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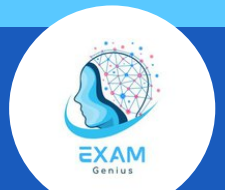
2ND WEEK OF FEBRUARY

150+ MCQ
with detailed
explanation



- Banking & finance
- National
- International
- Sports





Ques: Which global investment firm received RBI approval to acquire up to 9.99% stake in Federal Bank?

- A) Brookfield
- B) KKR
- C) Blackstone
- D) Carlyle
- E) Warburg Pincus

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Blackstone's acquisition of up to 9.99% stake in Federal Bank.
- With this approval, Blackstone will become the largest shareholder of Federal Bank.
- The total investment value of the deal is approximately ₹6,196 crore.
- The acquisition has been approved under RBI norms governing Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in private sector banks.
- The deal highlights the growing interest of foreign investors in India's private banking sector.

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Ques: Which Regional Rural Bank (RRB) became the first in India to launch a co-branded RuPay credit card?

- A) Assam Gramin Vikash Bank
- B) Kerala Gramin Bank
- C) Karnataka Gramin Bank
- D) Bihar Gramin Bank
- E) Tripura Gramin Bank

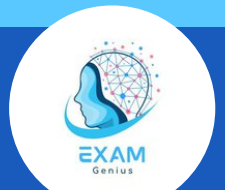
Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Tripura Gramin Bank (TGB), in collaboration with its sponsor bank Punjab National Bank (PNB), launched a co-branded RuPay credit card.
- With this initiative, TGB became the first Regional Rural Bank (RRB) in India to introduce a co-branded RuPay credit card.
- It is also the first among the eight RRBs sponsored by PNB to achieve this milestone.
- The launch was held at Agartala, Tripura, marking the Golden Jubilee (50 years) of Tripura Gramin Bank.

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Ques: What decision did the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) take regarding the repo rate in its latest policy review?

- A) Reduced to 5.00%
- B) Increased to 5.50%
- C) Kept unchanged at 5.25%
- D) Reduced to 4.75%
- E) Increased to 6.00%

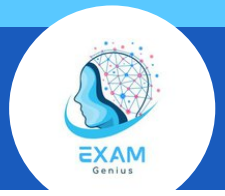
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) unanimously decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 5.25%, continuing the pause on interest rates.
- The decision was taken by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) amid improving economic growth prospects.
- The MPC revised India's GDP growth projection for FY2025–26 to 7.4%, up from the earlier estimate of 7.3%.
- The policy stance reflects confidence in India's economic momentum following strong policy and reform measures.
- Stable inflation conditions and a robust growth outlook supported the decision to maintain the status quo on interest rates.

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Ques: Under the new Risk-Based Premium (RBP) framework, which category of banks will pay the lowest deposit insurance premium?

- A) Category A
- B) Category B
- C) Category C
- D) Category D
- E) All will pay the same

Answer: Option A

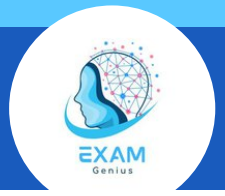
Explanation:

- From 1 April 2026, the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), a subsidiary of RBI, will implement a Risk-Based Premium (RBP) framework.
- Under this system, banks will pay 8–12 paise per ₹100 deposit per year, depending on their risk category.

- Category-wise premium structure:
 - Category A (Lowest Risk): 8 paise
 - Category B: 10 paise
 - Category C: 11 paise
 - Category D (Highest Risk): 12 paise

- Currently, DICGC charges a flat premium of 12 paise per ₹100 deposit to all banks.
- The DICGC Act, 1961 allows differential premium rates based on bank risk assessment.
- Banks will be classified into A, B, C, and D categories based on DICGC's internal risk evaluation.





Ques: Which organisation approved USD 830 million for India's PM-SETU programme?

- A) World Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- D) New Development Bank (NDB)
- E) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The World Bank approved USD 830 million for India's Pradhan Mantri – Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) programme.
- The funding aims to upgrade Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and improve skilling and employability outcomes across India.
- The loan is part of the World Bank Group's Country Partnership Framework (FY 2026–31) for India.
- Under the CPF, the World Bank Group envisages USD 8–10 billion in annual financing for India.
- The loan has a tenure of 19.5 years, including a 4-year grace period.

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Ques: What disinvestment and asset monetisation target has the Centre set for FY27 under the Union Budget 2026?

- A) ₹34,000 crore
- B) ₹47,000 crore
- C) ₹60,000 crore
- D) ₹75,000 crore
- E) ₹80,000 crore

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Centre has set a target of ₹80,000 crore from disinvestment and asset monetisation for FY27 under Union Budget 2026, aiming to strengthen non-tax revenues.
- The ₹80,000 crore target has been budgeted under Miscellaneous Capital Receipts for 2026–27.
- This represents a sharp increase compared to the revised estimate of about ₹34,000 crore for the current financial year.
- For FY26, the government had initially budgeted ₹47,000 crore, but weak execution led to a downward revision.
- Actual receipts in FY25 stood at ₹20,214 crore, highlighting ongoing challenges in achieving disinvestment targets.

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Ques: What was the Asiatic lion population in India as per the 2025 data?

- A) 674
- B) 750
- C) 825
- D) 891
- E) 950

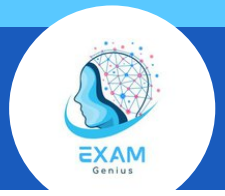
Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Asiatic lion population in India increased from 674 in 2020 to 891 in 2025, reflecting successful conservation efforts.
- The information was shared by Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Kirti Vardhan Singh in response to a written question.
- Asiatic lions have expanded into new habitats, including notified forest areas, river corridors, and revenue wastelands in Gujarat.
- Barda Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat has been developed as a second home for the Asiatic lion population.
- A hi-tech monitoring unit was established at Sasan-Gir in 2019 for real-time tracking of lions using radio telemetry.

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Ques: Who has assumed charge as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the Indian Air Force's Eastern Air Command (EAC)?

- A) Air Marshal Surat Singh
- B) Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor
- C) Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia
- D) Air Marshal Raghunath Nambiar
- E) Air Marshal S. P. Dharkar

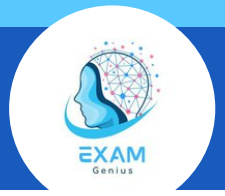
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, AVSM, VM, has assumed charge as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the Indian Air Force's Eastern Air Command (EAC).
- He succeeded Air Marshal Surat Singh, who previously held the post.
- The Eastern Air Command is responsible for safeguarding India's eastern borders, including the North-Eastern region.
- Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor has taken over as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force.
- The VCAS assists the Chief of the Air Staff in policy formulation, operational preparedness, and administrative leadership.

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Ques: How many ICC Under-19 World Cup titles has India won after defeating England in the final?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India won its record 6th ICC Under-19 World Cup title by defeating England by 100 runs in the final.
- The final match was played at Harare Sports Club, Zimbabwe.
- India won the toss and chose to bat first.
- Vaibhav Suryavanshi played a sensational knock of 175 runs off just 80 balls, dominating the final.
- This victory further strengthened India's dominance in ICC Under-19 World Cup history.

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Ques: Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) has been created through an agreement between which bodies?

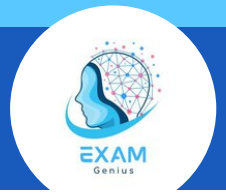
- A) Government of India & Nagaland Government only
- B) Government of India, Nagaland Government & NSCN
- C) Government of India, Nagaland Government & ENPO
- D) Nagaland Government & Tribal Councils
- E) Ministry of Home Affairs & ENPO

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) was created through a tripartite agreement between the Government of India, the Government of Nagaland, and the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO).
- The agreement was signed in New Delhi in the presence of Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- FNTA will cover six eastern districts of Nagaland: Tuensang, Mon, Kiphire, Longleng, Noklak, and Shamator.
- The authority will have devolution of powers over 46 subjects and function through a mini-secretariat headed by an Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary.
- The agreement aims to ensure financial autonomy, faster decision-making, infrastructure development, economic empowerment, and efficient resource utilisation in Eastern Nagaland.
- The arrangement does not affect Article 371(A) of the Indian Constitution.
- ENPO represents eight recognised Naga tribes of Eastern Nagaland.





Ques: The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) signed an Administrative Arrangement on Advanced Electronic Signatures and Seals with which European Union body?

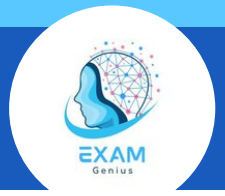
- A) European Central Bank
- B) European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)
- C) Directorate-General for Trade (DG TRADE)
- D) Directorate-General for Communication Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT)
- E) European Investment Bank

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- MeitY signed an Administrative Arrangement on Advanced Electronic Signatures and Seals with the Directorate-General for Communication Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) of the European Commission.
- The agreement was signed in January 2026 to strengthen India–European Union digital cooperation.
- It establishes a framework for interoperability of electronic signatures, electronic seals, and Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) systems.
- The implementation will follow India's Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000.
- The arrangement will also remain consistent with European Union laws and regulations.
- The initiative supports secure digital transactions, cross-border digital trust, and harmonisation of digital public infrastructure between India and the EU.





Ques: Which organization has partnered with India for the BRICS Centre for Industrial Competencies (BCIC)?

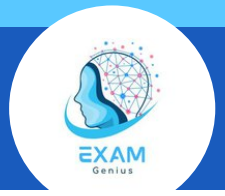
- A) World Bank
- B) IMF
- C) UNDP
- D) UNIDO
- E) WTO

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has joined the BRICS Centre for Industrial Competencies (BCIC) to support manufacturing companies and MSMEs.
- The initiative is led by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- BCIC has been launched in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).
- The centre will function as a one-stop platform providing integrated support services to industries across BRICS countries.
- The focus is on strengthening Industry 4.0 competencies, productivity enhancement, and advanced manufacturing practices.
- A Trust Fund Agreement was signed between DPIIT and UNIDO to formalize India's participation in BCIC.
- The National Productivity Council (NPC) has been designated as India's Centre for BRICS Industrial Competencies.





VQues: Who launched the PM SVANidhi Credit Card and what is its main objective?

- A) Union Finance Minister – to promote MSME exports
- B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi – to provide instant liquidity to street vendors
- C) RBI Governor – to expand digital banking
- D) Union Housing Minister – to regulate urban vendors
- E) NITI Aayog CEO – to promote fintech innovation

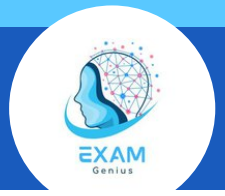
Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the PM SVANidhi Credit Card in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- The initiative is aimed at street vendors who have fully repaid the first two loan tranches under the PM SVANidhi scheme.
- It provides a UPI-linked, interest-free revolving credit facility to ensure instant liquidity.
- The scheme also encourages digital transactions and helps build a formal credit history for street vendors.
- The maximum credit limit of the PM SVANidhi Credit Card is ₹30,000.
- Initially, the operating limit is ₹10,000, which can be increased gradually based on satisfactory usage.
- Issuing institutions offer an interest-free credit period of 20 to 50 days, as per their policy.
- In August 2025, the government approved the restructuring and expansion of the scheme till 31 March, 2030 with a total outlay of ₹7,332 crore.

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Ques: Who won the Global Teacher Prize 2026 carrying a prize money of \$1 million?

- A) Savita Halappanavar
- B) Ranjitsinh Disale
- C) Rouble Nagi
- D) Abhijit Banerjee
- E) Sunita Williams

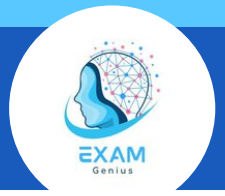
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rouble Nagi, an Indian teacher and social activist, won the Global Teacher Prize 2026, which carries a \$1 million award.
- The award was presented during the World Government Summit held in Dubai, UAE.
- The Global Teacher Prize was awarded in its 10th edition by GEMS Education through the Varkey Foundation.
- The prize was presented by Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai.
- Rouble Nagi is known for creating hundreds of learning centres and painting educational murals in slum areas.
- Her Rouble Nagi Art Foundation has established over 800 learning centres across India for underprivileged children.

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Ques: Which countries are members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)?

- A) Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar
- B) Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE
- C) Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt, Jordan
- D) Oman, Yemen, UAE, Iraq
- E) Kuwait, Iran, Oman, Qatar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) has six member countries: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- India and the GCC signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) in New Delhi to initiate negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- Signing of the ToR formally marks the beginning of FTA negotiations.
- Collectively, GCC nations are India's largest merchandise trade partners, surpassing the EU and the US.
- Ajay Bhadoo signed the ToR on behalf of India as the Chief Negotiator.
- The GCC side was represented by Raja Al Marzouki, Secretary General of the GCC Secretariat.

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Ques: Under the revised DPIIT norms, for how many years can a deep-tech start-up be recognised as a start-up?

- A) 10 years
- B) 15 years
- C) 20 years
- D) 25 years
- E) No time limit

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has revised the start-up definition and introduced a new “deep-tech” start-up category.
- Under the revised norms, deep-tech start-ups can be recognised as start-ups for up to 20 years from the date of incorporation.
- Deep-tech start-ups focus on new scientific or engineering knowledge, involve high R&D expenditure, and create intellectual property (IP).
- Such ventures typically have long gestation periods, high capital requirements, and technical or scientific uncertainty.
- The maximum annual turnover limit for deep-tech start-ups has been set at ₹300 crore.
- The move aims to boost start-ups in deep science sectors such as space, climate, semiconductors, biotechnology, robotics, quantum technologies, and advanced manufacturing.
- It also sends a signal to investors that deep-tech investments require patience and long-term capital commitment (10–15 years).





Ques: Who was honoured with the inaugural “Ramoji Excellence Award 2025” in the category of Excellence in Journalism?

- A) Pallabi Ghosh
- B) Akash Tandon
- C) Jaideep Hardikar
- D) Srikanth Bolla
- E) Prof. Madhavi Latha Gali

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Jaideep Hardikar, a senior journalist and researcher, was honoured with the inaugural “Ramoji Excellence Award 2025” for Excellence in Journalism.
- The award ceremony was held at Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad.
- He was among the seven distinguished honourees in the first edition of the Ramoji Excellence Awards.
- The awards were instituted in memory of late media pioneer Ramoji Rao, founder of the Ramoji Group.

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Ques: Under which initiative will text-based AI models be completed in all 22 Constitutionally recognised Indian languages?

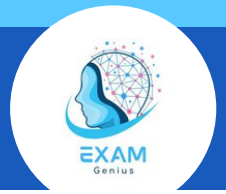
- A) Digital India
- B) Make in India
- C) Bharat GenAI
- D) India Semiconductor Mission
- E) National Language Translation Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Text-based AI models in all 22 Constitutionally recognised Indian languages will be completed under the Bharat GenAI initiative.
- The progress of Bharat GenAI was informed to the Rajya Sabha by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- Bharat GenAI is India's first government-owned sovereign Large Language Model (LLM).
- It is a key outcome of the IndiaAI Mission launched in March 2024.
- Sectoral applications include agriculture, Ayurveda, and the legal system.
- The consortium is led by IIT Bombay, with participation from IIT Hyderabad, IIT Madras, IIT Kanpur, IIT Mandi, IIT Indore, and others.
- The model is designed to reflect India's linguistic and cultural diversity, including dialects and regional variations.





