



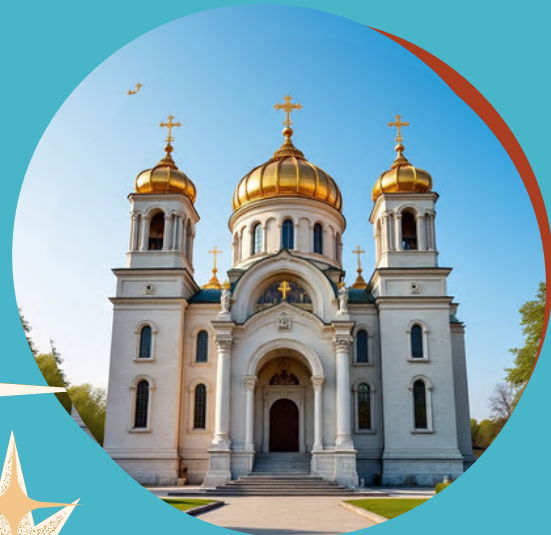
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Ques: From which date will Oman's first polymer one-rial banknote start circulating?

- A) January 1, 2025
- B) January 11, 2026
- C) March 15, 2026
- D) July 1, 2026
- E) December 31, 2026

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Oman has introduced its first-ever polymer one-rial banknote to enhance durability and security.
- The new polymer banknote will officially enter circulation from January 11, 2026.
- Polymer banknotes last longer and are more resistant to wear and tear compared to traditional paper notes.
- The banknote incorporates advanced security features to prevent counterfeiting.
- Its design showcases Oman's cultural heritage and economic achievements.
- This initiative aligns Oman with global best practices in modern currency design.

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Ques: Which regulator has simplified the procedure for issuance of duplicate securities by doubling the monetary threshold for simplified documentation to ₹10 lakh?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- D) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
- E) Ministry of Finance

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has simplified the procedure for issuance of duplicate securities by increasing the monetary threshold for simplified documentation from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh.
- The decision follows a consultation paper issued in November 2025, aimed at improving ease of investor services and bringing uniformity in procedures.
- Investors holding securities valued up to ₹10 lakh will now need to submit fewer documents for reissuance of lost or damaged securities.
- For securities up to ₹10,000, investors can submit a simple undertaking on plain paper.

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Ques: Which company received a Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India to commence operations as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)?

- A) Aryaman Finance (India) Limited
- B) Bajaj Finance Limited
- C) Shriram Finance Limited
- D) Tata Capital Limited
- E) L&T Finance Limited

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Aryaman Finance (India) Limited (AFIL) has received a Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start the business of a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
- The RBI grants NBFC registration under Section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- Following this approval, AFIL will operate as a Type-II NBFC-ND-ICC (Non-Deposit Taking – Investment and Credit Company).

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Ques: Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik set a new world record by creating a giant sand art installation of which figure on Niladri Beach, Puri?

- A) Snowman
- B) Angel
- C) Globe of Earth
- D) Christmas Tree
- E) Santa Claus

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Padma Shri awardee sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik created a spectacular sand art installation of Santa Claus on Niladri Beach, Puri, Odisha, during the Christmas season, setting a new world record.
- The installation was titled “World’s Biggest Apple and Sand Installation of Santa Claus” and uniquely combined sand with apples.
- Around 1.5 tonnes of apples were used, and the sculpture measured approximately 60 feet in length, 22 feet in height, and 45 feet in width.
- The artwork depicts Santa Claus holding a globe, symbolising global peace and harmony, and was created with the help of 30 students from Pattnaik’s Sand Art Institute.

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Ques: Who has been nominated for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 2025 for his outstanding international performances and Olympic achievements?

- A) Harmanpreet Singh
- B) PR Sreejesh
- C) Hardik Singh
- D) Manpreet Singh
- E) Sardar Singh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indian men's hockey team vice-captain and two-time Olympic medallist Hardik Singh has been nominated for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 2025 at the National Sports Awards.
- The Khel Ratna is India's highest sporting honour, comprising a medal, citation, and a cash prize of ₹25 lakh.
- So far, six hockey players—Dhanraj Pillay, Sardar Singh, Rani Rampal, PR Sreejesh, Manpreet Singh, and Harmanpreet Singh—have received the Khel Ratna.
- In 2025, 24 athletes have been selected for the Arjuna Award; no cricketers were included this year.
- The Arjuna Award carries a cash prize of ₹15 lakh.

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Ques: Bharti Enterprises and Warburg Pincus are acquiring how much stake in Haier India?

- A) 26%
- B) 40%
- C) 49%
- D) 51%
- E) 74%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bharti Enterprises and Warburg Pincus will jointly acquire a 49% stake in Haier India.
- After the transaction, Haier Group will retain a 49% stake in the company.
- The remaining 2% stake will be held by the Haier India management team.

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Ques: Who conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) 2025 on children for outstanding achievements?

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Minister for Women & Child Development
- C) Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar
- D) Union Education Minister
- E) President Droupadi Murmu

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- President of India Droupadi Murmu conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) 2025 on 20 children from 18 States and Union Territories.
- The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is awarded to children aged between 5 and 18 years for excellence in bravery, sports, social service, science and technology, environment, and arts & culture.
- A maximum of 25 PMRBP awards are conferred every year.
- The award was instituted for the first time in 1996.

Bravery Award Winners (PMRBP 2025):

- Vyoma Priya (Posthumous) – Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- Kamlesh Kumar (Posthumous) – Kaimur, Bihar
- Muhammed Sidan P – Palakkad, Kerala
- Ajay Raj – Agra, Uttar Pradesh



Art and Culture Award :

- Esther Lalduhawmi Hnamte Lunglei, Mizoram
- Suman Sarkar Nadia, West Bengal(WB)

Environment Award : Pooja Barabanki, UP

Social Service Award :

- Shvan Singh Ferozepur, Punjab
- Vansh Tayal Chandigarh

Science and Technology Award :

- Aishi Prisha Borah Jorhat, Assam
- Arnav Anupriya Maharshi Aurangabad, Maharashtra

Sports Award :

- Shivani Hosuru Uppara Annamayya, Andhra Pradesh(AP)
- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Samastipur, Bihar
- Yogita Mandavi Kondagaon, Chattisgarh
- Vaka Lakshmi Pragnika Surat, Gujarat
- Jyoti Sirsa, Haryana
- Anushka Kumari Ranchi, Jharkhand
- Dhinidhi Desinghu Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Jyoshna Sabar Gajapati, Odisha
- Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana



Ques: Which ministry launched the “Comprehensive Internship Policy for MYAS and its Autonomous Bodies” with an annual budget of ₹5.30 crore?

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- E) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) launched the “Comprehensive Internship Policy for MYAS and its Autonomous Bodies” with an annual budget of ₹5.30 crore.
- The initiative aligns with the key objectives of the National Sports Policy and Khelo Bharat Niti 2025.
- The policy aims to create a strong talent pipeline of sports professionals in areas such as sports governance, administration, sports science, anti-doping, event management, and athlete support services.
- A total of 452 internships will be offered annually across MYAS and its key bodies, including the Sports Authority of India (SAI), National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), and National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).
- Each intern will receive a monthly stipend of ₹20,000.

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Ques: Which Indian city ranked 5th among the world's best food cities in the Global Food City Rankings 2025–26 released by TasteAtlas?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Global Food City Rankings 2025–26 were published by TasteAtlas, a Croatia (Zagreb)–based food and travel guide platform.
- In the latest rankings, Mumbai ranked 5th among the best food cities in the world, making it the highest-ranked Indian city globally.
- Italian cities dominated the rankings, with Italy securing six positions in the global top 10.
- India had six cities featured among the world's top 100 food cities, reflecting the country's rich and diverse culinary heritage.

Ranking of top 5 in Global Food City Rankings 2025–26 :

- 1 Naples
- 2 Milan
- 3 Bologna
- 4 Florence
- 5 Mumbai

Ranking of top Indian cities :

- 5 Mumbai
- 48 Delhi
- 53 Amritsar
- 54 Hyderabad
- 73 Kolkata
- 93 Chennai





Ques: Who became the fastest player to score 16,000 runs in List-A cricket?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Sachin Tendulkar
- D) Kumar Sangakkara
- E) Ricky Ponting

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Virat Kohli became the fastest to score 16,000 runs in List-A cricket, achieving the milestone in just 330 innings.
- He surpassed Sachin Tendulkar, who had reached the same landmark in 391 innings.
- Kohli achieved this feat during Delhi's match against Andhra in the Vijay Hazare Trophy.
- This record further strengthens Kohli's legacy as one of the greatest batsmen in limited-overs cricket.

