth forecast for FY26?

- A) 6.0%
- B) 6.3%
- C) 6.8%
- D) 7.0%
- E) 7.5%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra) has revised India's FY26 GDP growth estimate to 7.0%, up from its earlier forecast of 6.3% in July 2025.
- The upward revision reflects stronger-than-expected first-quarter growth in FY26 and a softer-than-anticipated impact from U.S. tariff hikes.
- Meanwhile, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) projects FY26 GDP growth at 6.8%, slightly lower than Ind-Ra's revised forecast.

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Ques: As per the ICICI report, what is the projected GDP growth for India in FY26?

- A) 6.0%
- B) 6.5%
- C) 7.0%
- D) 7.6%
- E) 8.0%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- H1 FY26 GDP growth is projected at 7.6%, higher than 6.1% in H1 FY25.
- Growth is supported by manufacturing, services, and government spending.
- H2 FY26 growth may moderate to 6.4% due to lower exports and slower government capital expenditure.
- Consumption is expected to remain strong and resilient.
- The Centre has fiscal space to maintain spending if divestment and resource mobilisation improve.

- **For July–September FY26:**
 - Real GDP growth expected at 7.5% YoY
 - GVA growth expected at 7.3% YoY

- **Full-year forecasts:**
 - FY26 GDP growth: 7.0%
 - FY27 GDP growth: 6.5%





Ques: How many consolidated Master Directions were issued by the RBI after reviewing past regulatory instructions?

- A) 122
- B) 200
- C) 244
- D) 350
- E) 500

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reviewed around 3,500 directions, circulars, and guidelines issued over several decades and consolidated them into 244 Master Directions.
- These Master Directions replace 9,446 old circulars, aiming to reduce the compliance burden on regulated entities.
- The instructions are organized based on regulatory areas and types of regulated entities, covering 11 types including commercial banks, NBFCs, cooperative banks, AIFs, and credit information companies.

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Ques: Where was the 10th Session of APDIM held in 2025?

- A) Tehran, Iran
- B) Bangkok, Thailand
- C) New Delhi, India
- D) Jakarta, Indonesia
- E) Manila, Philippines

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 10th Session of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM) was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The session focused on the theme “Inclusive Disaster Risk Data Governance” and aimed to strengthen regional cooperation, disaster risk information systems, and analytical capacities.
- The Indian delegation was led by Nityanand Rai, MoS Home Affairs & Disaster Management.

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Ques: Which initiative is being organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Bhopal to enhance digital public procurement?

- A) Startup India Samvad
- B) GeM Kreta Samvad
- C) Make in India Mela
- D) Digital India Utsav
- E) Public Procurement Mela

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is organising the Government eMarketplace (GeM) Kreta Samvad in Bhopal.
- The initiative aims to strengthen digital public procurement capabilities across State departments.
- It will enable buyer organisations to make more effective use of GeM's ecosystem, features, and workflows.

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Ques: Which festival launched India's first AI Film Festival and Cinema AI Hackathon during IFFI 2025?

- A) Mumbai Film Festival
- B) WAVES Film Bazaar + IFFI
- C) Kolkata International Film Festival
- D) Bengaluru International Film Festival
- E) Goa Short Film Festival

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- WAVES Film Bazaar in collaboration with IFFI and LTIMindtree launched India's first AI Film Festival and Cinema AI Hackathon during the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held in Goa.
- Aim: Promote AI in filmmaking, build a global creative community, and position India as a hub of innovation in film technology.
- Participation: 68 entries from 18 countries, including films from 5 international AI festivals and 14 independent filmmakers. 27 films were selected for competition and 4 for non-competition showcase.

Award Winners included:

- Craft Master Award for Best AI Short Film: "Nagori" (France) – ₹3,00,000
- Craft Vanguard Award for Innovative Use of AI: "The Cinema That Never Was" (Germany) – ₹2,00,000
- Craft Spectra Award for Best AI Animation/Visual Design: "Kyra" (USA) – ₹1,00,000
- "The Cinema That Never Was" (Germany) – ₹2,00,000
- Craft Spectra Award for Best AI Animation/Visual Design: "Kyra" (USA) – ₹1,00,000
- Jury Special Mentions: "The Last Backup Final Part" and "Miracle on Kachua Beach"



Ques: Who is set to assume the Chairship of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) in 2026?

- A) Shri Sushil Chandra
- B) Shri Ashok Lavasa
- C) Shri Rajiv Kumar
- D) Shri Sunil Arora
- E) Shri Gyanesh Kumar

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Chief Election Commissioner, Shri Gyanesh Kumar, is set to assume the Chairship of International IDEA for the year 2026.
- He will take over the Chairship on December 03, 2025, during the meeting of the Council of Member States of International IDEA in Stockholm, Sweden.
- International IDEA, established in 1995, is an inter-governmental organisation promoting inclusive, resilient, and accountable democracies with a current membership of 35 countries.

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Ques: What is the name of the Indian operation launched to provide relief supplies to cyclone-hit Sri Lanka?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India launched 'Operation Sagar Bandhu' to support Sri Lanka after Cyclone Ditwah, delivering essential relief supplies via INS Vikrant and INS Udaygiri.
- The initiative aligns with India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and Vision MAHASAGAR, emphasizing regional support and partnership.
- The operation began alongside the International Fleet Review (IFR) in which both Indian naval ships are participating.

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Ques: Which country hosted the ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2025?

- A) Egypt
- B) Germany
- C) India
- D) Italy
- E) France

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) conducted the World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2025 in Cairo, Egypt.
- Indian shooters excelled with Samrat Rana winning gold in Men's 10 m Air Pistol, Ravinder Singh in Men's 50 m Standard Pistol, and India also claiming gold in the Men's 10 m Air Pistol Team event.

Ranking of different countries in World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2025:

1. China: Gold (12), Silver (7), Bronze (2) – Total (21)
2. South Korea: Gold (7), Silver (3), Bronze (4) – Total (14)
3. India: Gold (3), Silver (6), Bronze (4) – Total (13)
4. Switzerland: Gold (3), Silver (5), Bronze (4) – Total (12)
5. Norway: Gold (3), Silver (4), Bronze (3) – Total (10)



Ques: When was Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography "The Story of My Experiments with Truth" first published?

- A) 1915
- B) 1920
- C) 1925
- D) 1930
- E) 1940

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Gandhi's autobiography "The Story of My Experiments with Truth" was first published on November 29, 1925, in serialized form in the Gujarati weekly journal 'Navajivan'.
- Over 1 crore copies of the book have been sold to date, making it the best-selling publication of the Navajivan Trust.
- The autobiography has been translated into nearly 50 languages worldwide and remains highly popular due to its honesty and simplicity.

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Ques: Which city's metro Phase-2 Line 4 and Line 4A were recently approved by the Cabinet?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved Phase-2 Metro Lines 4 (Kharadi–Hadapsar–Swargate–Khadakwasla) and 4A (Nal Stop–Warje–Manik Baug) for Pune.
- Earlier Phase-2 approvals included Line 2A (Vanaz–Chandani Chowk) and Line 2B (Ramwadi–Wagholi/Vitthalwadi).
- Project details: Total length 31.636 km with 28 elevated stations, cost ₹9,857.85 crore, and completion targeted in 5 years with funding from GoI, GoM, and external agencies.
- The project is part of Pune's Comprehensive Mobility Plan, with interchange connectivity at Kharadi Bypass & Nal Stop (Line 2), Swargate (Line 1), and Hadapsar Railway Station. Future extensions planned towards Loni Kalbhor & Saswad Road.

Genius





Ques: What is the focus of SIDDHI 2.0 launched by CCRAS under the Ministry of Ayush?

- A) Promoting traditional yoga practices
- B) Scientific innovation in drug development, healthcare & integration
- C) Export promotion of Ayush products
- D) Digitalisation of health records
- E) Organising international health summits

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SIDDHI 2.0 (Scientific Innovation in Drug Development, Healthcare & Integration) was launched by Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under the Ministry of Ayush, during a two-day national conclave in Vijayawada.
- The event aims to strengthen industry–research collaboration, promote research-led product development, and foster faster translational pathways for Ayush products and innovations.
- Highlight: Showcased research outcomes, technologies, formulations, and facilities of CCRAS.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which film won the Best Feature Film (Golden Peacock) award at the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

- A) Little Trouble Girls
- B) Poet
- C) Skin of Youth
- D) Safe House
- E) Kesari Chapter 2

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Vietnamese film Skin of Youth, directed by Ash Mayfair, won the Best Feature Film (Golden Peacock) award at the 56th IFFI held in Goa.
- The film is a transgender drama set in 1990s Saigon, exploring the relationship between a transgender sex reassignment worker and an underground cage fighter.
- Actress Tran Quan accepted the award along with the director at the closing ceremony.
- The film was praised for its strong performances, cinematography, and emotional depth.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where was the 10th Session of the India–Slovenia Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation held?

- A) Ljubljana, Slovenia
- B) New Delhi, India
- C) Mumbai, India
- D) Vienna, Austria
- E) Brussels, Belgium

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 10th Session of the India–Slovenia Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation (JCTEC) was held in New Delhi.
- The session provided a platform to review bilateral economic engagement, strengthen cooperation across key sectors, and chart a roadmap for trade and investment between the two nations.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where did PM Narendra Modi unveil the 77-foot-tall statue of Lord Ram?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Ayodhya
- C) Goa
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Rajasthan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- PM Narendra Modi unveiled a 77-foot-tall bronze statue of Lord Ram in Partagali, South Goa, during the 550th-year celebrations of Shree Samsthan Gokarn Jeevottam Math.
- The Math, located in Partagali, South Goa, is one of India's oldest monastic institutions, known for its spiritual, cultural, and social contributions, especially within the Saraswat community.
- The statue was sculpted by Ram Sutar, the same artist who designed the Statue of Unity in Gujarat.
- Goa Governor Ashok Gajapathi Raju and Chief Minister Pramod Sawant were present at the ceremony.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Union Territory is proposed to be brought under Article 240 through the 131st Constitution Amendment Bill, 2025?

- A) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- B) Lakshadweep
- C) Puducherry
- D) Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu
- E) Chandigarh

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Government of India has proposed to include Chandigarh under Article 240 through the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2025, which will be introduced in the Winter Session.
- The aim is to bring Chandigarh at par with other Union Territories without legislatures, such as Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.
- Effect: The move will allow appointment of an independent Administrator for Chandigarh. Currently, the Governor of Punjab acts as the UT Administrator.
- Article 240 empowers the President to make regulations for peace, progress, and good governance in specified Union Territories.

EXAM
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Ques: When was World Philosophy Day 2025 observed?

- A) 19 November
- B) 20 November
- C) 21 November
- D) 22 November
- E) 23 November

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Philosophy Day 2025 was observed on 20 November at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France.
- It was a UNESCO event promoting philosophical dialogue and global understanding.
- The theme for 2025 was “The Values of Societies of the Future” and the ethics of inequality.
- Prof. Ingrid Robeyns received the Stevin Prize, the highest academic distinction in the Netherlands.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: When is the 78th National Cadet Corps (NCC) Raising Day 2025 observed?

- A) November 20
- B) November 21
- C) November 22
- D) November 23
- E) November 24

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 78th National Cadet Corps (NCC) Raising Day 2025 is observed on the 4th Sunday of November, which falls on November 23 this year.
- NCC Day commemorates the establishment of the first NCC units in Delhi in 1948.

EXAM
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Ques: Which state is receiving a USD 400 million loan from ADB for road connectivity upgrades?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided a USD 400 million loan to Maharashtra to upgrade state highways and rural roads across 34 districts.
- The project will support the upgradation of around 350 km of state highways and 2,577 km of rural roads.

EXAM
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Ques: Which two Indian states received a USD 776 million loan from the World Bank for education and climate-resilient agriculture projects?

- A) Haryana and West Bengal
- B) Gujarat and Rajasthan
- C) Karnataka and Tamil Nadu
- D) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
- E) Punjab and Maharashtra

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The World Bank approved a loan of USD 776 million for two projects in India: improving education in Punjab and advancing climate-resilient agriculture in Maharashtra.
- Punjab Projects: Punjab Outcomes-Acceleration in School Education Operation (POISE) – USD 286 million with a final maturity of 19 years plus a 5-year grace period.
- Maharashtra Projects: Project on Climate Resilient Agriculture (POCRA) Phase II – USD 490 million with a final maturity of 24 years plus a 6-year grace period.

EXAM
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Ques: Which new loan product has South Indian Bank launched to help customers consolidate multiple loans?

- A) SIB Flexi Loan
- B) SIB Power CONSOL
- C) SIB Quick Credit
- D) SIB Home Advantage
- E) SIB Personal Plus

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- **South** Indian Bank launched the SIB Power CONSOL loan scheme, which allows customers to consolidate multiple loans into a single Equated Monthly Instalment (EMI).
- The product targets salaried individuals, self-employed professionals, and self-employed non-professionals aged 30–55, and covers loans like home, car, education, personal, and consumer durable loans.
- Key benefits include lower interest rates, single unified EMI, minimal documentation, zero processing fee, and simplified debt management as the bank acts as a debt counsellor.

EXAM
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Ques: Which bank was awarded the Best Profit-Making Bank in Belagavi District in 2025?

- A) Rani Channamma Mahila Sahakari Bank
- B) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
- C) Belagavi Urban Co-op Bank
- D) State Bank of India
- E) Canara Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Rani Channamma Mahila Sahakari Bank (RCMS Bank), headquartered in Belgaum, Karnataka, was awarded the Best Profit-Making Bank in Belagavi District for 2025.
- The award was presented during the 72nd All India Cooperative Week held at Haveri, Karnataka.
- The event was organized by the Karnataka State Urban Cooperative Banks Federation and chaired by Preeti Kore Daddwad.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Indian company recently received the Certificate of Authorisation from RBI to operate as a Payment Aggregator?

- A) PayU India
- B) PhonePe
- C) Google Pay India
- D) Razorpay
- E) Paytm Payments Services Limited

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL), a subsidiary of One97 Communications, received the Certificate of Authorisation (COA) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act (PSSA), 2007.
- The RBI also lifted restrictions that had been imposed on PPSL on 25th November 2022, allowing the company to onboard new merchants.

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Ques: What is mandatory for banks under RBI's final norms for digital banking channels?

- A) Forcing customers to opt for digital channels
- B) Displaying third-party products without approval
- C) Obtaining explicit consent from customers for digital banking services
- D) Making mobile apps compulsory for banking
- E) Removing transaction alerts

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI mandates that banks must obtain explicit consent from customers before providing any digital banking service.
- Banks cannot force customers to adopt digital channels to access basic facilities like debit cards.
- Mobile banking must work across all networks, and banks must implement risk mitigation measures such as transaction limits, velocity checks, and fraud monitoring.
- Banks cannot display third-party products or services unless permitted by RBI.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Google and which venture capital firm announced a joint initiative to fund early-stage Indian AI startups?

- A) Accel
- B) Sequoia Capital
- C) Tiger Global
- D) SoftBank
- E) Lightspeed India

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Google and VC firm Accel will jointly fund early-stage Indian AI startups, supporting at least 10 startups.
- Each startup may receive up to USD 2 million via Google's AI Futures Fund along with Accel's co-investment.
- Focus areas include entertainment, creativity, work productivity, and coding.
- India's large internet user base (~1 billion) makes it a major AI growth market.
- In October 2025, Google announced a USD 15 billion investment over five years to build an AI data center in Andhra Pradesh, its largest investment in India to date.

EXAM
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Ques: Who is the author of the book “The Life and Legacy of Arun Jaitley”?

- A) Shashi Tharoor
- B) Sumant Batra
- C) Prasoon Joshi
- D) Bibek Debroy
- E) Ramachandra Guha

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- “The Life and Legacy of Arun Jaitley” is authored by Sumant Batra, a renowned writer and policy expert.
- The book highlights Arun Jaitley’s political journey, contributions, and personal life.
- Arun Jaitley served as India’s Finance Minister and was a highly influential leader in modern Indian politics.
- The book honours his legacy, leadership style, and impact on India’s economic reforms.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the name of the national march launched to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?

- A) Sardar@150 National Unity March
- B) Ek Bharat Aatmanirbhar Bharat Yatra
- C) Rashtriya Ekta Yatra
- D) Patel Smriti Padyatra
- E) National Pravah Yatra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Sardar@150 National Unity March was launched in Anand, Gujarat by Mera Yuva (MY) Bharat, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, to commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th birth anniversary.
- The 11-day march covers nearly 180 km to the Statue of Unity in Kevadia, promoting national unity and the 'Ek Bharat, Aatmanirbhar Bharat' message.
- Dignitaries paid tribute at Sardar Patel's ancestral home in Karamsad, while four national Pravah Road Yatras—Ganga, Yamuna, Narmada, and Godavari—progress along designated routes to join the National Padyatra.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What was India's rank in its debut participation at the WorldSkills Asia Competition (WSAC) 2025?

- A) 5th
- B) 8th
- C) 10th
- D) 12th
- E) 15th

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India made its debut at WSAC 2025 and secured 8th position among 29 participating nations.
- The Indian team excelled in both traditional and tech-driven skills across high-demand sectors.
- The contingent included 23 competitors in 21 skill categories, supported by 21 experts.
- India won 1 Silver, 2 Bronze medals, and 3 Medallions for Excellence, with women participants performing exceptionally in non-traditional skills.
- Participation was led by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and NSDC, highlighting India's growing global-standard skills capabilities.

EXAM
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Ques: What is the name of the campaign focused on gender equality and women empowerment in rural India?

- A) Saheli Empowerment Mission
- B) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- C) Mahila Shakti Abhiyan
- D) Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana
- E) Nayi Chetna – Initiative for Change

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 4th edition of “Nayi Chetna – Initiative for Change” was launched by Union Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan (MoAFW & MoRD) and Annapurna Devi (MoWCD) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- The campaign runs across all 36 States and Union Territories till December 23, 2025, led by village Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- Aim: Promotes gender equality and women empowerment, particularly in rural areas.
- Previous editions: Nayi Chetna 1.0 (2022), 2.0 (2023), 3.0 (2024).

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Who inaugurated the NITI Aayog's Water and Sanitation Summit 2025?

- A) Union Minister of Environment
- B) NITI Aayog CEO
- C) Prime Minister of India
- D) Union Minister of Urban Development
- E) Union Minister of Jal Shakti

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The summit was inaugurated by Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Paatil at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 28–29 November 2025.
- Organised under the Ministry of Jal Shakti as part of NITI Aayog's six thematic departmental summits, it focused on evidence-based policy, cooperative federalism, and water sector reforms.
- Core areas included water source sustainability, drinking water & sanitation security, groundwater management, irrigation efficiency, and integrated rural–urban water governance.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli broke which pair's record for most international matches played together for India?

- A) Virender Sehwag – Gautam Gambhir
- B) MS Dhoni – Suresh Raina
- C) Sachin Tendulkar – Rahul Dravid
- D) Yuvraj Singh – Harbhajan Singh
- E) Sourav Ganguly – Rahul Dravid

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Rohit–Kohli pair played their 392nd international match together, surpassing Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid's record of 391 matches.
- Rohit (57) and Kohli (135) marked the milestone with a 136-run partnership for the second wicket.
- This achievement reflects their long-standing consistency and significant contribution to Indian cricket.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which initiative under IIT Delhi focuses on textile recycling and sustainability supported by the National Technical Textiles Mission?

- A) Arvind Textile Innovation Hub
- B) National Institute of Fashion Technology
- C) Sustainable Textiles India
- D) Atal Centre of Textile Recycling and Sustainability
- E) Indian Textile Recycling Program

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- IIT Delhi, Panipat, established the Atal Centre of Textile Recycling and Sustainability with support from the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM), integrating technology, innovation, and national purpose.
- Key initiatives include the National Flag Recycling Initiative, introducing India's first structured process for dignified recycling of retired national flags.
- The Aramid Fibre Recycling Programme offers innovative solutions for recycling high-performance aramid waste used in defence, aerospace, and protective textiles.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which company became the new official partner of the BCCI?

- A) Campa
- B) Atomberg
- C) SBI Life
- D) Asian Paints
- E) Apollo Tyres

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Asian Paints has been announced as the new official partner of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- It joins existing partners Campa, Atomberg, and SBI Life.
- The partnership deal is valued at approximately ₹45 crore, contributing to BCCI's total official partnership revenue of around ₹180 crore.
- Apollo Tyres continues as the jersey sponsor till 2028, contributing ₹579 crore.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is 'OncoMark', recently unveiled by Indian scientists?