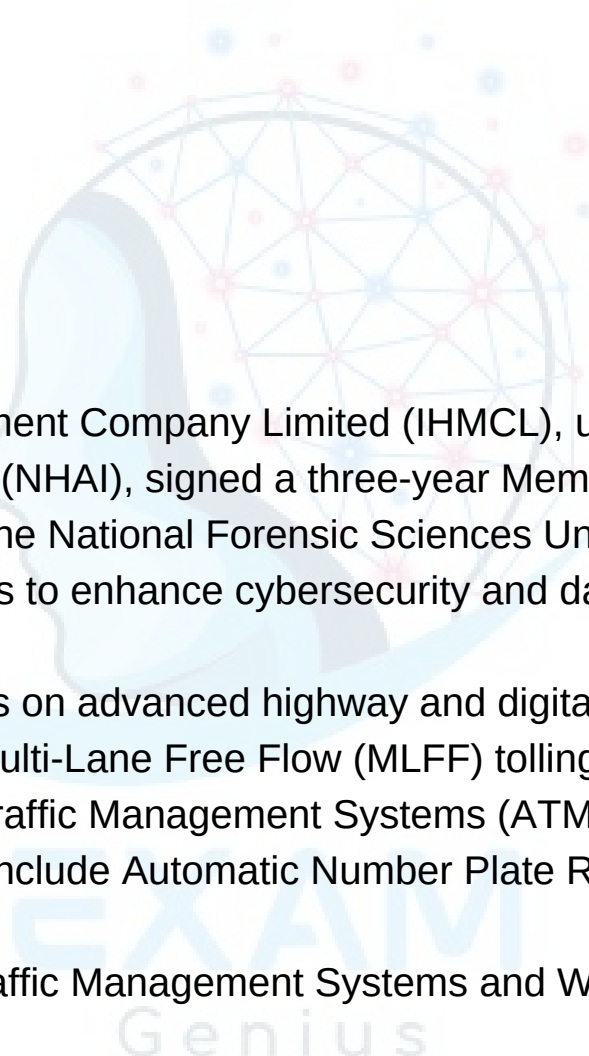
Ques: Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL) signed a three-year MoU with which institution to enhance cybersecurity and data protection in National Highway operations?

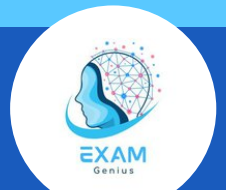
- A) National Forensic Sciences University
- B) CERT-In
- C) IIT Madras
- D) DRDO
- E) NIC

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL), under the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU).
- The objective of the MoU is to enhance cybersecurity and data protection in National Highway operations.
- The collaboration will focus on advanced highway and digital traffic technologies.
- Key focus areas include Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling systems.
- It also covers Advanced Traffic Management Systems (ATMS).
- Other focus technologies include Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) systems.
- The MoU also includes Traffic Management Systems and Weigh-in-Motion (WIM) technology.





Ques: Bharat Taxi, recently launched in India, is best described as what type of platform?

- A) A private cab aggregator
- B) A state-owned transport service
- C) A cooperative-led, driver-owned ride-hailing platform
- D) An app-based luxury taxi service
- E) A foreign-funded mobility platform

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched Bharat Taxi, India's first cooperative-led ride-hailing platform.
- The launch took place after a successful two-month pilot operation.
- Bharat Taxi has been initially rolled out in Delhi-NCR and Gujarat.
- The platform is planned to be expanded across all States and Union Territories within the next 2–3 years.
- Bharat Taxi follows a driver-owned cooperative model, ensuring ownership, dignity, and empowerment of drivers.
- Bharat Taxi is registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.
- It operates on a zero-commission and surge-free pricing model.
- Out of every ₹100 earned, ₹80 is directly credited to the drivers' bank accounts.
- The initiative aims to provide a fair and equitable alternative to private ride-hailing platforms.
- Drivers are known as Sarathis (charioteers) and are placed at the centre of ownership, operations, and value creation.





Ques: Amelia Valverde (Costa Rica) was appointed as the coach of which Indian team?

- A) Indian Senior Women's Football Team
- B) Indian U-17 Women's Football Team
- C) Indian Men's Football Team
- D) India U-20 Women's Football Team
- E) India Men's U-23 Football Team

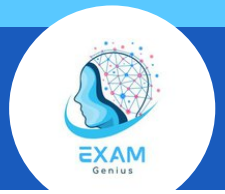
Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Amelia Valverde has been appointed head coach of the Indian Senior Women's Football Team by the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
- She is a 39-year-old football manager from Costa Rica.
- Valverde has joined the Indian camp in Antalya, Türkiye, as India prepares for the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup.
- Before this appointment, she was the head coach of Costa Rica's senior women's team from 2015 to 2023, making her the longest-serving coach in the history of Costa Rica women's football.
- During her tenure with Costa Rica, she led the team to two FIFA Women's World Cups (2015 and 2023).

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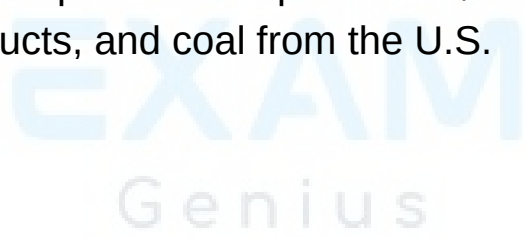
Ques: According to U.S. President Donald Trump, what change was agreed upon in the proposed India–US trade deal regarding reciprocal tariffs?

- A) Reduced from 50% to 30%
- B) Reduced from 30% to 20%
- C) Reduced from 18% to 12%
- D) Reduced from 20% to 10%
- E) Reduced from 25% to 18%

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- U.S. President Donald Trump stated that he and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi have agreed to a trade deal between India and the United States.
- Under the proposed agreement, the United States will lower reciprocal tariffs on India from 25% to 18%.
- Trump also mentioned that India would source Venezuelan oil instead of Iranian oil.
- However, India had already stopped importing Iranian crude oil in 2019.
- The agreement follows months of negotiations, during which the Trump administration had imposed a 50% tariff on Indian exports to the U.S.
- Trump claimed that India has promised to purchase \$500 billion worth of energy, technology, agriculture products, and coal from the U.S.





Ques: Which organisation hosted the 24th Indo-US Joint Technical Group (JTG) Plenary Meeting?

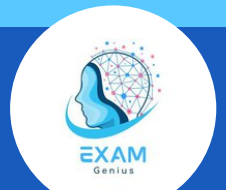
- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) HAL
- D) BARC
- E) BEL

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) hosted the 24th Indo-US Joint Technical Group (JTG) Plenary Meeting in New Delhi.
- The two-day meeting aimed at advancing India–US cooperation in Defence Science and Technologies.
- Delegations from both sides reviewed ongoing bilateral cooperation, discussed challenges, and examined proposals related to critical and emerging defence technologies.
- Special focus was placed on enhancing the participation of universities, defence laboratories, and industries in joint research and development (R&D) initiatives.
- The meeting was co-chaired by Dr Chandrika Kaushik (DRDO) and Mr Michael Francis Dodd (US Department of Defense).
- Senior officials, scientists, and technocrats from India's Tri-Services, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Defence (MoD), National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and the US Department of Defense and State Department participated.





Ques: Father Thomas V. Kunnunkal, who recently passed away, was awarded the Padma Shri in 1974 for his contributions to which field?

- A) Social Work
- B) Public Administration
- C) Science & Technology
- D) Literature and Education
- E) Journalism

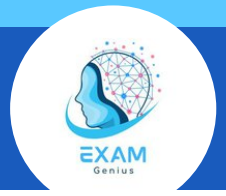
Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Father Thomas V. Kunnunkal, a Jesuit priest popularly known as Father Stany, passed away recently.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1974 in the field of Literature and Education.
- Father Kunnunkal played a pivotal role in strengthening and reforming the CBSE, helping establish it as a credible national benchmark for school education.
- He served as Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) from 1980 to 1987.
- He was the first Chairperson of the National Open School, now known as the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), and held the post till 1992.
- In 2005, he authored the book *The Role of Teachers on National Regeneration*.

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Ques: Which day is observed as the 27th World Cancer Day, and what is the theme for 2026?

- A) February 3 – Close the Care Gap
- B) February 4 – United by Unique
- C) March 4 – Hope & Healing
- D) April 7 – Cancer for All
- E) February 10 – Together Against Cancer

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Cancer Day is observed every year on February 4.
- February 4, 2026 marks the 27th World Cancer Day.
- The theme for World Cancer Day 2026 is “United by Unique”.
- This theme represents the second year of the three-year global campaign (2025–2027).
- The campaign emphasizes people-centred cancer care, recognising that every cancer journey is unique.
- The symbol of World Cancer Day is the Lavender Ribbon.
- The awareness colours associated with World Cancer Day are Blue and Orange.

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Ques: RBI has increased the collateral-free loan limit for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) to how much?

- A) ₹10 lakh
- B) ₹15 lakh
- C) ₹20 lakh
- D) ₹25 lakh
- E) ₹50 lakh

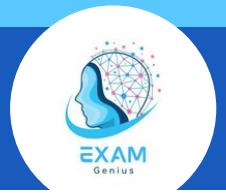
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has doubled the collateral-free loan limit for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) from ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh.
- The enhanced limit will apply to all loans sanctioned or renewed on or after April 1.
- The move aims to improve access to credit for MSEs and support their growth.
- Collateral-free loans reduce dependence on asset-backed lending, especially for small businesses.
- The decision is part of RBI's broader strategy to strengthen MSME financing in India.

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Ques: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has revised the base year of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to which year?

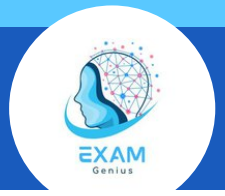
- A) 2015
- B) 2018
- C) 2020
- D) 2022
- E) 2024

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has revised the CPI base year from 2011–12 to 2024.
- The revised CPI series is named CPI 2024.
- The weight of Food & Beverages has been reduced from 45.86% to 36.75%.
- The weight of Housing has increased from 10.07% to 17.66% due to improved rent measurement methods.
- The revised CPI basket now includes 358 items, up from 299 earlier.
- Education has been introduced as a standalone category in the reclassified CPI groups.
- Price data will be collected from 1,465 rural markets and 1,395 urban markets across 434 towns.
- Additionally, 12 online markets in cities with a population exceeding 2.5 million will be included to capture weekly prices from e-commerce platforms.
- CPI 2024 adopts the COICOP 2018 (Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose) framework to enhance international comparability.





Ques: What is the maximum one-time compensation proposed by RBI for victims of digital fraud?

- A) ₹10,000
- B) ₹15,000
- C) ₹20,000
- D) ₹25,000
- E) ₹50,000

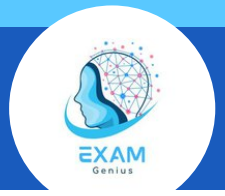
Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed a one-time compensation for bank customers affected by digital frauds.
- The maximum compensation amount is ₹25,000 per customer.
- The compensation will be provided from RBI's Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund.
- The scheme will apply only to small-value digital fraudulent transactions.
- The compensation facility will be provided only once per customer.
- The objective is to create awareness and prevent customers from falling prey to online frauds again.
- The announcement was made by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.

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Ques: Which bank launched the “Rooftop Solar Finance” product to support MSMEs in adopting solar energy systems?

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

Answer: Option D

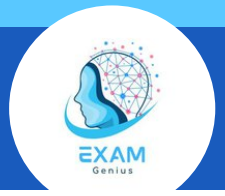
Explanation:

- Axis Bank launched “Rooftop Solar Finance”, a dedicated financing product to help Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) adopt solar energy systems on commercial rooftops.
- Under this product, MSMEs can avail loans ranging from ₹10 lakh to ₹2 crore without any collateral requirement.
- The financing facility is available through Axis Bank’s branch network across India.
- The repayment tenure ranges between 4 to 7 years, helping businesses align repayments with cash flows.
- The initiative promotes clean energy adoption, cost reduction, and sustainability among MSMEs.

About Axis Bank:

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





Ques: Which institution is planning to issue revised guidelines for the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture
- B) NABARD
- C) State Bank of India
- D) Reserve Bank of India
- E) NITI Aayog

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is set to issue revised guidelines for banks under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme.
- The objective is to boost the farm sector by expanding coverage and streamlining KCC operations.
- Proposed changes include standardisation of crop seasons and extension of KCC tenure up to six years.
- Drawing limits will be aligned with the scale of finance for each crop season.
- Expenses on technological interventions may also be included under KCC.
- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra stated that draft guidelines will be issued shortly after a comprehensive review of the scheme.
- As per SBI, collateral is waived up to ₹2 lakh, and up to ₹3 lakh under tie-up arrangements.
- A 3% interest subvention is available on timely repayment for loans up to ₹3 lakh.

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Ques: Which district became the first in India to achieve 100% insurance coverage under the “Insurance for All by 2047” initiative?

- A) Jaipur (Rajasthan)
- B) Alwar (Rajasthan)
- C) Indore (Madhya Pradesh)
- D) Surat (Gujarat)
- E) Gurugram (Haryana)

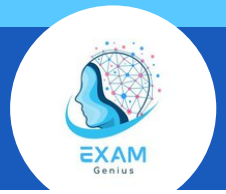
Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Alwar district in Rajasthan became the first district in India to achieve 100% insurance coverage under the “Insurance for All by 2047” initiative.
- The initiative is a joint effort of the Government of India (GoI) and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- Under the drive, 1,367 individuals above the age of 10 years were covered through door-to-door surveys, ensuring full saturation.
- The insurance policies were issued by United India Insurance Company Limited (UIIC).
- The achievement supports India’s long-term goal of universal insurance coverage by 2047, marking 100 years of Independence.

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Ques: Which NBFCs have been exempted from mandatory RBI registration as per the latest RBI decision?

- A) All NBFCs operating in rural areas
- B) NBFCs with assets above ₹1,000 crore
- C) NBFCs with assets below ₹1,000 crore and no public funds or customer interface
- D) Only government-owned NBFCs
- E) Foreign NBFCs operating in India

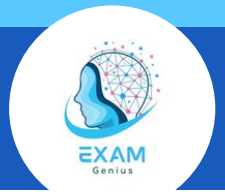
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has exempted certain NBFCs with assets below ₹1,000 crore from mandatory registration.
- The exemption applies only to NBFCs that do not access public funds and do not have any customer interface.
- The move aims to reduce the compliance burden on smaller NBFCs while maintaining financial stability.
- RBI has also proposed removing the requirement of prior approval for certain NBFCs to open more than 1,000 branches.
- RBI will continue to monitor liquidity and credit flow in the economy.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Director (Human Resources) of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), becoming the first woman to hold this position on the AAI Board?

- A) Ritu Maheshwari
- B) Nivedita Dubey
- C) Anjali Chatterjee
- D) Sunita Verma
- E) Kavita Rao

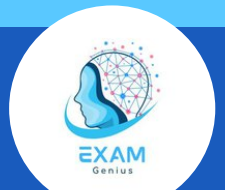
Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Nivedita Dubey has been appointed as the Director (Human Resources) of the Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- She becomes the first woman to hold the Director (HR) position on the AAI Board.
- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) was established in 1995.
- The headquarters of AAI is located in New Delhi.
- Vipin Kumar is the Chairman of the Airports Authority of India.

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Ques: Who became the first female member from Iran to be elected to the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?