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Ques: Which missile was successfully test-fired by India from INS Arighaat, enhancing its sea-based nuclear strike capability?

- A) K-4 (Kalam-4)
- B) Agni-5
- C) K-15 Sagarika
- D) Shaurya
- E) BrahMos

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India successfully test-fired the K-4, an intermediate-range Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM), from INS Arighaat in the Bay of Bengal.
- The K-4 missile is also known as Kalam-4, named after Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
- The missile has been indigenously designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- K-4 is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and can be launched from India's Arihant-class submarines.
- The missile was manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).

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Ques: Dhanu Yatra, the world's largest open-air theatre festival, is held in which state?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Odisha
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Dhanu Yatra is an 11-day open-air theatre festival held annually in Bargarh, Odisha, depicting the mythological story of Lord Krishna and King Kansa.
- During the festival, the entire town of Bargarh transforms into the ancient city of Mathura, with streets, palaces, and courtyards acting as live stages, making it the world's largest open-air theatre.
- The festival concludes with the defeat of King Kansa by Lord Krishna.

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Ques: Where is Tesla's first charging station in India located?

- A) Cyber Hub, Gurugram
- B) DLF Horizon Centre, Gurugram
- C) Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai
- D) Connaught Place, New Delhi
- E) Electronic City, Bengaluru

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Tesla has set up its first charging station in India at the DLF Horizon Centre in Gurugram, Haryana.
- The facility is equipped with advanced V4 Superchargers capable of delivering charging speeds of up to 250 kW.
- In addition, destination chargers with a capacity of 11 kW each are also available at the site.
- Using rapid charging, Tesla vehicles can gain up to 275 kilometres of driving range in just 15 minutes.

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Ques: Which city will host the 72nd Senior National Volleyball Championship for men's and women's teams in January 2026?

- A) Prayagraj
- B) Bhopal
- C) Lucknow
- D) Patna
- E) Kashi (Varanasi)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Kashi (Varanasi) will host the 72nd Senior National Volleyball Championship for both men's and women's teams from January 4 to 11, 2026.
- The matches will be held at Dr. Sampurnanand Sports Stadium, Sriga.
- Around 73 teams from across India will participate, with more than 1,000 players expected to compete.
- The championship will feature two mascots: "Nandu", inspired by Nandi symbolising strength, and "Neera", representing the Ganga dolphin to promote environmental awareness.

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Ques: What is the main objective of the SWAMIH-2 Fund?

- A) Financing new luxury housing projects
- B) Providing last-mile funding to stalled housing projects
- C) Promoting rental housing schemes
- D) Funding rural housing under PMAY-G
- E) Supporting affordable smart city projects

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India has launched the SWAMIH-2 Fund with a corpus of ₹15,000 crore to provide last-mile financing to stalled housing projects.
- SWAMIH-2 aims to benefit nearly 1 lakh middle-class homebuyers and builds upon the success of SWAMIH-1, which completed around 55,000 dwelling units.
- The fund focuses on completing commercially viable but stalled residential projects, ensuring possession for homebuyers.

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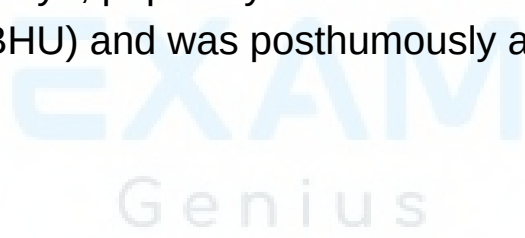
Ques: Who released the book titled 'Mahamana Vangmay: The Collected Works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya (Second Series)' in New Delhi?

- A) C.P. Radhakrishnan
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Vice President of India, C.P. Radhakrishnan, released the book titled 'Mahamana Vangmay: The Collected Works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya' (Second Series) in New Delhi.
- The first series of Mahamana Vangmay was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2023.
- The project was undertaken by the Mahamana Malaviya Mission in partnership with the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, popularly known as "Mahamana", was the founder of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2015.





Ques: PM-YUVA 3.0 scheme is implemented by which organization?

- A) Sahitya Akademi
- B) National Book Trust, India
- C) NCERT
- D) UGC
- E) Ministry of Culture

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PM-YUVA 3.0 (Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors) selects young authors through an All-India contest; 43 authors were chosen in the latest round.
- The scheme is implemented by the National Book Trust (NBT), India, under the Ministry of Education and aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- All selected authors are below 30 years of age, representing 22 Indian languages and English, with 19 women and 24 men.
- Selected authors receive a scholarship of ₹50,000 per month for six months and a lifetime royalty of 10% on their published books.
- Themes include the contribution of the Indian diaspora, Indian Knowledge Systems, and Makers of Modern India (1950–2025).

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Ques: Which organisation developed the new Indian Standard IS 19412:2025 for incense sticks (Agarbatti Specification)?

- A) Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- B) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- C) Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
- D) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- E) Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The new Indian Standard IS 19412:2025 for incense sticks was developed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and released by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi.
- IS 19412:2025 sets comprehensive norms for raw materials, burning performance, fragrance quality, and chemical safety of agarbattis.
- India is the world's largest producer and exporter of agarbattis, with an annual industry value of around ₹8,000 crore and exports worth ₹1,200 crore to over 150 countries.

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Ques: Who inaugurated the National Workshop on “Strengthening of Geospatial Ecosystem” held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D) Jitendra Singh
- E) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Department of Science and Technology (DST) organised the National Workshop on Strengthening of Geospatial Ecosystem at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.
- The theme of the workshop was “Geospatial Mission: An Enabler of Viksit Bharat”.
- The workshop was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh, who was the Chief Guest.
- The National Geospatial Mission, announced in the Union Budget 2025–26, reflects the government’s focus on advanced geospatial technologies.
- The workshop focused on strengthening national geospatial infrastructure and integrating modern geospatial technologies across sectors, including urban planning, environmental monitoring, and infrastructure development.

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Ques: Where was the Param Rudra supercomputer, under India's National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), formally launched for the first time in Bihar?

- A) IIT Gandhinagar
- B) IIT Bhubaneswar
- C) IIT Patna
- D) NIT Patna
- E) IISc Bengaluru

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Param Rudra supercomputer, under India's National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), was formally launched at IIT Patna, marking Bihar's first Param Rudra system.
- The launch ceremony was presided over by Amitesh Kumar Sinha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- In May 2023, an MoU was signed between IIT Patna and C-DAC (under MeitY) for setting up the Param Rudra system.
- NSM, launched in 2015 with a total outlay of ₹4,500 crore, is a flagship initiative of the Government of India to enhance supercomputing capabilities nationally.

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Ques: How much allocation will the Ministry of Textiles receive under the Cotton Productivity Mission?

- A) ₹600 crore
- B) ₹1,100 crore
- C) ₹3,000 crore
- D) ₹4,000 crore
- E) ₹500 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Textiles will receive over ₹1,100 crore, about 22% of the total ₹6,000 crore Cotton Productivity Mission budget.
- The Cotton Productivity Mission is a five-year scheme announced in the Union Budget to revive India's cotton sector by improving productivity and sustainability.
- The scheme aims to benefit cotton farmers and strengthen the entire textile value chain.

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Ques: December 26 is observed in India as which day to honour the martyrdom of the Sahibzadas of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji?

- A) Veer Bal Diwas
- B) National Bravery Day
- C) Shaheedi Diwas
- D) Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti
- E) Martyrs' Remembrance Day

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- December 26 is observed as Veer Bal Diwas to commemorate the martyrdom of the Sahibzadas, the four sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.
- The Sahibzadas were Sahibzada Ajit Singh Ji, Jujhar Singh Ji, Zorawar Singh Ji, and Fateh Singh Ji.
- Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Fateh Singh Ji, the two youngest, were bricked alive at Sirhind (present-day Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab) on December 26, 1704, for refusing to abandon their faith.
- Veer Bal Diwas was instituted in 2022 to honour their courage, sacrifice, and unwavering faith.

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Ques: As per the RBI report, what was the total deposits of payments banks in India as of March 2025?