- A) A solar-powered energy storage system
- B) An AI-powered diagnostic model for cancer
- C) A satellite for climate monitoring
- D) A new high-speed train prototype
- E) A vaccine for multiple cancer types

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- 'OncoMark' is an AI-powered diagnostic model developed by Indian scientists to analyse cancer at the molecular level.
- It was created by the S N Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences in collaboration with Ashoka University.
- The model was trained on 3.1 million single cells from 14 different cancer types, aiming to transform cancer classification and treatment.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Virat Kohli broke whose record to become the batter with the most centuries in a single format?

- A) Ricky Ponting
- B) David Warner
- C) Sachin Tendulkar
- D) Kumar Sangakkara
- E) None of the Above

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Virat Kohli scored 135 off 120 balls against South Africa in the 1st ODI at JSCA, Ranchi, becoming the batter with the most centuries in a single format (52 ODI centuries).
- He surpassed Sachin Tendulkar, who had 51 centuries in ODIs.
- Kohli also notched his 6th ODI century against South Africa, overtaking Tendulkar and David Warner (both with 5 centuries vs SA).
- This milestone reinforces Kohli's status as one of the greatest ODI batters of all time.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the name of the Indian scheme providing free electricity through rooftop solar panels?

- A) PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana
- B) Ujjwala Yojana
- C) Saubhagya Yojana
- D) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha
- E) Atal Jyoti Yojana

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY) was launched on 13th February 2024 by PM Narendra Modi as the world's largest domestic rooftop solar initiative, aiming to make 1 crore homes solar-powered.
- As of 10th March 2025, 10 lakh homes have been powered through solar installations, with 47.3 lakh applications received and ₹4,770 crore subsidies disbursed to 6.13 lakh beneficiaries.
- The scheme offers collateral-free loans up to ₹2 lakh at 6.75% interest via 12 Public Sector Banks; 3.10 lakh loan applications received, 1.58 lakh sanctioned, and 1.28 lakh disbursed.
- It supports India's renewable energy expansion, reduces household energy expenses, lowers government electricity costs (~₹75,000 crore annually), and advances climate commitments.

Genius





Ques: What is the purpose of India's newly launched Hansa-3NG aircraft?

- A) Cargo transportation
- B) Pilot training for PPL & CPL
- C) Border surveillance
- D) Long-haul passenger transport
- E) Disaster relief operations

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Hansa-3NG is India's first all-composite two-seater trainer aircraft, specifically designed for PPL (Private Pilot License) and CPL (Commercial Pilot License) training.
- It addresses India's growing pilot demand, projected to reach around 30,000 in the next two decades.
- The aircraft supports India's goal of developing indigenous aviation technology and reducing reliance on foreign trainer aircraft.
- CSIR-NAL is also developing larger aircraft like the 19-seater SARAS Mk-2, further strengthening India's aerospace ecosystem.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where was the earliest thorny bamboo fossil in Asia discovered, offering new insights into botanical history?

- A) Imphal Valley, Manipur
- B) Brahmaputra Valley, Assam
- C) Doon Valley, Uttarakhand
- D) Nilgiri Hills, Tamil Nadu
- E) Sundarbans, West Bengal

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Researchers discovered an intact thorny bamboo stem in silt-rich deposits of the Chirang River, Imphal Valley, Manipur, marking the earliest such fossil in Asia.
- Bamboo fossils are extremely rare due to hollow stems and fibrous tissues decaying rapidly, leaving minimal geological traces.
- This fossil provides direct evidence of thorny bamboo in the past, enhancing understanding of bamboo defences and botanical history.
- The discovery was made by scientists from the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), under the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who was Kumari Kamala, who recently passed away at the age of 91?

- A) A renowned Bharatanatyam dancer
- B) A classical Hindustani singer
- C) A famous Kathak dancer
- D) A noted Odissi dancer
- E) A prominent theatre director

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Kumari Kamala, also known as Kamala Laxmi Narayanan, was a renowned Bharatanatyam dancer who passed away at 91 in California, USA.
- She was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1970 for her contributions to the arts.
- She also received the Kalaimamani award in 1967 (Tamil Nadu government) and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1968.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What digital solution did Punjab National Bank (PNB) recently launch?

- A) Digital loan application portal
- B) PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar NIDHI (PM SVANidhi) scheme solution
- C) Online savings account opening platform
- D) Mobile payment wallet
- E) Digital insurance service

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) launched a digital solution specifically for the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar NIDHI (PM SVANidhi) scheme, helping street vendors access benefits digitally.
- Alongside this, PNB introduced end-to-end digitisation of its staff accountability portal and rolled out a conduct risk framework for employees.
- The occasion also marked the release of the 5th Edition of 'PNB's Vigilance Manual 2025' and the September 2025 issue of 'PNB Vigil' magazine, while recognizing ethical employees as "Vigilance Warriors."

PM SVANidhi Scheme:

- Started: 1st June 2020
- Funded by: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- For providing affordable working capital loans to street vendors to resume their livelihoods that have been adversely affected due to Covid-19
- Target : 42 lakh street vendors are to be provided benefits under PM SVANidhi Scheme by December, 2024.



Ques: India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) in Q2FY26 stood at what percentage of GDP?

- A) 0.2%
- B) 0.8%
- C) 1.3%
- D) 1.8%
- E) 2.2%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's CAD widened sequentially to 1.3% of GDP in Q2FY26, up from 0.2% in Q1FY26.
- It remained lower than the 2.2% recorded in Q2FY25.
- Causes: weaker capital inflows, decline in NRI deposits & ECB inflows, higher primary income outflows.
- Merchandise trade deficit reduced to \$87.4 billion from \$88.5 billion YoY.
- Net services receipts rose to \$50.9 billion from \$44.5 billion.

EXAM
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Ques: What recent relaxation did SEBI introduce for Investment Advisers (IAs) and Research Analysts (RAs)?

- A) Only finance graduates can register
- B) Educational norms relaxed to include graduates from any discipline
- C) Certification from foreign universities mandatory
- D) IAs cannot continue client onboarding during corporatisation
- E) Registration limited to CFA charter holders only

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SEBI relaxed educational eligibility, allowing graduates from any discipline (India or abroad) or CFA charter holders to register.
- NISM or NISM-accredited certification remains mandatory.
- Corporatisation transition (for IAs with >300 clients or >₹3 crore fees) can continue without stopping onboarding and fee collection.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a loan of \$846 million to India for which major initiative?

- A) Green Energy Corridor Development
- B) Rural Road Connectivity Improvement
- C) Upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)
- D) Smart City Mission Expansion
- E) National Digital Literacy Campaign

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan of \$846 million to India.
- The funding supports the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs Program.
- The programme aims to upgrade 650 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across 12 states.
- The initiative will enhance skill development, employability, and modern vocational training across the country.

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

- Established: 19 December 1966
- Headquarters: Manila, Philippines
- Members: 69
- Chief Economist: Albert Park
- President: Masato Kanda





Ques: Usha Janakiraman has been appointed to which position in RBI?

- A) Deputy Governor
- B) Executive Director
- C) Director of Currency
- D) Chief Economist
- E) Chief General Manager

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI has appointed Usha Janakiraman as Executive Director (ED) effective from 1 December.
- Prior to this role, she served as Chief General Manager in the Department of Regulation.
- As ED, she will oversee the Department of Supervision including risk, analytics, and vulnerability assessment.
- She has over three decades of RBI experience across regulation, external investment, banking supervision, public debt management, and currency management.

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Ques: What is featured on the new NPR 100 note released by Nepal Rastra Bank?

- A) Mount Everest and national animals
- B) Nepal's revised political map including Kalapani, Lipulekh, and Limpiyadhura
- C) Famous Nepalese temples
- D) Cultural festivals of Nepal
- E) Traditional Nepalese art forms

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Nepal Rastra Bank released a new NPR 100 note featuring Nepal's revised political map, which includes disputed territories such as Kalapani, Lipulekh, and Limpiyadhura.
- The printing contract was awarded to China Banknote Printing and Minting Corporation.
- These territories are currently under India's control but claimed by Nepal.
- The revised map was adopted through a constitutional amendment on May 20, 2020, and the NPR 100 design was approved by the Nepalese Cabinet in May 2024.

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Ques: What is the main purpose of the 3-in-1 account launched by Utkarsh Small Finance Bank in partnership with Axis Securities?

- A) To provide only a savings account
- B) To offer a unified platform for banking and investing by integrating Savings, Demat, and Trading accounts
- C) To provide only a Demat account for investments
- D) To provide only trading services
- E) To offer fixed deposit schemes with high interest

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank, in partnership with Axis Securities, launched a 3-in-1 account that integrates a Savings Account, Demat Account, and Trading Account.
- It enables customers to manage banking and investment needs on a single unified platform.
- Key features include seamless fund transfers, one-stop access to investment and account services, and availability through multiple digital and branch channels.

About Utkarsh Small Finance Bank:

- Established: 2016
- Headquarters: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- CEO: Govind Singh
- Tagline: Aapki Umeed Ka Khata

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Ques: What is the purpose of YES BANK's "Score Kya Hua" initiative?

- A) To provide home loans at discounted rates
- B) To promote digital banking adoption
- C) To improve credit literacy and help individuals manage their credit score
- D) To offer insurance products to young entrepreneurs
- E) To provide investment advisory services

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- "Score Kya Hua" is a nationwide CSR initiative by YES BANK focused on improving credit literacy across India.
- It helps individuals understand credit scores, manage them wisely, and make informed borrowing decisions.
- The campaign targets young entrepreneurs, new credit users, and homebuyers.
- It provides free credit score checks and simple learning modules via a dedicated microsite.
- CRIF High Mark, a credit bureau, is the knowledge partner for this initiative.

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Ques: By November 2025, what was LIC's total holding in Cipla after increasing its stake?

- A) 5.02%
- B) 6.50%
- C) 7.05%
- D) 8.10%
- E) 9.00%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- LIC acquired over 1.64 crore shares of Cipla within a little over four months starting July 2025.
- LIC's stake increased from 5.025% in mid-July to 7.055% by the end of November 2025.
- The additional ~2% stake was purchased through open-market transactions.
- Cipla is one of India's leading pharmaceutical companies.
- Cipla shares closed slightly (<1%) lower at ₹1,523.80 on BSE.

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Ques: What was the main objective of the National Level GI-Tagged Tribal Art Workshop & Exhibition conducted by NESTS?

- A) To promote modern art among tribal students
- B) To provide tribal students exposure to India's GI-tagged tribal and traditional art forms
- C) To train students for national sports competitions
- D) To conduct a music competition for tribal schools
- E) To develop digital literacy among tribal students

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The event aimed to provide tribal students hands-on exposure to India's GI-tagged tribal and traditional art forms.
- It brought together 139 EMRS students, 34 Art & Music teachers, and 10 nationally recognised master artisans from across India.
- Master artisans conducted live demonstrations and hands-on sessions to guide students in various traditional and GI-tagged art forms.
- Gond Art : Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh
- Warli Painting : Maharashtra
- Madhubani (Mithila) Painting : Bihar
- Kalamkari (Machilipatnam) : Andhra Pradesh
- Kalamkari (Srikalahasti) : Andhra Pradesh
- Pithora Painting : Gujarat & Rajasthan (Bhil Tribe)
- Cherial Scroll Painting : Telangana
- Rogan Painting : Gujarat (Kutch)
- Bastar Dhokra / Dhokra Craft : Chhattisgarh
- Kachchhi (Kutch) Embroidery : Gujarat
- Pichwai Painting : Rajasthan (Nathdwara)
- Aipan Art : Uttarakhand
- Rangwali Pichhora : Uttarakhand
- Kangra Painting : Himachal Pradesh
- Basohli (Basholi) Painting : Jammu & Kashmir (Kathua district)
- Mysore Painting : Karnataka



Ques: Which Indian institute developed the country's first Indigenous Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) for ports?

- A) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- B) Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- C) National Institute of Technology, Trichy
- D) CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography
- E) IIT Kharagpur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- IIT Madras developed and deployed India's first Indigenous Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) for ports.
- It is operational at Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited (VISL) in Kerala since its inauguration by PM Narendra Modi in May 2025.
- The system was developed through the R&D centre, the National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC).

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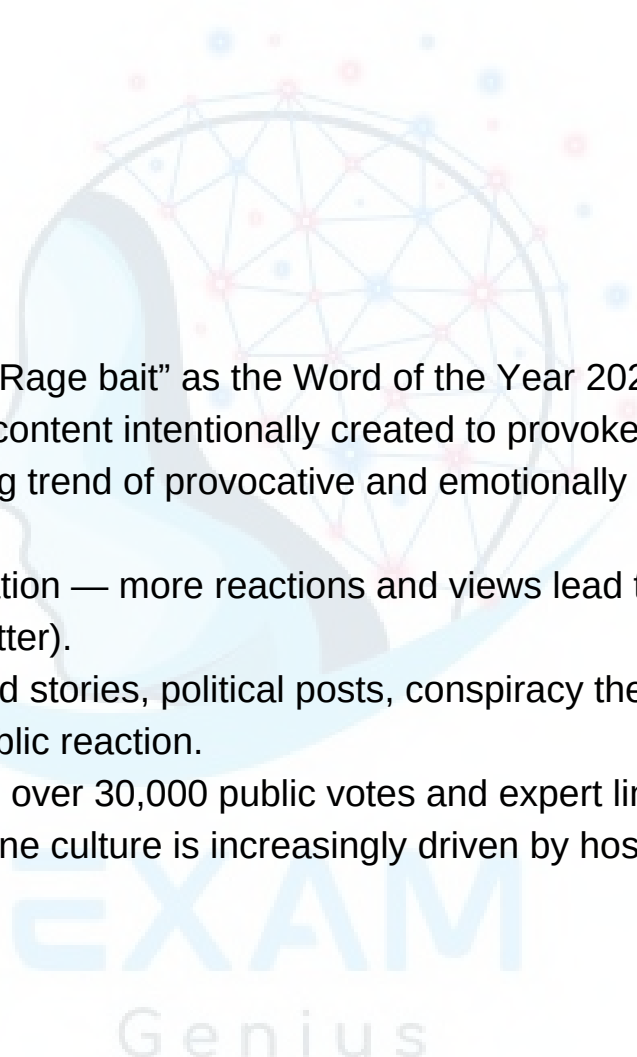
Ques: What is the Oxford Word of the Year 2025?

- A) Brain Rot
- B) Click Trap
- C) Rage Bait
- D) Viral Hook
- E) None of the Above

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Oxford Dictionary selected “Rage bait” as the Word of the Year 2025.
- “Rage bait” refers to online content intentionally created to provoke anger or outrage.
- The term highlights the rising trend of provocative and emotionally triggering content on the internet.
- It is often linked to monetization — more reactions and views lead to higher earnings on platforms like X (formerly Twitter).
- Rage bait includes fabricated stories, political posts, conspiracy theories, and offensive content designed to spark public reaction.
- The selection was based on over 30,000 public votes and expert linguistic analysis.
- The choice reflects how online culture is increasingly driven by hostility and reaction-based engagement.





Ques: What is the purpose of the CBDT's second NUDGE campaign launched for FY 2024-25?

- A) To detect domestic tax evasion only
- B) To encourage taxpayers to invest in government schemes
- C) To facilitate accurate reporting of foreign assets and income in ITRs
- D) To introduce new tax slabs for high-income taxpayers
- E) To simplify GST compliance for small businesses

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The CBDT's second NUDGE campaign focuses on taxpayers whose foreign assets may be unreported in their Income Tax Returns for AY 2025-26.
- SMS and email alerts are sent advising taxpayers to review and correct their returns by 31 December 2025 to avoid penalties.
- The campaign ensures proper disclosure of Schedule Foreign Assets (FA) and Foreign Source Income (FSI), as required under the Income-tax Act, 1961, and the Black Money Act, 2015.
- CBDT aims to improve voluntary compliance using a PRUDENT approach — Professionalism, Responsibility, Understanding, Dedication, Effective enforcement, Non-intrusive administration, and Technology.

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Ques: Who has been named the World Athletes of the Year?

- A) Neeraj Chopra & Sha'Carri Richardson
- B) Armand Duplantis & Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone
- C) Jakob Ingebrigtsen & Faith Kipyegon
- D) Fred Kerley & Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce
- E) All of the Above

Answer: Option B

Explanation: • Armand 'Mondo' Duplantis (Sweden) was named the Male World Athlete of the Year.

- He retained his World Championship gold and broke his own world record four times.
- Duplantis remained undefeated in 16 competitions in the season.
- Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (USA) was named the Female World Athlete of the Year.
- She has remained undefeated for two years in both the 400m and the 400m hurdles events.
- Both athletes were honored for their exceptional performances and dominance in their respective events.

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Ques: Which Indian rum was awarded the 'Rum Brand of the Year' at The Spirits Business Awards 2025?

- A) Old Monk
- B) Camikara
- C) McDowell's No.1
- D) Hercules
- E) Radico Rum

Answer: Option B

Explanation: • Camikara was awarded the 'Rum Brand of the Year' at The Spirits Business Awards 2025 in London, becoming the first Indian rum to win a global title.
• It is produced by Piccadily Agro Industries Ltd and is India's first pure cane juice-aged rum.

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Ques: What is the main purpose of the Sanchar Saathi app, which the DoT has made mandatory on all new phones?

- A) Entertainment & streaming services
- B) Cybersecurity, IMEI verification & fraud prevention
- C) Online banking
- D) Social media connectivity
- E) Mobile gaming

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has mandated that all smartphone makers pre-install the Sanchar Saathi app on devices sold from March 2026.
- The directive must be implemented within 90 days, with compliance reports submitted within 120 days.
- The app aims to strengthen cyber security, prevent IMEI tampering/spoofing, and curb frauds.
- IMEI is a unique 15–17 digit code that identifies every phone, acting like a device fingerprint.
- Sanchar Saathi is a mobile app and portal launched by DoT to protect users from fraud, identity misuse, and mobile theft.
- Mobile app launched on 17 January 2025; portal launched in May 2023.
- Available in Hindi and 21 regional languages for wider accessibility.
- Key features include: verifying IMEI to check phone authenticity, reporting and blocking lost/stolen phones, checking all mobile numbers linked to a user, reporting scam calls/messages, and viewing trusted customer-care numbers.
- Includes Chakshu platform to report suspicious calls/messages and fake customer-care numbers.
- CEIR (Central Equipment Identity Register) maintains a national IMEI database to block lost/stolen phones, prevent fake IMEIs, assist police/security agencies, and allow users to unblock recovered devices.
- As of now, over 2.48 lakh complaints have been registered on the Sanchar Saathi platform, and more than 50,000 lost/stolen phones were recovered in October 2



Ques: Which city has been approved to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Birmingham
- C) Glasgow
- D) Ahmedabad
- E) Abuja

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) General Assembly approved Ahmedabad, Gujarat, to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games, defeating Abuja, Nigeria, in the bid held in Glasgow, Scotland.
- The decision was supported by delegates from 74 Commonwealth nations.
- India earlier hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2010 in New Delhi.
- The 2030 Games will mark the 100th anniversary of the Commonwealth Games, which began in 1930 in Hamilton, Canada.
- The event is expected to feature an expanded program of 15–17 sports.

Recent Commonwealth Games Venues:

- 2022 – Birmingham
- 2026 – Glasgow
- 2030 – Ahmedabad

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Ques: Who became the world's second richest person according to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List, surpassing Larry Ellison?

- A) Sergey Brin
- B) Elon Musk
- C) Jeff Bezos
- D) Warren Buffett
- E) Larry Page

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Larry Page, Co-Founder of Google, became the world's second richest person with a net worth of around USD 255 billion, surpassing Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison (USD 247.4 billion).
- He co-founded Google in 1998 with Sergey Brin and later served as CEO of Alphabet.
- In 2019, he stepped down from daily operations and currently holds around 3.2% shareholding in Alphabet.

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Ques: Which Indian production received nominations at the 53rd International Emmy Awards 2025?

- A) The Family Man
- B) Amar Singh Chamkila
- C) Sacred Games
- D) Ludwig
- E) Delhi Crime

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 53rd International Emmy Awards, held in New York City, USA, celebrate excellence in television produced outside the United States, presented by the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (IATAS).
- India received two nominations for Amar Singh Chamkila, with Diljit Dosanjh nominated for Best Actor and Best TV Movie/Mini-Series.
- British drama Ludwig and Indian film Amar Singh Chamkila received the most nominations, two each.