- A) Leila Rahimi
- B) Zahra Nemati
- C) Soraya Aghaei
- D) Maryam Mirzakhani
- E) Kimia Alizadeh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) elected Soraya Aghaei as its first female member from Iran.
- She also became the youngest current representative of the IOC.
- With this election, Soraya Aghaei became the 107th member of the IOC.
- The headquarters of the IOC is located in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Her election marks a significant milestone for women's representation and Iran's presence in the global Olympic movement.

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Ques: Which institution signed an MoU with Berhampur University to digitize and preserve rare Ayurvedic palm-leaf manuscripts?

- A) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)
- B) Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy
- C) National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur
- D) All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)
- E) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

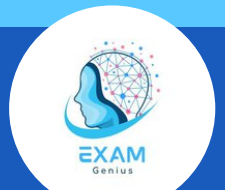
Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under the Ministry of Ayush signed a 2-year MoU with Berhampur University, Odisha.
- The MoU was signed at the Central Ayurveda Research Institute in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The objective is to digitize, catalogue, and publish rare Ayurvedic manuscripts and palm-leaf documents preserved at the South Odisha Cultural Study Centre.
- The collaboration will be led by the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad, a peripheral unit of CCRAS.
- Berhampur University houses over 2,000 palm-leaf manuscripts containing unpublished and rare Ayurvedic knowledge that require scientific preservation.

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Ques: Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary is located in which state?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary, a Ramsar-listed wetland of international importance, is located in the Ahmedabad district of Gujarat.
- In the latest bird census, over 5 lakh birds belonging to around 200 species were recorded.
- This marks a 21% increase compared to 4.12 lakh birds recorded in 2024.
- The rise is mainly attributed to the absence of boating activities, reduced tourist movement, and minimal noise pollution over the past two years.

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Ques: Where was the 14th World Government Summit 2026 held and what was its theme?

- A) Riyadh – Future of Governance
- B) Abu Dhabi – Governing Tomorrow
- C) Manama – Digital Governments
- D) Doha – Innovation in Government
- E) Dubai – Shaping Future Governments

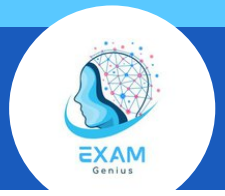
Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 14th edition of the World Government Summit 2026 was held in Dubai, UAE.
- The theme of the summit was “Shaping Future Governments”.
- The summit witnessed participation of over 6,250 delegates, including more than 60 heads of state and government.
- It also saw participation of over 500 ministers and representatives from more than 150 governments worldwide.
- The summit serves as a global platform to discuss future governance, innovation, and policy frameworks.

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Ques: Which ministry unveiled the upgraded National Youth Parliament Scheme web portal (NYPS 2.0) to expand the reach of the Youth Parliament Programme in India?

- A) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- B) Ministry of Education
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

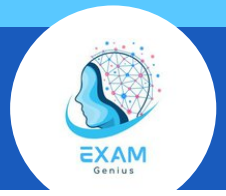
Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs unveiled the upgraded National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS 2.0) web portal to expand the reach and inclusivity of the Youth Parliament Programme across India.
- Since its launch on 11 September 2024, NYPS has recorded 95,319 participants across 660 Youth Parliament sittings up to 27 January 2026.
- The upgrade removes earlier restrictions limiting participation to recognised educational institutions, now allowing all institutions, groups, and individual citizens to participate.
- The portal enables institutions to organise sittings under Kishore Sabha (school students) and Tarun Sabha (undergraduate/postgraduate students).

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Ques: The Global Soft Power Index 2026 is published by which organisation?

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- C) Brand Finance
- D) Transparency International
- E) OECD

Answer: Option C

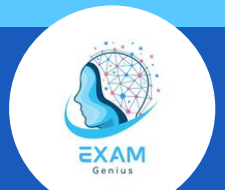
Explanation:

- The Global Soft Power Index 2026 is published by Brand Finance.
- Soft power refers to a country's ability to influence and attract others through culture, values, ideas, and policies rather than military or economic force.
- The index evaluates countries across eight pillars: Business & Trade, International Relations, Education & Science, Culture & Heritage, Governance, Media & Communication, Sustainable Future, and People & Values.
- In the 2026 index, India ranks 32nd globally with a score of 48.0.
- Compared to the previous year, India dropped two positions and its score declined by 1.8 points.
- The United States continues to rank first, though its score has declined significantly.

Top 5 countries on the Global Soft Power Index 2026 with Scores :

- 1 United States 74.9
- 2 China 73.5
- 3 Japan 70.6
- 4 United Kingdom 69.2
- 5 Germany 67.7
- 32 india 48.0
- 193 Kiribati 19.7





Ques: Agni-3 missile, recently test-fired by India, has a strike range of more than how many kilometres?

- A) 1,500 km
- B) 2,000 km
- C) 2,500 km
- D) 3,000 km
- E) 5,000 km

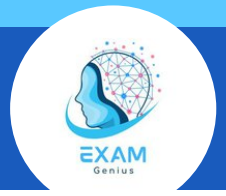
Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India successfully test-fired the nuclear-capable Agni-3 ballistic missile from Chandipur, off the Odisha coast.
- Agni-3 is a surface-to-surface ballistic missile with a strike range of more than 3,000 km.
- The launch was conducted by the Strategic Forces Command (SFC).
- The missile was launched from a mobile launcher, enhancing deployment flexibility.
- The test was part of a routine training exercise to ensure operational readiness.
- The successful test validated the missile's reliability and accuracy, strengthening India's strategic deterrence capability.

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Ques: Which team won the Pro Wrestling League (PWL) 2026 title by defeating Delhi Dangal Warriors in the final held at Noida Indoor Stadium?

- A) Punjab Royals
- B) UP Dominators
- C) Maharashtra Kesari
- D) Haryana Thunders
- E) Tiigers of Mumbai Dangals

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Haryana Thunders won the Pro Wrestling League (PWL) 2026 title by defeating Delhi Dangal Warriors 5–4 in the final.
- The final was held at the Noida Indoor Stadium.
- PWL 2026 was the 5th edition of the tournament.
- Haryana Thunders received ₹1.5 crore along with the trophy.
- Delhi Dangal Warriors, the runner-up team, was awarded ₹75 lakh.
- A total of 63 wrestlers from 16 nations participated across men's and women's categories.
- Each franchise had a budget of ₹2 crore to purchase 9–12 players, including at least 5 men and 4 women, with 2 overseas players in each category.
- The six franchises participating in PWL 2026 were Delhi Dangal Warriors, Haryana Thunders, Tiigers of Mumbai Dangals, Punjab Royals, Maharashtra Kesari, and UP Dominators.

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Ques: Which company became the first retailer in the world to reach a \$1 trillion market capitalisation?

- A) Amazon
- B) Alibaba
- C) Costco
- D) Walmart
- E) Target

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Walmart became the world's first retailer to achieve a market capitalisation of \$1 trillion.
- This milestone reflects Walmart's dominance in the global retail sector and strong investor confidence.
- The growth has been driven by rapid e-commerce expansion, digital payment systems, and an effective omnichannel retail strategy.
- Walmart operates over 10,500 stores across more than 19 countries.
- The company continues to invest in Artificial Intelligence (AI), supply-chain automation, and logistics efficiency.
- Walmart is also one of the largest private employers globally, with over 2 million employees.





Ques: Which state has partnered with BonV Aero to establish India's first National UAV Test & Innovation Corridor?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Telangana
- C) Gujarat
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Odisha

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Government of Odisha partnered with BonV Aero to establish India's first National UAV Test & Innovation Corridor.
- The corridor has been set up at Rangeilunda Airport in Ganjam district, repurposing an operational commercial airport for live drone testing.
- It enables real-time UAV testing in dynamic airspace up to 1,000 metres under actual flight conditions.
- This is India's first operational commercial airport converted into a live UAV test and development facility.
- The initiative aims to promote drone innovation, testing, certification, and industry collaboration in India.

About Odisha :

- Capital : Bhubaneswar
- CM : Mohan Charan Majhi
- Governor : Hari Babu Kambhampati





Ques: Who won the 22nd Upendra Nath Brahma 'Soldier of Humanity' Award 2025?

- A) Jetsun Pema
- B) Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck
- C) Tshering Tobgay
- D) Jigme Singye Wangchuck
- E) Phuntsho Choden

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 22nd Upendra Nath Brahma 'Soldier of Humanity' Award 2025 was conferred upon Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, the Queen Mother of Bhutan.
- She was honoured for her exemplary humanitarian service and compassionate leadership.
- The award includes a citation, a memento of Bodofa Upendra Nath Brahma, traditional Bodo Aronai, Dokhna, Gwmgra, Endi Sadar, and a cash prize of ₹2 lakh.
- The award was instituted in 2004 by the Upendra Nath Brahma Trust to honour individuals dedicated to humanity and social service.

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Ques: Which organisation has proposed to conduct a comprehensive all-India Survey on Migration from July 2026 to June 2027, as announced by Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh?

- A) Registrar General of India (RGI)
- B) Labour Bureau
- C) National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)
- D) National Statistics Office (NSO)
- E) NITI Aayog

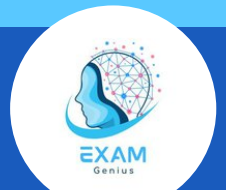
Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Rao Inderjit Singh from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) announced that the National Statistics Office (NSO) has proposed a comprehensive Survey on Migration across India.
- The proposed Survey on Migration will be conducted from July 2026 to June 2027.
- At present, MoSPI uses migration-related data collected through the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2020–21.
- As per PLFS 2020–21, India's overall migration rate stood at 28.9%.
- The migration rate was 10.7% for males and significantly higher at 47.9% for females.
- Nearly 26.8% of the rural population in India was classified as migrants.
- Marriage was the dominant reason for female migration, accounting for 86.8% of cases.
- Employment or better employment opportunities accounted for 22.8% of male migration.

About National Statistics Office (NSO):

- Established : 2019
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director General : Narender Kumar Santoshi



Ques: Which Indian mountaineer from Arunachal Pradesh successfully summited Mount Aconcagua as part of her 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition?

- A) Kabak Yano
- B) Premlata Agarwal
- C) Anshu Jamsenpa
- D) Bachendri Pal
- E) Arunima Sinha

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Kabak Yano, an Indian mountaineer from Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, successfully summited Mount Aconcagua in Argentina as part of her 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition.
- Mount Aconcagua (22,831 feet) is the highest peak in South America and the Western Hemisphere.
- Kabak Yano is the first woman from the Nyishi community and the fifth woman climber from Arunachal Pradesh to summit Mount Aconcagua.
- Earlier, she scaled Mount Everest (8,849 m), the world's highest peak, in May 2024.
- She also summited Mount Kilimanjaro (5,895 m) in Africa and Mount Elbrus (5,642 m) in Europe in 2025.

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Ques: Under the newly notified **Baggage Rules, 2026**, what is the revised duty-free allowance for passengers bringing imported goods into India?

- A) ₹50,000
- B) ₹60,000
- C) ₹65,000
- D) ₹75,000
- E) ₹1,00,000

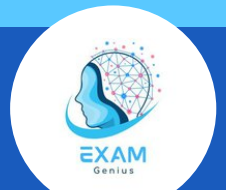
Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India increased the duty-free allowance for passengers from ₹50,000 to ₹75,000 under the Baggage Rules, 2026.
- The rules come into effect from midnight of February 2, 2026, replacing the decade-old baggage framework.
- For foreign tourists, the duty-free limit has been raised from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000.
- Female passengers can bring jewellery up to 40 grams duty-free if carried in bona fide baggage; for other passengers, the limit is 20 grams.
- Individuals permanently shifting residence to India can avail enhanced duty-free entitlements under the simplified Transfer of Residence (ToR) regime.

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Ques: What major change has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) made under the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)?

- A) Increased investment cap to ₹5 lakh crore
- B) Removed the ₹2.5 lakh crore overall investment limit
- C) Restricted VRR only to equity investments
- D) Suspended VRR temporarily
- E) Introduced new tax on FPI debt investments

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI has removed the overall ₹2.5 lakh crore investment limit under the VRR for FPIs.
- VRR investments will now follow the existing investment ceilings of the General Route.
- The change aims to deepen domestic bond markets and improve the stability of capital flows.
- It provides foreign investors more flexibility to deploy long-term funds in Indian debt markets.
- The decision comes amid tight global financial conditions and rising government borrowing to boost FPI participation in bonds.

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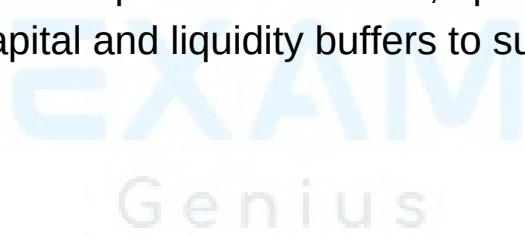
Ques: By what percentage did State Bank of India's (SBI) net profit rise in Q3FY26?

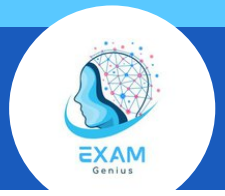
- A) 15%
- B) 18.5%
- C) 21%
- D) 24.5%
- E) 30%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- SBI reported a 24.5% year-on-year increase in standalone net profit, reaching ₹21,028 crore in Q3FY26.
- Net Interest Income (NII) rose by 9.04%, while Net Interest Margin (NIM) slightly eased to 3.12% from 3.15%.
- Gross advances increased by 15.17% to ₹46.8 lakh crore; gross deposits rose 9.02% to ₹57 lakh crore.
- Asset quality improved: Gross NPAs declined 12.3% to ₹73,637 crore, and Net NPAs fell 15.74% to ₹18,012 crore.
- Domestic Credit–Deposit ratio improved to 72.98%, up 404 basis points YoY.
- SBI maintains adequate capital and liquidity buffers to support future credit growth.





Ques: How much gold did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) purchase in 2025, and what was the main reason for the sharp decline compared to 2024?

- A) 16 tonnes; weak global demand
- B) 25 tonnes; low foreign reserves
- C) 73 tonnes; stable gold prices
- D) 40 tonnes; change in RBI policy
- E) 4 tonnes; very high gold prices

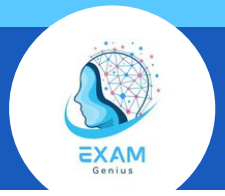
Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- RBI purchased only 4 tonnes of gold in 2025, sharply down from 73 tonnes in 2024.
- The main reason for this decline was very high gold prices.
- Quarter-wise purchases in 2025: Q1 – 3.4 tonnes, Q2 – 0.4 tonnes, Q3 – 0.2 tonnes, Q4 – 0 tonnes.
- Compared to previous years, RBI bought 16 tonnes in 2023 and 77 tonnes in 2021, making 2025 one of the lowest purchase years.
- Globally, central banks bought 328 tonnes of gold in 2025, slightly less than 345 tonnes in 2024; Poland, Kazakhstan, and Azerbaijan were the top buyers.

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Ques: Mission SAKSHAM, launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), is related to capacity building of which sector?

- A) Commercial Banks
- B) Regional Rural Banks
- C) Urban Cooperative Banks
- D) NBFCs
- E) Payment Banks

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Mission SAKSHAM (Sahakari Bank Kshamta Nirman) is an RBI initiative aimed at strengthening Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs).
- It focuses on enhancing managerial skills, technical capabilities, and operational resilience of UCBs.
- The mission provides a sector-wide capacity-building and certification framework.
- Training is delivered via physical programmes and a scalable digital learning platform.
- Approximately 1.4 lakh personnel across UCB functions will be trained.
- RBI emphasized the key role of UCBs in financial inclusion and serving the unbanked population.