- A) ₹18,000 crore
- B) ₹22,450 crore
- C) ₹25,605 crore
- D) ₹28,900 crore
- E) ₹30,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to the RBI report, deposits in India's payments banks increased by 57% year-on-year to ₹25,605 crore as of March 2025.
- As of March 2025, a total of six payments banks were operational in India with 81 branches across the country.
- Deposits, including savings and current accounts, accounted for 68.1% of the total liabilities of payments banks.
- On the asset side, investments were mainly in Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) securities due to restrictions on lending.
- Payments banks remained profitable for the third consecutive year in FY25, indicating improving financial stability.

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Ques: Which Russian bank has been authorised by India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry to import gold for FY 2025–26 under the Foreign Trade Policy 2023?

- A) VTB Bank
- B) Gazprombank
- C) Sber Bank
- D) Alfa-Bank
- E) Rosbank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has added Russia's Sber Bank to the list of banks authorised to import gold for FY 2025–26, expanding the authorised importer base.
- The authorisation has been granted under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, as amended from time to time.
- Sber Bank's authorisation is valid from June 25, 2025, to March 31, 2026, and is restricted exclusively to gold imports meant for domestic consumption.
- With this inclusion, Sber Bank becomes the third bank—after Indian Overseas Bank and Union Bank of India—authorised to import only gold during FY 2025–26.

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Ques: Which scheme launched in Union Budget 2024–25 aims to promote early savings and long-term financial security for minors in India?

- A) Atal Pension Yojana
- B) Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana
- C) Public Provident Fund
- D) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana
- E) National Pension System Vatsalya

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The National Pension System Vatsalya (NPS Vatsalya) was announced in the Union Budget 2024–25 on 23 July 2024 and launched by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The scheme is administered and regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- It is a saving-cum-pension scheme for all minor citizens up to 18 years, with the account opened in the name of the minor and operated by a parent or guardian.
- The minimum contribution is ₹1,000 to open the account and ₹1,000 per annum thereafter, with no upper limit on maximum contribution.
- At the age of 18, the account automatically converts into an NPS Tier-I (All Citizen) account, subject to fresh KYC within three months.

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Ques: According to the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2024–25, by how much did the banking system's balance sheet expand during 2024–25?

- A) 9.5%
- B) 10.2%
- C) 11.2%
- D) 12.0%
- E) 12.5%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2024–25, the banking system's balance sheet expanded by 11.2% during the year.
- The total size of the banking system's balance sheet reached ₹312.2 lakh crore in 2024–25.
- During the same period, bank deposits registered a growth of 11.1%.
- Bank credit, including loans and advances, increased by 11.5%, broadly matching the pace of deposit growth.
- Overall, the report reflects steady and balanced growth in India's banking sector.

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Ques: Which institution provided a ₹300 crore loan to the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) issued by Grihum Housing Finance Limited, marking its first-ever RMBS investment in India?

- A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B) World Bank
- C) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- D) New Development Bank (NDB)
- E) International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan of ₹300 crore (about USD 30 million) to the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) issued by Grihum Housing Finance Limited.
- This investment marks IFC's first-ever RMBS investment in India.
- The International Finance Corporation was established in 1956 and is headquartered in Washington, D.C., United States.
- IFC focuses on private sector development in emerging economies by providing investments, advisory services, and asset management.
- The current Managing Director of IFC is Makhtar Diop.

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Ques: As per RBI, how many Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) were operational at the end of FY25?

- A) 1,472
- B) 1,463
- C) 1,457
- D) 1,489
- E) 1,426

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India, the number of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) declined by 15 during FY25, bringing the total down to 1,457.
- The decline in the number of UCBs was mainly due to mergers and cancellation of licences.
- During FY25, a total of 7 mergers of UCBs were carried out, with 6 mergers in Maharashtra and 1 in Telangana.
- In comparison, FY24 witnessed 6 mergers of Urban Co-operative Banks.
- The RBI initiated the consolidation process of UCBs in 2004–05, focusing on amalgamation of weak banks and closure of unviable ones.
- As a result of this long-term consolidation, the total number of UCBs declined steadily from 1,926 in March 2004 to 1,457 in March 2025.



Ques: What percentage of India's Broad Gauge (BG) railway network has been electrified, according to the Ministry of Railways?

- A) 82%
- B) 90%
- C) 95%
- D) 99.2%
- E) 100%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- According to a Ministry of Railways press release, Indian Railways has electrified 99.2% of its Broad Gauge (BG) network, bringing India close to a fully electrified railway system.
- In global comparison, India's electrification level (99.2%) is higher than the UK (39%), Russia (52%), and China (82%).
- A total of 14 railway zones have achieved 100% electrification, and 25 States/UTs are fully electrified.
- Between 2014 and 2025, 46,900 route km were electrified, more than double the 21,801 route km achieved in the previous 60 years.
- In 2023–24, 7,188 route km and in 2024–25, 2,701 route km were electrified.
- Rail transport emits 89% less CO₂ compared to road transport, supporting environmental sustainability.

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Ques: From which date will Australia provide 100% duty-free access to all Indian exports under the India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)?

- A) January 1, 2025
- B) December 29, 2025
- C) January 1, 2026
- D) April 1, 2026
- E) July 1, 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Australia announced that it will provide 100% duty-free access to all Indian exports starting from January 1, 2026.
- This decision has been taken under the India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA).
- The ECTA came into force on December 29, 2022, and the announcement coincides with the third anniversary of the agreement.
- The agreement has significantly boosted Indian exports, enhanced market access, and strengthened supply-chain resilience.
- The announcement was made by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal.

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Ques: Which milestone related to India's space programme was highlighted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 129th episode of Mann Ki Baat aired on 28 December 2025?

- A) Launch of India's first space station module
- B) First Indian spacewalk mission
- C) Shubhanshu Shukla becoming the first Indian to reach the International Space Station
- D) Successful landing of Gaganyaan crew module
- E) Launch of Chandrayaan-4 mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In the 129th episode of Mann Ki Baat aired on 28 December 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reflected on India's achievements in 2025 and outlined aspirations for the coming year.
- He highlighted that Shubhanshu Shukla became the first Indian to reach the International Space Station (ISS), marking a major milestone in India's space journey.
- The year 2025 also marked 150 years of Vande Mataram, celebrated through public participation using the hashtag #VandeMataram150.
- On the environmental front, PM Modi noted that India's cheetah population has crossed 30, indicating success in wildlife conservation.
- He also mentioned archaeological discoveries in Jehanpora, Baramulla (Jammu & Kashmir), revealing Kashmir's 2,000-year-old Buddhist heritage, and paid tribute to Parvati Giri of Odisha ahead of her birth centenary in January 2026.

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Ques: Which authority reinstated Gujarat as a tiger-bearing state after 33 years?

- A) Wildlife Institute of India (WII)
- B) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C) National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
- D) Forest Survey of India (FSI)
- E) None of these

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Gujarat has been officially reinstated as a tiger-bearing state after a gap of 33 years.
- The decision was taken by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).
- The presence of a tiger was confirmed in Ratnamahal Wildlife Sanctuary in central Gujarat.
- With this confirmation, Gujarat will now be included in the All-India Tiger Census.
- Gujarat had earlier lost its 'Tiger State' status in 1992 due to the absence of tigers.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which organisation notified India's first dedicated standard 'IS 19445:2025' for bomb disposal systems to enhance internal security preparedness?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C) Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)
- D) National Security Guard (NSG)
- E) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has notified India's first dedicated standard, 'IS 19445:2025', for bomb disposal systems to strengthen internal security preparedness and safety infrastructure.
- The standard was developed at the request of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratory (TBRL) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Bomb disposal systems covered under the standard include three commonly deployed categories: bomb blankets, bomb baskets, and bomb inhibitors.

About Bureau of Indian Standards:

- Established: 1987
- HQ: New Delhi
- Director General: Sanjay Garg

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which two organisations signed an MoU to strengthen quality control and third-party testing in national highway and infrastructure projects in India?

- A) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and NHAI
- B) National Test House (NTH) and CPWD
- C) National Test House (NTH) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- D) CSIR and NHAI
- E) IITs and NHAI

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Test House (NTH) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to strengthen quality control and third-party testing in national highway and infrastructure projects.
- Under the agreement, NTH will be empanelled as a recognised laboratory for NHAI, and highway construction samples may be sent to NTH laboratories across India for testing and inspection.
- Samples will be tested at NTH's regional laboratories and satellite centres located in Ghaziabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Jaipur, Guwahati, Bengaluru and Varanasi.
- NTH will provide scientific and impartial test results within an optimum time frame through its online MIS portal as well as physical reports.
- Established in 1912, the National Test House functions under the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and has a pan-India presence.