Other notable winners at International Emmy Awards 2025:

- Best Arts Programming: Ryuichi Sakamoto (Japan)
- Best Performance by an Actress: Anna Maxwell Martin (UK)
- Best Performance by an Actor: Oriol Pla (Spain)
- TV Movie/ Mini-Series : Lost Boys and Fairies
- Comedy : Ludwig
- Telenovela : The Good and The Bad
- Documentary : Hell Jumper
- Short Form Series : La Mediatrice (The Mediator)
- Non- Scripted Entertainment : Shaolin in Heroes (Denmark)
- Sports Documentary : It's all over: The Kiss That Changed the Spanish Football
- Current Affairs : Dispatches: Kill Zone: Inside Gaza
- Best News : Gaza, Search for Life

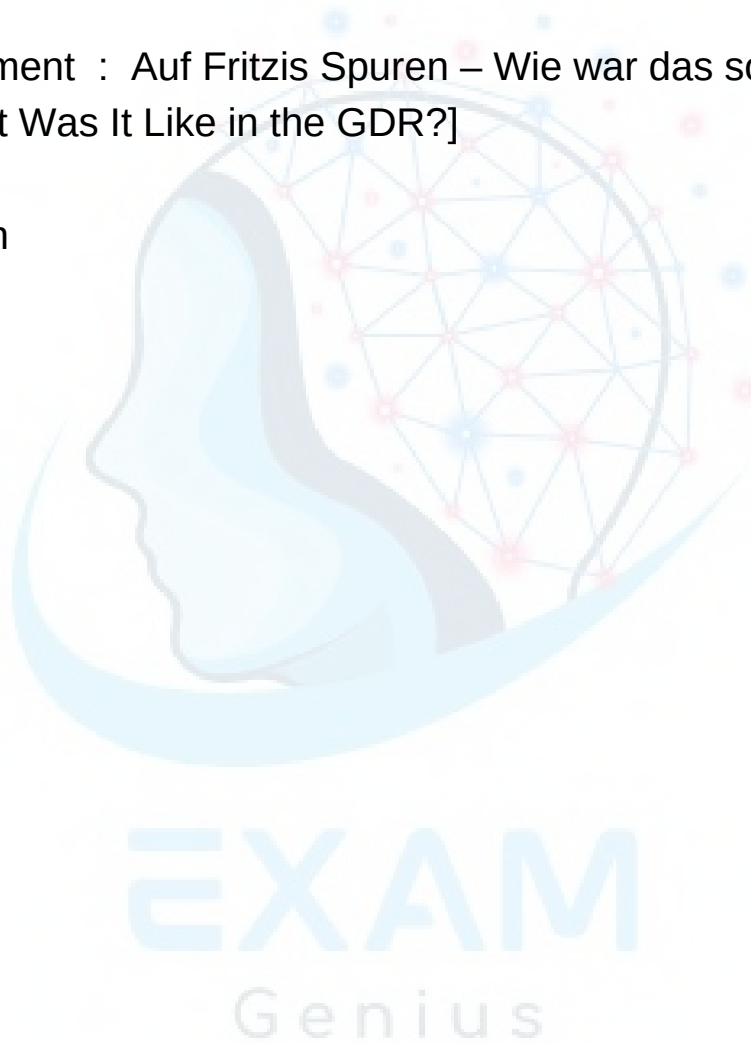




- Drama Series : Rivals
- **International Emmy Directorate Award Gaumont : João Roberto Marinho**
- **International Emmy Founder's Award : Dana Walden**

Winners in Kids Category :

- Factual & Entertainment : Auf Fritzis Spuren – Wie war das so in der DDR? [On Fritz's Traces – What Was It Like in the GDR?]
- Animation : Bluey
- Live-Action : Fallen





Ques: What is the main objective of the Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025?

- A) Electronics
- B) Tobacco & related products
- C) Packaged food items
- D) Luxury goods
- E) Handicrafts

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025 was introduced to restructure levies on sin goods like tobacco and pan masala.
- The Bill proposes excise duty on tobacco and related products such as cigars, cheroots, and cigarettes.
- Proposed excise duty ranges from ₹5,000–₹11,000 per 1,000 sticks depending on the length of cigars, cheroots, and cigarettes.
- Additionally, the Bill proposes 60–70% levy on unmanufactured tobacco and 100% on nicotine and inhalation products.
- These duties will be over and above the existing 40% GST on sin goods. Currently, tobacco and pan masala attract 28% GST plus compensation cess.

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Ques: What rank has India secured in the 7th edition of the Asia Power Index published by Australia's Lowy Institute?

- A) 1st
- B) 2nd
- C) 3rd
- D) 4th
- E) 5th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 7th edition of the Asia Power Index, released by the Lowy Institute of Australia, assessed 27 countries based on 131 indicators.
- India secured the 3rd rank, earning the status of a 'major power' in the region.
- The United States and China retained the top two positions as 'superpowers'.
- India improved its performance from last year—scoring 40 out of 100, compared to 38.1 previously, when it was ranked among 'middle powers'.

Ranking of top 5 Countries with score:

1. USA – 80.5
2. China – 73.7
3. India – 40
4. Japan – 38.8
5. Russia– 32.1
6. Pakistan – 14.5

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Ques: On the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur, what initiatives did PM Narendra Modi unveil as a national tribute?

- A) Commemorative postage stamp
- B) Special coin
- C) Coffee table book
- D) Memorial statue
- E) All of the Above

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- On the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur, PM Narendra Modi unveiled a commemorative postage stamp, a special coin, and a coffee table book dedicated to the Ninth Sikh Guru.
- The event was held at Jyotisar, Kurukshetra, Haryana, organised by the Haryana Government.
- A special interfaith Gurbani recitation was conducted by 350 school students from Patiala, representing Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, and Christian communities, highlighting Guru Tegh Bahadur's message of religious harmony and unity.

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Ques: What does the Ministry of Finance's Monthly Economic Review (October) highlight about India's economy?

- A) Domestic economy showing stability and resilience
- B) Sharp decline in automobile and tractor sales
- C) Record low services exports
- D) Manufacturing and services PMI indicate contraction
- E) Inflation rising sharply

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance noted that India's domestic economy remains stable and resilient, supported by lower inflation, strong consumer demand, and early policy impacts.
- Retail inflation fell to 0.25 percent.
- Festive season boosted consumption: petrol sales highest in 5 months, automobile sales up 40.5% YoY, and tractor sales highest in 11 years.
- Services exports reached a record USD 38.5 billion, covering nearly 50% of the merchandise trade deficit.
- Manufacturing PMI stood at 59.2 and Services PMI at 58.9, indicating strong expansion and robust growth.

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Ques: RBI launched NSFI 2025-30 at the meeting of which body?

- A) Monetary Policy Committee
- B) FSDC Sub-Committee
- C) Financial Inclusion Advisory Board
- D) SEBI Board
- E) DFS Review Committee

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI unveiled the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2025-30 during the 32nd meeting of the FSDC Sub-Committee, chaired by the RBI Governor.
- The strategy aims to boost financial access across India and aligns with the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.
- NSFI is structured around five pillars called 'Panch-Jyoti' with 47 action points for implementation across regulators.

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Ques: Punjab National Bank recently appointed which sportsperson as its first-ever female brand ambassador?

- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) PV Sindhu
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Sakshi Malik
- E) Mithali Raj

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Punjab National Bank appointed Harmanpreet Kaur as its first-ever female brand ambassador.
- She is the captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team.
- The partnership aims to strengthen brand visibility, trust, and youth engagement.
- PNB is the second-largest public sector bank in India by business volume.

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Ques: Tata Realty & Infrastructure recently partnered with which bank for a green loan facility?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) DBS Bank India
- D) SBI
- E) Axis Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Tata Realty & Infrastructure partnered with DBS Bank India to secure a Rs 1,280 crore green loan facility.
- The loan was taken by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for the Intellion Park project in Gurugram.
- Intellion Park is a Grade-A commercial campus spanning 2.1 million sq. ft. with four towers.
- The project aims to support sustainable real estate development.

About DBS Bank India: • Established: 1994

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- CEO: Rajat Verma

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Ques: Which bank appointed Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna as brand ambassadors?

- A) Equitas SFB
- B) Ujjivan SFB
- C) AU Small Finance Bank
- D) ESAF SFB
- E) Jana SFB

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- AU Small Finance Bank appointed Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna as brand ambassadors after receiving RBI's in-principle approval to transition into a universal bank.
- They will promote new campaigns and digital banking initiatives to enhance brand visibility and customer outreach.
- AU SFB is India's largest Small Finance Bank in terms of assets and branch network.

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Ques: ADB recently approved a \$650 million loan for India. What is the main purpose of this loan?

- A) Highways Development
- B) Rooftop Solar Adoption
- C) Agriculture Financing
- D) Smart Cities Mission
- E) Defence Modernisation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$650 million policy-based loan to support India's rooftop solar programme.
- The loan aims to accelerate rooftop solar adoption across residential households by enabling clean and affordable energy.
- Target beneficiaries: 1 crore households by 2027.
- The programme supports India's clean energy transition and reduces dependence on fossil fuels.

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Ques: What is the current Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit in Public Sector Banks (PSBs)?

- A) 49%
- B) 74%
- C) 20%
- D) 26%
- E) 35%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The government clarified that there is no proposal to increase the FDI limit in PSBs from 20% to 49%.
- Current FDI caps: 20% for PSBs and 74% for private banks (up to 49% under the automatic route for private banks).
- Any investment of 5% or more in a bank requires prior RBI approval.
- Banks must maintain at least 25% minimum public shareholding.

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Ques: What is the purpose of Axis Bank's 'Flashback' programme?

- A) To provide financial planning workshops for senior citizens
- B) To offer nostalgic film screenings and strengthen cultural connection with elderly customers
- C) To promote digital banking adoption among senior citizens
- D) To provide health check-up camps for elderly customers
- E) To offer discounted loans to senior citizens

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Flashback is a special initiative by Axis Bank aimed at its senior-citizen customers — under this programme the bank hosts exclusive screenings of classic films (from the 1960s-70s and regional classics) for its elderly customers.
- The objective of Flashback is to evoke nostalgia, bring joy, and strengthen emotional and cultural bonds with senior customers — thereby enhancing customer engagement beyond usual banking services.
- The screenings are held across multiple cities in India and include regional-language films to suit local audiences.

If you want, I can list all of Axis Bank's senior-citizen oriented programmes (including Flashback) with their goals.

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Ques: How many UPI transactions were recorded in November 2025?

- A) 18.5 billion
- B) 19.7 billion
- C) 20.47 billion
- D) 21.8 billion
- E) 22.5 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to the latest data from National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), November 2025 saw 20.47 billion UPI transactions.
- The total value of those transactions was ₹ 26.32 lakh crore.
- Despite a slight dip compared to October 2025, the number represents a 32% year-on-year growth in transaction volume.

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Ques: Which two new plans were recently launched by LIC?

- A) Jeevan Shanti & Jeevan Labh
- B) Bima Kavach & Protection Plus
- C) Saral Suraksha & Jeevan Umang
- D) Dhan Rekha & New Endowment Plan
- E) Jeevan Anand & Jeevan Labh Plus

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The LIC launched two new plans — Bima Kavach and Protection Plus.
- Bima Kavach is a non-participating, non-linked pure-risk life insurance plan, offering a guaranteed death benefit to provide financial protection to the family in case of the insured's death.
- Protection Plus is a linked savings-cum-life-cover plan (non-par, linked), providing both insurance coverage and long-term savings/investment benefits.

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- A) RBI intentionally overestimates inflation
- B) RBI inflation forecasts have systematic bias
- C) RBI forecasts may have errors but no bias; BoP data to be released monthly
- D) RBI will discontinue Balance of Payments data
- E) RBI uses only historical data for forecasting

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Poonam Gupta said that while inflation forecasts sometimes go wrong, there is no systematic bias in the RBI's forecasting.
- She noted that forecast errors are a "global phenomenon" — not unique to RBI or India.
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Ques: Which bank falls under Bucket 4 in RBI's 2025 D-SIB list?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) is placed in Bucket 4 in the 2025 Reserve Bank of India (RBI) D-SIB list.
- As a result, SBI must maintain an additional CET-1 capital buffer of 0.80% of Risk-Weighted Assets (RWA).
- The other D-SIB banks — HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank — are placed in Buckets 2 and 1 respectively.

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Ques: For what achievement did ICAI earn a Guinness World Record recently?

- A) Largest audit conducted in a day
- B) Largest career advice session in a single day
- C) Most students enrolled in accounting courses
- D) Longest continuous online lecture
- E) Largest donation by an educational institute

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) achieved a Guinness World Record for organizing the largest career advice session in a single day.
- The event in Mumbai saw participation from over 7,400+ students, teachers, and principals, with 6,166 students officially counted as per Guinness World Records criteria.
- The initiative was conducted under CAFY 4.0 (Career in Accounting and Finance for Youth) and the Super Mega Career Counselling Programme to promote career awareness in accounting and finance.

About ICAI:

- Established: 1949
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- President: CA Charanjot Singh Nanda

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Ques: What is the purpose of the four-member committee formed by EPFO?

- A) To reduce EPF contribution rates
- B) To investigate financial frauds in EPFO
- C) To restructure workforce and enhance subscriber services
- D) To privatize EPFO operations
- E) To launch new pension schemes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- EPFO has constituted a four-member committee headed by B P Sharma to review the existing staffing structure and identify inefficiencies. (business-standard.com)
- The committee's objective is to streamline workflows, reduce bureaucratic delays, and recommend measures to improve subscriber services across India.
- It will also propose structural changes to support digital transformation and align workforce capability with AI-based systems for gig and unorganised sector workers.
- The final report of the committee is expected by 31 March 2026.

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Ques: What is the main objective of the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) and the 'Aapki Poonji Aapka Adhikar' campaign?

- A) To provide education loans to students
- B) To fund small & micro entrepreneurs and raise awareness on unclaimed financial assets
- C) To build new banking infrastructure in rural areas
- D) To offer insurance to all citizens
- E) To increase government tax revenue

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY), launched in April 2015 by PM Narendra Modi, provides collateral-free loans to small and micro entrepreneurs to promote self-employment and entrepreneurship. (pmmmy.gov.in)
- Under PMMY, loans sanctioned have reached ₹34 lakh crore, benefiting 55 crore people, with the loan limit increased from ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh in Budget 2024-25.
- The 'Aapki Poonji Aapka Adhikar' campaign, launched by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in October 2025, raises awareness about unclaimed financial assets such as insurance claims, bank deposits, dividends, shares, and mutual fund proceeds. (pib.gov.in)
- The campaign guides citizens on how to search for, update records, and claim these unclaimed assets using digital tools, ensuring people can access their rightful financial resources.
- Together, PMMY and this campaign aim to support entrepreneurship and improve financial literacy and asset recovery, empowering individuals economically.



Ques: What is the new name of the PMO complex earlier known as the 'Executive Enclave'?

- A) Rajya Sadan
- B) Seva Teerth
- C) Kartavya Path Bhavan
- D) Lok Kalyan Sadan
- E) Rashtriya Prashasan Kendra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The new complex housing the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has been named 'Seva Teerth'. (pib.gov.in)
- The complex, previously called the 'Executive Enclave' under the Central Vista Redevelopment Project, is in its final stages of completion.
- Apart from the PMO, it will accommodate the Cabinet Secretariat, National Security Council Secretariat, and India House (used for meetings with dignitaries).
- The name 'Seva Teerth' reflects the spirit of service, marking a symbolic shift in governance focus from 'power' to 'service'.
- The design and purpose aim to align with national priorities and enhance administrative efficiency.

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Ques: Which product was recently awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

- A) Coorg Coffee
- B) Darjeeling Mandarin Orange
- C) Assam Kaji Nemu
- D) Nagpur Orange
- E) Sikkim Large Cardamom

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Darjeeling Mandarin Orange has been officially granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. (pib.gov.in)
- The GI tag protects the unique quality, reputation, and geographical origin of the product.
- It helps boost local farmers' income and promotes regional branding.
- Darjeeling's climate and altitude make it ideal for producing premium mandarin oranges, ensuring its distinct taste and quality.

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Ques: As of October 2025, what is India's installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources?

- A) 200 GW
- B) 220 GW
- C) 259 GW
- D) 275 GW
- E) 300 GW

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India has achieved 50% of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources, reaching this milestone five years ahead of its NDC target under the Paris Agreement. (pib.gov.in)
- As of 31 October 2025, India's installed non-fossil fuel capacity stands at 259 GW.
- In the current financial year up to October 2025, 31.2 GW of non-fossil capacity has been added.
- Major capacity additions include solar, wind, hydro, and nuclear power sources.
- The rapid expansion reflects strong policy support, rising renewable energy investments, and India's commitment to sustainable energy transition.

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Ques: What is '1 Bio', recently launched by the Government of Telangana?

- A) India's first AI semiconductor fabrication unit
- B) India's first single-use bioprocess design and scale-up facility
- C) India's first vaccine storage hub
- D) India's first genomics research university
- E) India's first nano-materials testing centre

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- '1 Bio', launched by the Government of Telangana, is India's first single-use bioprocess design and scale-up facility, located at Genome Valley, Hyderabad. (pib.gov.in)
- The Telangana government invested ₹150 crore for developing the core infrastructure.
- Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. contributed ₹90 crore to establish the Bioprocess Design Centre (BDC) and Customer Experience Centre (CEC).
- The facility is designed to accelerate R&D, manufacturing capabilities, and bioprocess innovation in India's biotechnology ecosystem.
- It supports India's goal of becoming a global hub for advanced bioprocessing and biotech manufacturing.

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Ques: Which region is known for the traditional practice of cliff-honey hunting?

- A) Assam
- B) Nagaland
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Mizoram
- E) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Cliff-honey hunting is a centuries-old tradition practiced by the Khamniungan tribe in Choklangan village, Nagaland. (pib.gov.in)
- Bees build their hives on high vertical rock cliffs rather than trees, making honey collection extremely risky.
- Villagers perform rituals seeking permission from the bees before collecting honey, following traditional customs.
- The practice reflects the unique cultural and ecological knowledge of the Khamniungan tribe and contributes to sustainable harvesting methods.

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Ques: Which organisation will operate the upcoming 'Bharat Taxi' ride-hailing app?

- A) ONDC
- B) Sahakar Taxi Co-operative Ltd
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Ministry of Road Transport
- E) NRSC

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government will launch a ride-hailing app named Bharat Taxi to reduce commercial drivers' dependence on private taxi companies. (pib.gov.in)
- The app will be operated by Sahakar Taxi Co-operative Ltd, a multi-state co-operative society registered under the MSCS Act, 2002.
- The initiative was announced by Cooperation Minister Amit Shah in the Lok Sabha.
- The scheme aims to provide better earnings and independence for taxi drivers while promoting cooperative ownership.

EXAM
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Ques: What was the impact of the recent marine heatwave on Ningaloo Reef?

- A) Minimal coral bleaching
- B) ~70% coral mortality
- C) Complete destruction of marine life
- D) No significant impact
- E) Only affects fish species

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- A severe marine heatwave in Western Australia caused around 70% coral mortality at the UNESCO-listed Ningaloo Reef, marking one of the worst climate-linked coral impacts at the site.
- Ningaloo Reef is located on the northwest coast of Western Australia along the East Indian Ocean, about 1,200 km north of Perth, and is part of the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area.
- The reef supports rich biodiversity, including approximately 250 coral species, 500+ fish species, and large marine fauna such as whale sharks, manta rays, humpback whales, dugongs, reef sharks, and six species of sea turtles.
- The heatwave's impact underscores the vulnerability of coral ecosystems to rising sea temperatures and climate change.

Genius





Ques: Indian Railways promoted three women cricketers to which officer-grade post?

- A) Group 'C' Officer
- B) Group 'A' Officer
- C) Group 'B' Officer (OSD – Sports)
- D) Junior Engineer
- E) Assistant Coach

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The three cricketers—Pratika Rawal, Sneha Rana, and Renuka Singh Thakur—were promoted to the Group 'B' Officer post as Officer on Special Duty (Sports).
- The promotion was through Out-of-Turn Promotion, recognizing their exceptional performance in India's victorious 2025 ICC Women's World Cup campaign.
- All three players will receive the pay and benefits of a Group 'B' Gazetted Officer under Level-8 of the 7th CPC Pay Matrix.
- The initiative provides both financial security and administrative responsibilities to the athletes.
- In November 2025, all three cricketers were felicitated by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at Rail Bhawan.