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Ques: What is the theme of Financial Literacy Week (FLW) 2026 observed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) Digital Banking for All
- B) Safe Payments, Secure Nation
- C) KYC – Your First Step to Safe Banking
- D) Financial Inclusion for Growth
- E) Cyber Safety Awareness

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI will observe Financial Literacy Week (FLW) 2026 from February 9 to 13, 2026.
- The theme is “KYC – Your First Step to Safe Banking”.
- The initiative focuses on educating customers about periodic KYC updates, digital safety, and fraud prevention.
- Re-KYC is mandatory: every 2 years for high-risk, 8 years for medium-risk, and 10 years for low-risk customers, or earlier if personal details change.
- RBI has been conducting Financial Literacy Week annually since 2016.

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Ques: What are the key recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission for the period 2026–31?

- A) Reduced states' share to 40% and relaxed fiscal deficit norms
- B) Increased states' share to 45% with higher unconditional cash transfers
- C) Retained states' share at 41% with focus on fiscal discipline and outcome-based spending
- D) Abolished horizontal devolution and replaced it with fixed grants
- E) Removed deficit limits for states to boost welfare spending

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 16th Finance Commission (2026–31) has retained the States' share at 41% in the divisible pool of central taxes, same as the 15th Finance Commission.
- Vertical Devolution: 41% of central taxes will go to the states.
- Horizontal Devolution: Inter-state distribution will follow a formula-based approach considering population, area, fiscal capacity, and performance.
- Grants: Total grants of ₹9.47 lakh crore are recommended for 2026–31, focusing on local bodies, disaster management, and sector-specific performance incentives.
- Emphasis is on fiscal discipline, outcome-based spending, and performance-linked grants, ensuring efficient use of funds while maintaining state autonomy.

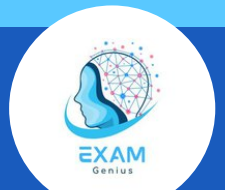
• Grants to Local Bodies:

- Total: ₹8 lakh crore
- ₹4.4 lakh crore for rural local bodies
- ₹3.6 lakh crore for urban local bodies

• Additional grants are earmarked for disaster management.

Fiscal Discipline Emphasis

- Caps State fiscal deficit at 3% of GSDP.
- Calls for ending off-budget borrowings and rationalising subsidies.
- Strong emphasis on outcome-based expenditure and greater transparency in tax transfer data.



All About the Finance Commission :

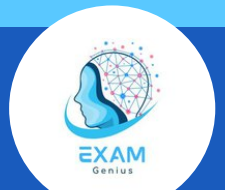
- Constituted by: President of India
- Constitutional Basis: Article 280 of the Indian Constitution
- Frequency: Every five years
- Total Members: 5 (1 Chairman + 4 Members)

16th Finance Commission Details :

- Tenure: 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2031
- Chairman: Dr. Arvind Panagariya
- Full-time Members : Annie George Mathew – Retired bureaucrat and Manoj Panda – Economist
- Part-time Members : Soumya Kanti Ghosh – Chief Economic Advisor, SBI and T. Rabi Sankar – Deputy Governor, RBI
- Secretary: Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey

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Ques: What is the main objective of rolling out Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in Malaysia?

- A) To promote cryptocurrency transactions
- B) To enable seamless cross-border digital payments
- C) To replace Malaysia's banking system
- D) To introduce a new currency in Malaysia
- E) To establish a joint central bank

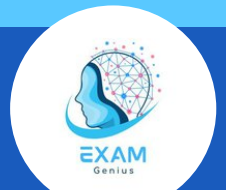
Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The rollout of UPI in Malaysia aims to enable seamless cross-border digital payments between India and Malaysia.
- This initiative is expected to boost trade, tourism, and remittance flows between the two countries.
- It reflects India's position as a trusted partner for growth, strengthening regional economic cooperation.
- The move is part of the India–Malaysia “IMPACT” framework – India-Malaysia Partnership for Advancing Collective Transformation – promoting deeper financial and economic integration.

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Ques: Which bank has become India's first custodian to enable Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) registration and account opening through Electronic Signatures?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank is India's first custodian bank to allow FPI registration and account opening via Electronic Signatures.
- The entire process, including account opening and licensing, is completed digitally without any physical paperwork.
- This follows SEBI's unified digital workflow, operationalised in January 2026.
- The initiative reduces processing time, enhances ease of doing business, and increases India's attractiveness for foreign investors.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank – Established 1986, HQ: Mumbai, MD & CEO: Ashok Vaswani, Tagline: "Let's make money simple".

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Ques: The United States Congress approved a USD 200 million security assistance package for which group of countries amid rising concerns over Russian military activity along NATO's eastern flank?

- A) Nordic countries
- B) Balkan states
- C) Baltic States
- D) Eastern European states
- E) Black Sea countries

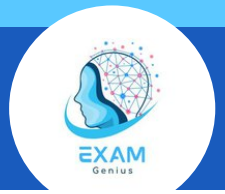
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The US Congress approved USD 200 million in security assistance for the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania).
- This move comes amid concerns over increased Russian military activity along NATO's eastern flank.
- The package is part of the USD 838.7 billion FY 2026 US defence budget.
- Additionally, an extra USD 10 million for Estonia was approved under the Foreign Military Financing (FMF) programme.

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Ques: According to the report titled “India’s 155 Million Student Mandate”, which city has emerged as the world’s most affordable student city, ranked first globally?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The report “India’s 155 Million Student Mandate” was published jointly by Knight Frank India, Deloitte India, and QS.
- Cities were evaluated based on affordability, employer activity, university rankings, city desirability, student voice, and student mix.
- New Delhi emerged as the world’s most affordable student city, securing 1st position globally.
- Mumbai ranked 11th and Bengaluru 15th in the global rankings.
- The study references data from QS Best Student Cities 2026 and the QS International Student Survey 2025.
- India has the largest 18–23 age group population, totaling nearly 155 million young adults.

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Ques: India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 1.0 was approved in which year?

- A) 2019
- B) 2020
- C) 2021
- D) 2022
- E) 2023

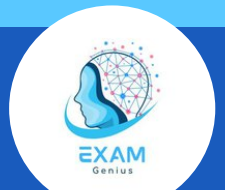
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 1.0 was approved by the Union Cabinet in December 2021 with an incentive outlay of ₹76,000 crore.
- By December 2025, 10 semiconductor projects worth ₹1.60 lakh crore were approved across six states: Gujarat, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh.
- The Union Budget 2026–27 allocated ₹1,000 crore for ISM 2.0, focusing on advanced semiconductor manufacturing with a roadmap to achieve 3-nanometre and 2-nanometre technology nodes.
- India aims to become one of the top global semiconductor nations by 2035, with its semiconductor market projected to grow from \$38 billion in 2023 to \$100–110 billion by 2030.

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Ques: Which team won the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2026 title after a record chase against Delhi Capitals in the final at Vadodara?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) defeated Delhi Capitals with a record run chase in the WPL 2026 final held at Kotambi Stadium, Vadodara.
- This marked RCB's second WPL title; their first was in 2024, won by eight wickets.
- Prize Money (WPL 2026):
 - Champions (RCB): ₹6 crore
 - Runners-up (Delhi Capitals): ₹3 crore
- The Women's Premier League started in 2023, and 2026 was its 4th edition.
- Most Successful Teams (2 titles each): Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bengaluru.
- Most Successful Teams: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (2 titles)
- Player of the Series: Sophie Devine (Gujarat Giants)
- Most Runs (Orange Cap): Smriti Mandhana (RCB) – 377 runs
- Most Wickets (Purple Cap): Sophie Devine (Gujarat Giants) – 17 wickets
- Emerging Player: Nandani Sharma (Delhi Capitals) – 17 wickets





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Ques: Which organisation won the First Prize at the Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025, awarded by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)?

- A) Paradip Port Authority
- B) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
- C) Deendayal Port Authority
- D) Chennai Port Authority
- E) Visakhapatnam Port Authority

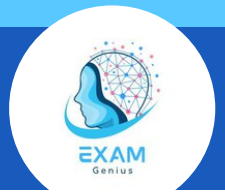
Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Paradip Port Authority (PPA), Odisha won the First Prize at the Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025.
- The award was given by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
- The award was presented by Union Minister Sarbanand Sonowal.
- The Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025 were based on three key pillars: Jan Bhagidari, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, and Safai Mitra Suraksha.

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Ques: How many countries have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with India for cooperation in Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)?

- A) 10
- B) 15
- C) 20
- D) 23
- E) 30

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has signed MoUs and agreements with 23 countries to collaborate on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- The initiative strengthens India's role as a global leader in digital governance and fintech innovation.
- India's flagship digital payments platform UPI is now operational in eight countries: UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, France, Mauritius, and Qatar.
- The international expansion of UPI is facilitating cross-border remittances and enhancing financial inclusion.
- India has also signed specific MoUs on DigiLocker cooperation with Cuba, Kenya, UAE, and Lao PDR.
- DigiLocker is India's digital document storage and verification platform under the DPI ecosystem.





Ques: Where was the 4th edition of the India–Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting held?

- A) Zanzibar
- B) New Delhi
- C) Nairobi
- D) Dar es Salaam
- E) Addis Ababa

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 4th edition of the India–Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting was held in Zanzibar.
- The Indian delegation was led by Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary (Defence Cooperation).
- Both countries agreed to initiate cooperation between their Air Forces.
- The delegations explored capacity building in advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, and Electronic Warfare.
- The meeting reflects the growing defence partnership between India and African nations, especially Tanzania.

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Ques: What is India's total cheetah population after the birth of five cubs at Kuno National Park?

- A) 30
- B) 32
- C) 35
- D) 40
- E) 28

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Five cheetah cubs were born to Namibian cheetah 'Aasha' at Kuno National Park (KNP), Madhya Pradesh.
- With this new litter, India's total cheetah population has increased to 35.
- The population includes 24 India-born cheetah cubs and 11 translocated adult cheetahs from Africa.
- Apart from Kuno, three adult cheetahs are currently housed at Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Mandsaur and Neemuch districts of Madhya Pradesh.
- Project Cheetah was launched on 17 September 2022 to reintroduce cheetahs into India.
- The last confirmed sighting of wild cheetahs in India was in 1947 in present-day Chhattisgarh, and the species was declared extinct in India in 1952.
- Under Project Cheetah, India is set to receive eight cheetahs from Botswana in the future.

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Ques: Which organisation successfully conducted the flight demonstration of the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur?

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- D) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- E) Indian Air Force (IAF)

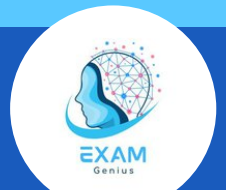
Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted a flight demonstration of the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology.
- The test was carried out at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.
- The successful demonstration places India among a select group of elite nations possessing SFDR technology.
- SFDR technology enables the development of long-range air-to-air missiles.
- The technology provides a significant tactical advantage to the armed forces over adversaries.

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Ques: Amaravati is being developed as India's first what under the National Quantum Mission?

- A) AI Research Hub
- B) Semiconductor City
- C) Quantum Valley
- D) Space Technology Park
- E) Biotechnology Corridor

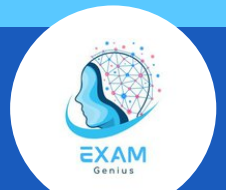
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Amaravati will emerge as India's first Quantum Valley, as announced by Union Minister for Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for the Amaravati Quantum Valley project.
- The initiative is aligned with the National Quantum Mission, which aims to position India as a global leader in advanced and emerging technologies.
- Amaravati is being developed as a major hub for quantum research, innovation, and advanced technology development.
- The project strengthens India's quantum ecosystem and supports the country's long-term deep-tech strategy.

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Ques: Which neighbouring country received the highest aid allocation from India in the Union Budget 2026–27?

- A) Nepal
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Maldives
- D) Mauritius
- E) Bhutan

Answer: Option E – Bhutan

Explanation:

In the Union Budget 2026–27, Bhutan received the highest aid allocation of ₹2,288.55 crore, making it the largest beneficiary among India's neighbouring countries. Aid to Nepal, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, and Mongolia increased, while allocations to Bangladesh, Maldives, and Myanmar were reduced compared to FY26.

FY27 Aid Allocations to Neighbouring Countries:

- Bhutan: ₹2,288.55 crore (FY26 BE: ₹2,150 crore)
- Nepal: ₹800 crore (FY26 BE: ₹700 crore)
- Mauritius: ₹550 crore (FY26 BE: ₹500 crore)
- Maldives: ₹550 crore (FY26 BE: ₹600 crore)
- Sri Lanka: ₹400 crore (FY26 BE: ₹317 crore)
- Myanmar: ₹300 crore (FY26 BE: ₹350 crore)
- Afghanistan: ₹150 crore (FY26 BE: ₹100 crore)
- Bangladesh: ₹60 crore (FY26 BE: ₹120 crore)
- Mongolia: ₹25 crore (FY26 BE: ₹5 crore)
- Seychelles: ₹19 crore (FY26 BE: ₹19 crore)





Ques: Which company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop and operationalise India's first large-scale Green Urea production facility at the Pudimadaka Green Hydrogen Hub near Visakhapatnam?

- A) Indian Oil Corporation
- B) NTPC Limited
- C) Reliance New Energy
- D) GAIL India Limited
- E) NTPC Green Energy Limited

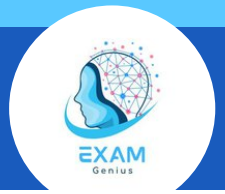
Answer: Option E – NTPC Green Energy Limited

Explanation:

NTPC Green Energy Limited has signed an MoU to develop and operationalise India's first large-scale Green Urea production facility. The plant will be established at the Pudimadaka Green Hydrogen Hub near Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, with a planned total capacity of 2.5 million tonnes per annum of green chemicals. The hub will produce Green Ammonia, Green Methanol, Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), and Green Urea. This initiative supports India's Green Hydrogen Mission and promotes sustainable, low-carbon industrial production.

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Ques: Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off a joint Indian mountaineering expedition to which mountain, the highest peak in South America?

- A) Mount Aconcagua
- B) Mount Denali
- C) Mount Kilimanjaro
- D) Mount Elbrus
- E) Mount Vinson

Answer: Option A – Mount Aconcagua

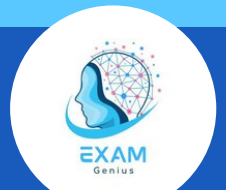
Explanation:

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off a joint Indian mountaineering expedition to Mount Aconcagua from New Delhi. Located in Argentina, Mount Aconcagua is the highest peak in South America with an elevation of approximately 6,960 metres, making it the tallest mountain outside Asia.

The expedition was organised by the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM), Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, in collaboration with the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS), Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. The Indian mountaineering team consists of six members and is led by Colonel Hem Chandra Singh, Principal of NIM.

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Ques: Where was India's first women-led industrial park, inaugurated by FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) Bangalore, established?

- A) Tumakuru
- B) Mysuru
- C) Hubballi
- D) Belagavi
- E) Gowribidanur, Chikkaballapur

Answer: Option E – Gowribidanur, Chikkaballapur

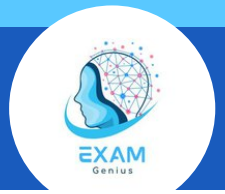
Explanation:

FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) Bangalore, the women's wing of FICCI, inaugurated India's first women-led industrial park in Gowribidanur, Chikkaballapur district, Karnataka. The park spans about 50 acres and is planned exclusively for FLO Bangalore members.