Genius



Ques: What name has TRAI recommended for the new light-touch service authorisation to regulate the sale of foreign telecom service providers' SIM/eSIM cards for M2M/IoT devices meant for export?

- A) International M2M SIM Service Authorisation
- B) Foreign Telecom SIM Authorisation
- C) Global IoT Connectivity Authorisation
- D) Export Telecom Device Authorisation
- E) Cross-Border IoT Service Licence

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released recommendations on a regulatory framework for the sale of foreign telecom service providers' SIM/eSIM cards for use in M2M/IoT devices meant for export.
- TRAI recommended that such sales be regulated through a light-touch service authorisation under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
- The proposed authorisation has been named "International M2M SIM Service Authorisation."
- Any company registered under the Indian Companies Act will be eligible for this authorisation, with NIL entry fee, equity requirement, net-worth requirement, bank guarantee, and authorisation fee; only an application processing fee of ₹5,000 is payable.
- The validity period of the authorisation will be 10 years, and foreign SIM/eSIM cards may be activated in India for testing purposes for a maximum period of six months.



About TRAI :

- Established : 1997
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Anil Kumar Lahoti





Ques: President Droupadi Murmu undertook a submarine sortie onboard which Indian Navy submarine?

- A) INS Arihant
- B) INS Kalvari
- C) INS Vaghsheer
- D) INS Sindhurakshak
- E) INS Vela

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu undertook a dived submarine sortie onboard INS Vaghsheer on the Western Seaboard.
- She embarked the submarine from Karwar Naval Harbour in Karnataka.
- INS Vaghsheer is a Kalvari-class submarine built under Project-75 and is indigenously constructed.
- This marked the maiden submarine sortie undertaken by President Droupadi Murmu.
- She became the second President of India to undertake a submarine sortie, after Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in 2006.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which scheme of the Ministry of MSME aims to promote innovation, rural industry, and entrepreneurship with a focus on skill development, incubation, and job creation in rural areas?

- A) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)
- B) MSME Champions Scheme
- C) ASPIRE Scheme
- D) National SC–ST Hub Scheme
- E) Yashasvini Campaign

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ASPIRE stands for A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industry, and Entrepreneurship and is implemented by the Ministry of MSME.
- The objective of ASPIRE is to promote entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities in rural areas.
- The Government runs outreach and awareness programmes for women and SC/ST entrepreneurs through MSME field offices in collaboration with States/UTs.
- Under the National SC–ST Hub Scheme, capacity building of SC/ST entrepreneurs is undertaken.
- Vendor Development Programmes (VDPs) for SC/ST and women are organised under PMSS, with CPSUs also conducting VDPs.
- As announced in Union Budget 2025, term loans up to ₹2 crore are provided for first-time women, SC, and ST entrepreneurs.
- Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a credit-linked subsidy scheme for self-employment, with 39% women beneficiaries; women receive a higher subsidy of 35%, while the general category gets up to 25%.



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- B) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma
- C) Union Home Minister Amit Shah
- D) Minister of Culture G. Kishan Reddy
- E) Governor of Assam

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the Jyoti–Bishnu International Art Centre in Guwahati, Assam.
- The Jyoti–Bishnu Auditorium has been constructed at a cost of approximately ₹291 crore.
- The centre has been built in memory of two great Assamese litterateurs and artists—Jyoti Prasad Agarwala and Bishnu Prasad Rabha.
- Jyoti Prasad Agarwala made Assam's first film Joymoti, laying the foundation of Assamese cinema.
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About Assam :

- Capital : Dispur
- CM : Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Governor : Lakshman Acharya

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Ques: Who won the Women's Singles title at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships held in Vijayawada?

- A) Tanvi Patri
- B) Ashmita Chaliha
- C) Malvika Bansod
- D) Surya Charishma Tamiri
- E) Aakarshi Kashyap

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Surya Charishma Tamiri from Andhra Pradesh won the Women's Singles crown at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships held in Vijayawada.
- She defeated Tanvi Patri in a closely contested final match.
- In the Men's Singles final, Rithvik Sanjeevi S of Tamil Nadu emerged as the champion after defeating Bharat Raghav in straight games.
- The Senior National Badminton Championships is one of India's most prestigious domestic badminton tournaments.

Winners 2025 – Senior National Badminton Championships:

- Men's Singles: Rithvik Sanjeevi S
- Women's Singles: Surya Charishma Tamiri
- Men's Doubles: A. Hariharan & Ruban Kumar
- Women's Doubles : Shikha Gautam & Ashwini Bhat K
- Mixed Doubles : Sathwik Reddy K & Radhika Sharma



Ques: The Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) and Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) were notified by which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Heavy Industries
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
- D) Ministry of Defence
- E) Ministry of Finance

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) has notified the operational guidelines for two major shipbuilding initiatives—Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) and Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS).
- The objective of these schemes is to strengthen India's domestic shipbuilding capacity and enhance global competitiveness.
- SBFAS has a total corpus of ₹24,736 crore and provides financial assistance ranging from 15% to 25% per vessel, depending on the category.
- SbDS has a budgetary outlay of ₹19,989 crore and focuses on long-term capacity and capability creation in the shipbuilding sector.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where did the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2026 commence with the “Sarv Dharm Pooja”?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
- B) Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt
- C) Red Fort, Delhi
- D) India Gate Lawns, New Delhi
- E) National War Memorial, Delhi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2026 commenced at the Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt, with the “Sarv Dharm Pooja”.
- The month-long camp includes various inter-directorate competitions and events showcasing discipline, leadership, and cultural unity.
- A total of 2,406 cadets, including 898 girl cadets, from 28 states and 8 Union Territories are participating—the highest number ever in RDC history.
- Cadets and officers from 25 Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) are also participating under the Youth Exchange Programme (YEP).
- National Cadet Corps (NCC) was established in 1948, headquartered in New Delhi, and is led by Director General Lt. Gen. Virendra Vats.

Genius





Ques: By when does the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) plan to expand the total number of Aadhaar Seva Kendras to 473 across India?

- A) September 2025
- B) December 2025
- C) September 2026
- D) March 2027
- E) June 2027

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- UIDAI has inaugurated a new Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) at Mangaluru in Dakshina Kannada district, Karnataka.
- UIDAI plans to open a total of 22 Aadhaar Seva Kendras across Karnataka.
- The total number of Aadhaar Seva Kendras across India will be expanded to 473 by September 2026 to improve accessibility and service delivery.
- Aadhaar Seva Kendras provide Aadhaar enrolment, biometric updates, and demographic correction services, especially for adults.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Indian institution will host eight sporting disciplines of the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) 2029?

- A) Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)
- B) National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)
- C) Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- D) Gujarat University
- E) Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, will host eight sporting disciplines of the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) 2029.
- WPFG is a biennial, Olympic-style international event for police, fire, and emergency service personnel.
- RRU will host: Wrist Wrestling, Bench Press, Bodybuilding, Cross Country (10 km), Push–Pull Lifting, Muster, Indoor Rowing, and Darts.
- In 2025, over 9,000 athletes participated in the USA edition, and India won more than 600 medals.
- RRU will also host the 2nd International Olympic Research Conference (IORC) in Gandhinagar from January 27–30, 2026.
- The theme of IORC 2026 is “Building a Sustainable Olympic Ecosystem through Education, Governance and Research.”



Ques: Which institutions signed the Work Plan 2025–27 to strengthen agricultural cooperation between India and Argentina?

- A) ICAR and INTA
- B) Ministry of Agriculture (India) and INTA
- C) ICAR and FAO
- D) NITI Aayog and INTA
- E) ICAR and Ministry of Agriculture, Argentina

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India and Argentina signed the Work Plan 2025–27 in New Delhi to enhance bilateral agricultural cooperation.
- The agreement was signed between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Argentina's National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA).
- Collaboration focuses on agricultural research and technology exchange, natural resource management, and sustainable agronomy practices.
- Sustainable agronomy initiatives include zero tillage, mechanisation, micro-irrigation, and fertigation.
- Other areas include germplasm exchange, expert exchanges, training in advanced agricultural technologies, oilseeds and pulses value chains, agricultural mechanisation (e.g., cotton harvesting machinery), and use of drones in agriculture.