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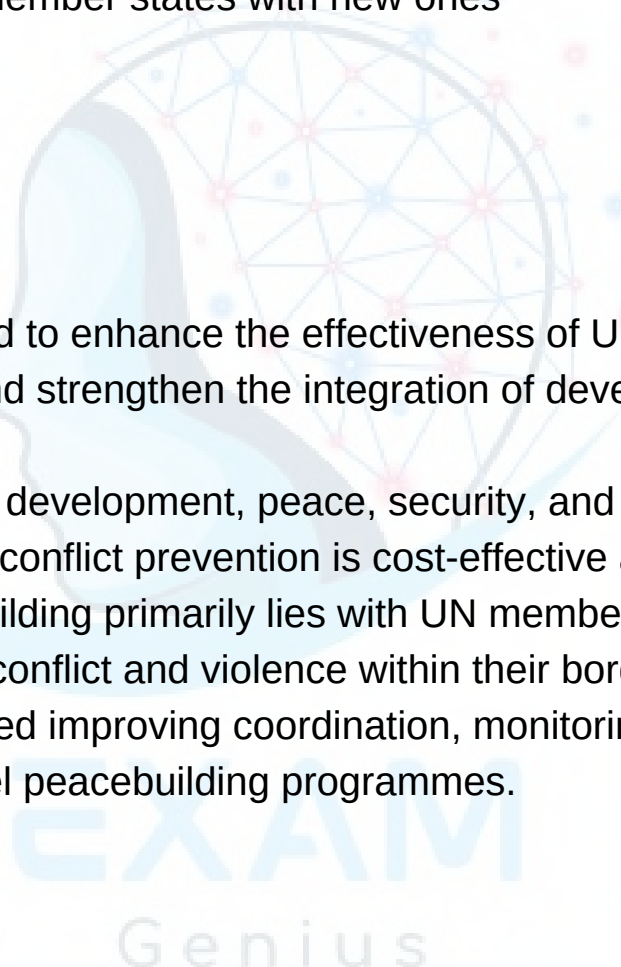
Ques: What was the main purpose of the 2025 UN review on peacebuilding?

- A) To expand UN military interventions worldwide
- B) To improve implementation and impact of UN peacebuilding activities at the field level
- C) To increase UN funding for cultural programmes
- D) To establish a new UN headquarters
- E) To replace existing UN member states with new ones

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 2025 UN review aimed to enhance the effectiveness of UN peacebuilding activities at the field level and strengthen the integration of development, peace, security, and human rights.
- The review reaffirmed that development, peace, security, and human rights are interlinked, and investing in conflict prevention is cost-effective and life-saving.
- Responsibility for peacebuilding primarily lies with UN member states, which must address the root causes of conflict and violence within their borders.
- The review also emphasized improving coordination, monitoring, and impact assessment of UN field-level peacebuilding programmes.





Ques: Which deal has the Ministry of Defence recently signed with the USA for the Indian Navy?

- A) Sale of aircraft carriers
- B) Follow-on support for MH-60R Seahawk helicopters
- C) Supply of submarines
- D) Joint missile development program
- E) Naval base infrastructure development

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Defence signed a five-year deal with the USA for follow-on support of 24 MH-60R Seahawk helicopters of the Indian Navy.
- The agreement aims to enhance operational readiness and promote Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- India had previously procured these helicopters in February 2020 for ₹15,157 crore.
- The MH-60R Seahawk is a versatile naval helicopter developed by Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, part of Lockheed Martin, capable of anti-submarine warfare, search and rescue, and other naval operations.
- The deal ensures maintenance, spares, and upgrades for these helicopters over the next five years, supporting India's naval capabilities.

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Ques: Who was named Global Indian of the Year at CNN-News18's Indian of the Year Awards 2025?

- A) Sundar Pichai
- B) Chef Vijay Kumar
- C) Ratan Tata
- D) Priyanka Chopra
- E) Arvind Krishna

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Chef Vijay Kumar was awarded Global Indian of the Year at the 15th edition of CNN-News18's Indian of the Year Awards 2025.
- This recognition came after his major win at the James Beard Foundation Awards, where he was named Best Chef in New York State.
- Vijay Kumar hails from Natham, a small farming village in Tamil Nadu, highlighting his journey from humble beginnings to global acclaim.
- The award acknowledges his contribution to Indian cuisine on the global stage and his role in bringing international recognition to Indian culinary talent.

EXAM
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Ques: Which new districts have been proposed in Andhra Pradesh as part of administrative reorganisation?

- A) Vijayawada, Guntur, Nellore
- B) Polavaram, Markapuram, Madanapalle
- C) Tirupati, Chittoor, Anantapur
- D) Kurnool, Kadapa, Srikakulam
- E) Visakhapatnam, Rajahmundry, Eluru

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh has proposed three new districts: Polavaram, Markapuram, and Madanapalle, which will increase the total number of districts to 29.
- The reorganisation also includes five new revenue divisions and one new mandal, Pedda Harivanam, aiming to improve governance, accessibility, and regional equity.
- These administrative changes are pending State Cabinet approval and formal notification.
- The move is intended to enhance administrative efficiency and ensure better delivery of services across the state.

EXAM
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Ques: India's ethanol blending percentage for the 2024-25 supply year stood at what level?

- A) 15%
- B) 17.5%
- C) 19.2%
- D) 20%
- E) 22%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India achieved 19.2% ethanol blending in petrol for the 2024-25 ethanol supply year (Nov–Oct), peaking at 19.97% in October 2025.
- To reach this level, OMCs consumed a total of 1,022 crore litres of ethanol.
- The government has advanced the target to 20% ethanol blending by 2026, earlier planned for 2030 under the amended National Biofuel Policy (2022).
- The ethanol procurement price for 2024-25 averaged ₹71.55 per litre, higher than petrol cost, while surplus FCI rice ethanol was priced at ₹60.32 per litre.
- This achievement supports India's energy security, renewable fuel adoption, and reduction of crude oil dependence.

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Ques: Where was the Skill India Centre, inaugurated by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, established?

- A) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- B) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- C) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- D) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
- E) Ch. Kehar Singh Divya Public School, Baraut, Baghpat

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated a Skill India Centre at Ch. Kehar Singh Divya Public School, Baraut, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh.
- The centre was established by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in collaboration with the Redington Foundation to enhance skill development in rural areas.
- The initiative targets training for around 600 candidates, primarily underprivileged youth and women from Baraut and Chhaprauli blocks.
- Training programs will focus on electronics, Information Technology (IT), and IT-enabled services (ITeS).
- The centre aims to provide employment-oriented skills to boost rural workforce participation and economic opportunities.

EXAM
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Ques: INS Aridhaman belongs to which category of Indian Navy submarines?

- A) Conventional Attack Submarine
- B) Diesel-Electric Submarine
- C) Nuclear-Powered Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN)
- D) Nuclear Attack Submarine (SSN)
- E) Midget Submarine

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- INS Aridhaman is India's third nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), developed for strategic nuclear deterrence.
- Once commissioned, India will have three operational SSBNs at sea simultaneously, strengthening its nuclear triad capability.
- Advanced trials indicate INS Aridhaman can carry more long-range nuclear missiles than its predecessors, INS Arihant and INS Arighaat.
- A fourth SSBN, codenamed S-4, is planned for commissioning in 2027.
- The SSBN category ensures second-strike capability, forming a crucial part of India's nuclear deterrence strategy.

EXAM
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Ques: What is India's target for green hydrogen cost by 2030?

- A) \$0.5/kg
- B) \$1/kg
- C) \$2.5/kg
- D) \$3/kg
- E) \$4.5/kg

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India aims to reduce the cost of green hydrogen from \$4.5/kg currently to \$1/kg by 2030.
- Achieving this target could make India the world's lowest-cost green hydrogen producer, transforming sectors like steel, fertilizers, mobility, and heavy transport.
- Key drivers include the National Green Hydrogen Mission, rapid solar capacity growth, and declining renewable energy prices.
- Green hydrogen is considered a core pillar for deep decarbonisation, clean manufacturing, and fostering startups in circular economy and recycling technologies, supported by AI and geospatial tools.
- Projected benefits include 48 million jobs, potential investments up to \$4 trillion, and a \$1.4 trillion market by 2047 (CEEW estimates).

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Ques: What significant phenomenon did NASA's Perseverance rover detect on Mars?

- A) Presence of liquid water
- B) Electrical discharges in the atmosphere
- C) Active volcanic eruptions
- D) Formation of polar ice caps
- E) Methane gas emissions

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- NASA's Perseverance rover recorded electrical discharges in Mars' atmosphere, providing the first documented evidence of an electrically active Martian atmosphere.
- These discharges, called "mini-lightning," are tiny sparks a few millimeters long, often linked to dust devils and dust storm fronts.
- Detection was made using the SuperCam remote-sensing instrument, analyzing 28 hours of microphone recordings over two Martian years, revealing a total of 55 electrical discharges.
- This finding helps scientists understand Martian atmospheric dynamics and the potential risks for future missions.

EXAM
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Ques: 'EKUVERIN' joint military exercise is conducted between which two countries?

- A) India – Sri Lanka
- B) India – Bangladesh
- C) India – Maldives
- D) India – Nepal
- E) India – Bhutan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 14th edition of the India–Maldives joint military exercise 'EKUVERIN' took place in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, from 2 to 15 December 2025.
- 45 soldiers from the Indian Army (Garhwal Rifles Battalion) and an equal number from the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) participated.
- EKUVERIN means "Friends" in Dhivehi, symbolizing deep friendship, trust, and military cooperation between India and Maldives.
- Conducted alternately in both nations since 2009, the exercise focuses on interoperability in jungle, semi-urban, and coastal terrains for Counter-Insurgency and Counter-Terrorism operations.
- Troops share best practices, tactical drills, and joint planning to strengthen regional peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The exercise reinforces India's Neighbourhood First Policy.

Genius



Ques: How much investment has the Government of India planned to modernise Semi-Conductor Laboratory (SCL)?

- A) Rs 1,500 crore
- B) Rs 3,000 crore
- C) Rs 6,000 crore
- D) Rs 5,500 crore
- E) Rs 4,500 crore

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The government will invest ₹4,500 crore over the next three years to modernise the state-owned Semi-Conductor Laboratory (SCL).
- SCL operates as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The Centre has requested the Punjab government for a 25-acre land parcel to facilitate SCL's expansion.
- Established in 1976, SCL is headquartered at Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Punjab, and is currently headed by Dr. Kamaljeet Singh.

EXAM
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Ques: What is observed on November 30 as per the UN calendar?

- A) World AIDS Day
- B) Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare
- C) International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- D) Human Rights Day
- E) International Day of Peace

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- November 30 is observed as the Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare, established in 2016.
- The day coincides with the 30th Session of the Conference of the States Parties (CSP) held in The Hague.
- It honors victims of chemical warfare and promotes efforts to eliminate chemical weapons globally.

EXAM
Genius





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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EXAM
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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.



EXAM



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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
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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.

EXAM
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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 Makka 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius



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.

Genius



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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius



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
Genius





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
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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
Genius



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
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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
Genius





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
Genius





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
Genius



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
Genius





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
Genius





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
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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
Genius





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
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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
Genius



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.

EXAM
Genius





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
Genius





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
Genius





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'.

Genius



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
Genius





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
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius



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.

EXAM
Genius





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
Genius



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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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)



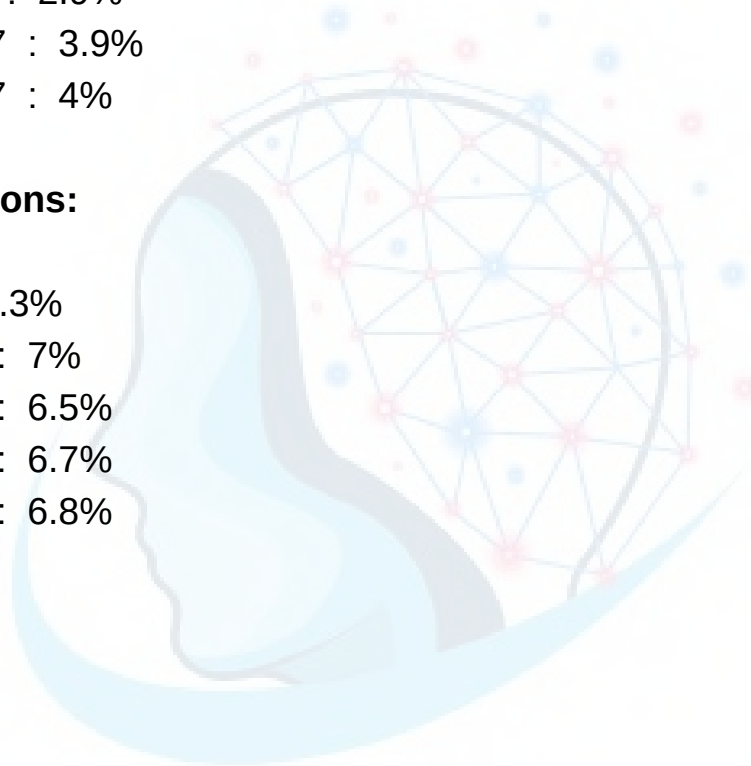


CPI Inflation Projections:

- 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%



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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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%).

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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





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

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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.

EXAM
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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

EXAM
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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.

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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.

EXAM
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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

EXAM
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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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Ques: According to the ACI Worldwide 'Prime Time for Real-Time 2024' report, what share does UPI hold in global real-time payment transactions?

- A) 35%
- B) 49%
- C) 28%
- D) 56%
- E) 40%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its June 2025 report, recognised India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as the world's largest real-time retail fast-payment system by transaction volume.
- According to ACI Worldwide's 'Prime Time for Real-Time 2024' report, UPI accounts for 49% of global real-time payment transactions.
- India recorded 129.3 billion real-time transactions, the highest in the world, far ahead of countries like Brazil, Thailand, China and South Korea.
- Government, RBI and NPCI initiatives such as BHIM-UPI incentives and Payment Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) support helped small merchants rapidly adopt digital payments.
- As of 31 October 2025, 5.45 crore digital touchpoints and 56.86 crore QR codes were deployed across around 6.5 crore merchants nationwide.





Ques: AU Small Finance Bank has received approval to increase its foreign investment limit up to what level?

- A) 51%
- B) 60%
- C) 65%
- D) 70%
- E) 74%

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- AU Small Finance Bank has received approval from the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance.
- The approval allows the bank to increase its foreign investment limit from 49% to 74% of its paid-up capital.
- The 74% cap is the maximum permissible foreign investment limit for private sector banks in India.
- The move is expected to enhance capital availability, attract global investors and support the bank's growth plans.
- The approval is subject to compliance with RBI guidelines and applicable regulatory norms.

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Ques: Why did Airpay recently receive approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) To launch a digital bank
- B) To operate as a cross-border payment aggregator
- C) To issue credit cards
- D) To manage government subsidies
- E) To provide cryptocurrency services

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Airpay Payment Services has received RBI approval to operate as a cross-border payment aggregator.
- With this approval, Airpay has completed all required authorisations under the unified payment aggregator framework.
- Airpay is now licensed to operate as a payment aggregator across online, physical and cross-border payment categories.
- The approval strengthens India's regulated fintech ecosystem and enables smoother international digital transactions.
- RBI's payment aggregator framework ensures compliance, transparency and consumer protection in digital payments.

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Ques: Which bank launched the FIRST WOW! Black Credit Card backed by Fixed Deposit?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) IDFC First Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) SBI Card

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IDFC First Bank Limited launched the FIRST WOW! Black Credit Card, a premium credit card backed by a Fixed Deposit (FD).
- The card offers 0% forex (FX) markup, making it attractive for international travellers and cross-border online shoppers.
- Eligibility: Available to individuals aged 18 years and above, against a Fixed Deposit starting at Rs 20,000.

About IDFC First Bank:

- Established: 2015
- HQ: Mumbai
- MD & CEO: V Vaidyanathan
- Tagline: Always You First

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Ques: What direction did the Supreme Court of India give regarding women's representation in State Bar Councils?

- A) 15% reservation only in elected seats
- B) 30% reservation in State Bar Councils including some office-bearer posts
- C) Reservation applicable only at the Bar Council of India level
- D) Advisory guidelines without legal effect
- E) Reservation limited to new State Bar Councils

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Supreme Court of India directed that 30% of seats in every State Bar Council must be reserved for women.
- The Court also mandated that this reservation should apply to some office-bearer posts within the State Bar Councils.
- Exercising its plenary powers, the Supreme Court held that the necessary rule changes are "deemed to have been made," giving the order immediate legal effect.
- The decision was based on data showing a severe gender imbalance, with only 9 women among 441 elected representatives across 18 State Bar Councils.
- Women's representation stood at just 2.04%, highlighting systemic exclusion.
- Historically, the Bar Council of India has not had a single woman member since 1961.

EXAM
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Ques: Who was awarded the first-ever FIFA Peace Prize instituted by FIFA in 2025?

- A) Gianni Infantino
- B) António Guterres
- C) Barack Obama
- D) Donald John Trump
- E) Joe Biden

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- FIFA presented the first-ever FIFA Peace Prize to Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America.
- The award was presented by Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA, and was accompanied by a gold medal and a certificate.
- The FIFA Peace Prize, titled “FIFA Unites the World,” is a new global award instituted by FIFA in 2025.
- The award recognises individuals who have made exceptional contributions to peace, unity, and conflict resolution.
- FIFA has announced that the Peace Prize will be an annual award.

EXAM
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Ques: India–Sweden joint decarbonisation projects are mainly related to which sectors?

- A) Power and textiles
- B) Steel and cement
- C) Agriculture and food
- D) Transport and aviation
- E) IT and electronics

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and Sweden have launched seven joint projects to reduce carbon emissions in the steel and cement sectors.
- The projects are funded by India's Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Swedish Energy Agency.
- These initiatives are being implemented under the LeadIT (Leadership Group for Industry Transition) partnership.
- Major Indian companies such as Tata Steel, JK Cement, Ambuja Cements, Jindal Steel & Power and Prism Johnson are involved.
- Swedish technology firms including Cemvion, Kanthal and Swerim are partnering in these projects.
- Indian academic institutions such as IIT Bombay, IIT-ISM Dhanbad, IIT Bhubaneswar and IIT Hyderabad are participating.

EXAM
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Ques: Which organisation collaborated with NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub to launch India's national Quantum Technology Roadmap?

- A) Google
- B) Microsoft
- C) International Business Machines (IBM)
- D) Intel
- E) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub, in collaboration with International Business Machines (IBM), launched a national Quantum Technology Roadmap.
- The roadmap aims to position India among the top three quantum economies in the world by 2047.
- It focuses on developing indigenous quantum hardware and software capabilities, reducing import dependence, and promoting globally competitive quantum startups and companies.
- By 2035, the roadmap targets incubation of at least 10 globally competitive quantum startups, each with revenues exceeding USD 100 million, and capturing over 50% of the global quantum software and services market value.
- Implementation will be carried out in two phases: Phase 1 (2025–2030) focuses on scaling up quantum hubs and funding at least 50 startups, while Phase 2 (2030–2035) aims at achieving global leadership.

Genius





Ques: Who became the first Indian bowler to take 100 wickets in all three international formats?

- A) Mohammed Shami
- B) Arshdeep Singh
- C) Jasprit Bumrah
- D) Bhuvneshwar Kumar
- E) Ravichandran Ashwin

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Jasprit Bumrah became the first Indian bowler to complete 100 wickets in all three international formats — Tests, ODIs and T20Is.
- He achieved this historic milestone by dismissing Dewald Brevis in Cuttack.
- In the shortest format, Bumrah has taken 101 wickets in 81 T20I matches, underlining his consistency and impact.
- With this achievement, Bumrah joined an elite global list of bowlers with 100+ wickets in Tests, ODIs and T20Is.
- Bumrah is also the second Indian to take 100 wickets in T20 Internationals, after Arshdeep Singh.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Maharashtra created a world record by installing 45,911 solar agriculture pumps in one month under which scheme?

- A) PM-KUSUM Scheme
- B) Magel Tyala Saur Krushipump Scheme
- C) Suryashakti Kisan Yojana
- D) Solar Mission Maharashtra
- E) National Solar Agriculture Programme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Maharashtra installed 45,911 solar agriculture pumps within a single month, setting a new world record.
- The achievement was accomplished under the 'Magel Tyala Saur Krushipump' scheme.
- The record was officially recognised by Guinness World Records as the highest number of solar pumps installed in a month.
- The achievement was announced by MSEDCL (Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited).
- The certificate presentation ceremony was held at AURIC City grounds, Shendra MIDC, Maharashtra.

EXAM
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Ques: As of 01 December 2025, what percentage of rural households in India have tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)?

- A) 72.40%
- B) 81.36%
- C) 69.10%
- D) 85.20%
- E) 90.00%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- As on 01 December 2025, 81.36% of rural households in India have tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Out of a total 19.36 crore rural households, 15.75 crore households have been provided with tap water supply.
- At the time of launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, only 3.23 crore rural households, i.e. 16.7%, had tap water connections.
- Since 2019, 12.51 crore additional rural households have been covered with tap water connections, reflecting rapid expansion of the scheme.
- The Jal Jeevan Mission has been extended till 2028 with enhanced budgetary support as announced in Budget 2025.
- Drinking water is a State subject, and the operation and maintenance responsibility lies with States and Union Territories.