The initiative aims to address entry barriers for first-generation women entrepreneurs, especially in the manufacturing sector. The project is being developed through a public-private partnership (PPP) with the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) and Karnataka Udyog Mitra (KUM). It promotes women entrepreneurship, inclusive industrial growth, and gender equity in manufacturing.

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Ques: Under India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0, India aims to produce semiconductor chips up to which node size?

- A) 5 nm
- B) 3 nm
- C) 2 nm
- D) 7 nm
- E) 10 nm

Answer: Option C – 2 nm

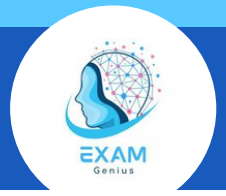
Explanation:

Under India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0, the Government of India aims to produce advanced semiconductor chips up to 2 nanometer (nm) node size. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched Qualcomm's 2 nm semiconductor chip in Bengaluru, marking a major milestone in India's capability to design, validate, and tape-out advanced chips domestically.

ISM 2.0 focuses on indigenous chip design, productisation, ecosystem partnerships, and talent development. The Union Budget 2026–27 allocated ₹1,000 crore for ISM 2.0 to promote industry-led research and training centres.

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Ques: India secured the hosting rights for the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2027 after a successful bid by which organisation?

- A) Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- B) Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
- C) Asian Shooting Confederation (ASC)
- D) International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)
- E) National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)

Answer: Option E – National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)

Explanation:

India secured the hosting rights for the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2027 following a successful bid by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI). The championship will be held from 1 to 10 December 2027 at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges, New Delhi.

This will be the second consecutive time India hosts the premier continental championship for rifle and pistol shooters. India is also hosting the Asian Shooting Championship 2026 at the same venue. The 2027 championship will offer eight Olympic quota places, increasing the competitive significance of the event.

- Additionally, India will host the ISSF World Cup (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun) in New Delhi in April 2027.
- The ISSF World Cup 2027 will offer 12 Olympic quota places for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.





Ques: Which Act enabled the implementation of 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the insurance sector in India from February 5, 2026?

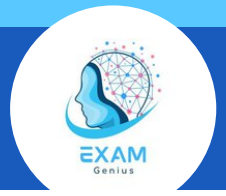
- A) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Act, 1999
- B) Insurance Act, 1938
- C) Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025
- D) Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956
- E) Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India implemented 100% FDI in the insurance sector on February 5, 2026 through the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025, except Section 25 (common officers and whole-time officers).
- The Act amends three major laws: Insurance Act, 1938; LIC Act, 1956; and IRDAI Act, 1999.
- The Chairman, MD, or CEO of an insurance company must be an Indian citizen, and mergers between insurance and non-insurance companies are allowed.
- The FDI cap in insurance increased gradually: 26% (pre-2015) → 49% (2015) → 74% (2021) → 100% (2026).
- India's insurance penetration stands at 3.7% of GDP, which is below the global average of 7%.
- Prior regulatory approval for share transfer has been increased from 1% to 5%, and Net Owned Fund for Foreign Reinsurance Branches has been reduced from ₹5,000 crore to ₹1,000 crore.
- LIC has been granted autonomy to open Zonal Offices and align foreign offices with local laws.
- A Policyholders' Education and Protection Fund will be established, policyholder data must comply with DPDP Act, 2023, and IRDAI has been empowered to disgorge wrongful gains.





Ques: Why were six Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) altered in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934?

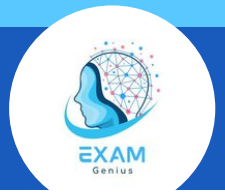
- A) Due to privatization of Regional Rural Banks
- B) Due to implementation of Basel III norms
- C) As part of the Government's "One State, One RRB" consolidation drive
- D) Due to merger of RRBs with cooperative banks
- E) Due to non-compliance with RBI capital norms

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Six Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) were altered in the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934 as part of the Government's "One State, One RRB" consolidation drive (Phase-4).
- This consolidation reduced the total number of RRBs from 43 to 28, effective May 1, 2025.
- Due to mergers, the names of six RRBs were changed and officially updated in the Second Schedule:
 - Assam Gramin Vikash Bank → Assam Gramin Bank
 - Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank → Chhattisgarh Gramin Bank
 - Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank → Jharkhand Gramin Bank
 - Kerala Gramin Bank → Kerala Grameena Bank
 - Puduvai Bharathiyar Grama Bank → Puducherry Grama Bank
 - Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank → Haryana Gramin Bank
- The Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934 lists all Scheduled Banks in India.
- Section 2(e) defines a Scheduled Bank, and Section 42(6)(b) empowers RBI to alter the list of scheduled banks.
 - exclude bank names due to mergers or restructuring.
- Three RRBs newly included in the Second Schedule:
 - Bihar Gramin Bank
 - Jammu and Kashmir Grameen Bank
 - West Bengal Gramin Bank
- Seven erstwhile RRBs excluded due to mergers, including Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank, Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank, Uttar Bihar Gramin Bank, J & K Grameen Bank, Ellaquai Dehati Bank, Paschim Banga Gramin Bank and Uttarbanga Kshetriya Gramin Bank.





Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revised India's GDP growth forecast for the ongoing financial year to what percentage in its first monetary policy review of 2026?

- A) 7.0%
- B) 7.2%
- C) 7.3%
- D) 7.4%
- E) 7.6%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- On February 6, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revised the GDP growth forecast for the ongoing financial year to 7.4%, up from the earlier estimate of 7.3%.
- For FY27, real GDP growth for Q1 was revised to 6.9% from 6.7%.
- Real GDP growth for Q2 FY27 was revised to 7.0% from 6.8%, with risks considered evenly balanced.
- On the supply side, real Gross Value Added (GVA) growth is estimated at 7.3% in FY26.
- The GVA growth is supported by strong performance in the services sector and revival in manufacturing.

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Ques: As announced by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, what is the maximum compensation a customer can receive for losses due to small-value digital frauds?

- A) ₹10,000
- B) ₹15,000
- C) ₹20,000
- D) ₹25,000
- E) ₹50,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced measures to protect customers against digital frauds after the MPC meeting held on 6 February.
- Customers affected by small-value digital frauds will receive 85% of the fraud amount, subject to a maximum limit of ₹25,000.
- For example, if a person loses ₹50,000, 85% equals ₹42,500, but due to the cap, compensation will be ₹25,000.
- If a person loses ₹20,000, 85% equals ₹17,000, which is below the cap; hence the customer will receive ₹17,000.

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Ques: The government has expanded the Startup India definition to include deep technology startups. Under the revised norms, what is the recognition period for deep tech startups?

- A) 5 years
- B) 10 years
- C) 15 years
- D) 20 years
- E) 25 years

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India has expanded the Startup India definition to formally include deep technology (deep tech) startups.
- Deep tech startups are recognised due to their long research cycles and high capital requirements.
- The recognition period for deep tech startups has been extended from 10 years to 20 years.
- Regular startups continue to have a recognition period of 10 years with a turnover cap of ₹200 crore, while deep tech startups have a higher turnover ceiling of ₹300 crore.
- Startup recognition continues through the DPIIT portal.
- Recognised startups, including deep tech firms, can apply for income tax exemption under Section 80-IAC of the Income Tax Act, subject to approval by the Inter-Ministerial Board.

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Ques: What cash reward did the BCCI announce for the India Under-19 team after winning the 2026 ICC Under-19 World Cup?

- A) ₹5 crore
- B) ₹7.5 crore
- C) ₹10 crore
- D) ₹12 crore
- E) ₹15 crore

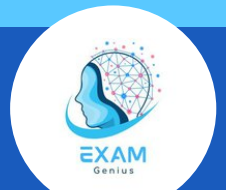
Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a cash reward of ₹7.5 crore for the India Under-19 team after winning the 2026 ICC Under-19 World Cup.
- The reward will be shared among the players, coaching staff, support personnel, and the Junior Cricket Committee.
- India defeated England by 100 runs in the final at Harare Sports Club.
- With this victory, India won the ICC Under-19 World Cup title for the sixth time.

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Ques: Under which international convention is the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) defined, within which a coastal nation has special rights over marine resources?

- A) International Maritime Organization Convention
- B) Geneva Convention on the Law of the Sea
- C) United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982
- D) United Nations Charter
- E) Basel Convention

Answer: Option C

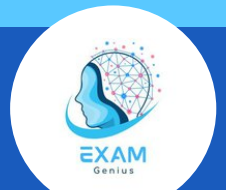
Explanation:

- The Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is defined under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), 1982.
- The EEZ extends up to 200 nautical miles from the baseline of a coastal state.
- Within the EEZ, a coastal nation has sovereign rights for exploration, exploitation, conservation, and management of marine resources.
- Although the EEZ is not full sovereign territory, the coastal state can regulate economic activities such as fishing, oil exploration, and marine research.

About United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea :

- Signed : 10 December 1982
- Effective : 16 November 1994
- Location : Montego Bay, Jamaica
- Condition : 60 ratifications
- Signatories : 157





Ques: Which Ministry launched the beta version of the Model Context Protocol (MCP) server for the eSankhyiki portal to enable advanced access to official statistics?

- A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- E) NITI Aayog

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

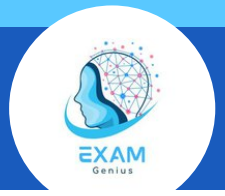
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) launched the beta version of the Model Context Protocol (MCP) server for the eSankhyiki portal, India's National Portal for Official Statistics.
- The MCP server enables users to query datasets directly without downloading large files, integrate official statistics into analytical tools, automate reports, and access multiple datasets through a single connection.
- The initiative reduces time spent on data access and enhances data-driven decision-making.

- **The MCP server currently includes six major data products:**
 - Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)
 - Consumer Price Index (CPI)
 - Annual Survey of Industries (ASI)
 - Index of Industrial Production (IIP)
 - National Accounts Statistics (NAS)
 - Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Environmental Statistics

- The launch ahead of the AI Impact Summit (February 15–20, 2026) highlights the forward-looking and proactive approach of the National Statistical Office (NSO).

About National Statistical Office (NSO)

- Ministry: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
- Headquarters: New Delhi

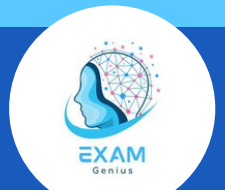


- Established: 23 May 2019
- Formed by: Merger of CSO and NSSO
- Chairperson: Prof. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar



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Ques: Which port has become the first in India to initiate the installation of an advanced Anti-Drone System for protecting critical infrastructure?

- A) V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port
- B) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- C) Paradip Port
- D) Chennai Port
- E) Visakhapatnam Port

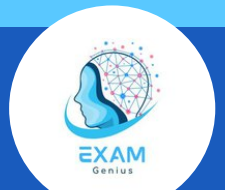
Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, is the first port in India to initiate installation of an advanced Anti-Drone System.
- The move aims to strengthen protection of critical port infrastructure.
- The project is expected to be completed within three months.
- The system provides 360-degree coverage with an operational range of up to 5 km.
- The V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOCPA) signed an agreement with Central Electronics Limited (CEL) for implementation of the system.

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Ques: Who launched the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) in Bihar?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Om Birla
- D) Nitish Kumar
- E) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer: Option C

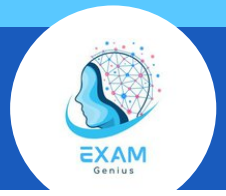
Explanation:

- Om Birla, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, launched the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) at the Central Hall of the Bihar State Legislative Assembly in Patna.
- The launch coincided with the 105th Foundation Day celebrations of the Bihar Legislative Assembly.
- NeVA is a cloud-based digital platform developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- NIC functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- NeVA aims to digitize legislative processes and promote paperless functioning of legislative assemblies.

About Bihar:

- Capital: Patna
- Chief Minister: Nitish Kumar
- Governor: Arif Mohammed Khan





Ques: The business case studies compendium titled “Pitch Perfect Australia–India: Perfect Conditions for a \$100 Billion Partnership” was launched at which institution?

- A) Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
- B) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi Campus
- C) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- D) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- E) National Institute of Public Finance and Policy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The compendium titled “Pitch Perfect Australia–India: Perfect Conditions for a \$100 Billion Partnership” was launched at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Delhi Campus.
- It was jointly developed by IIFT and Newland Global Group.
- The publication documents real business journeys of companies operating across India and Australia.
- It includes case studies from 30 organisations, highlighting opportunities and challenges in the India–Australia economic partnership.
- The initiative supports the vision of strengthening the \$100 billion India–Australia economic partnership.

About IIFT:

- Established: 1963
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairperson / VC Prof. : Rakesh Mohan Joshi (ViceChancellor)

About Australia :

- Capital : Canberra
- Currency : Australian Dollar
- PM : Anthony Albanese





Ques: Which digital initiative has been launched by the Government of India to ensure end-to-end traceability of seeds across the supply chain and prevent the circulation of spurious seeds?

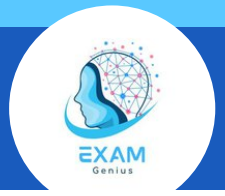
- A) National Seed Grid Portal
- B) Krishi Data Exchange Platform
- C) Seed Authentication, Traceability & Holistic Inventory Portal
- D) AgriStack Digital Seed Mission
- E) e-Seed Samridhhi Portal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India launched the Seed Authentication, Traceability & Holistic Inventory Portal to enable end-to-end digital traceability of seeds across the supply chain.
- The initiative enhances transparency and helps prevent the circulation of spurious and sub-standard seeds.
- Under the National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM), seeds are distributed to farmers at 50% subsidized cost.
- Seed production incentives:
 - ₹1,000 per quintal for cereals and millets
 - ₹2,000 per quintal for pulses and oilseeds
- A one-time assistance of ₹50 lakh is provided for setting up community seed banks.
- During 2014–2025, 3,236 seed varieties were released, of which 2,996 are climate-resilient.
- Financial assistance is provided to ICAR institutes, State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), and the public sector.
- Up to ₹15 lakh support is provided to farmers for conservation of traditional varieties under PPVFR Rules, 2025, through the National Gene Fund.





Ques: Who is Japan's first female Prime Minister, popularly known as the 'Iron Lady', who recently secured a landslide victory in the Lower House elections?

- A) Yuriko Koike
- B) Seiko Noda
- C) Sanae Takaichi
- D) Fumio Kishida
- E) Shinzo Abe

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sanae Takaichi secured a landslide victory in Japan's Lower House elections.
- Her Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) is projected to win around 328 out of 465 seats, ensuring a strong majority.
- The LDP crossed the majority mark of 233 seats soon after the polls closed.
- She became Japan's first female Prime Minister and is often compared to Britain's 'Iron Lady' Margaret Thatcher.
- Her campaign focused on tax cuts, economic reforms, and strengthening Japan's security policy, with a firm stance on China and national security issues.

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Ques: Where was the 'Conference of Chief Wildlife Wardens of Tiger Range States and Field Directors of Tiger Reserves' held?