Genius





Ques: Which cricketer became the first bowler in history to take eight wickets in a men's T20 International match?

- A) Sonam Yeshey
- B) Wanindu Hasaranga
- C) Rashid Khan
- D) Mustafizur Rahman
- E) Kuldeep Yadav

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Sonam Yeshey of Bhutan became the first bowler in men's T20 International history to take eight wickets in a single match.
- This achievement occurred during the third T20I against Myanmar at Gelephu.
- The 22-year-old left-arm spinner took 8 wickets for just 7 runs in 4 overs, including a maiden over.
- His economy rate of 1.80 made it one of the best bowling performances in T20I history.
- This historic feat sets a new benchmark in men's T20I cricket.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: How many lenders are live on RBI's Unified Lending Interface (ULI) platform as of December 12, 2025?

- A) 52
- B) 58
- C) 60
- D) 64
- E) 70

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- As of December 12, 2025, 64 lenders are live on the Reserve Bank of India's Unified Lending Interface (ULI) platform.
- These include 41 banks and 23 Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- Lenders are using 136+ data services across 12 different loan journeys through ULI.
- Data services cover authentication and verification, land records from 8 states, satellite data, property search, dairy insights, transliteration, and credit guarantee services.
- ULI operates on a standardised, open API-based, plug-and-play architecture, removing the need for complex one-to-one integrations.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Rediff.com India Limited has received final approval from which organisation to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) for its digital payments platform 'RediffPay'?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY)
- C) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- D) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- E) Department of Financial Services (DFS)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rediff.com India Limited, a subsidiary of Infibeam Avenues Limited, received final approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP).
- After receiving approval, the company initiated Closed User Group (CUG) testing of its digital payments platform RediffPay.
- This testing phase is being conducted prior to the public launch of RediffPay on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which insurance company was penalised ₹1 crore by IRDAI for serious lapses related to claims settlement, policyholder protection, and corporate governance?

- A) Star Health and Allied Insurance
- B) Care Health Insurance
- C) HDFC ERGO Health Insurance
- D) Niva Bupa Health Insurance
- E) ICICI Lombard Health Insurance

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a ₹1 crore penalty on Care Health Insurance after a remote inspection.
- The penalty was due to serious lapses in claims settlement, policyholder protection, and corporate governance.
- Issues noted included failure in grievance redressal, cybersecurity lapses, lack of transparency in claims settlement, reinsurance accounting irregularities, and improper handling of unidentified proposal deposits.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: As per RBI data, what was the total value of bank frauds reported in the first half of FY26 (H1FY26)?

- A) ₹16,569 crore
- B) ₹18,336 crore
- C) ₹21,515 crore
- D) ₹25,000 crore
- E) ₹17,501 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per RBI data, banks reported 5,092 fraud cases amounting to ₹21,515 crore during H1FY26.
- The largest share of fraud value was related to advances (loans), accounting for ₹17,501 crore across 4,255 cases.
- Other fraud areas included deposits, foreign exchange transactions, and card/internet-based frauds.
- Compared to H1FY25 (₹16,569 crore), the value increased while the number of cases declined in FY26.
- RBI clarified that the rise in value was mainly due to reclassification and re-reporting of earlier fraud cases.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: 'Gaj', the premium metal credit card, has been launched by which bank and is available exclusively for which category of customers?

- A) HDFC Bank – Mass Retail Customers
- B) Axis Bank – Corporate Clients
- C) ICICI Bank – Premium Salary Account Holders
- D) IDFC First Bank – High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs)
- E) SBI – Wealth Management Clients

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- 'Gaj' is a premium metal credit card launched by IDFC First Bank Limited on an invitation-only basis.
- The card is available exclusively for High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs).
- The joining fee for the 'Gaj' credit card is ₹12,500 plus applicable GST.
- 'Gaj' represents the top tier of IDFC First Bank's premium metal credit card series known as the Ashva–Mayura–Gaj trilogy.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: How much does the Government of India plan to borrow through short-term Treasury Bills (T-Bills) over 12 weeks in Q4 of the current financial year?

- A) ₹2.47 lakh crore
- B) ₹3.94 lakh crore
- C) ₹3.50 lakh crore
- D) ₹4.10 lakh crore
- E) ₹3.84 lakh crore

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The **Government** of India plans to borrow ₹3.84 lakh crore through short-term Treasury Bills over 12 weeks in Q4 to meet short-term funding requirements.
- Weekly T-Bill auctions will range between ₹29,000 crore and ₹35,000 crore, as per the Finance Ministry.
- The planned Q4 borrowing is ₹10,000 crore lower than the ₹3.94 lakh crore raised in Q4 of the previous financial year.
- Earlier, the government had announced a Q3 T-Bill auction calendar of ₹2.47 lakh crore, which ended on 31 December 2025.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Who published the Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2024–25 (10th Edition)?

- A) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Reserve Bank of India
- E) National Statistical Office

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2024–25 (10th Edition) has been published by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- It provides a consolidated and comparable statistical database for Indian States and Union Territories, with time-series data from 1951 onwards.
- The handbook is prepared by the Regional Economy Monitoring Division (REMD) under the Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR) of RBI.
- The 10th edition introduces a new External Sector section and includes 11 new state-wise statistical tables, improving regional analysis.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which digital payment system accounted for the largest share in transaction volume during FY 2024–25?

- A) RTGS
- B) NEFT
- C) IMPS
- D) UPI
- E) Cheques

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- As per RBI data, digital payments continued to dominate India's payment ecosystem during FY 2024–25.
- In volume terms, digital payments grew by about 35%, driven mainly by small-value retail transactions.
- UPI emerged as the digital payment system with the largest share in transaction volume, reflecting its widespread use for everyday payments.
- In contrast, RTGS accounted for the largest share in value terms, as it is used primarily for high-value transactions.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme – UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), how many routes have been operationalised across India as of 30 November?

- A) 512
- B) 589
- C) 651
- D) 702
- E) 725

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme – UDAN, a total of 651 routes have been operationalised across India as of 30 November.
- The scheme aims to enhance regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable.
- UDAN has connected 93 unserved and underserved airports, along with 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes.
- Around 157 lakh passengers have benefited so far, with approximately 3.27 lakh UDAN flights operated.
- The scheme was launched on 21 October 2016 and is implemented by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which state has become the first in India to host the Indian Artificial Intelligence Research Organization (IAIRO), approved to be set up at GIFT City?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Gujarat Government granted in-principle approval for setting up the Indian Artificial Intelligence Research Organization (IAIRO) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- With this initiative, Gujarat has become the first state in India to host a dedicated AI research organization.
- IAIRO is scheduled to become operational from 1 January 2026.
- The organization will be established as a non-profit SPV under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- It will be set up through a tripartite partnership involving the Gujarat Government, Government of India, and the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA).
- The total five-year budget of ₹300 crore will be shared equally among the three partners.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where was the maiden flight test of the Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR-120) successfully conducted?

- A) Integrated Test Range, Chandipur
- B) Pokhran Test Range
- C) Abdul Kalam Island
- D) Mahendragiri Test Facility
- E) Balasore Firing Range

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The maiden flight test of the Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR-120) was successfully conducted at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur.
- पिनाका लॉन्ग रेंज गाइडेड रॉकेट (LRGR-120) का प्रथम उड़ान परीक्षण इंटीग्रेटेड टेस्ट रेंज (ITR), चांदीपुर में सफलतापूर्वक किया गया।
- The test validated the rocket's maximum strike range of 120 km.
- इस परीक्षण में रॉकेट की 120 किमी की अधिकतम मारक क्षमता का सत्यापन किया गया।
- LRGR-120 has been designed by ARDE in collaboration with HEMRL, with support from DRDL and RCI.
- LRGR-120 को ARDE, HEMRL, DRDL और RCI के सहयोग से विकसित किया गया है।
- The Pinaka system is named after "Pinaka", the celestial bow of Lord Shiva, and was developed by DRDO as an indigenous alternative to the BM-21 Grad system.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which major telecom policy document was released by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to manage and allocate radio-frequency spectrum in India with effect from 30 December 2025?