Genius



Ques: India's first all-electric green tug was launched under which flagship programme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways?

- A) Sagarmala Programme
- B) National Green Hydrogen Mission
- C) Inland Waterways Development Scheme
- D) Maritime India Vision 2030
- E) Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal virtually flagged off India's first all-electric green tug, marking a major milestone in sustainable maritime operations.
- The tug has been developed under the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP) of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
- GTTP is a flagship decarbonisation initiative aimed at reducing carbon emissions in India's maritime sector.
- The all-electric green tug has been designed for the Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Kandla, and features a 60-ton bollard pull capacity.
- Key advantages of the green tug include silent operations, zero carbon emissions, and optimised energy efficiency.

EXAM
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Ques: When is the 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC 2026) scheduled to be held?

- A) December 2025
- B) January 2026
- C) February 2026
- D) March 2026
- E) November 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC 2026) has been announced by the Ministry of Education and is scheduled to be held in January 2026.
- Pariksha Pe Charcha began in 2018 as a platform where the Prime Minister interacts directly with school students, educators, and parents to discuss exam-related concerns.
- Registration opens on 1 December 2025 and closes on 11 January 2026. Eligible participants include students of classes 6–12, parents, and teachers.
- In 2025, PPC set a Guinness World Record with participation from students in over 245 countries, teachers from 153 countries, and parents from 149 countries. Participation has grown from 22,000 in 2018 to 3.56 crore registrations in 2025, with an additional 1.55 crore participants in nationwide Jan Andolan activities, totaling nearly 5 crore.

EXAM
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Ques: Which organisation hosted RESOLVE-2025, the 3rd International Convention on Insolvency Resolution and Valuation?

- A) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)
- B) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
- C) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- E) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) hosted RESOLVE-2025, the 3rd International Convention on Insolvency Resolution and Valuation.
- The theme of the convention was “Enabling Resolution, Maximizing Value.”
- The convention was held in Mumbai and witnessed participation of over 500 professionals from multiple jurisdictions.
- The event was organised in collaboration with IBBI, IICA, IIPPI, and ICAI Registered Valuers Organisation (ICAI RVO).
- The convention was hosted by the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of ICAI.
- ICAI is a statutory body established under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, functioning under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Rabi crop has the highest Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the 2026–27 marketing season?

- A) Wheat
- B) Gram
- C) Rapeseed & Mustard
- D) Masur (Lentil)
- E) Safflower

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India has announced the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for Rabi crops for the 2026–27 marketing season.
- Masur (Lentil) has been fixed with the highest MSP among all Rabi crops at ₹7,000 per quintal.
- Barley has the lowest MSP among Rabi crops at ₹2,150 per quintal.
- The highest MSP increase has been given to Safflower at ₹600 per quintal, followed by Masur (₹300) and Rapeseed & Mustard (₹250).
- Wheat offers the highest expected return of 109% over the all-India weighted average cost of production.
- The MSP revision follows the Union Budget 2018–19 policy of fixing MSP at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production.

EXAM
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Ques: How much investment has Microsoft committed for India's AI buildout between 2026 and 2029?

- A) \$10 billion
- B) \$12.5 billion
- C) \$15 billion
- D) \$17.5 billion
- E) \$20 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Microsoft announced an investment commitment of \$17.5 billion in India during the period 2026–2029 to expand cloud and Artificial Intelligence (AI) infrastructure.
- This is Microsoft's largest investment commitment in Asia so far, reflecting India's growing importance in the global AI ecosystem.
- The announcement was made after Microsoft Chairman and CEO Satya Nadella met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.
- The investment aims to strengthen India's sovereign digital capabilities and hyperscale AI infrastructure.
- Microsoft will also expand large-scale skilling programmes to develop AI-ready talent across the country.

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Ques: Which organisation handed over seven indigenous technologies developed under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme to the Indian Armed Forces?

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C) Bharat Electronics Limited
- D) Department of Defence Production
- E) Indian Space Research Organisation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over seven indigenous technologies developed under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme to the Indian Armed Forces, including the Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force.

Technologies Handed Over:

- Indigenous High-Voltage Power Supply for Airborne Self-Protection Jammers
- Tide-Efficient Gangway for Naval Jetties
- Advanced VLF–HF Switching Matrix System
- VLF Loop Aerials for Underwater Platforms
- Indigenous Water-Jet Propulsion System for Fast Interceptor Craft
- Novel Process to Recover Lithium Precursors from Used Lithium-Ion Batteries
- Long-Life Seawater Battery System for Underwater Sensing and Surveillance Applications



Ques: Which Indian institute celebrated 10 years of UVIT operations under the AstroSat mission?

- A) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- B) Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)
- C) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)
- D) Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- E) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) celebrated 10 years of UVIT operations with a one-day academic workshop in Bengaluru, reviewing achievements and future plans.
- AstroSat, launched by ISRO on 28 September 2015, is India's first dedicated space observatory carrying five scientific payloads for observations in ultraviolet, soft X-ray, and hard X-ray bands.
- The Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (UVIT) is the primary payload of AstroSat, designed and developed by IIA at its Hosakote campus, and was activated on 30 November 2015.

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Ques: What is the main objective of the Vigyan Dhara Scheme, updated in 2025?

- A) Promote sports and physical fitness
- B) Strengthen India's ecosystem for scientific research, technological development, and innovation
- C) Develop rural infrastructure
- D) Enhance digital governance
- E) Support agriculture and farmers

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Vigyan Dhara Scheme aims to strengthen India's ecosystem for scientific research, technological development, and innovation.
- The scheme received a budget allocation of ₹330.75 crore in 2024–25, which increased to ₹1,425.00 crore in 2025–26, marking more than a fourfold increase.
- Total outlay from 2021–22 to 2025–26 is ₹10,579.84 crore, in line with the 15th Finance Commission recommendations.
- The scheme came into effect on 16 January 2025 and merges three umbrella programs into one:
 - Science and Technology (S&T) Institutional and Human Capacity Building
 - Research and Development (R&D)
 - Innovation, Technology Development, and Deployment
- Key focus areas include capacity building, R&D, innovation and technology development, promoting gender parity in science and technology, and international collaboration.
- All programs under Vigyan Dhara are aligned with the 5-year goals of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- The R&D component is structured to align with the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), ensuring India's scientific research meets global standards while adhering to national priorities.





Ques: Which tunnel inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh provides the first reliable all-weather connectivity near the LAC in eastern Ladakh?

- A) Zoji La Tunnel
- B) Atal Tunnel
- C) Shyok Tunnel
- D) Sela Tunnel
- E) Nechiphu Tunnel

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Shyok Tunnel as part of 125 infrastructure projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
- The Shyok Tunnel is located on the Durbuk–Shyok–Daulat Beg Oldie (DS-DBO) road in eastern Ladakh.
- The DS-DBO road runs parallel to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, making it strategically crucial.
- The Shyok Tunnel is the first reliable all-weather tunnel in the region, ensuring year-round uninterrupted connectivity.
- It significantly improves troop movement, logistics supply, winter stocking, and medical evacuation in forward areas.
- During the event, Rajnath Singh also virtually inaugurated the Galwan War Memorial in eastern Ladakh.



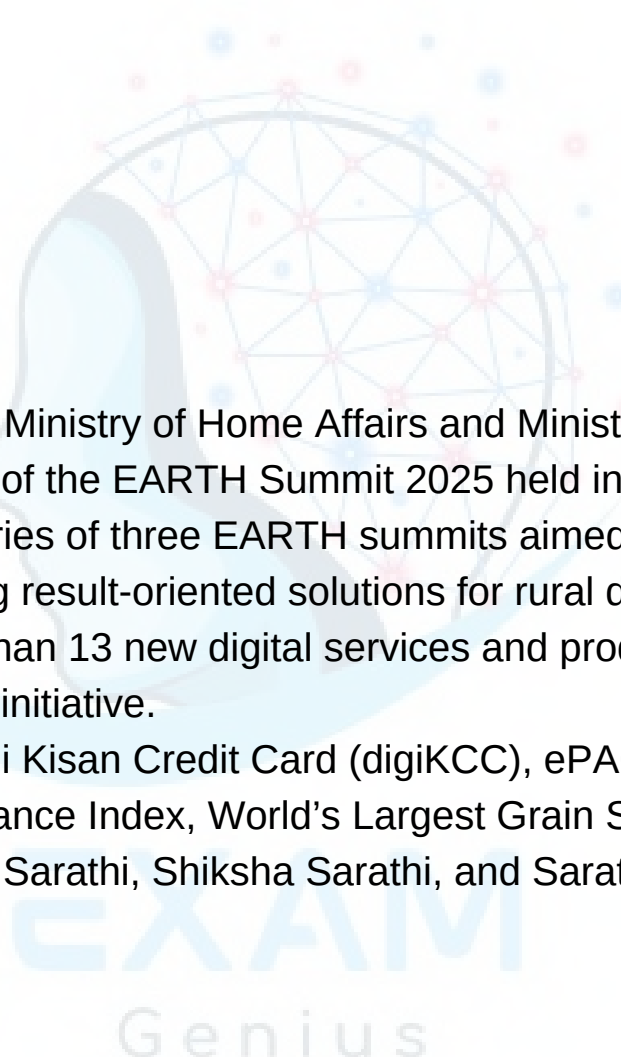
Ques: Who inaugurated the 2nd edition of the EARTH Summit 2025 held in Gandhinagar?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Cooperation, inaugurated the 2nd edition of the EARTH Summit 2025 held in Gandhinagar.
- The summit is part of a series of three EARTH summits aimed at strengthening the rural economy and providing result-oriented solutions for rural development.
- During the summit, more than 13 new digital services and products were launched under the 'Sahakar Sarathi' initiative.
- Key launches included Digi Kisan Credit Card (digiKCC), ePACS, Sahakar Setu Portal, Cooperative Governance Index, World's Largest Grain Storage Application, Campaign Sarathi, Website Sarathi, Shiksha Sarathi, and Sarathi Technology Forum, among others.





Ques: Kambala festival is primarily associated with which purpose?

- A) Victory celebration after wars
- B) Harvest thanksgiving to Lord Shiva
- C) Monsoon welcome festival
- D) Temple construction ceremony
- E) Trade and cattle fair

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Kambala is a traditional buffalo race festival celebrated annually after the harvest season.
- It is mainly observed in Karnataka's Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, and Kerala's Kasargod district.
- The festival is celebrated as a thanksgiving ritual to Lord Shiva for a good agricultural yield.
- Buffaloes are central to the festival, symbolising their importance in rural agrarian life.
- The races are held in water-filled paddy fields and are accompanied by large public participation and traditional celebrations.

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Ques: Which road in Hyderabad is proposed to be renamed as 'Donald Trump Avenue' by the Telangana government?

- A) Road near Charminar
- B) Road adjoining the United States Consulate General
- C) Outer Ring Road stretch
- D) Financial District main road
- E) Regional Ring Road corridor

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Telangana government plans to rename the road adjoining the United States Consulate General in Hyderabad as 'Donald Trump Avenue', in honour of the former US President.
- The government will formally notify the Union Ministry of External Affairs and the US Embassy regarding the renaming.
- Additionally, a new radial road under the Regional Ring Road (RRR) project will be named 'Ratan Tata Interchange', and a stretch in Hyderabad's Financial District will be named 'Google Street' to recognise contributions to digital innovation.

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Ques: Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam 2025, a cultural music festival, was organised in which city of Andhra Pradesh?

- A) Visakhapatnam
- B) Tirupati
- C) Nellore
- D) Guntur
- E) Vijayawada

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam 2025, the 3rd edition of the cultural music festival, was held on 6–7 December 2025 in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- The festival was organised by the Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Sangeet Natak Akademi, with support from Andhra Pradesh Tourism and the state's Department of Culture.
- The theme was "Celebrating the Richness of Telugu Music Traditions," aiming to strengthen Andhra Pradesh's cultural identity, promote music tourism, support artisans, and position Vijayawada as a Carnatic music hub.

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Ques: India's proposed 'Hybrid Model' for AI training data is related to which of the following?

- A) Free use of public domain data only
- B) Mandatory licensing and royalty for copyrighted content
- C) Complete ban on AI model training
- D) Government-owned AI datasets only
- E) Foreign AI regulation adoption

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's proposed 'Hybrid Model' requires AI developers to obtain mandatory licenses for using copyright-protected content in training AI models.
- It provides statutory remuneration or royalty rights to content creators whose works are used for AI training.
- The framework combines blanket licensing with statutory royalty payments, making it the first legal step globally to ensure AI developers pay creators for training data.
- The recommendations were prepared by an 8-member committee under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

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Ques: The 5th edition of the Khelo India University Games 2025 was hosted by which state?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 5th Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025 were held across seven cities in Rajasthan — Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota, and Bharatpur.
- The event was organised in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Association of Indian Universities (AIU), and Rajasthan State Sports Council.
- A total of 23 medal sports were included, such as Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Cycling, Football, Hockey, Kabaddi, Shooting, Swimming, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Yogasana, and others.
- Kho-kho was a demonstration sport, while beach volleyball, cycling, canoeing, and kayaking were introduced for the first time in KIUG.
- The first edition of KIUG was held in Odisha from 22 February to 1 March 2020.
- Olympian Srihari Nataraj of Jain University emerged as the most successful athlete of KIUG 2025, winning 9 gold and 2 silver medals in swimming.

Ranking :

- 1 Chandigarh University (Punjab) : 42 (Gold), 14 (Silver), 11 (Bronze), 67 (Total)
- 2 Lovely Professional University (Punjab) : 32 (Gold), 24 (Silver), 22 (Bronze), 78 (Total)
- 3 Guru Nanak Dev University (Punjab) : 32 (Gold), 22 (Silver), 18 (Bronze), 72 (Total)
- 4 Jain University (Karnataka) : 30 (Gold), 9 (Silver), 11 (Bronze), 50 (Total)
- 5 Guru Kashi University (Punjab) : 15 (Gold), 15 (Silver), 18 (Bronze), 48 (Total)



Ques: Where was the 11th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) held?

- A) Pune, Maharashtra
- B) New Delhi
- C) Panchkula, Haryana
- D) Chandigarh
- E) Jaipur, Rajasthan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 11th India International Science Festival (IISF) was held at Panchkula, Haryana.
- The theme was “Vigyan Se Samruddhi: for Aatmanirbhar Bharat.”
- The festival focused on five thematic areas including biotechnology, space, artificial intelligence, and integration of traditional knowledge.
- IISF was organised by the Ministry of Earth Sciences and coordinated by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune.
- The India International Science Festival started in 2015.

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Ques: What is the primary objective of the UJALA Scheme?

- A) Promote digital literacy in rural areas
- B) Provide free electricity to households
- C) Promote energy-efficient lighting solutions and make affordable energy-saving technologies accessible
- D) Develop renewable energy parks
- E) Subsidize cooking fuel for households

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The UJALA Scheme (Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All) was launched on 5th January 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Initially called the Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP), it was later rebranded as UJALA.
- Implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) and DISCOMs under the Ministry of Power.
- The scheme aims to promote energy-efficient lighting solutions such as LED bulbs, tube lights, and fans, make affordable energy-saving technologies accessible to households, reduce electricity costs, and cut carbon emissions.

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Ques: Mukhyamantri Bharat Darshan Yojana has been launched by which state government?

- A) Bihar
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Jharkhand
- E) West Bengal

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Mukhyamantri Bharat Darshan Yojana is an initiative by the Bihar Government to provide government school students exposure to India's historical, cultural, and spiritual heritage.
- The scheme aims to promote experiential learning and holistic development among students.
- Under this scheme, students will visit major national landmarks across India starting from the upcoming academic session.
- It is an expansion of the earlier Mukhyamantri Bihar Darshan Yojana, which focused on in-state tours for primary and middle school students, while the new scheme includes national-level heritage tours for secondary school students.

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Ques: What is India's target for nuclear power generation capacity by 2047 under the Nuclear Energy Mission for Viksit Bharat?

- A) 50 Giga Watt (GW)
- B) 75 Giga Watt (GW)
- C) 100 Giga Watt (GW)
- D) 150 Giga Watt (GW)
- E) 200 Giga Watt (GW)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the Nuclear Energy Mission for Viksit Bharat, India aims to achieve a nuclear power generation capacity of 100 Giga Watt (GW) by 2047, supporting the country's goal of achieving Net Zero by 2070.
- Current nuclear capacity is 8,780 MW, expected to rise to 9,480 MW by FY26, 13,480 MW by FY30, and 21,880 MW by FY32.
- The government plans to set up 10 Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) of 700 MW each at Kaiga, Chutka, Gorakhpur, and Mahi Banswara.
- Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) is developing Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) like 200 MW Bharat SMR (BSMR-200) and 55 MW SMR (SMR55) to expand nuclear energy infrastructure.

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Ques: Which banks have received RBI approval to set up the Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC)?

- A) SBI and PNB
- B) Bank of Baroda and Canara Bank
- C) SBI and Bank of Baroda
- D) Union Bank and Bank of India
- E) SBI and HDFC Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The State Bank of India (SBI) and Bank of Baroda (BoB) have received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up a dedicated Digital Payments Intelligence Platform.
- The new entity will be named the Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC) and aims to strengthen fraud detection and prevention across public sector banks.
- IDPIC will be incorporated as a Section 8 company under the Companies Act, 2013.
- RBI approval is subject to an exemption by the Department of Financial Services, allowing the banks to hold more than 30% of the paid-up share capital in the company till 16 October 2026.

About Bank of Baroda :

- Established : 1908
- HQ : Vadodara, Gujarat
- MD & CEO : Debadatta Chand
- Tagline : India's International Bank



Ques: What is ADB's revised GDP growth forecast for India for FY26?

- A) 6.5%
- B) 6.8%
- C) 7.0%
- D) 7.2%
- E) 7.5%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 from 6.5% to 7.2%.
- The upward revision of 0.7 percentage points is mainly driven by strong domestic consumption supported by recent tax cuts.
- Stronger Q2 expansion reflected improving economic momentum in India, and this revision will also support Asia's overall growth, now projected at 5.1% for 2025.
- The forecast was published in ADB's Asian Development Outlook, December 2025 edition.

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Ques: According to the World Bank International Debt Report 2024, what was the debt situation of developing countries between 2022–2024?

- A) Developing countries received more financing than debt service payments
- B) Developing countries' debt service payments exceeded new financing by \$741 billion
- C) Debt gap was the lowest in 50 years
- D) Interest rates fell to pre-2020 levels
- E) Bond markets were closed entirely

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Between 2022–2024, developing countries paid \$741 billion more in debt service than they received in new financing, marking the largest gap in 50 years.
- Despite high debt service, temporary relief came as interest rates peaked and bond markets reopened; \$90 billion of debt was restructured in 2024, the highest since 2010.
- Bond investors provided \$80 billion in net financing, enabling new bond issuances but at high interest (~10%), double pre-2020 levels.
- External debt of low- and middle-income countries reached \$8.9 trillion in 2024; IDA-eligible countries owe \$1.2 trillion (record).
- Developing nations paid \$415 billion in interest alone, diverting funds from health, education, and infrastructure; in highly indebted countries, 1 in 2 people cannot afford a minimum daily diet.

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Ques: As per RBI data, how much loan amount has been written off by PSBs during the last five financial years and the current year till September 30, 2025?

- A) ₹3,25,000 crore
- B) ₹4,80,000 crore
- C) ₹5,10,000 crore
- D) ₹6,15,647 crore
- E) ₹7,00,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- According to RBI data, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have written off loans worth ₹6,15,647 crore over the last five financial years and the current year up to September 30, 2025.
- Loan write-off is an accounting exercise to clean bank balance sheets and does not imply waiver of loans; banks continue recovery efforts even after write-off.
- Large write-offs are mainly related to stressed assets and non-performing assets (NPAs).

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Ques: How much funding has the World Bank approved to promote clean air in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana?

- A) \$400 million
- B) \$500 million
- C) \$600 million
- D) \$700 million
- E) \$800 million

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The World Bank has approved \$600 million financing for two clean air programmes in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.
- The Uttar Pradesh Clean Air Management Programme (UPCAMP) will receive \$299.66 million for strengthening the state's Clean Air Plan through investments in transport, agriculture, and industrial sectors.
- The Haryana Clean Air Project for Sustainable Development Operation will receive \$300 million, focusing on reducing air pollution through multi-sectoral interventions.

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Ques: What is the main objective of the nationwide campaign “Aapki Poonji, Aapka Adhikar – Your Money, Your Right”?