- A) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- B) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- C) Alwar, Rajasthan
- D) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- E) Guwahati, Assam

Answer: Option C

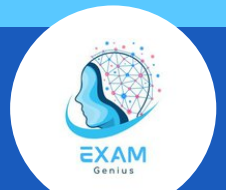
Explanation:

- The Conference of Chief Wildlife Wardens of Tiger Range States and Field Directors of Tiger Reserves was held in Alwar, Rajasthan.
- The term "Big Cat" refers to five species of the genus Panthera: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Jaguar, and Snow Leopard.
- These species have a specialized larynx that enables them to roar.
- Big cats are apex predators with extremely strong muscle fibers, allowing them to leap 10–15 meters.
- The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was launched by India in April 2023 during the 50th anniversary of Project Tiger to promote global cooperation for big cat conservation.

International Big Cat Alliance :

- HQ : New Delhi, India (Secretariat at Shanti Niketan)
- Chairperson (President) : Bhupender Yadav (Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change)
- Director General : Dr. S.P. Yadav
- Member Countries : 24 countries (including India, Russia, Brazil, Nepal, and Bhutan)





Ques: The Ministry of Corporate Affairs approved composite schemes for the merger of 17 wholly-owned subsidiaries of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited into two entities as part of a major restructuring initiative. What is the effective date of this merger?

- A) 1 April 2023
- B) 1 October 2023
- C) 1 April 2024
- D) 1 January 2025
- E) 1 April 2025

Answer: Option C

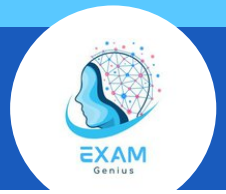
Explanation:

- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) approved two composite schemes of arrangement under the Companies Act, 2013 for the merger of 17 wholly-owned subsidiaries of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID).
- The restructuring aims to streamline operations by merging project-specific Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) into larger functional entities.
- Scheme Group-A: Merger of 12 subsidiaries into POWERGRID Khavda II-C Transmission Limited.
- Scheme Group-B: Merger of 5 subsidiaries into POWERGRID Vataman Transmission Limited.
- The effective date of the merger is 1 April 2024.
- The effective date of the merger is 1 April 2024, applied on a retrospective basis.
- Such restructuring enhances operational efficiency, governance clarity, and financial consolidation within POWERGRID.

About Powergrid :

- Established Year : 1989 (Founded on October 23)
- HQ : Gurugram, Haryana (India)
- Chairperson (CMD) : Ravindra Kumar Tyagi (As of Feb 2026)





Ques: Why did India join the United Nations (UN) 'Honour Roll' for 2026?

- A) For increasing its peacekeeping troops contribution
- B) For hosting a UN summit
- C) For paying its UN Regular Budget dues in full and on time
- D) For becoming a permanent member of UNSC
- E) For contributing the highest share to the UN budget

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India paid USD 35.18 million towards the UN Regular Budget for 2026.
- With this payment, India joined the UN's 'Honour Roll', which includes member states that paid their regular budget dues in full and on time.
- India contributed 1.016% to the UN's total regular budget of USD 3.45 billion for 2026.
- The 193-member UN General Assembly approved the USD 3.45 billion budget in December 2025.

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Ques: World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 was organized with which objective?

- A) To promote traditional broadcasting systems
- B) To make India a global hub of content creation and promote the orange economy
- C) To regulate OTT platforms in India
- D) To replace social media platforms
- E) To promote print media journalism

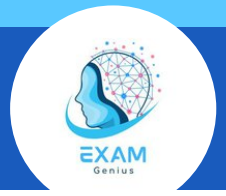
Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- WAVES 2025 was organized to position India as a global hub of content creation and to promote the Orange Economy, which integrates creativity, culture, and content with economic growth.
- The summit provided a global platform for creators to connect with technology partners, investors, producers, and buyers.
- The theme of WAVES 2025 was “Create in India, Create for the World.”
- Prasar Bharati launched “Creator’s Corner” on DD National to support digital creators.
- Budget 2026–27 announced support for setting up AVGC Creator Labs in 15,000 schools and 500 colleges.

Outcomes of WAVES 2025 | WAVES 2025 :

- WaveX: A startup-led innovation platform in the Media & Entertainment sector, enabling 30 startups to pitch ideas and facilitating exhibitions for 100+ startups.
- The first WaveX Incubation Centre has been established at the Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT), Mumbai, with more centres coming up nationwide.
- WAVES Bazaar: A year-round marketplace for scripts, music, comics, and AV rights, supporting creators through domestic and international market access across 10+ global markets.
- Create in India Challenge (CIC): A nationwide creative talent hunt across 33 creative categories such as animation, gaming, AR/VR, and music, attracting over 1 lakh registrations globally.



Ques: Which renowned Indian sociologist, known for his work on caste, class, power, and social inequality, recently passed away?

- A) Prof. Yogendra Singh
- B) Prof. M. N. Srinivas
- C) Dr. Andre Beteille
- D) Prof. Dipankar Gupta
- E) Prof. Ramachandra Guha

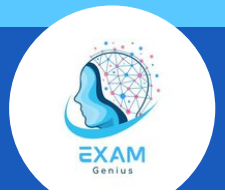
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Renowned Indian sociologist Dr. Andre Beteille recently passed away.
- He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2005 for his contributions to literature and education.
- He was widely known for his scholarly work on caste, class, power, inequality, and social stratification in Indian society.
- His major works include Agrarian Social Structure (1974), The Idea of Natural Inequality and Other Essays (1983), Society and Politics in India (1991), and Universities at the Crossroads (2010).
- His writings significantly influenced Indian sociology, public policy debates, and higher education discourse.

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Ques: SBI recently became India's which most valuable company by market capitalisation?

- A) 2nd
- B) 3rd
- C) 4th
- D) 5th
- E) 6th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) became India's fourth most valuable company by market capitalisation.
- SBI's market capitalisation surged to ₹10.9 lakh crore, allowing it to surpass Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
- With this surge, SBI overtook TCS to claim the fourth position among India's top listed firms.
- The three most valuable companies in India at present are Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, and Bharti Airtel.

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Ques: Which company received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to participate in Centralized Payment Systems (CPS)?

- A) Paytm Payments Bank
- B) Transcorp International Limited
- C) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- D) Fino Payments Bank
- E) Tata Payments Services

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Transcorp International Limited received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to participate in Centralized Payment Systems (CPS).
- With this authorization, Transcorp will be able to hold and operate a bank account directly with the RBI.
- The company will also be allotted its own Indian Financial System Code (IFSC).
- Participation in CPS significantly strengthens Transcorp's banking services infrastructure and integration with India's payment ecosystem.

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Ques: Which financial institution extended a USD 1 billion loan to the State Bank of India (SBI)?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- C) Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- D) Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG)
- E) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

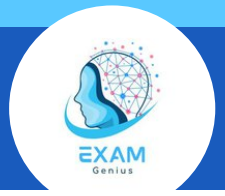
Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Japan's Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) has extended a USD 1 billion (₹7,100 crore) loan to the State Bank of India (SBI).
- The loan has a five-year maturity period.
- It includes a green shoe option of an additional USD 500 million.
- The interest rate is set at 90 basis points above the three-month SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate).

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Ques: Where was NATO's 'Arctic Sentry' mission launched?

- A) Washington, United States
- B) London, United Kingdom
- C) Brussels, Belgium
- D) Oslo, Norway
- E) Reykjavik, Iceland

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NATO launched a new mission called 'Arctic Sentry' on February 11, 2026 to strengthen security in the Arctic and High North regions.
- The mission was announced and launched from NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.
- Arctic Sentry was launched in response to rising geopolitical interest and tensions surrounding Greenland and broader Arctic security challenges.
- The mission aims to enhance NATO's presence by consolidating member nations' activities, surveillance, and defence coordination under a single framework.
- Initially, the mission will integrate national military exercises such as Denmark's 'Arctic Endurance' and Norway's 'Cold Response'.
- The initiative highlights NATO's commitment to protect its members and maintain stability in the strategically important and environmentally sensitive Arctic region.

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Ques: What change has Indian Railways announced regarding mobile apps for unreserved ticket booking from March 1, 2026?

- A) UTS app will be upgraded with new features
- B) RailOne app will be merged with IRCTC app
- C) UTS app will be discontinued and replaced by RailOne app
- D) Only offline booking will be allowed for unreserved tickets
- E) A new app named RailTicket Pro will be launched

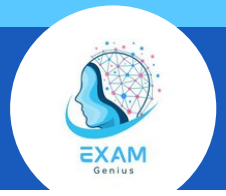
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- From March 1, 2026, the UTS (Unreserved Ticketing System) mobile app will be discontinued, and passengers must use the RailOne super app for ticket booking.
- The UTS app, launched on 27 December 2014, allowed booking of unreserved tickets, season tickets and platform tickets.
- Passengers booking unreserved tickets via RailOne app will get a 3% discount on all digital payment modes.
- The RailOne super app is aimed at providing a single unified digital platform for railway passenger services.

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Ques: What milestone has been achieved by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) under its Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU) drive for school children?

- A) Completion of 50 lakh MBUs
- B) Completion of 75 lakh MBUs
- C) Completion of over one crore MBUs
- D) Completion of two crore MBUs
- E) Completion of five crore MBUs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has crossed the milestone of completing over one crore Mandatory Biometric Updates (MBUs) for school children studying in around 83,000 schools across the country.
- The special MBU drive was launched in September 2025 after successful technological integration with the UDISE+ application, enabling schools to track the MBU status of children.
- Children below the age of five are enrolled in Aadhaar without fingerprints and iris scans, as these biometrics are not mature at that age.
- Mandatory Biometric Updates are required at the ages of 5 and 15 years, and failure to complete MBU may cause issues in authentication for government benefits and exams like NEET, JEE, CUET, etc.
- To encourage participation, UIDAI waived MBU charges for children aged 7–15 years from 1 October 2025 for one year, while MBUs for children aged 5–7 and 15–17 years continue as per existing norms. remain free.
- Apart from school camps, around 1.3 crore MBU transactions were also completed at Aadhaar Enrolment Centres and Aadhaar Seva Kendras.





Ques: The EXILE Act introduced in the US Congress aims to end which visa programme?

- A) H-1B Visa
- B) H-2B Visa
- C) F-1 Visa
- D) L-1 Visa
- E) EB-5 Visa

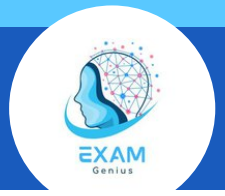
Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- A US lawmaker has introduced a bill in Congress to end the H-1B visa programme.
- The bill has been introduced by Republican Representative Greg Steube from Florida.
- The proposed legislation is titled the “Ending Exploitative Imported Labour Exemptions Act” (EXILE Act).
- The EXILE Act seeks to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act by scrapping the H-1B visa system.
- The lawmaker argued that corporations have misused the H-1B programme, negatively impacting American workers and wages.
- Reports suggest that over 80% of H-1B visa recipients are Indian or Chinese nationals.

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Ques: What is the objective of Operation Shastra launched by Delhi Police?

- A) To curb drug trafficking in Delhi
- B) To monitor cyber fraud and online scams
- C) To target individuals sharing weapon photos and using objectionable language on social media
- D) To control illegal arms smuggling across borders
- E) To regulate political misinformation online

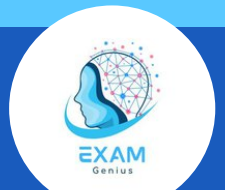
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Delhi Police launched Operation Shastra to target individuals who were sharing photographs with weapons and using objectionable language on online social media platforms.
- The operation involved more than 500 teams and over 2,000 police personnel.
- The initiative aims to prevent the glorification of weapons, maintain law and order, and curb the misuse of social media.

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Ques: Mumbai's Coastal Road became India's first 'musical path' by playing which song for motorists?

- A) Vande Mataram**
- B) Sare Jahan Se Achha**
- C) Ae Watan**
- D) Chak De India**
- E) Jai Ho**

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- **Mumbai's Coastal Road has become India's first 'musical path'.**
- **Special rumble strips have been installed that play the Oscar-winning song 'Jai Ho' when vehicles pass at a designated speed of around 60–80 kmph.**
- **The musical stretch is located on the northbound carriageway from Nariman Point to Worli on the Coastal Road, also known as Sangeet Marg.**
- **The concept is based on Hungarian technology and has previously been implemented in Hungary, Japan, South Korea, and the UAE.**
- **This is the fifth musical road in the world and the first of its kind in India.**
- **The initiative aims to enhance road safety awareness while offering a unique driving experience.**

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Ques: What is the floor price fixed by the government for selling up to 5% stake in Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) via OFS?

- A) ₹200
- B) ₹225
- C) ₹254
- D) ₹275
- E) ₹300

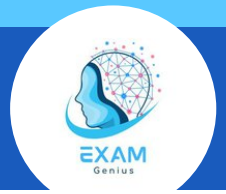
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India will sell up to 5% stake in Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) through an Offer for Sale (OFS).
- The floor price for the OFS has been fixed at ₹254 per share.
- The government will divest 3% equity initially, with an additional 2% offered under the green shoe option.
- The OFS will open first for non-retail investors, followed by retail investors on the next day.
- The announcement regarding the OFS was made by DIPAM Secretary Arunish Chawla.

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Ques: Which country ranked 2nd globally in total LEED-certified space in 2025, according to the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)?

- A) United States
- B) China (Mainland China)
- C) India
- D) Germany
- E) United Kingdom

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The annual list of the top 10 countries and regions for Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) in 2025 was published by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).
- As per the report, India climbed from 3rd position in 2024 to 2nd position in 2025.
- India recorded over 16 million Gross Square Meters (GSM) of LEED-certified space across 611 projects during 2025.
- Mainland China topped the list with 26,645,737 GSM of LEED-certified space across 1,939 projects.
- Globally, LEED certification witnessed strong growth, with more than 7,500 commercial projects certified, covering over 147 million GSM.

Ranking of top 5 Countries:

- 1 Mainland China : 26,645,737
- 2 India : 16,111,512
- 3 Canada : 8,450,146
- 4 Republic of Korea : 3,879,192
- 5 Mexico : 3,294,953





Ques: What was India's overall unemployment rate in the October–December 2025 quarter?

- A) 5.2%
- B) 6.7%
- C) 4.8%
- D) 4.0%
- E) 6.9%

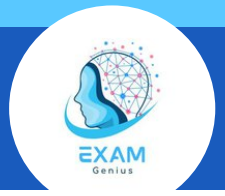
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's overall unemployment rate declined to 4.8% in the October–December 2025 quarter, down from 5.2% in the previous quarter.
- Rural unemployment decreased to 4% from 4.4% in the preceding quarter.
- Urban unemployment declined to 6.7% from 6.9%.
- The unemployment data was released under the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).
- The decline in unemployment reflects improvement in both rural and urban labour markets.

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Ques: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) approved the construction of over 3.53 lakh houses under which scheme?

- A) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G)
- B) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0)
- C) Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC)
- D) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – NULM
- E) Smart Cities Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) approved the construction of over 3.53 lakh houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0).
- The approval was granted in the first meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC).
- A total of 3,52,915 houses were sanctioned under Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) and Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP).
- These houses will be constructed across 10 States and Union Territories: Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Over 2.67 lakh houses were approved for women beneficiaries, including single women and widows.
- Additionally, 90 houses were allocated to transgender beneficiaries.





Ques: Under the new U.S.–Bangladesh trade deal signed in 2025, Bangladesh plans to replace cotton imports from which country?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Pakistan
- D) Egypt
- E) Vietnam

Answer: Option B

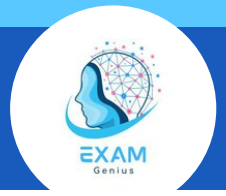
Explanation:

- Bangladesh will replace Indian cotton with U.S.-produced cotton following the U.S.–Bangladesh trade deal signed in 2025.
- The trade deal is expected to provide Bangladesh greater access to the U.S. market, especially for its textile and garment exports.
- India has been the largest supplier of raw cotton to Bangladesh for several years.
- In 2025, over 90% of India's raw cotton exports were directed towards Bangladesh, highlighting India's dependence on the Bangladeshi market.
- The shift is expected to significantly impact India's cotton export market and regional trade dynamics in South Asia.