- A) National Digital Communications Policy 2024
- B) Indian Telegraph Spectrum Policy
- C) National Broadband Mission Plan
- D) National Frequency Allocation Plan 2025
- E) Spectrum Harmonisation Framework

Answer: Option D

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) released the National Frequency Allocation Plan 2025 (NFAP-2025) to manage and allocate radio-frequency spectrum in India.
- NFAP-2025 came into effect on 30 December 2025.
- It serves as a key reference document for spectrum managers, telecom operators, and equipment manufacturers.
- The plan supports future communication needs including 5G, 6G, and satellite services, aligned with global standards.
- NFAP-2025 allocates spectrum across a wide frequency range from 8.3 kHz to 3000 GHz.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Who inaugurated and flagged off the inaugural flight of the indigenous next-generation civil helicopter Dhruv-NG in Bengaluru?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Jyotiraditya Scindia
- C) Ram Mohan Naidu
- D) Nitin Gadkari
- E) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer: Option C

Explanation: • Union Minister for Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu inaugurated and flagged off the inaugural flight of the indigenous next-generation civil helicopter Dhruv-NG at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) facilities in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

- Dhruv-NG has been developed by HAL as an Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) in the 5.5-tonne class.
- It is a light twin-engine, multi-role civil helicopter powered by twin Shakti 1H1C engines.
- The helicopter can carry up to 14 passengers, with a maximum speed of 285 km/h and a range of 630 km.
- It features a civil-certified glass cockpit, a service ceiling of 6,000 metres, and a payload capacity of up to 1,000 kg, strengthening India's indigenous civil aviation capabilities.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: INSV Kaundinya, recently in news, is based on which historical source?

- A) Ajanta cave paintings
- B) Konark temple carvings
- C) Harappan dockyard remains
- D) Indus Valley seals
- E) Sun temple manuscripts

Answer: Option A

Explanation: • INSV Kaundinya is an engineless, indigenously built stitched sailing vessel of the Indian Navy.

- The vessel sailed on its maiden overseas voyage from Porbandar (Gujarat) to Muscat (Oman).
- The journey covers about 1,400 km and is expected to take around 15 days, using wind and oars for propulsion.
- The expedition aims to revive and showcase India's ancient maritime heritage and historic sea routes linking India with Oman.
- The vessel is based on a 5th-century CE ship depicted in Ajanta cave paintings.
- INSV Kaundinya was launched in February 2025 at Goa.
- It was built using ancient stitched-shipbuilding techniques by traditional artisans under master shipwright Babu Sankaran.
- The project was undertaken under a tripartite MoU between the Ministry of Culture, Indian Navy, and M/s Hodi Innovations.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which ministry is responsible for implementing Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0, under which more than 53 lakh candidates were trained in the last five years?

- A) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- B) Ministry of Education
- C) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Answer: Option A

Explanation: • PMKVY 4.0 is implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

- Over the last five years, more than 53 lakh candidates have been trained under PMKVY.
- Around 70.5% of surveyed candidates were placed in their desired skill sectors.
- PMKVY is a flagship skill development scheme launched in 2015 and implemented through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- The scheme focuses on short-term training, certification, and placement for industry-relevant skills.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What was the theme of the 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries held in New Delhi?

- A) Cooperative Federalism for New India
- B) Governance Reforms and Digital India
- C) Human Capital for Viksit Bharat
- D) Inclusive Growth and Social Justice
- E) Innovation and Sustainable Development

Answer: Option C

Explanation: • The 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries was held in New Delhi and chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- The theme of the conference was “Human Capital for Viksit Bharat.”
- The theme emphasized the role of human development in achieving the vision of a developed India.
- Focus areas included early childhood education, schooling, skilling, higher education, and sports & extracurricular activities.

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Ques: Which bird species' breeding habitats were approved for protection during the 68th Executive Committee meeting of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)?

- A) Sarus Crane
- B) Great Indian Bustard
- C) Lesser Flamingo
- D) Black-necked Stork
- E) Indian Skimmer

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The 68th Executive Committee meeting of NMCG focused on ensuring uninterrupted and unpolluted flow of the Ganga and its tributaries.
- The committee approved protection of breeding habitats of sandbar-nesting birds, specifically the Indian Skimmer.
- Nest monitoring will continue in Chambal and Lower Ganga regions, expanding to Bijnor, Narora, and Prayagraj.
- This initiative adds avifauna conservation to NMCG's existing programmes for dolphins, turtles, and muggers.
- Local communities will be trained to minimize human disturbance on sandbars and support awareness and conservation activities.

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- Under Nature-Based Solutions (NbS), in-situ treatment of drains at Shastri Park, Gaushala, and Kailash Nagar/Ramesh Nagar in Delhi was approved to rejuvenate the Yamuna.
- Raw sewage will be treated on-site using eco-friendly methods such as rock filters, stone masonry, and aquatic plants before entering the Yamuna.
- Revised infrastructure approvals were granted for projects in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal to maintain project momentum.
- A master plan was approved to restore the sanctity of the Gomti River's origin at Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh.

About National Mission for Clean Ganga :

- Launched in : 2011 under the Societies Registration Act 1860
- Flagship Program : Namami Gange (launched in June 2014)
- Parent Ministry : Ministry of Jal Shakti
- implemented by : National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of River Ganga

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Ques : Who is the author of the political memoir “107 Days”?

- A) Hillary Clinton
- B) Michelle Obama
- C) Kamala Harris
- D) Nikki Haley
- E) Condoleezza Rice

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- “107 Days” is a political memoir authored by Kamala Harris.
- The book recounts her 107-day presidential campaign journey and highlights key political experiences.
- Kamala Harris served as the 49th Vice President of the United States (2021–2025) under President Joe Biden.
- She is the first woman, first African-American, and first Asian-American to hold the Vice President position in U.S. history.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Interim Director General (DG) of the National Investigation Agency (NIA)?

- A) Sadanand Vasant Date
- B) Rakesh Asthana
- C) Ajit Doval
- D) Alok Verma
- E) Rakesh Agarwal

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Rakesh Agarwal, currently serving as the Special Director General of NIA, has been appointed as the Interim Director General (DG) of the agency.
- He will hold the additional charge until a regular DG is appointed or further orders are issued.
- Rakesh Agarwal has succeeded Sadanand Vasant Date in this role.
- The National Investigation Agency (NIA), established in 2008 after the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, is India's premier counter-terrorism agency, investigating terrorism, terror financing, and organized crime affecting national security.

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Ques: Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS) has entered into a strategic partnership with which institution to strengthen ethical governance in EPFO?

- A) IC Centre for Governance (ICCFG)
- B) Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)
- C) Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA)
- D) National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM)
- E) Centre for Good Governance (CGG)

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- PDUNASS, the apex training institution of EPFO, has partnered with the IC Centre for Governance (ICCFG) to strengthen ethical governance.
- This collaboration complements EPFO's 2025 operational reforms, such as the simplified withdrawal framework and centralized pension payment system.
- With increasing automation reducing manual processes, the partnership aims to ensure higher standards of moral judgment in complex and discretionary cases.
- The PDUNASS–ICCFG collaboration aims to ensure that the human element of governance keeps pace with the growing digital systems.
- PDUNASS is the premier learning and research institute of EPFO under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, and plays a key role in capacity building aligned with Labour Codes and Digital India initiatives.
- The IC Centre for Governance (ICCFG) is a reputed non-profit institution dedicated to strengthening ethical governance through executive education and policy dialogue for senior civil servants and PSU leaders.
- ICCFG's "Ethics in Public Governance" modules are widely recognised for their practical relevance and transformative impact on public administration.

About EPFO :

- Established : 1952
- HQ : New Delhi
- Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC) : Ramesh Krishnamurthi



Ques: What is the total value of defence contracts signed by the Ministry of Defence for the procurement of CQB Carbines and Heavy Weight Torpedoes?

- A) ₹3,500 crore
- B) ₹4,200 crore
- C) ₹4,666 crore
- D) ₹5,100 crore
- E) ₹6,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Ministry of Defence signed defence contracts worth ₹4,666 crore in New Delhi.
- A ₹2,770 crore contract was signed with Bharat Forge Limited and PLR Systems Pvt. Ltd. for procurement of over 4 lakh CQB Carbines for the Indian Army and Navy.
- Another contract worth ₹1,896 crore was signed with WASS Submarine Systems S.R.L., Italy for Heavy Weight Torpedoes.
- These procurements aim to modernise India's armed forces by replacing legacy weapons and strengthening underwater warfare capability.