- A) Promoting digital payments
- B) Recovery of unclaimed financial assets
- C) Financial literacy for students
- D) Tax compliance awareness
- E) Expansion of banking services

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The campaign was launched by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, from 4 October to 5 December 2025.
- Its main objective is to facilitate the settlement and recovery of unclaimed financial assets such as bank deposits, insurance claims, dividends, shares, mutual funds, and pension amounts.
- The initiative follows the 3A Framework — Awareness, Accessibility, and Action.
- Key regulators involved include RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA, and IEPFA.
- District-level camps were organised in 477 districts, and digital platforms like UD GAM, Bima Bharosa, and MITRA were used to trace and claim unclaimed assets.

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Ques: Which company has launched the Wise Travel Card in India for multi-currency international travel?

- A) PayPal
- B) Wise
- C) Revolut
- D) Mastercard
- E) Visa

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Wise, a global money movement company, has launched its multi-currency Wise Travel Card in India.
- The card is designed for international travellers seeking transparent pricing and ease of use abroad.
- It was announced at the Global Fintech Festival (GFF) 2025 held in Mumbai.
- The card supports over 40 currencies, including Vietnam, Indonesia, Turkey, and Georgia.
- Accepted on the Visa Network in more than 160 countries, it offers free ATM withdrawals up to USD 200 per month, with standard charges thereafter.

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Ques: On which bank did the Reserve Bank of India impose a penalty of ₹99.30 lakh for regulatory non-compliance?

- A) Punjab & Sind Bank
- B) Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) Union Bank of India
- E) Central Bank of India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India imposed a monetary penalty of ₹99.30 lakh on Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited.
- The penalty was for contravention of Section 26A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- The bank was also non-compliant with RBI directions on the Internal Ombudsman Scheme, 2018.
- Additional lapses were observed in Customer Service norms and Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines.
- The action underscores RBI's focus on regulatory compliance and consumer protection in the banking sector.

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Ques: Which companies have partnered to offer insurance products to housing loan customers across 17 states and 340 districts in India?

- A) HDFC Ergo and LIC
- B) ICICI Lombard and Vastu Housing Finance
- C) Bajaj Allianz and PNB Housing
- D) SBI General Insurance and L&T Finance
- E) Tata AIG and Indiabulls

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- ICICI Lombard General Insurance partnered with Vastu Housing Finance to provide insurance products to Vastu's housing loan customers.
- Coverage spans 17 states and 340 districts across India.
- Key products include:
 - Income Protect: Covers 33 critical illnesses, accidental death, and permanent total disability.
 - Home Insurance: Protects homes against fire, natural calamities, theft, and accidental damage.
- Targeted mainly at peri-urban and rural borrowers, including first-generation homeowners and self-employed individuals.
- Distribution is through Vastu's branch network and digital platforms.

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Ques: What has the RBI directed banks to do regarding core and non-core business risks?

- A) Merge all lending entities
- B) Submit a plan to ringfence core business from riskier non-core business
- C) Stop overseas operations
- D) Seek prior approval for all non-financial holdings
- E) Limit board approvals to one entity

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI has directed banks to submit a plan by March 2026 to ringfence their core business from riskier non-core business.
- Banks may operate multiple lending entities but need board approval for each.
- The implementation deadline for the new rules is March 31, 2028.
- This revises the October 2024 guidelines, which allowed only one entity per bank group for similar business.
- The change provides relief to banks, especially private banks with lending subsidiaries like HDFC Bank and Axis Bank.
- For overseas operations, banks require an NOC from RBI for branches undertaking activities not permitted for the parent bank.

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Ques: What change has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced regarding cash credit, current and overdraft accounts?

- A) Complete ban on current accounts
- B) Only one bank can maintain OD accounts
- C) Easing of norms for opening and maintenance of CC, current and OD accounts
- D) Mandatory restrictions on cash credit accounts
- E) Withdrawal of overdraft facilities

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI has eased norms for opening and maintaining cash credit (CC), current, and overdraft (OD) accounts.
- The changes were notified via amended master directions, following industry feedback on draft rules issued on 1 October 2025.
- Banks can now offer CC accounts based on customer needs without restrictions.
- Customers with banking exposure below ₹100 million can maintain current accounts without limits.
- For exposures above ₹100 million, banks with at least 10% exposure to the borrower can provide current and OD facilities.
- If no bank or only one bank meets the 10% threshold, the top two lenders by exposure are allowed to maintain current and OD accounts.

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Ques: Why has the RBI asked partner banks to stop issuing OneCard credit cards?

- A) Due to high interest rates
- B) Due to fraudulent transactions
- C) To seek clarity on data-sharing norms in the partnership
- D) Because of low customer demand
- E) Due to technical issues with card network

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- FPL Technologies issues co-branded credit cards under the OneCard brand.
- RBI has asked partner banks to halt issuance of OneCard credit cards.
- The reason is RBI wants clarity on data-sharing norms in the partnership.
- The ban will continue until RBI receives compliance confirmation or clarity.
- This affects both FPL Technologies and its partner banks issuing the cards.
- The move is viewed as a regulatory step impacting business operations.

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Ques: Who won the UN Champions of the Earth award 2025 in the Inspiration and Action category?

- A) Supriya Sahu
- B) Harsh Vardhan
- C) Sunita Narain
- D) R.K. Pachauri
- E) Vandana Shiva

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Supriya Sahu, Tamil Nadu additional chief secretary in the Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, won the 2025 UN Champions of the Earth award.
- The award is the UN's highest environmental honour, presented in its 20th edition.
- She received it in the "Inspiration and Action" category.
- The award ceremony was held in Nairobi, Kenya.
- The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) presents this award annually, started in 2005.

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Ques: From where will ISRO start launching rockets from 2027?

- A) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- B) Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
- C) Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu
- D) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- E) Satish Dhawan Space Centre

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ISRO will begin launching rockets from Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu, starting in 2027.
- Kulasekarapattinam spaceport, located in Thoothukudi district, is India's second spaceport.
- The spaceport is being developed mainly for Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) missions.
- Its southern location allows direct polar launches, saving fuel compared to launches from Sriharikota.

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Ques: Which foreign university has received a Letter of Interest (LOI) to set up its campus in India?

- A) University of Melbourne
- B) University of Sydney
- C) University of New South Wales
- D) Monash University
- E) Australian National University

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia, has received a Letter of Interest (LOI) from the Government of India to establish its campus in India.
- The LOI was handed over by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan along with Australian Education Minister Jason Clare during the 3rd Australia–India Education and Skills Council Meeting in New Delhi.
- UNSW is a top-ranked Australian university, listed among the top 20 globally in QS World University Rankings.
- The initiative aims to strengthen India–Australia cooperation in higher education, research, innovation, and skill development.

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Ques: Which company has secured a ₹120 crore contract from the Ministry of Defence to establish India's first Combat Training Node (CTN)?

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- B) Zen Technologies
- C) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
- D) Tata Advanced Systems
- E) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Zen Technologies, an Indian defence training solutions company, has secured a ₹120 crore contract from the Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- The contract is to establish India's first Combat Training Node (CTN) at the Infantry School, Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.
- The project falls under the MoD's Simulation Framework 2024 and will be a fully integrated, simulation-based training ecosystem.
- The CTN will feature over 60 simulators operating on a Live–Virtual–Constructive (LVC) framework.
- The initiative aims to enhance realism, preparedness, and effectiveness of military training.

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Ques: What is the purpose of India's Export Promotion Mission (EPM) and what RBI measures were introduced for exporters in Nov 2025?

- A) Promote only large corporations; RBI imposed stricter loan norms
- B) Strengthen MSMEs and first-time exporters; RBI allowed term-loan moratorium & extended export credit tenure
- C) Limit export financing to domestic markets; RBI reduced interest rates
- D) Merge import schemes; RBI froze export credit
- E) Focus only on logistics; RBI increased penalties for delayed shipments

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Export Promotion Mission (EPM) aims to strengthen India's export competitiveness, especially for MSMEs, first-time exporters, and labour-intensive sectors.
- EPM supports employment generation, manufacturing & services growth, and integration into global value chains.
- Launched in Union Budget 2025–26, it merges multiple export schemes into a single framework with a total outlay of ₹25,060 crore for FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31.
- RBI measures in November 2025 for exporters included:
 - Allowing a term-loan moratorium for exporters.
 - Extending the tenure of export credit to ease liquidity pressure.
- These measures aim to support MSMEs and first-time exporters, helping them sustain operations and expand in international markets.



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- E) Focus only on logistics; RBI increased penalties for delayed shipments

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Export Promotion Mission (EPM):

- Aims to strengthen India's export competitiveness, especially for MSMEs, first-time exporters, and labour-intensive sectors.
- Supports employment generation, manufacturing & services growth, and integration into global value chains.
- Launched in Union Budget 2025–26, merging multiple export schemes into a 6-year mission with a total outlay of ₹25,060 crore (FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31).
- Policy focus: affordable trade finance, export standards & compliance, branding & market access, and logistics support for remote regions.
- Governance: Led by the Department of Commerce in collaboration with ministries, Export Promotion Councils, boards, institutions, and states.

RBI Trade Relief Measures (Nov 2025):

- Moratorium on term-loan and working capital dues (Sep–Dec 2025) with simple interest convertible to FITL.
- Export credit tenure (pre/post-shipment) extended to 450 days for loans till Mar 31, 2026.
- Exporters can liquidate packing credit via alternate sources including domestic sales.
- Banks can reassess working capital limits or reduce margins to maintain liquidity.



- Moratorium is excluded from DPD, not treated as restructuring; credit history unaffected.
- 5% general provision mandatory on eligible standard accounts receiving relief.
- FEMA rules relaxed: export realisation extended to 15 months, shipment against advances up to 3 years.

These measures are aimed at supporting MSMEs and first-time exporters, ensuring liquidity, compliance flexibility, and ease of doing business in export markets.





Ques: Who has been named PETA India's Person of the Year 2025?

- A) Alia Bhatt
- B) Priyanka Chopra
- C) Raveena Tandon
- D) Dia Mirza
- E) Anushka Sharma

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Actor and animal advocate Raveena Tandon has been named PETA India's Person of the Year 2025.
- She was honoured for her consistent efforts towards animal welfare, vegan advocacy, and cruelty-free living.
- Raveena Tandon has actively campaigned against animal cruelty, supported adoption of animals, and promoted ethical fashion.
- PETA India recognises individuals who use their influence to bring positive change for animals and society.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where has India recently inaugurated a new consulate building to strengthen economic and people-to-people ties?

- A) Beijing
- B) Shanghai
- C) Guangzhou
- D) Hong Kong
- E) Shenzhen

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India has inaugurated a new consulate building in Shanghai, China.
- The inauguration was done by India's Ambassador to China, Pradeep Kumar Rawat, along with Consul General Prateek Mathur.
- This is the first major step for the Shanghai consulate in 32 years.
- India has an embassy in Beijing and three consulates/representative offices in Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong.
- With this, India now has a total of four official diplomatic missions in China.

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Ques: What is India's green hydrogen production target under the National Green Hydrogen Mission by 2030?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), India targets the production of 5 million metric tonnes (MMT) of green hydrogen annually by 2030.
- The mission, launched in January 2023, has an initial outlay of ₹19,744 crore till FY 2029–30, focusing on policy & regulatory framework, demand creation, R&D & innovation, and enabling infrastructure & ecosystem.
- Expected outcomes include creating over 6 lakh green jobs, reducing fossil fuel imports by more than ₹1 lakh crore, and avoiding nearly 50 MMT of greenhouse gas emissions annually by 2030.

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Ques: Which company has received a ₹12,000 crore loan from SBI and Bank of Baroda to fund its Dahej plant in Gujarat?

- A) GAIL (India) Limited
- B) ONGC
- C) Indian Oil Corporation
- D) Petronet LNG Limited
- E) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Petronet LNG Limited has received a loan of ₹12,000 crore from SBI and Bank of Baroda.
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Ques: How much non-fossil power capacity did India add in FY 2024–25, and what role did solar energy play?

- A) 20 GW, mainly wind
- B) 31.25 GW, mainly solar
- C) 15 GW, mainly hydro
- D) 50 GW, mainly biomass
- E) 10 GW, mainly nuclear

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India added 31.25 GW of non-fossil power in FY 2024–25, the highest ever in a single year.
- Solar energy contributed 24.28 GW, highlighting its central role in India's renewable growth.
- Between 2022–24, India added 46 GW of solar capacity, making it the third-largest contributor globally.
- India's solar capacity grew from 2.8 GW a decade ago to ~130 GW, a 4,500% increase in 11 years.
- This demonstrates India's strong push towards clean energy expansion while remaining the 5th largest coal reserve holder and 2nd largest coal consumer.

Genius





Ques: Who won his maiden Formula One World Drivers' Championship by clinching the title in Abu Dhabi, ending Max Verstappen's four-year reign?

- A) Lando Norris
- B) Oscar Piastri
- C) Max Verstappen
- D) Lewis Hamilton
- E) George Russell

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Lando Norris won his first Formula One World Drivers' Championship in Abu Dhabi, ending Max Verstappen's four-year reign.
- Norris finished the season with 423 points, just 2 points ahead of Verstappen (421), while Oscar Piastri was third with 410 points.
- Despite Verstappen securing the most wins in the season (8), he lost the championship on points.
- Norris became the 35th different driver in F1 history to win the Drivers' Championship.
- He is the first McLaren driver since 2008 to win the title, ending the team's 17-year title drought.

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- Norris is Britain's first Formula One world champion since Lewis Hamilton in 2020, and this marks McLaren's 13th Drivers' Championship title.

Recent Grand Prix Winner :

- United States Grand Prix 2025 : Max Verstappen
- Singapore Grand Prix 2025 : George Russell
- 2025 Las Vegas Grand Prix : Max Verstappen
- Qatar Grand Prix 2025 : Max Verstappen
- Mexico City Grand Prix 2025 : Lando Norris



EXAM
Genius



Ques: SabhaSaar, recently seen in news, is related to which of the following?

- A) Digital payments in Panchayats
- B) AI-based voice-to-text summarisation of Gram Sabha meetings
- C) Online voting system for Panchayats
- D) Land record digitisation
- E) Rural health monitoring platform

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SabhaSaar is an AI-enabled voice-to-text tool for automated summarisation of Gram Sabha and Panchayat meetings.
- Launched on 14 August 2025 by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR).
- Adopted by 92,376 Gram Panchayats across states and UTs.
- Supports 13+ Indian languages using AI, NLP, and BHASHINI integration.
- Enhances efficiency, transparency, and record-keeping in local governance.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Indian company has renewed its collaboration with the Argentina Football Association (AFA) for the 2026 World Cup cycle?

- A) Tata Group
- B) Reliance Industries
- C) Infosys
- D) Adani Group
- E) Amul

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Amul has renewed its collaboration with the Argentina Football Association (AFA) for a fourth consecutive year.
- This makes Amul the official regional sponsor of the Argentine national football team during the 2026 World Cup cycle.
- Amul became the first Indian regional sponsor in Argentine football history in 2022.
- AFA, founded in 1893, is South America's oldest football governing body.
- Argentina has won three FIFA World Cup titles, the latest in 2022.

EXAM
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Ques: Which institution launched India's first deep tech-focused venture capital fund 'Y-Point'?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Delhi
- D) IISc Bengaluru
- E) NITI Aayog

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- IIT Bombay launched India's first deep tech-focused venture capital fund named Y-Point Venture Capital Fund.
- The fund, with a total corpus of ₹250 crore, was created by the Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (SINE), IIT Bombay.
- Its objective is to support deep tech startups at early stages and focus on high-impact technologies emerging from research and innovation ecosystems.

EXAM
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Ques: Which high-level conference was held on 5 December 2025 to discuss AI and Digital Public Infrastructure for a developed India?

- A) India AI & Tech Summit
- B) Harnessing AI and Digital Public Infrastructure for a Developed India
- C) Digital India Forum
- D) Smart Governance Conference
- E) MeitY AI Conclave

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The conference titled "Harnessing AI and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for a Developed India" was held on 5 December 2025 in New Delhi.
- Organised by National Institute for Smart Government (NISG) in collaboration with MeitY and the Directorate of IT, Tripura, with EY as the knowledge partner.
- Purpose: To discuss the role of AI and DPI in empowering governance, improving public service delivery, and achieving the vision of a Developed India by 2047.
- NISG is a non-profit institute established in 2002 under a PPP model, chaired by the Secretary of MeitY.

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Ques: What is the name of the new India–Israel Joint Venture launched to manufacture and commercialise pheromone-based crop protection technologies?

- A) AgroShield Ltd.
- B) CropGuard JV
- C) GreenGrow Technologies
- D) BioProtect Israel
- E) Semiophore Ltd.

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India and Israel launched a 50:50 Joint Venture named Semiophore Ltd.
- The JV will manufacture and commercialise Indian pheromone-based crop protection technologies in international markets.
- Licensing agreements were exchanged between ATGC Biotech Pvt. Ltd. (India) and Luxembourg Industries Ltd. (Israel).
- The Joint Venture is being set up in Israel with a total planned investment of USD 10 million.
- Under this JV, 18 technologies developed in India will be introduced to global markets.

EXAM
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Ques: Who has been awarded the Global Humanitarian Award for Animal Welfare by the Global Humane Society?

ग्लोबल ह्यूमेन सोसाइटी द्वारा प्रदान किया जाने वाला ग्लोबल ह्यूमेनिटेरियन अवॉर्ड फॉर एनिमल वेलफेयर किसे दिया गया है?

- A) Mukesh Ambani / मुकेश अंबानी
- B) Ratan Tata / रतन टाटा
- C) Nita Ambani / नीता अंबानी
- D) Gautam Adani / गौतम अडानी
- E) Anant Ambani / अनंत अंबानी

Answer: Option E

Explanation / व्याख्या:

- Anant Ambani has been awarded the Global Humanitarian Award for Animal Welfare.
- अनंत अंबानी को ग्लोबल ह्यूमेनिटेरियन अवॉर्ड फॉर एनिमल वेलफेयर से सम्मानित किया गया है।
- The award has been conferred by the Global Humane Society.
- यह पुरस्कार ग्लोबल ह्यूमेन सोसाइटी द्वारा प्रदान किया गया है।
- Anant Ambani is the Founder of the wildlife conservation centre 'Vantara'.
- अनंत अंबानी वन्यजीव संरक्षण केंद्र 'वंतारा' के संस्थापक हैं।
- He became the youngest-ever recipient of this global honour. He is also the first Asian to receive this prestigious award.
- वे इस वैश्विक सम्मान को प्राप्त करने वाले अब तक के सबसे कम उम्र के व्यक्ति बने हैं। वे इस प्रतिष्ठित पुरस्कार को पाने वाले पहले एशियाई भी हैं।
- The award recognises exceptional contributions to animal welfare and conservation efforts worldwide.
- यह पुरस्कार पशु कल्याण और संरक्षण के क्षेत्र में असाधारण योगदान को मान्यता देता है।



Ques: DSC A20, recently in news, is related to which force?

- A) Indian Army
- B) Indian Air Force
- C) Indian Coast Guard
- D) Indian Navy
- E) Border Security Force

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- DSC A20 is the first indigenously designed and built Diving Support Craft commissioned by the Indian Navy at Kochi on 16 December 2025 under the Southern Naval Command.
- It is the lead vessel of five Diving Support Crafts being constructed by Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata.
- The craft is designed for diving support, underwater inspection, salvage assistance, and coastal operational deployment.
- Featuring a catamaran hull and a displacement of around 390 tonnes, it provides enhanced stability, greater deck space, and improved seakeeping capabilities.
- The commissioning of DSC A20 strengthens the Indian Navy's underwater operational capabilities and is a step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: How much investment has Amazon announced for India by 2030, and where was it announced?

- A) USD 20 billion at Global Fintech Festival, Mumbai
- B) USD 35 billion at Amazon Smbhav Summit, New Delhi
- C) USD 50 billion at Vibrant Gujarat Summit
- D) USD 25 billion at Digital India Summit
- E) USD 40 billion at Startup India Conclave

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Amazon announced an investment of over USD 35 billion in India by 2030.
- The announcement was made at the Amazon Smbhav Summit in New Delhi.
- During the summit, Amazon signed an MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) under the Ministry of Railways.
- The collaboration focuses on education, research, and skill development initiatives.
- Amazon plans to expand the use of AI-powered tools for businesses and education, and boost India-enabled exports from USD 20 billion to USD 80 billion by 2030 by supporting MSMEs.
- Since 2010, Amazon has already invested about USD 40 billion in India.

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Ques: Which international day is observed on 9 December to promote integrity and fight corruption?