• Top 5 Cotton Producing Countries (2025):

- China: 7.5 million tonnes
- India: 5.1 million tonnes
- Brazil: 4.1 million tonnes
- United States: 3 million tonnes
- Pakistan: 1.1 million tonnes





Ques: Where was PLASTINDIA 2026, one of the world's largest plastics exhibitions, held?

- A) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- B) India Expo Centre, Greater Noida
- C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- D) Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru
- E) Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- PLASTINDIA 2026, one of the world's largest plastics exhibitions, was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The exhibition was organised by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- The theme of PLASTINDIA 2026 was "Bharat Next".
- The theme "Bharat Next" revolves around five strategic elements.
- These five elements are Trade, Technology, Talent, Tradition, and Tourism.

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Ques: Which team won the 79th National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy by defeating Kerala 1–0 in the final?

- A) Services
- B) West Bengal
- C) Kerala
- D) Railways
- E) Punjab

Answer: Option A

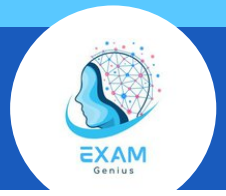
Explanation:

- Services clinched the 79th National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy by edging past Kerala 1–0 in the final held at Dhakuakhana Stadium, Assam.
- The victory secured Services their eighth Santosh Trophy title in history.
- The only goal of the match came in extra time in the 109th minute by Abhishek Pawar.

About Santosh Trophy:

- Started: 1941
- Most championships: West Bengal (33 titles)
- 2025–26: 79th edition
- Champion Services: (8th title)
- Runners-up: Kerala





Ques: The New York City Health Department joined which World Health Organization (WHO) network recently?

- A) International Health Regulations Network
- B) Global Vaccine Alliance
- C) Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN)
- D) Pandemic Preparedness Coalition
- E) Universal Health Coverage Forum

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The New York City Health Department has joined the World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN).
- This move came after U.S. President Donald Trump announced the withdrawal of the United States from the WHO.
- GOARN is a global collaboration of institutions and networks that respond to international public health emergencies and disease outbreaks.
- By joining GOARN, the NYC Health Department aims to strengthen global disease surveillance and improve coordination in outbreak response.

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Ques: Where was the 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) 2026 held?

- A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- B) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- D) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
- E) India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

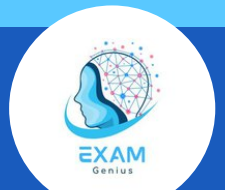
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) 2026 was held at Bharat Mandapam.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with a record 4.5 crore students, teachers, and parents across the country.
- This surpassed the previous Guinness World Record of 3.53 crore registrations.
- PPC 2026 introduced a new multi-location format across five cities.
- The programme was broadcast live from Delhi, Coimbatore, Raipur, Dev Mogra, and Guwahati.
- Pariksha Pe Charcha was launched in 2018 as an annual initiative to help students reduce exam stress.

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Ques: Who inaugurated the STQC Lab Automation Portal 'SATYA'?

- A) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- B) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- C) Jitin Prasada
- D) Dharmendra Pradhan
- E) Nirmala Sitharaman

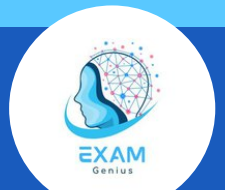
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, inaugurated the STQC Lab Automation Portal named 'SATYA'.
- STQC (Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification) ensures the quality, security, and reliability of electronic and IT products and services in India.
- The SATYA portal integrates all STQC services into a single, user-friendly digital platform.
- The platform will benefit citizens, industries, startups, MSMEs, and government departments.
- The initiative strengthens transparency, accountability, cybersecurity, data protection, and product quality in digital governance.

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Ques: Where was the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Aerospace Studies inaugurated?

- A) IIT Bombay, Maharashtra
- B) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- C) Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara, Gujarat
- D) IIT Madras, Tamil Nadu
- E) National Aviation University, Delhi

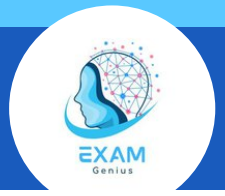
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Aerospace Studies was inaugurated at Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya.
- The CoE was inaugurated by Jürgen Westermeier, President and Managing Director of Airbus India and South Asia.
- The Centre of Excellence was announced in 2024.
- Under the partnership, 45 meritorious and underprivileged students are supported through a full scholarship programme.
- One-third of the scholarships are reserved for women students.
- The key focus area of the CoE is Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF).

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Ques: What is the total financial assistance provided under the Delhi Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana?

- A) ₹36,000
- B) ₹40,000
- C) ₹50,000
- D) ₹56,000
- E) ₹1,00,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Delhi Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana has replaced the Delhi Ladli Scheme and supports girls from birth to graduation.
- The scheme provides a total financial assistance of ₹56,000.
- Eligibility criteria include the girl being a Delhi resident for the last three years and belonging to a family with annual income up to ₹1.2 lakh.
- Deposits under the scheme include:
 - ₹11,000 within one year of birth
 - ₹5,000 each on admission to Classes I, VI, VIII, X and XII (₹25,000 total)
 - ₹20,000 in phases after completion of graduation/diploma
- A maximum of two girls per family are eligible under the scheme.
- The financial assistance will be transferred phase-wise through Aadhaar-linked Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- The maturity amount can be claimed after Class 12 and 18 years of age, or after graduation/diploma and 21 years of age.
- Any unclaimed amount will be credited back to the government.
- Budget allocation for the scheme is ₹100 crore, with an additional ₹60 crore likely in the next Budget.





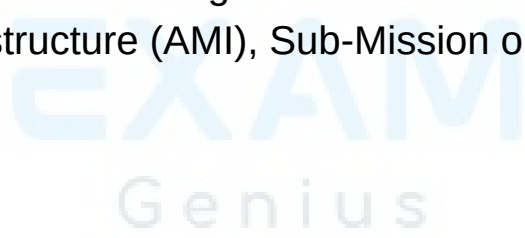
Ques: Which district was selected as the pilot district under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector (WLGSP)?

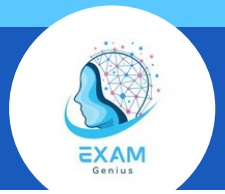
- A) Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
- B) Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh
- C) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- D) Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- E) Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Balaghat district has been selected as the pilot district under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector (WLGSP).
- Under the pilot project, a 500 metric tonne (MT) godown has been constructed at Bahudeshiya Prathamik Krishi Saakh Sahakari Society Maryadit, Parswada in Balaghat.
- The project was inaugurated on 24 February 2024, and the godown has been hired by Madhya Pradesh Warehousing and Logistics Corporation (MPWLC).
- The plan is implemented at the PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Society) level by converging multiple schemes such as Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), and PMFME.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank Limited (CUB)?

- A) Dr. N. Kamakodi
- B) R. Vijay Anandh
- C) S. Ramesh Kumar
- D) R. Subramanian
- E) P. Mahesh

Answer: Option B

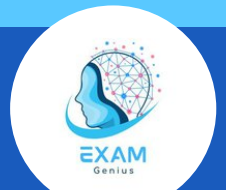
Explanation:

- R. Vijay Anandh has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB).
- His tenure will be for three years.
- He has replaced Dr. N. Kamakodi in this role.

About City Union Bank:

- Established: 1904
- Headquarters: Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu
- Tagline: "Trust and Excellence since 1904"





Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to increase the aggregate ceiling of unsecured advances of Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) to what percentage of total assets?

- A) 12%
- B) 15%
- C) 20%
- D) 25%
- E) 30%

Answer: Option C

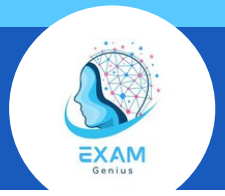
Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to double the aggregate ceiling of unsecured advances for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) to 20% of total assets, from the earlier limit of 10%.
- Additional unsecured advances beyond this prudential ceiling will be allowed only for priority sector eligible loans, subject to a monetary cap of ₹50,000 per borrower.
- The lending limit to nominal members for purchasing consumer durables is proposed to be enhanced to ₹2.5 lakh per borrower.

- **RBI has also proposed revised individual unsecured loan limits based on the tier of UCBs:**
 - Tier 1 UCBs: ₹5 lakh
 - Tier 2 UCBs: ₹7.5 lakh
 - Tier 3 & Tier 4 UCBs: ₹10 lakh

- The tenor and moratorium requirements for housing loans are proposed to be deregulated for Tier-3 and Tier-4 UCBs.
- Stakeholders and the public can submit feedback on the draft norms till March 4, 2026.
- The proposed amendments are expected to come into force from October 1, 2026, or earlier if adopted fully by a UCB.





- During the monetary policy announcement, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced Mission-SAKSHAM (Sahakari Bank Kshamta Nirman) to strengthen managerial and technical capacity of UCBs.
- The mission aims to train over 1.4 lakh participants from UCBs.



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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Indian Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL)?

- A) P. R. Jaishankar
- B) Sanjay Malhotra
- C) Rohit Rishi
- D) Rajnish Kumar
- E) Ashwani Kumar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rohit Rishi has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Indian Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL).
- His tenure will be for three years.
- Prior to this appointment, he served as Executive Director at Bank of Maharashtra.
- He has replaced P. R. Jaishankar as MD of IIFCL.

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Ques: The Indian Army has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which bank to provide specialised banking services and enhanced insurance benefits to Army personnel?

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) IDFC FIRST Bank
- E) Axis Bank

Answer: Option D

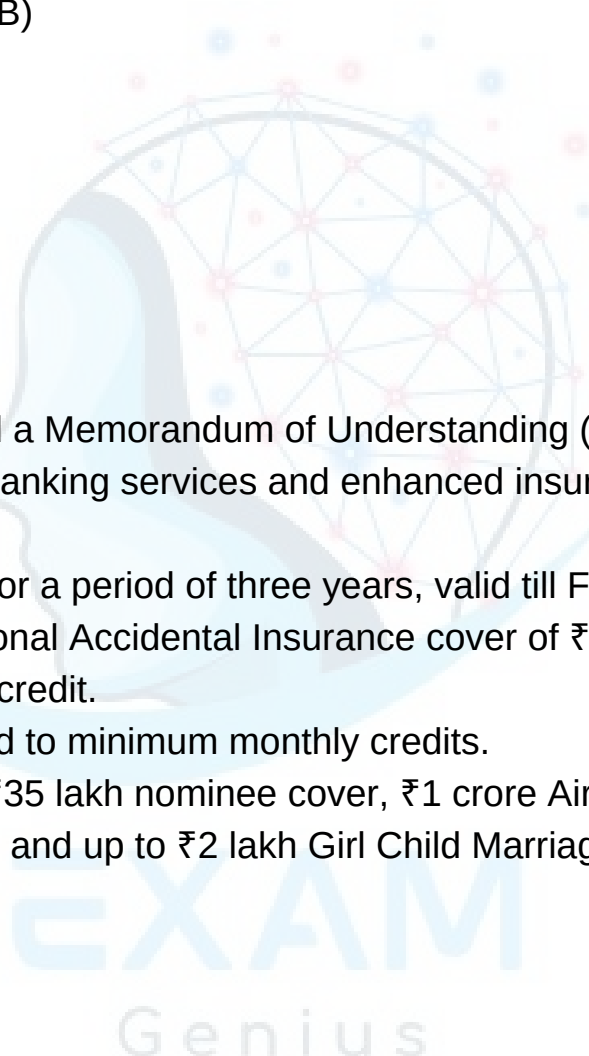
Explanation:

- The Indian Army has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IDFC FIRST Bank to provide specialised banking services and enhanced insurance benefits to serving and retired Army personnel.
- The MoU has been signed for a period of three years, valid till February 2029.
- Under the agreement, Personal Accidental Insurance cover of ₹60 lakh is provided without mandatory salary or pension credit.
- Insurance benefits are linked to minimum monthly credits.
- Additional benefits include ₹35 lakh nominee cover, ₹1 crore Air Accident Insurance, ₹4 lakh Higher Education Cover, and up to ₹2 lakh Girl Child Marriage Cover.

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About IDFC First Bank

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





Ques: Which company successfully deployed BHASHINI's end-to-end sovereign AI cloud transformation on India-based cloud infrastructure?

- A) Tata Communications
- B) Reliance Jio
- C) Yotta Data Services
- D) Infosys
- E) Tech Mahindra

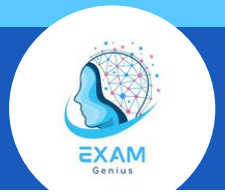
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Yotta Data Services successfully deployed BHASHINI's end-to-end sovereign AI cloud transformation on India-based cloud infrastructure.
- The deployment was carried out on Yotta's Government Community Cloud (GCC) and Shakti Cloud.
- With this development, BHASHINI now operates entirely on Indian cloud and GPU infrastructure, ensuring that language datasets, AI models, and citizen interactions remain within India's jurisdiction.
- The deployment was demonstrated during Maha Kumbh 2025, enabling real-time translation and voice-based assistance in 11+ Indian languages.
- The multilingual AI assistant 'Kumbh Sah'Al'yak' was a key feature of the initiative.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited from March 1, 2026?

- A) Rajeev Kumar
- B) Deepak Gupta
- C) Anil Agarwal
- D) Suresh Mehta
- E) Rakesh Sharma

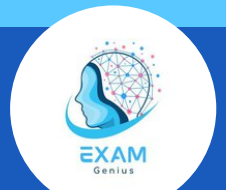
Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- GAIL (India) Limited has appointed Deepak Gupta as its Chairman & Managing Director (CMD).
- His appointment will be effective from March 1, 2026.
- He will remain in office until February 28, 2029, the date of his superannuation.
- Prior to this role, he was serving as Director (Projects) at GAIL.
- The selection was made by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).

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Ques: What did the Pune Rural Intervention in Young Adolescents (PRIYA) trial indicate?

- A) Vitamin A supplementation improves adolescent immunity only
- B) Iron supplementation reduces anaemia but has no intergenerational impact
- C) Vitamin B12 supplementation during adolescence improves neonatal health through epigenetic mechanisms
- D) Calcium intake during pregnancy alone determines foetal growth
- E) Nutrition interventions have no long-term metabolic impact

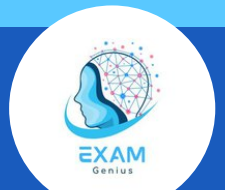
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Pune Rural Intervention in Young Adolescents (PRIYA) trial showed that vitamin B12 supplementation during adolescence improves neonatal health through epigenetic mechanisms.
- The trial was conducted between 2012 and 2020 under the Pune Maternal Nutrition Study.
- The study examined whether improving vitamin B12 levels in adolescents could reduce intergenerational metabolic risks in a population with widespread B12 deficiency.