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Ques: Who became the highest wicket-taker in Women's T20 International cricket by claiming her 152nd wicket?

- A) Deepti Sharma
- B) Ellyse Perry
- C) Jhulan Goswami
- D) Megan Schutt
- E) Anisa Mohammed

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Deepti Sharma became the highest wicket-taker in Women's T20 International cricket by claiming her 152nd wicket.
- She achieved this milestone during the 5th T20I against Sri Lanka at Thiruvananthapuram.
- Deepti Sharma surpassed Australia's Megan Schutt, who held the previous record with 151 wickets.
- With this achievement, Deepti Sharma now tops the all-time Women's T20I wicket-takers list.

EXAM
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Ques: Who was Bangladesh's first female Prime Minister, who served two terms and was later honoured with the 'Mother of Democracy' award?

- A) Sheikh Hasina
- B) Rasheda Choudhury
- C) Benazir Bhutto
- D) Khaleda Mashraf
- E) Begum Khaleda Zia

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- **Begum** Khaleda Zia was Bangladesh's first female Prime Minister and served two terms: 1991–1996 and 2001–2006.
- She was the chairperson of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), which she joined in 1982.
- In 2022, she was honoured with the 'Mother of Democracy' award by the Canadian Human Rights International Organization (CHRIO).
- She was the second female Prime Minister in the Muslim world, after Benazir Bhutto.

EXAM
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Ques: The nationwide campaign “Your Money, Your Right” was concluded by which department?

- A) Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)
- B) Department of Financial Services (DFS)
- C) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- E) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Answer: B) Department of Financial Services (DFS)

Explanation:

The Department of Financial Services (DFS) concluded the nationwide campaign “Your Money, Your Right” on January 1, 2026.

The campaign was launched on October 4, 2025, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, and ran for three months until December 31, 2025.

It focused on three pillars: Awareness, Access, and Action, guided by the principle of Antyodaya.

Conducted across 748 districts, the campaign helped return around ₹4,200 crore of unclaimed assets to rightful owners or heirs.

At launch, it was estimated that the Indian financial system held over ₹1.84 lakh crore in unclaimed assets (bank deposits, insurance, dividends).





Ques: Which institution, in partnership with IDFC First Bank, launched a new cohort under the IGNITE programme to support technology startups?

- A) Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi
- B) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Atal Innovation Mission
- E) Startup India

Answer: A) Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi

Explanation:

The Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT), the technology transfer and incubation arm of IIT Delhi, launched a new cohort of 15 startups under the Innovation Growth & Nurturing Initiative for Technology Entrepreneurs (IGNITE) programme.

The programme has been launched in partnership with IDFC First Bank.

IGNITE is implemented as part of IDFC First Bank's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, in collaboration with FITT.

Each selected startup receives non-dilutive funding of up to ₹30 lakh.

Mentorship is provided by IIT faculty, industry experts, and CSR leaders from IDFC First Bank.



Ques: Which two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding to implement a nationwide Contact Point Verification system for Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs)?

- A) Department of Posts and RBI
- B) Department of Posts and SIDBI
- C) SIDBI and NABARD
- D) Ministry of MSME and SIDBI
- E) India Post Payments Bank and SIDBI

Answer: B) Department of Posts and SIDBI

Explanation:

The Department of Posts and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed a landmark MoU to implement a nationwide Contact Point Verification system.

The initiative targets Informal Micro Enterprises registered on the Udyam Assist Platform (UAP).

The objective is to provide banks and NBFCs with reliable and verified data, enabling them to extend credit under Priority Sector Lending with greater confidence.

The app captures geo-tagged photographs of business premises to prevent ghost or fraudulent registrations.

After successful verification, IMEs receive a Udyam Assist Certificate, treated at par with regular Udyam Registration for banking purposes.



About SIDBI :

- Established : 1990
- HQ : Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Chairman & MD : Manoj Mittal





Ques: Which country has introduced a new national currency with redesigned banknotes removing portraits of former leaders and undergoing redenomination?

- A) Lebanon
- B) Iraq
- C) Syria
- D) Jordan
- E) Egypt

Answer: C) Syria

Explanation:

Syria has introduced a new national currency with redesigned banknotes.

The new banknotes have removed the portraits of former leader Bashar al-Assad and his father Hafez al-Assad, which previously appeared on the 2,000 and 1,000 pound notes.

The redesigned currency features agricultural and cultural symbols such as roses, wheat, olives, oranges, and mulberries, reflecting Syria's historical heritage.

The currency has undergone redenomination by removing two zeros to simplify daily transactions.

Under the new system, 100 old Syrian pounds equal 1 new Syrian pound.

New denominations include 10, 25, 50, 100, 200, and 500 Syrian pounds.

The exchange period began on January 1, 2026, and will continue for 90 days, during which both old and new banknotes will circulate simultaneously.



Ques: Under the RBI's Scale-Based Regulation (SBR) framework for NBFCs, which layer accounts for the largest share of total NBFC assets?

- A) Base Layer (NBFC-BL)
- B) Middle Layer (NBFC-ML)
- C) Upper Layer (NBFC-UL)
- D) Top Layer
- E) All layers have equal share

Answer: B) Middle Layer (NBFC-ML)

Explanation:

The RBI introduced the Scale-Based Regulation (SBR) framework for NBFCs in 2022, classifying NBFCs into layers based on size, risk profile, and systemic importance.

The Middle Layer (NBFC-ML) includes all deposit-taking NBFCs and non-deposit-taking NBFCs with assets of ₹1,000 crore and above.

This layer accounts for the largest share, 64.6% of total NBFC assets.

The Base Layer has a share of 5.2%, while the Upper Layer accounts for 30.2% of total NBFC assets.





Ques: Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL) is India's first NBFC dedicated exclusively to which sector?

- A) Road Infrastructure
- B) Power & Energy
- C) Maritime Sector
- D) Aviation Sector
- E) Railway Infrastructure

Answer: C) Maritime Sector

Explanation:

Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL) has formally commenced its lending operations, marking a historic milestone.

It is India's first Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) dedicated exclusively to the maritime sector.

SMFCL approved loans worth ₹4,300 crore during its 51st Board Meeting and is targeting a loan book of ₹8,000 crore by the end of the current financial year.

The Board has approved an overall borrowing limit of ₹25,000 crore.

Major beneficiaries include a Greenfield Port Project (₹4,000 crore), Dredging Corporation of India (₹150 crore), and Goa Shipyard (₹110 crore) for indigenous shipbuilding.

SMFCL is the nodal agency for the Maritime Development Fund (MDF) with a total corpus of ₹25,000 crore, comprising the Maritime Investment Fund (₹20,000 crore) and the Interest Incentivisation Fund (₹5,000 crore).



Ques: What was the total number of UPI transactions recorded in December 2025, marking an all-time high?

- A) 18.45 billion
- B) 19.80 billion
- C) 20.12 billion
- D) 21.63 billion
- E) 22.90 billion

Answer: D) 21.63 billion

Explanation:

India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) recorded an all-time high of 21.63 billion transactions in December 2025.

The total transaction value during the month stood at ₹27.97 lakh crore.

Transaction volumes grew by 29% year-on-year, while transaction value increased by 20%.

On average, UPI handled about 698 million transactions per day with a daily transaction value of ₹90,217 crore.

In the calendar year 2025, UPI recorded around 228 billion transactions worth nearly ₹300 lakh crore, compared to 172 billion transactions worth ₹246.82 lakh crore in 2024.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Berkshire Hathaway after legendary investor Warren Buffett resigned?

- A) Charlie Munger
- B) Ajit Jain
- C) Gregory Abel
- D) Howard Buffett
- E) Mark Carney

Answer: C) Gregory Abel

Explanation:

Legendary investor Warren Buffett resigned as the CEO of Berkshire Hathaway.

Buffett had been leading Berkshire Hathaway since 1965, shaping it into one of the world's most successful conglomerates.

Gregory Abel has been appointed as the new CEO following Buffett's resignation.

Prior to this, Abel served as Vice Chairman and was widely regarded as Buffett's successor.

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Ques: The first-ever Vande Bharat Sleeper Train will operate between which two cities?

- A) New Delhi – Mumbai
- B) Guwahati – Howrah
- C) Chennai – Bengaluru
- D) Patna – Kolkata
- E) Secunderabad – Visakhapatnam

Answer: B) Guwahati – Howrah

Explanation:

The first-ever Vande Bharat Sleeper Train will operate between Guwahati (Assam) and Howrah (West Bengal).