- A) International Human Rights Day
- B) International Anti-Corruption Day
- C) International Youth Day
- D) World Integrity Day
- E) International Justice Day

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- International Anti-Corruption Day is observed every year on 9 December.
- The 2025 theme is “Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow’s Integrity.”
- First observed in 2005, the day promotes transparency, accountability, and ethical governance.
- In India, the UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) hosted the Business Integrity Conclave 2.0 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

EXAM
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Ques: Which two institutions signed an MoU to expand access to mutual fund services across India?

- A) Department of Posts and BSE
- B) Department of Posts and NSE
- C) RBI and BSE
- D) SEBI and India Post
- E) LIC and BSE

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Department of Posts (DoP) and BSE, Asia's oldest stock exchange, have signed a landmark MoU to expand access to mutual fund services across India.
- The initiative will leverage India Post's extensive end-to-end presence in rural and semi-urban areas.
- The aim is to bring investment opportunities closer to millions of citizens with limited access to formal financial products.
- Mutual fund distribution will be carried out through BSE StAR MF, India's largest mutual fund platform.
- The MoU is valid for a period of three years, from 12 December 2025 to 11 December 2028.

About BSE :

- Established : 1875
- HQ : Mumbai
- Chairman : Subhasis Chaudhuri
- MD & CEO : Sundararaman Ramamurthy



Ques: Which institution announced that retail Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) transactions have crossed 120 million in India?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) Reserve Bank of India

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that the volume of retail Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) transactions has crossed 120 million.
- The total transaction value through retail CBDC has exceeded ₹28,000 crore.
- More than 8 million users are actively using the digital rupee (e₹) for daily transactions.
- Retail CBDC, also known as the digital rupee (e₹), is RBI's flagship digital payment initiative providing a sovereign, secure, and efficient alternative to cash.
- The pilot project for retail CBDC began on 1 December 2022 and has since seen significant growth in adoption.
- RBI is also exploring programmable CBDCs for use in government schemes, Direct Benefit Transfers (DBTs), and sector-specific applications like education and healthcare.

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Ques: Which public sector bank partnered with the Government of Nagaland for the Hornbill Festival 2025?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda, a public sector bank, partnered with the Government of Nagaland for the Hornbill Festival 2025.
- The festival was held at the Kisama Heritage Village near Kohima.
- Bank of Baroda has strengthened its presence in North East India with 3 Regional Offices and 197 branches.
- About 61% of the bank's branches in the region are located in rural and semi-urban areas.
- The bank recently inaugurated a new Zonal Office in Guwahati to cover all North Eastern States.

EXAM
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Ques: What is the proposed increase in guaranteed employment days under the revamped MGNREGA scheme?

- A) 110 days
- B) 120 days
- C) 125 days
- D) 150 days
- E) No change

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The government is considering a revamp of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
- Under the proposal, the number of guaranteed employment days may be increased from 100 to 125 days for eligible rural households.
- The Union Cabinet has also discussed renaming the Act as the Pujya Bapu Rural Employment Guarantee Act.
- The minimum wage under the scheme has been revised to ₹240 per day, benefiting millions of rural workers.
- The proposal aligns with the approval process for continuation of the scheme under the Sixteenth Finance Commission, effective from 1 April 2026.
- Although the Act guarantees 100 days of work, the average employment provided per household was about 50 days in 2024–25, with only 40.70 lakh households completing 100 days.

About MGNREGA :

- Full Form : Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- Launched : 2nd February 2006
- Act : Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was passed on 23rd August 2005
- Earlier known : National Rural Employment Guarantee Act



Ques: Deloitte India is launching Tax Pragya, an AI-powered platform, for which purpose?

- A) Automating GST filing for SMEs
- B) Providing AI-based tax research and legal insights
- C) Offering digital payment solutions
- D) Monitoring corporate tax evasion
- E) Blockchain-based compliance management

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Deloitte India will launch an AI-powered tax research platform named Tax Pragya on 9 December 2025.
- The platform aims to reduce the time spent analysing tax-related legal judgments and deliver real-time, insight-driven solutions.
- Tax Pragya is an AI-based tax research and insights platform that analyses over 10 lakh tax-related court judgments and 20 years of Deloitte's internal tax knowledge papers.
- It covers both direct and indirect taxes and is built on Deloitte's proprietary database, not open-source data.
- Research outputs are delivered within minutes, replacing lengthy manual research.
- The platform provides real-time updates on Budget announcements and law amendments.
- Predictive capabilities (under development) will help assess litigation potential.

Genius



Ques: NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has partnered with which company to launch a nationwide start-up acceleration programme for India's circular economy transition?

- A) Tata Group
- B) Reliance Industries Limited
- C) Larsen & Toubro
- D) ITC Limited
- E) Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has partnered with Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) to launch a nationwide start-up acceleration programme.
- The objective of the programme is to accelerate India's transition towards a circular economy by supporting innovative start-ups.
- The programme will be implemented under 'Circular Bharat', which is a flagship project of HUL.
- It aims to identify and support 50 high-potential circular economy start-ups over the next three years.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Tata Electronics signed an MoU with which global company to explore semiconductor chip manufacturing and packaging collaboration in India?

- A) Intel Corporation
- B) Qualcomm Inc.
- C) NVIDIA Corporation
- D) AMD (Advanced Micro Devices)
- E) Samsung Electronics

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Tata Electronics and Intel Corporation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore collaboration in semiconductor chip manufacturing and packaging in India.
- The objective of the MoU is to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem and support domestic manufacturing under the Make in India initiative.
- The collaboration focuses on leveraging Tata Electronics' upcoming semiconductor facilities in Dholera, Gujarat, and Guwahati, Assam.
- These facilities may be used to produce and package Intel's semiconductor products for the Indian market.

EXAM
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Ques: Which country was welcomed as a new member under the proposed “New G20” plan announced by the United States for the 2026 G20 Summit?

- A) Argentina
- B) Poland
- C) Indonesia
- D) South Africa
- E) Mexico

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The United States announced a plan called “New G20” while preparing to host the 2026 G20 Leaders’ Summit.
- Under this plan, Poland was welcomed as a new member of the proposed G20 framework.
- South Africa was excluded from the proposed “New G20”, with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio accusing it of prioritising “hate, division and radical agenda” during its presidency.
- The United States will host the G20 Summit in 2026 for the first time since 2009, coinciding with America’s 250th anniversary.
- The first Sherpa and Finance Track meetings for the 2026 G20 will be held on 15–16 December in Washington, DC.
- The 2025 G20 Summit was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, under the theme ‘Unity, Equality, Sustainability’.

Genius





Ques: The Right to Disconnect Bill, 2025, recently introduced in Parliament, aims to address which of the following issues?

- A) Minimum wage fixation
- B) Workplace gender equality
- C) Digital burnout and after-hours work pressure
- D) Contract labour regulation
- E) Gig workers' social security

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Right to Disconnect Bill, 2025 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 6 December 2025 by NCP MP Supriya Sule.
- The Bill aims to protect employees from digital burnout and empower them to refuse work-related communication after office hours and holidays.
- It prohibits employers from forcing employees to respond to calls, emails, messages, or meetings outside working hours.
- No disciplinary action can be taken against employees for non-response after office hours.
- The Bill covers all forms of digital communication and allows mutually agreed rules for genuine emergencies.
- Organisations violating the provisions may face a penalty of 1% of the total remuneration paid to the employee.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which city became the first in India to introduce a hydrogen-powered water taxi service?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Haridwar
- C) Prayagraj
- D) Patna
- E) Kolkata

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Varanasi has become the first Indian city to introduce a hydrogen-powered water taxi service, marking a major step towards green inland water transport.
- The service was inaugurated at Namoh Ghat and reflects the government's focus on sustainable mobility and technological innovation along the river Ganga.
- Built at Cochin Shipyard, the vessel runs on a hybrid electric–hydrogen engine, producing zero emissions and minimal noise.
- Each boat can carry up to 50 passengers and is equipped with biotoilets, CCTV cameras, and vegetarian refreshments.
- The service currently operates between Namoh Ghat and Ravidas Ghat, with plans to expand to Asi Ghat and Markandeya Dham in the future.
- The one-way fare is approximately ₹500 per person, and the vessel uses five hydrogen cylinders along with 3 kW solar panels to meet energy requirements.

Genius





Ques: The SHANTI Bill, recently approved by the Union Cabinet, is related to which sector?

- A) Renewable Energy
- B) Coal Mining
- C) Nuclear Power
- D) Oil & Gas
- E) Defence Manufacturing

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The SHANTI Bill has been approved by the Union Cabinet to allow private companies to participate in India's highly restricted nuclear power sector.
- The Bill proposes amendments to liability laws, allows up to 49% FDI, and aims to support India's target of 100 GW nuclear capacity by 2047.
- SHANTI stands for Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India.
- It includes provisions for operator insurance, a unified legal framework, and a specialised nuclear tribunal.

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Ques: Where was the 2nd edition of the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine held?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Mumbai
- C) Jaipur
- D) Geneva
- E) New Delhi

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 2nd edition of the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine was held in New Delhi.
- The theme of the summit was “Restoring balance: The science and practice of health and well-being.”
- The 1st edition of the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine was held in 2023 in Gujarat.
- During the summit, it was announced that the Ministry of Ayush will host a dedicated side event on Ashwagandha.
- Ashwagandha is one of India’s most renowned and scientifically studied medicinal plants, significant in both traditional and modern health practices.

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Ques: What is the name of the new investor-linked residency scheme launched by the United States government to replace the EB-5 visa model?

- A) Green Path Programme
- B) Freedom Visa Scheme
- C) Gold Card Programme
- D) Prime Investor Visa
- E) Elite Residency Plan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United States government has launched a new investor-linked residency scheme called the Gold Card Programme.
- It offers wealthy individuals and corporations a fast-tracked route to permanent residency and eventual citizenship.
- The programme replaces the long-standing EB-5 visa model.
- The entry cost is \$1 million for individual applicants and \$2 million for corporations sponsoring foreign-born employees.
- A vetting fee of \$15,000 has been introduced to fund extensive background checks.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which country has become the first in the African region to eliminate onchocerciasis (river blindness)?

- A) Niger
- B) Nigeria
- C) Ghana
- D) Kenya
- E) Ethiopia

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Niger has become the first country in the African Region to eliminate onchocerciasis, also known as river blindness.
- The announcement was made by Garba Hakimi, Minister of Public Health, Population and Social Affairs.
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) confirmed that Niger has met the required elimination standards.
- Niger is the fifth country worldwide to halt the transmission of *Onchocerca volvulus*.
- The other four countries to achieve this milestone are Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Mexico.
- Onchocerciasis is a parasitic disease caused by *Onchocerca volvulus* and is transmitted through bites of infected black flies found near rivers.
- It is a major cause of infectious blindness globally, second only to trachoma.





Ques: What is the total cost approved for conducting Census of India 2027?

- A) ₹9,850 crore
- B) ₹10,500 crore
- C) ₹11,718.24 crore
- D) ₹12,250 crore
- E) ₹13,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved ₹11,718.24 crore for conducting the Census of India 2027.
- Census 2027, the 16th Census of India, will be conducted in two phases: Houselisting & Housing Census (April–September 2026) and Population Enumeration (February 2027).
- Around 3 million enumerators will participate, and citizens will have the option of self-enumeration.
- The Census of India is considered the world's largest administrative and statistical exercise.

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Ques: Which country won the 14th edition of the FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup 2025?

- A) India
- B) Spain
- C) Argentina
- D) Germany
- E) Netherlands

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 14th edition of the FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup 2025 was held in Tamil Nadu at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai, and Madurai International Hockey Stadium, Madurai.
- Germany won its eighth FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup title.
- Germany defeated Spain 3–2 in a shoot-out after a 1–1 draw in regulation time in the final held in Chennai.
- India won the bronze medal by making a strong comeback from 0–2 down to defeat Argentina 4–2.

About FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup 2025:

- Edition: 14th, Held at Chennai & Madurai
- Champions: Germany (8th title)
- Runner-up: Spain
- Top scorer : Amirul Islam (Bangladesh) (18 goals)
- Best player : Casper van der Veen (Netherlands)
- Best goalkeeper : Jasper Ditzer (Germany)
- Frequency : every 2 year
- Total : 24 team and 72 matches





Ques: The 'Google for Startups Hub' at T-Hub, Hyderabad, is being launched through a partnership between which two entities?

- A) Government of Telangana and Microsoft
- B) Government of Telangana and Amazon
- C) Government of Telangana and Google LLC
- D) NITI Aayog and Google LLC
- E) Government of India and Google LLC

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of Telangana has partnered with Google LLC to launch a 'Google for Startups Hub' at the Technology Hub (T-Hub) in Hyderabad.
- The initiative aims to support early-stage and growth-stage startups through mentorship, technology access, and global networking.
- The Government of Telangana will provide support through a ₹1,000 crore Startup Fund of Funds to nurture the startup ecosystem.
- The collaboration aligns with Telangana's vision to create 100 Hyderabad-based unicorns by 2034.

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Ques: The Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhikshan Bill aims to replace which bodies?

- A) UGC only
- B) UGC and AICTE only
- C) UGC, AICTE and NCTE
- D) UGC, AICTE and Medical Council
- E) AICTE and Bar Council of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet approved the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhikshan Bill to establish a single higher education regulator in India.
- The new regulator will replace existing bodies like UGC, AICTE, and NCTE, while medical and law colleges remain outside its scope.
- The regulator will handle regulation, accreditation, and setting academic standards, but funding will remain with the administrative ministry.

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Ques: What is the key distinction of India's first hydrogen-powered train introduced recently?

- A) It is the fastest hydrogen-powered train in the world
- B) It is the world's longest hydrogen-powered train on Broad Gauge
- C) It runs entirely on battery-electric technology
- D) It has been imported from Europe
- E) It operates only on metro rail networks

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India has introduced its first hydrogen-powered train, marking a major milestone in green mobility.
- The train has been designed and manufactured in India as per specifications issued by the Research, Design & Standards Organisation (RDSO).
- With a ten-coach configuration, it is the world's longest hydrogen-powered train operating on a Broad Gauge platform.
- The train delivers a total power output of 2,400 kW through two Driving Power Cars, each rated at 1,200 kW, making it among the most powerful hydrogen trainsets globally.

EXAM
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Ques: What was India's Wholesale Price Inflation (WPI) rate in November 2025?

- A) 0.52
- B) 0.13%
- C) -0.32%
- D) -1.21%
- E) 2.16%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Wholesale Price Inflation (WPI) in India stood at -0.32% in November 2025, according to government data.
- The marginal improvement was driven by a month-on-month increase in prices of food articles such as pulses and vegetables.
- WPI-based inflation was recorded at -1.21% in October 2025.
- In comparison, WPI inflation was 2.16% in November last year.

Recent WPI-based inflation in India:

- October 2025 : -1.21%
- September 2025 : 0.13%
- August 2025 : 0.52%
- July 2025 : -0.58%

EXAM
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Ques: Which city's metro rail expansion has received a USD 240 million loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 240 million loan for the expansion of the Chennai Metro Rail network.
- This is the second tranche under the Chennai Metro Rail Investment Project.
- The project aims to provide cleaner, safer, and more reliable urban transport across the Chennai Metropolitan Area.
- The loan is part of ADB's USD 780 million multi-tranche financing facility approved in 2022, of which the first tranche of USD 350 million was approved earlier.

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Ques: NABARD has extended a loan of ₹1,685.27 crore to which organisation?

- A) Odisha Power Generation Corporation
- B) Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited
- C) GRIDCO Limited
- D) Odisha Hydro Power Corporation
- E) Power Finance Corporation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned a loan of ₹1,685.27 crore to Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL).
- The loan carries an interest rate of 7.75% per annum.
- The tenure of the loan is 15 years, with the first 3 years as a moratorium period.
- The funding will support power transmission infrastructure development in Odisha.

About NABARD:

- Established: 12 July 1982 (under recommendations of the B. Sivaraman Committee)
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Chairman: K. V. Shaji

EXAM
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Ques: Why has RBI directed banks to link MSME loans to an external benchmark?

- A) To increase bank profitability
- B) To standardise MSME loan documentation
- C) To improve monetary policy transmission
- D) To reduce MSME loan defaults
- E) To eliminate collateral requirements

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI has directed banks to link MSME loans to an external benchmark to ensure faster and more transparent transmission of policy rate changes to borrowers.
- Under this system, the interest rate reset period for MSME loans has been reduced to three months.
- Existing MSME borrowers are allowed to switch to the external benchmark-linked interest rate regime as per mutually agreed terms with banks.

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Ques: India's banking sector recently achieved a 20-year low in Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPAs). What was the GNPA level by March 2025?

- A) 3.95%
- B) 2.98%
- C) 2.58%
- D) 2.31%
- E) 1.85%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's banking sector recorded its lowest GNPA level in 20 years, declining from 11.46% in 2018 to 2.31% by March 2025.
- Net NPA (NNPA) ratio also fell sharply to 0.52%, the lowest in two decades, compared to 6.1% in 2018, supported by stronger provisioning.
- GNPAs of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) declined from 9.11% in March 2021 to 2.58% in March 2025.
- GNPAs of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) reduced from 7.33% to 2.22% during the same period.
- Domestic deposits rose from ₹88.35 lakh crore (2015) to ₹231.90 lakh crore (2025), while credit expanded from ₹66.91 lakh crore to ₹181.34 lakh crore.
- Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) improved from 12.94% (March 2015) to 17.36% (March 2025).
- Total business of PSBs increased from ₹203 lakh crore (FY23) to ₹252 lakh crore (FY25), with net profit rising from ₹1.05 lakh crore to ₹1.78 lakh crore.





Ques: What is SBI's user target under YONO 2.0 over the next two years?

- A) 150 million
- B) 175 million
- C) 180 million
- D) 200 million
- E) 250 million

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched YONO 2.0, the upgraded version of its digital banking platform “You Only Need One (YONO)”.
- SBI aims to double its YONO user base from 96 million to 200 million over the next two years.
- SBI plans to hire around 10,000 staff (floor managers) to shift customers from branches to digital channels.
- YONO 2.0 is expected to reduce customer service costs by 40–60 percent.
- The platform will help reduce branch footfall by 20–30 percent and enhance productivity.
- YONO 2.0 will accelerate digital credit delivery through automated decision-making processes.
- Currently, YONO 2.0 is available in English and Hindi and will soon support 15 languages.

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Ques: The Government recently increased the MSP for copra for the 2026 season. What is the MSP fixed for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) milling copra?

- A) ₹11,582 per quintal
- B) ₹11,900 per quintal
- C) ₹12,400 per quintal
- D) ₹12,027 per quintal
- E) ₹12,500 per quintal

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for copra for the 2026 season.
- The MSP for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) milling copra has been fixed at ₹12,027 per quintal.
- The MSP for ball copra has been fixed at ₹12,500 per quintal.
- Compared to the previous season, the MSP was increased by ₹445 per quintal for milling copra and ₹400 per quintal for ball copra.
- MSP is fixed at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production, as announced in the Union Budget 2018–19.
- NAFED and NCCF will continue as Central Nodal Agencies for copra procurement under the Price Support Scheme (PSS).

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Ques: Mission Mausam, approved by the Union Cabinet, is implemented by which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B) Ministry of Science and Technology
- C) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- E) Ministry of Jal Shakti

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Mission Mausam was approved by the Union Cabinet on 11 September 2024 under the Modi Government 3.0.
- The mission is implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- It has a budget outlay of ₹2,000 crore for a period of two years.
- The aim is to make India “Weather Ready” and “Climate Smart” and position the country as a global leader in weather and climate science.
- The mission focuses on improving weather and climate services, accurate observation, modelling, and forecasting to support agriculture, disaster management, and rural development.
- Key implementing institutions include IMD, NCMRWF, and IITM, with support from INCOIS and NIOT.

EXAM
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Ques: Who administered the oath to Raj Kumar Goyal as the Chief Information Commissioner?

- A) Prime Minister of India
- B) Vice President of India
- C) Chief Justice of India
- D) President of India
- E) Home Minister of India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Raj Kumar Goyal took oath as the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of India for a tenure of 3 years as per the RTI Act.
- The oath was administered by President Droupadi Murmu.
- The oath ceremony was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
- The Chief Information Commissioner heads the Central Information Commission under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav 2025 was organised to mark the birth anniversary of which renowned personality?

- A) Rabindranath Tagore
- B) Mahatma Gandhi
- C) Sarojini Naidu
- D) Periyar E. V. Ramasamy
- E) Mahakavi Subramania Bharati

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav 2025 was held at National Bal Bhawan in New Delhi and organised by the Ministry of Education.
- It was celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of renowned Tamil poet Mahakavi Subramania Bharati.
- The theme of the festival was “Many Languages, One Emotion.”
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs set up a stall showcasing publications from Tribal Research Institutes of Jharkhand, Odisha, and Gujarat.
- A key attraction was the live demonstration of Adi Vaani, India’s first AI-powered tribal language translator, developed in collaboration with IIT Delhi.
- In its initial phase, Adi Vaani supports Santali, Kui, Bhili, Mundari, Gondi, and Garo languages, with scope for future expansion.