Objectives of the PRIYA Trial:

- Improve foetal growth and neonatal health outcomes.
- Reduce long-term metabolic disease risk across generations.
- Strengthen public health nutrition policy.
- Improve human capital and long-term population health.
- Target Groups are Adolescents and Women of reproductive age
- Vitamin B12 (Cyanocobalamin) is a water-soluble vitamin mainly obtained from animal-origin foods.
- It plays a key role in red blood cell formation, DNA synthesis, and proper nervous system function.
- Deficiency of vitamin B12 can lead to anaemia and neurological disorders.
- Epigenetic mechanisms involve changes in gene expression without altering DNA sequence, often influenced by nutrition, environment, or lifestyle, and these changes can sometimes be passed to the next generation.



Ques: Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the inaugural Delhi Khel Mahakumbh by the Government of Delhi?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Gautam Gambhir
- C) Shikhar Dhawan
- D) Rohit Sharma
- E) Suresh Raina

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the inaugural Delhi Khel Mahakumbh by the Government of Delhi.
- The Delhi Khel Mahakumbh will be held on 13 February 2026 across 16 locations in all 12 districts of Delhi.
- He was awarded the Arjuna Award in 2018 for his outstanding performance in cricket.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of ICAI for the 2026–27 term?

- A) Mangesh Kinare
- B) Prasanna Kumar D
- C) Suresh Prabhu
- D) Rakesh Sharma
- E) Anil Mehta

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prasanna Kumar D will take over as President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the 2026–27 term.
- The ICAI President chairs all standing committees and serves as an ex-officio member of non-standing committees.
- He will also oversee ICAI's research and development wings, including the Accounting Research Foundation and XBRL India.
- Prasanna Kumar has been a Chartered Accountant since 1984 and has held several leadership roles within ICAI.
- Mangesh Pandurang Kinare has been appointed as the Vice-President of ICAI.

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Ques: Which initiative was launched by the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh to strengthen digital education, along with signing an MoU to explore geothermal energy?

- A) Vidya Setu
- B) Padhai with AI
- C) e-Gurukul
- D) Digital Himalaya
- E) Smart Shiksha Abhiyan

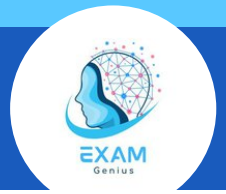
Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of Himachal Pradesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Geotropy India Private Limited to explore and harness the state's geothermal energy potential.
- Chief Minister Sukvinder Singh Sukhu launched the 'Padhai with AI' initiative in Bilaspur.
- 'Padhai with AI' is an Artificial Intelligence–based digital learning platform aimed at strengthening access to digital education in the region.
- The initiative is backed by NTPC Limited.
- It is designed to support students preparing for competitive examinations.

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Ques: Where was the Self-Reliance (Aatmanirbharta) in Pulses Mission finalised?

- A) Amlaha, Madhya Pradesh
- B) Ludhiana, Punjab
- C) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- D) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- E) Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Answer: Option A

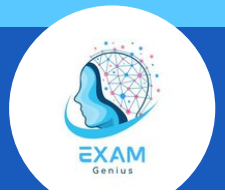
Explanation:

- The Self-Reliance (Aatmanirbharta) in Pulses Mission was finalised at the Food Legumes Research Centre, Amlaha.
- It is a centrally sponsored scheme with a total outlay of ₹11,440 crore.
- The mission aims to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses during 2025–26 to 2030–31.
- Focus crops under the mission are Tur (Arhar), Urad, and Masoor.
- Key targets include expanding cultivation by 35 lakh hectares, increasing the total area to 310 lakh hectares, and raising production to 350 lakh tonnes by 2030–31.

Traceability & Holistic Inventory) developed by the Ministry of Agriculture and National Informatics Centre.

- The government has assured 100% procurement of Tur, Urad and Masoor for the next four years.
- Procurement will be undertaken by NAFED and NCCF under the PM-AASHA scheme.
- A cluster-based approach will be adopted, with 1,000 pulse mills planned, including 55 mills in Madhya Pradesh, each receiving a ₹25 lakh subsidy.
- Farmers will receive seed kits, and India continues to be the largest producer and consumer of pulses, contributing about 25% of global production.





Ques: Soundala village, which declared itself “caste-free”, is located in which state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Karnataka
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Telangana

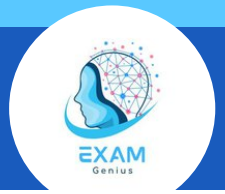
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Soundala village has declared itself a “caste-free” village to promote social harmony and equality.
- The village is located in Newasa taluka of Maharashtra.
- Administratively, it falls under Ahilyanagar district, earlier known as Ahmednagar.
- Soundala claims to be Maharashtra’s first and possibly India’s first caste-free village.
- The initiative aims to eliminate caste-based discrimination and encourage inclusive community participation.

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Ques: Which Indian minister attended the first-ever Critical Minerals Ministerial hosted by the United States during a three-day diplomatic visit?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Nirmala Sitharaman
- C) S. Jaishankar
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) Amit Shah

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- S. Jaishankar attended the first-ever Critical Minerals Ministerial hosted by the United States during his three-day diplomatic visit.
- During the visit, he held a bilateral meeting with Marco Rubio, focusing on the India–USA strategic partnership, including trade, energy, defence, technology, nuclear cooperation, and critical minerals.
- He also met Scott Bessent to strengthen economic partnership and strategic cooperation between the two countries.
- The ministerial was attended by officials from over 50 countries and the European Commission.

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Ques: Why did the Competition Commission of India impose a fine on Intel?

- A) For tax evasion
- B) For cartelisation in chip pricing
- C) For abuse of dominant position through territorial warranty restrictions
- D) For data privacy violations
- E) For misleading advertisements

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Competition Commission of India imposed a penalty of ₹27.38 crore on Intel Corporation.
- The penalty was imposed for abuse of dominant position in the desktop processor market.
- CCI found that Intel's India-specific warranty policy discriminated against products purchased outside India.
- Processors bought through parallel import channels were denied warranty services in India.
- The ruling strengthens the legal standing of parallel imports and signals that geographic segmentation through after-sales restrictions may attract regulatory scrutiny.

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Ques: Who released India's first nationally developed, evidence-based Lung Cancer Treatment and Palliation Guidelines?

- A) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- B) Mansukh Mandaviya
- C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D) Harsh Vardhan
- E) Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Jagat Prakash Nadda released India's first nationally developed, evidence-based Lung Cancer Treatment and Palliation Guidelines.

Purpose of the Guidelines:

- To provide a standardised national framework for the diagnosis, treatment, and palliative care of lung cancer across India.

Core Features:

- The guidelines contain 15 evidence-based recommendations covering both treatment and palliation.

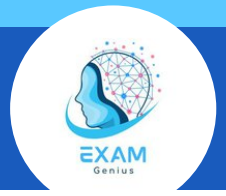
Focus Areas:

- Early diagnosis of lung cancer
- Screening of high-risk populations
- Standardised treatment pathways

- Strengthening palliative care services
- Developed By Department of Health Research and Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)
- Prepared in consultation with oncology experts.

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Ques: Who became India's youngest male analog astronaut after completing a lunar habitat simulation mission?

- A) Aryan Mishra
- B) Aditya Pandya
- C) Rohan Mehta
- D) Kunal Shah
- E) Vivaan Joshi

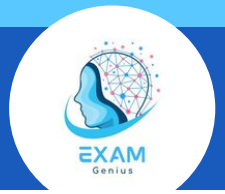
Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Aditya Pandya, a 17-year-old student and young space technologist from Gujarat, became India's youngest male analog astronaut.
- He achieved this milestone after successfully completing a lunar habitat simulation mission organised by AAKA Space Studio.
- The 8-day mission was conducted on the white plains of Dholavira in the Kutch region of Gujarat.
- The mission involved a four-member analog astronaut crew who lived inside a container-based lunar analog habitat, simulating living conditions on the Moon.

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Ques: Under the amended IT Rules 2026, within how many hours must non-consensual sexual imagery (including deepfakes) be removed after a user complaint?

- A) 1 hour
- B) 2 hours
- C) 3 hours
- D) 6 hours
- E) 24 hours

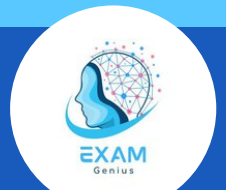
Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India notified amendments to the Information Technology Rules, 2026, which will come into effect from 20 February 2026.
- Under the amended rules, non-consensual sexual imagery, including AI-generated deepfakes, must be removed within 2 hours of receiving a user complaint.
- Earlier, platforms were allowed 24 hours to remove such content; the new rule significantly tightens the timeline.
- For general unlawful content, the takedown window has been reduced from 36 hours to 3 hours after receiving a government or court order.
- The response time for urgent user complaints has been reduced from 72 hours to 36 hours, and grievance redressal must now be completed within 7 days instead of 15 days.

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Ques: The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with which of the following organisations to enhance drug safety and healthcare quality standards in India?

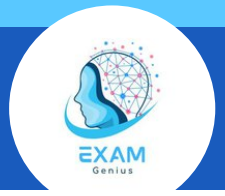
- A) Goa State Pharmacy Council, Quality Council of India, HLL Infra Tech Services Limited
- B) Medical Council of India, NABH, AIIMS
- C) FSSAI, CDSCO, ICMR
- D) NITI Aayog, WHO India, UNICEF
- E) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation only

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission signed three major MoUs to enhance drug safety, pharmacovigilance, and healthcare quality standards across India.
- The first MoU was signed between IPC and the Goa State Pharmacy Council to strengthen pharmacovigilance (drug safety monitoring) and promote professional development of pharmacists in Goa.
- The second MoU was signed with the Quality Council of India to promote healthcare quality, public awareness, and institutional capacity building.
- The third MoU was signed with HLL Infra Tech Services Limited (HITES) to enhance medicine safety and quality standards through professional and technical collaboration and public sector synergy.
- These collaborations aim to improve patient safety, regulatory compliance, and overall healthcare delivery in India.





Ques: Under White Revolution 2.0, the government aims to increase milk procurement to how many lakh kilograms per day by 2028–29?

- A) 850 lakh kg/day
- B) 900 lakh kg/day
- C) 950 lakh kg/day
- D) 1,007 lakh kg/day
- E) 1,100 lakh kg/day

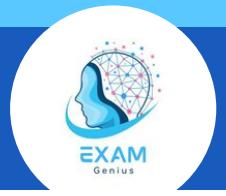
Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Minister of State for Cooperation Murlidhar Mohol informed the Rajya Sabha about the targets under White Revolution 2.0.
- The government aims to increase milk procurement by dairy cooperatives from 660 lakh kg/day to 1,007 lakh kg/day.
- The target is expected to be achieved by the end of 2028–29.
- White Revolution 2.0 aims to raise milk procurement by 50% over the next five years.
- The initiative focuses on expanding dairy cooperative coverage, employment generation, and women's empowerment.
- The government has proposed setting up 75,000 new multipurpose Dairy Cooperative Societies across the country.

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Ques: What did the Supreme Court of India rule regarding the use of stem cell therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?

- A) It can be freely used in all hospitals
- B) It is completely banned for all purposes
- C) It can be used only within officially approved clinical trials
- D) It is declared the standard treatment for autism
- E) It can be used with state government approval only

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Supreme Court of India ruled that stem cell therapy cannot be used as a treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder except within officially approved clinical trials.
- The Court directed the Union Government to establish a specialised regulatory authority for stem cell research.
- It observed that the therapy does not currently meet acceptable standards of medical care due to lack of sufficient scientific evidence regarding safety and effectiveness.
- Stem cells are special human cells capable of developing into different specialised cells such as blood, bone, and muscle, and play an important role in tissue repair and regeneration.

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Ques: Under which Article of the Constitution can the Lok Sabha Speaker be removed from office?

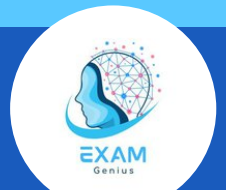
- A) Article 93
- B) Article 94(c)
- C) Article 95
- D) Article 102
- E) Article 85

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The procedure for removal of the Lok Sabha Speaker is governed by Article 94(c) of the Constitution of India.
- As per Article 94(c), the Speaker or Deputy Speaker may be removed by a resolution passed by a majority of all the then members of the House.
- A minimum 14 days' prior notice is mandatory before moving such a resolution.
- Once the motion is admitted, at least 50 members must rise in support of the motion for it to be taken up for discussion.
- Historically, no-confidence motions against Lok Sabha Speakers were moved in 1954, 1966, and 1987. The first such motion was against G. V. Mavalankar in 1954. against Sardar Hukum Singh in 1966 and Balram Jakhar in 1987.
- Despite these attempts, no Lok Sabha Speaker has ever been removed through this constitutional process so far.





Ques: What was India's score in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2025?

- A) 35
- B) 37
- C) 39
- D) 41
- E) 43

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India ranked 91st out of 182 countries in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2025, improving its position by five places compared to the previous year.
- India's CPI score improved by one point to 39.
- The CPI is released annually by Transparency International and measures perceived levels of public sector corruption.
- CPI scores range from 0 to 100, where 0 indicates highly corrupt and 100 indicates very clean.
- Denmark topped CPI 2025 with a score of 89, reflecting very low perceived corruption.
- Selected country scores include: Brazil (35), Mexico (27), Pakistan (28), and Iraq (28).

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Ques: What is the objective of the FORGE Initiative, which India supported recently?

- A) To regulate global oil prices
- B) To strengthen cooperation on critical mineral supply chains
- C) To promote nuclear energy cooperation
- D) To develop global food storage reserves
- E) To create an international space alliance

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- FORGE (Forum on Resource, Geostrategic Engagement) is a global initiative supported by India to strengthen cooperation on critical mineral supply chains.
- It is the successor to the USA-led Mineral Security Partnership and is chaired by Republic of Korea until June 2026.
- The initiative builds on Project Vault, a strategic minerals reserve programme launched by the Donald Trump administration to reduce US dependence on foreign sources.
- FORGE focuses on collaboration among countries to secure critical minerals essential for technology, defense, and clean energy sectors, ensuring resilient and transparent supply chains.
- Funding mechanisms include long-term loans and private sector investment to maintain strategic mineral reserves.
60-day emergency supply buffer.
- Critical minerals such as Lithium, Cobalt, Nickel, Copper, Graphite, Gallium, Germanium, Vanadium, Molybdenum and Rare Earth Elements are vital for clean energy, electronics, and defence but are vulnerable to supply disruptions.





Ques: On whose birth anniversary did President Droupadi Murmu pay tributes on 8 February?

- A) Dr Rajendra Prasad
- B) Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- C) Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed
- D) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- E) Dr Zakir Husain

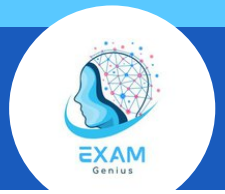
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- On 8 February, President Droupadi Murmu paid tributes on the birth anniversary of Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.
- Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed served as the 5th President of India from 1974 until his death in 1977.
- He was known for his commitment to constitutional values and public service.
- The tribute reflects respect for his contributions to the nation and his legacy in Indian politics.

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Ques: When is the 8th World Pulses Day (WPD) observed, and what is its theme for 2026?

- A) February 9 – Pulses for Nutrition
- B) February 10 – Pulses of the World: From Modesty to Excellence
- C) February 11 – Sustainable Pulses
- D) February 12 – Power of Pulses
- E) February 13 – Global Pulses Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 8th World Pulses Day is observed on February 10.
- The theme for 2026 is “Pulses of the World: From Modesty to Excellence.”
- The global event is being organised in Spain by the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- World Pulses Day emphasises the importance of pulses in nutrition, food security, sustainable agriculture, and global food systems.

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