Genius



Ques: Which book won the 2025 National Book Award for Fiction?

- A) The Prophet Returns
- B) The True True Story of Raja the Gullible (and His Mother)
- C) A House Without Windows
- D) Tales from Beirut
- E) The Memory Keeper

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The novel “The True True Story of Raja the Gullible (and His Mother)” won the 2025 National Book Award for Fiction.
- The book is written by Lebanese-American author Rabih Alameddine.
- The novel explores themes of family, memory, identity, and storytelling through a layered narrative style.
- The National Book Award is one of the most prestigious literary honors in the United States.

EXAM
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Ques: PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) Scheme is related to which sector?

- A) Food processing sector
- B) Textile sector
- C) Handicrafts sector
- D) Dairy sector
- E) Fisheries sector

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) Scheme was launched on 29 June 2020.
- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan and promotes “Vocal for Local” in the food processing sector.
- The scheme period is from 2020–21 to 2025–26 with a total outlay of ₹10,000 crore.
- Expenditure sharing pattern: Centre–States 60:40; North-Eastern & Himalayan States 90:10; UTs with legislature 60:40; other UTs 100% Centre funded.
- The scheme has four broad components, including support for individual micro-units, FPOs/producer cooperatives, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
- Individual units receive a credit-linked capital subsidy of 35% of project cost (maximum ₹10 lakh), while SHG members can get seed capital support of ₹40,000 per member.

Genius



Ques: Who released the commemorative postage stamp honouring Emperor Perumbidugu Matharaiyar II Suvaran Maran?

- A) Prime Minister of India
- B) Union Finance Minister
- C) Vice President of India
- D) Governor of Tamil Nadu
- E) Minister of Culture

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Vice President of India Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan released a commemorative postage stamp honouring Emperor Perumbidugu Matharaiyar II Suvaran Maran in New Delhi.
- The release ceremony was held at the Vice President's Enclave as part of the commemorative stamp event.
- The stamp honours the ruler's contribution to ancient Tamil history and administration.
- The event was attended by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Harivansh, and Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: According to the government, how many people have got employment through MSMEs registered on the Udyam Portal?

- A) 15 crore
- B) 20 crore
- C) 25 crore
- D) 31 crore
- E) 40 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi stated that over 7 crore MSMEs have been registered on the Udyam Portal so far.
- These MSMEs have generated employment for around 31 crore people across India.
- The Udyam Portal was launched in 2020 to facilitate easy registration and growth of MSMEs.
- The Ministry has supported more than 10 lakh people through grants.
- Loans have been provided to over 1 crore people to establish small enterprises.
- The government aims to help beneficiaries come out of poverty through MSME support.
- Under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, around 12 lakh artisans have already benefited, with a target to benefit about 30 lakh artisan families by 2028.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Who has been appointed as the first woman President of the Press Club of India?

- A) Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty
- B) Nidhi Razdan
- C) Barkha Dutt
- D) Mrinal Pande
- E) Shubhra Gupta

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Senior journalist Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty has been appointed as the first woman President of the Press Club of India.
- She has replaced Umakant Lakhera in this position.
- The Press Club of India was established in 1957.
- The headquarters of the Press Club of India is located in New Delhi.

EXAM
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Ques: India has received approval to host the first-ever Commonwealth Kho Kho Championship. When will it be held?

- A) January 2025
- B) March 09–14, 2026
- C) July 2026
- D) December 2026
- E) March 2030

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Commonwealth Sports has approved India to host the 1st-ever Commonwealth Kho Kho Championship from March 09 to 14, 2026.
- The championship will see participation from over 24 Commonwealth nations.
- A total of 16 men's teams and 16 women's teams are expected to compete.
- This approval marks a major milestone for India in global sports, coming after Ahmedabad was declared the host city for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.
- The event is the next key milestone for Indian Kho Kho, following the first Kho Kho World Cup held in New Delhi in January 2025.

EXAM
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Ques: Airtel has partnered with which company to introduce Rich Communication Services (RCS) on its network?

- A) Meta
- B) Microsoft
- C) Samsung
- D) Amazon
- E) Google

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bharti Airtel has partnered with Google to introduce Rich Communication Services (RCS) on its telecom network.
- This partnership marks a major shift in India's telecom and business messaging ecosystem.
- Airtel will offer RCS using Google's platform under a commercial model.
- The pricing for RCS messages has been fixed at ₹0.11 per message.
- Revenue sharing between the partners will be in an 80:20 ratio, with Airtel retaining 80% and Google receiving 20%.
- Google agreed to integrate RCS with Airtel's AI-powered intelligent spam filter, enabling the finalisation of the deal.
- Earlier, Airtel had resisted adopting RCS due to concerns that encrypted channels could increase spam.

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Ques: Field Marshal Asim Munir has been appointed as the first Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) of which country?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Field Marshal Asim Munir has been appointed as Pakistan's first Chief of Defence Forces (CDF).
- The tenure of the Chief of Defence Forces is five years.
- The post of CDF was created through the 27th Constitutional Amendment.

EXAM
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Ques: The Mahadeva Football Initiative (Project Mahadeva), recently launched in Maharashtra, is primarily aimed at which objective?

- A) Hosting an international football tournament
- B) Training professional football coaches
- C) Developing grassroots football talent among children
- D) Promoting futsal in urban areas
- E) Establishing football academies only in metro cities

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Maharashtra Government launched the Mahadeva Football Initiative, also known as Project Mahadeva.
- The initiative aims to train 60 young football players from rural and remote areas using world-class facilities.
- The programme focuses on Under-13 (U-13) boys and girls.
- Its objective is to create a long-term football development pathway in Maharashtra.
- An MoU was signed among the School Education, Sports and Youth Welfare Department, MITRA, WIFA and Village Social Transformation Foundation (VSTF).
- The initiative is supported by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and was announced by Sports Minister Manikrao Kokate.

EXAM
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Ques: The River Gandak has been declared as which National Waterway under the National Waterways Act, 2016?

- A) NW-32
- B) NW-27
- C) NW-37
- D) NW-44
- E) NW-64

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has declared 111 waterways as National Waterways under the National Waterways Act, 2016.
- As of now, 32 National Waterways are operational for cargo and passenger movement.
- The River Gandak has been declared National Waterway–37 (NW-37) and notified under the National Waterways Act, 2016.
- Two community jetties have been deployed on River Gandak at Mangalpur (Nautan) and the opposite bank at Bettiah.
- RITES Ltd. has been engaged to update the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared earlier by the Government of Bihar in 2013, at a project cost of ₹92.75 lakh.
- The DPR update aims to assess cargo and passenger movement potential on the River Gandak.



Ques: DHRUV64 microprocessor has been developed by which organisation?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) BEL
- D) IIT Madras
- E) C-DAC

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India has achieved a major milestone in its semiconductor journey with the launch of DHRUV64, the country's first fully indigenous microprocessor.
- DHRUV64 has been developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) under the Microprocessor Development Programme (MDP).
- It is a 1.0 GHz, 64-bit, dual-core microprocessor, strengthening India's indigenous processor pipeline.
- DHRUV64 is suitable for sectors such as 5G infrastructure, automotive systems, consumer electronics, industrial automation, and IoT.
- Earlier indigenous processors include SHAKTI (2018, IIT Madras), AJIT (2018, IIT Bombay), VIKRAM (2025, ISRO–SCL), and THEJAS64 (2025, C-DAC).

EXAM
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Ques: India recently signed an MoU with Liberia to enhance cooperation in which field?

- A) Medical education
- B) Pharmacopoeia and drug standards
- C) Vaccine manufacturing
- D) Telemedicine services
- E) Hospital infrastructure

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India and Liberia signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance cooperation in pharmacopoeia, focusing on shared quality standards for medicines.
- Under the MoU, Liberia can adopt or reference the Indian Pharmacopoeia to establish quality standards for medicines, promoting harmonised rules and benchmarks.
- Pharmacopoeias are official books of drug standards used by governments and health regulators to ensure the quality, purity, identity and strength of medicines.
- The Indian Pharmacopoeia is published by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Genius





Ques: Who were named TIME Magazine's Person of the Year 2025?

- A) Sam Altman alone
- B) Elon Musk
- C) Scientists of Climate Change
- D) Tech CEOs of Silicon Valley
- E) The Architects of AI

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- TIME Magazine named the collective group 'The Architects of AI' as its Person of the Year 2025 to highlight the transformative impact of AI leaders on technology, economy, and society.
- Prominent figures featured include Sam Altman (OpenAI), Jensen Huang (NVIDIA), Demis Hassabis (DeepMind), Lisa Su (AMD), Mark Zuckerberg (Meta), Elon Musk (xAI), Dario Amodei (Anthropic), and Fei-Fei Li (Stanford HAI).
- TIME noted that AI is the defining force of the modern era, transforming industries, governance, creativity, and daily life.
- This recognition is rare as TIME honored a group rather than a single individual, emphasizing the collaborative nature of AI development.

EXAM
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Ques: Which new award category will be introduced at the 98th Academy Awards in 2026?

- A) Best Casting
- B) Best Stunt Coordination
- C) Best Voice Performance
- D) Best Visual Effects Design
- E) Best Screen Ensemble

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Academy Awards will introduce a dedicated prize for Casting for the first time in Oscar history.
- The new category recognises the craft of identifying talent, interpreting creative vision, and assembling ensembles that shape a film's identity.
- The 98th Academy Awards, scheduled to be held on 15 March 2026, will be the first ceremony to present this award.

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Ques: Under the proposed VB-G RAM G Bill, what will be the cost-sharing pattern for most States?

- A) 90:10 (Centre:State)
- B) 75:25 (Centre:State)
- C) 80:20 (Centre:State)
- D) 60:40 (Centre:State)
- E) 50:50 (Centre:State)

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union government will introduce the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee For Rozgar And Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Bill in the Lok Sabha to replace the MGNREGA, 2005.
- Under MGNREGA, the Centre bore 100% of labour wages and 75% of material costs, leading to an effective 90:10 Centre–State sharing pattern.
- Under the VB-G RAM G Bill, the financial burden on States will increase significantly.
- As per Section 22(2), most States and UTs with legislatures will follow a 60:40 (Centre:State) cost-sharing pattern.
- North-Eastern States and Himalayan States/UTs (Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir) will continue with a 90:10 pattern.

Genius





Ques: According to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), within how many years is India projected to cross 1 terawatt (1,000 GW) of installed power capacity?

- A) 5 years
- B) 7 years
- C) 20 years
- D) 15 years
- E) 10 years

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has projected that India will cross 1 terawatt (1,000 GW) of installed power capacity within the next 10 years.
- India's current installed power capacity stands at around 505 GW.
- CEA has submitted the National Electricity Plan (NEP) 2034–35 along with year-wise electricity demand estimates up to 2070 to NITI Aayog.
- The electricity planning framework is shifting from static five-year plans to a rolling, annually updated planning cycle.
- For 2047, the indicative power mix includes 100 GW nuclear, about 97–100 GW coal, 116 GW pumped hydro storage, around 1,200 GW solar and 400–450 GW wind capacity.

Genius





Ques: Which two sites were recently designated as new Ramsar Sites in India?

- A) Chilika Lake & Loktak Lake
- B) Siliserh Lake & Kopra Jalashay
- C) Sambhar Lake & Bhoj Wetland
- D) Wular Lake & Dal Lake
- E) Keoladeo & Harike Wetland

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India added Siliserh Lake in Rajasthan and Kopra Jalashay in Chhattisgarh as new Ramsar Sites, increasing the total number of Ramsar wetlands in the country to 96.
- Siliserh Lake lies within the buffer zone of Sariska Tiger Reserve, enhancing eco-tourism and conservation value.
- Kopra Jalashay is located near Bilaspur in the upper catchments of the Mahanadi River, surrounded mainly by farmland and villages.
- The Rio Negro in Brazil is the largest Ramsar Site, covering approximately 120,000 sq km.
- The Monaco Marine Reserve in Monaco is the smallest Ramsar Site, with an area of just 0.04 hectares.
- India's first Ramsar Sites: Chilka Lake (Odisha) and Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan) were designated in 1981.

EXAM
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Ques: Who presented the Shilp Guru Awards and National Handicraft Awards for 2023 and 2024?

- A) President of India
- B) Union Minister of Textiles
- C) Prime Minister of India
- D) Vice President of India
- E) Governor of Delhi

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- President of India, Droupadi Murmu, presented the Shilp Guru Awards and National Handicraft Awards for 2023 and 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The awards were conferred during National Handicrafts Week celebrations 2025, held from 8 to 14 December 2025.
- The event was organised by the Ministry of Textiles.
- A total of 48 awards were given, including 12 Shilp Guru Awards and 36 National Handicraft Awards.
- Among the awardees, 20 were women artisans.
- Kamlesh Sharma (Women) : Wood Craft (Tarkashi work on the table) - Rajasthan
- Subhash Arora (Men) : Metal Craft (DhokraCraft) - Haryana
- Shaheen Anjum (Women) : Wood Craft (Jewellery Box) - Delhi
- Mohammad Dilshad (Men) : Wood Carving (Centre table of Sheesham Wood) - Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- Tarit Paul (Men) : Clay Modelling (Vishwarupa of Lord Krishna) - West Bengal (WB)
- Shobharani Poddar (Women) : Jute Craft (Goddess Durga) - West Bengal (WB)

List of Shilp Guru Awardees for 2023:

- Ajit Kumar Das (Men) : Hand Painted Textiles - West Bengal (WB)
- Sudhir Kumar Maharana (Men) : Painting Pattachitra - Odisha
- D. Sivamma (Women) : Leather Puppet - Andhra Pradesh (AP)



- Dolon Kundu Mandal (Women) : Terracotta - West Bengal (WB)
- Khatri Gulamhusain Umar (Men) : Artistic Textiles(Tie & Dye) - Gujarat
- Madhuri Mishra (Women) : Artistic Textiles (Batic Printing) - Uttar Pradesh (UP)



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Ques: Who received the 28th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati National Eminence Award for Public Leadership?

- A) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- B) Naveen Patnaik
- C) Yogi Adityanath
- D) Mamata Banerjee
- E) Devendra Fadnavis

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma received the 28th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati National Eminence Award for Public Leadership.
- The award was conferred during the Kanchi Mahaswami festival held at Shanmukhananda Hall, Mumbai.
- The award is instituted by the South Indian Education Society (SIES).
- It recognises outstanding contributions in the field of public leadership and governance.
- The award is named after Jagadguru Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati, the 68th Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham.

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Ques: Which tiger reserve is set to become the third cheetah habitat in Madhya Pradesh?

- A) Kanha Tiger Reserve
- B) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- C) Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve
- D) Satpura Tiger Reserve
- E) Pench Tiger Reserve

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve, located at Nauradehi in Sagar district (MP), will be developed as the third cheetah habitat in the State.
- The decision follows the successful translocation of cheetahs from Africa to Kuno National Park (KNP).
- The Madhya Pradesh State Cabinet has given in-principle approval for developing the reserve as a cheetah habitat.
- The reserve is expected to become operational before the next monsoon.
- Kuno National Park (Sheopur) became India's first cheetah habitat in September 2022.
- Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Mandsaur) was developed as the second cheetah habitat in April 2025.
- The MP government is also working to translocate other wildlife species in the State.

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Ques: Shivraj Vishwanath Patil Chakurkar, recently in news, was associated with which political party?

- A) Indian National Congress (INC)
- B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- C) Janata Dal (United)
- D) Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)
- E) Shiv Sena

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Shivraj Vishwanath Patil Chakurkar was a senior leader of the Indian National Congress and a former Union Minister.
- He held several Minister of State (MoS) portfolios, including Defence, Commerce, Science & Technology, Atomic Energy, Personnel & Training, Civil Aviation, and Tourism.
- He later served as the Union Home Minister from 2004 to 2008.
- He also served as the Governor of Punjab and Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh from 2010 to 2015.

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Ques: December 11 is observed as which international day?

- A) International Biodiversity Day
- B) International Forest Day
- C) World Environment Day
- D) International Mountain Day
- E) International Water Day

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- December 11 is observed every year as International Mountain Day.
- The theme for International Mountain Day 2025 is “Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond.”
- The day highlights the importance of mountains in sustaining ecosystems, water resources, food security, and livelihoods.
- International Mountain Day was first observed in 2003.

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Ques: Vijay Diwas is observed to commemorate India's victory in which war?

- A) 1962 Indo-China War
- B) 1965 Indo-Pak War
- C) 1971 Indo-Pak War
- D) Kargil War, 1999
- E) First World War

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Vijay Diwas is observed every year on 16 December to commemorate India's decisive victory over Pakistan in the 1971 Indo-Pak War.
- On this day in 1971, Pakistan's Eastern Command surrendered unconditionally.
- Pakistani forces led by Lt. Gen. A.A.K. Niazi surrendered before the Indian Army and Mukti Bahini.
- Around 93,000 Pakistani soldiers were taken as prisoners of war (PoWs).
- The war resulted in the liberation of East Pakistan and the creation of Bangladesh.
- Vijay Diwas honours the supreme sacrifice and bravery of the Indian Armed Forces.

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Top 5 Countries in 2025 Passport Index:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation / व्याख्या:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Filmfare OTT Awards 2025 – Series Category Highlights:

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





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

Technical Series Category :

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

Short Film Categories :

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

Web Original Film Categories :

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



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



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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation / व्याख्या:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) produced 56,681 million units of electricity in 2025, marking the highest-ever annual nuclear power generation in India and the first time crossing 50 billion units.
- The generation helped avoid approximately 49 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions.
- New projects include the Mahi Banswara Nuclear Power Project in Rajasthan (4 × 700 MW), implemented by the NPCIL–NTPC joint venture ASHVINI.
- Reactor milestones: Rawatbhata Unit-7 started commercial operations; Kakrapar 700 MWe Units 1 & 2 received full operation clearance; long-duration continuous runs at Tarapur-3 and Kudankulam-2.
- The Atomic Energy Commission approved pre-project activities for 10 additional 700 MWe PHWRs beyond the planned 22.5 GW capacity by 2032.

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Genius





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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



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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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



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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation

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

Genius





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

Genius





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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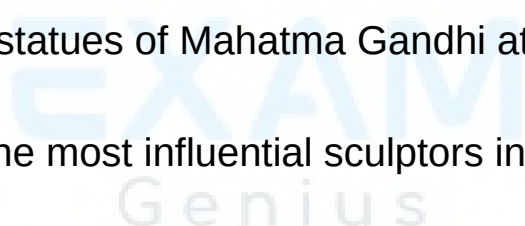
Ques: Ram Vanji Sutar, who passed away recently, was the designer of which iconic monument?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation / व्याख्या:

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





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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation / व्याख्या:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

About Central Bank of India :

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



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

About TRAI :

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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



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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Strategic Context:

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



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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

About Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy:

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



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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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- C) Mexico
- D) Peru
- E) South Africa

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

About Directions on Gauhati Cooperative Urban Bank:

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

About Directions on Valsad Mahila Nagrik Sahakari Bank

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



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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

Locations:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

About NICDC :

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



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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Question:The 11th Conference of the State Parties (COSP-11) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) was held in which country?

- A) Uzbekistan
- B) Switzerland
- C) Qatar
- D) Austria
- E) United Arab Emirates

Answer:

C) Qatar

Explanation:

The 11th Conference of the State Parties (COSP-11) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) was held in Doha, Qatar.

The conference was hosted by the State of Qatar in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

About Shriram Finance Limited :

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

About South Indian Bank :

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Exam Genius





Ques: Which organisation released the World Inequality Report 2026?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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



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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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



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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

BWF World Tour Finals 2025:

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



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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

About Canara Bank:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

About Axis Bank:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

About YES Bank:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Genius





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius



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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius



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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





Ques: PESA Day is observed on which date?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





Ques : National Mathematics Day is observed on which date?

राष्ट्रीय गणित दिवस किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius



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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

List of winners in NDTV Indian of the Year 2025:

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



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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Delhi Metro extension routes:

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

Genius



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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius



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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Kisan Award: Satyawan Sehrawat

Krishi Utthan Award: Dr Devendra Yadav

Agricultural Entrepreneur Award: Fruvetechn Pvt Ltd

Seva Ratna Award: Pratham Education Foundation

Kalam Ratna Award: Harvir Singh



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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

About NPCI :

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



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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

About Kimberley Process (KP):

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

Genius



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

EXAM
Genius





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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