The train will be flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in January.

It will consist of 16 coaches: 11 AC three-tier, 4 AC two-tier, and 1 AC first-class coach, with a total capacity of about 823 passengers.

Developed by Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) using Integral Coach Factory (ICF) technology, it is a semi-high-speed train with a design speed of up to 180 kmph.

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Ques: Which institution has partnered with Vertiv to establish the Centre for Cooling Solutions focused on AI-powered data centres?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- B) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
- C) Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru
- D) National Institute of Technology Surathkal
- E) Indian Institute of Technology Madras

Answer: B) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Explanation:

The Centre for Cooling Solutions has been established at IIT Bombay in partnership with global infrastructure solutions company Vertiv.

The centre focuses on developing advanced cooling technologies for AI-powered data centres.

The initiative addresses rising thermal and power challenges in data centres due to rapid AI adoption in Indian businesses.

GPU power consumption is expected to rise sharply by 2025, increasing the need for efficient cooling solutions.

The initial project involves designing a dry cooler with 40 kilowatt liquid cooling capacity, tested at IIT Bombay's Heat Pump Laboratory.

Industry-level evaluation will be carried out at Vertiv's facility in Pune.



Ques: The redeveloped 'Batadrava Than', inaugurated recently, is the birthplace of which Vaishnavite saint?

- A) Srimanta Sankardeva
- B) Madhavdeva
- C) Chaitanya Mahaprabhu
- D) Ramananda
- E) Vallabhacharya

Answer: A) Srimanta Sankardeva

Explanation:

The redeveloped Batadrava Than is located in Borduwa village, Nagaon district, Assam, and was inaugurated by Union Minister Amit Shah.

It is the sacred birthplace of Vaishnavite saint Srimanta Sankardeva, a major cultural and religious landmark of Assam.

The site promotes Assamese literature, music, dance, and the spiritual teachings of Srimanta Sankardeva.

Batadrava Than is part of Assam's Vaishnavite pilgrimage circuit, including Borduwa, Majuli's monastic centres, and Koch Behar.

The redevelopment, named Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardeva Abhirbhav Kshetra, was completed at a cost of over ₹222 crore.

Srimanta Sankardeva (1449–1568) founded Ekasarana (Neo-Vaishnavism) and enriched Assamese culture through Sattriya dance, Borgeet, and Ankia Naat.



Ques: Where was the 'Cyient AI Labs (CyAILS) – VijAlpatha' pilot initiative launched to promote AI, STEM and Robotics education in government schools?

- A) Amaravati PU College, Bengaluru
- B) Hosapete taluk, Vijayanagara, Karnataka
- C) Kalaburagi, Karnataka
- D) Mysuru, Karnataka
- E) Hubballi, Karnataka

Answer: B) Hosapete taluk, Vijayanagara, Karnataka

Explanation:

The 'Cyient AI Labs (CyAILS) – VijAlpatha' pilot initiative was launched at a girls' government school in Hosapete taluk, Vijayanagara district, Karnataka by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The initiative aims to democratize access to AI, STEM, and Robotics education in government schools.

Launched collaboratively by the Cyient Foundation and the Government of Karnataka, the programme is a three-year pilot with an approximate budget of ₹1 crore.

It is structured in two phases: Phase 1 involves pilot implementation in five schools, and Phase 2 focuses on national-level expansion.

The programme benefits over 2,000 students from Classes 6 to 10, including nearly 1,200 girls at Amaravati PU College, Bengaluru.



Ques: Which hospital achieved a historic medical milestone by performing India's first-ever 3D Flex Aqueous Angiography integrated with iStent?

- A) Army Hospital (Research & Referral), Delhi Cantt
- B) All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi
- C) Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi
- D) Command Hospital, Pune
- E) Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh

Answer: A) Army Hospital (Research & Referral), Delhi Cantt

Explanation:

The Ophthalmology Department at Army Hospital (Research & Referral), Delhi Cantt performed India's first-ever 3D Flex Aqueous Angiography combined with iStent surgery.

This marks the first integration in India of 3D Flex Aqueous Angiography with the iStent, a tiny titanium implant used in glaucoma treatment.

The procedure used a stand-mounted Spectralis System to map the eye's drainage pathways in real time using a safe dye.

A 3D operating microscope provided surgeons with a high-definition, magnified view of the eye's internal structures.

This achievement represents a major advancement in ophthalmic imaging and minimally invasive glaucoma surgery in India.



Ques: As of 31 October 2025, what was India's total installed electricity generation capacity, and what major renewable energy milestone did the country achieve in 2025?

- A) 4,85,000 MW; 40% non-fossil capacity in 2025
- B) 5,05,023 MW; 50% installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources
- C) 5,20,000 MW; 45% renewable capacity achieved
- D) 4,95,600 MW; 500 GW renewable capacity achieved
- E) 5,10,000 MW; NDC target achieved exactly on time

Answer: B) 5,05,023 MW; 50% installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources

Explanation:

As of 31 October 2025, India's total installed electricity generation capacity was 5,05,023 MW.

Of this, 2,45,600 MW came from fossil-fuel-based sources, while 2,59,423 MW was from non-fossil fuel sources.

Renewable Energy (RE) alone accounted for 2,50,643 MW of installed capacity.

In June 2025, India achieved a key milestone: 50% of its installed electricity capacity came from non-fossil sources, over 5 years ahead of its NDC target under the Paris Agreement.

India's long-term target is 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030.

To promote renewable energy, the government waived Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) charges for solar and wind projects commissioned by 30 June 2025, green hydrogen projects till December 2030, and offshore wind projects till December 2032.



Ques: PathGennie, recently in news, is related to which field?

- A) Space exploration
- B) Climate modelling
- C) Drug discovery
- D) Cyber security
- E) Quantum computing

Answer: C) Drug discovery

Explanation:

PathGennie is an open-source software developed by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

It is designed to fast-track drug discovery by accurately simulating molecular processes.

The software predicts how drug molecules unbind from protein targets without artificial bias.

It uses direction-guided adaptive sampling to generate realistic reaction pathways within picoseconds.

PathGennie also provides quick estimates of drug residence time and relative binding strength (k_{off}).

Being open-source, it promotes collaborative research and innovation in drug development.



Ques: What is the full form of Mission Karmayogi launched by the Government of India?

- A) National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building
- B) National Policy for Civil Services Capability Building
- C) National Programme for Capacity Building of Bureaucracy
- D) National Platform for Civil Services Training
- E) New Programme for Civil Services Reforms

Answer: A) National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building

Explanation:

Mission Karmayogi is officially known as the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB).

Launched by the Government of India in September 2020 with a budget of ₹510.86 crore (2020–2025).

Its objective is to build the capacity of civil servants to meet evolving citizen-centric governance needs.

The mission follows a competency-driven, role-based approach rather than a rule-based training system.

It covers Group A to Group C civil services and emphasizes continuous learning and upskilling.

Training is delivered through the iGOT Karmayogi digital platform, supporting online, face-to-face, and blended modes.



Ques: Who was awarded the IFFCO Sahitya Samman 2025?

- A) Ankita Jain
- B) Mridula Garg
- C) Maitreyi Pushpa
- D) Pratibha Ray
- E) Uday Prakash

Answer: C) Maitreyi Pushpa

Explanation:

IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited) conferred the IFFCO Sahitya Samman 2025.

The award was presented to renowned Hindi fiction writer Maitreyi Pushpa for her outstanding contribution to literature.

At the same ceremony, the IFFCO Yuva Sahitya Samman was awarded to Ankita Jain for her book "Oh Re! Kisan".

The awards were presented by IFFCO Chairman Dilip Sanghani.

The objective of these awards is to promote contemporary Hindi literature and encourage young literary talent.



Ques: The Market Access Support (MAS) Scheme is a part of which larger government mission?

- A) National Foreign Trade Policy Mission
- B) Export Promotion Mission
- C) Make in India Export Mission
- D) MSME Development Mission
- E) Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Mission

Answer: B) Export Promotion Mission

Explanation:

The Market Access Support (MAS) Scheme strengthens India's export ecosystem by improving global reach, export visibility, market access, and long-term competitiveness.

The scheme has a total outlay of ₹4,531 crore and will be implemented during FY 2026–31.

MAS Scheme is part of the ₹25,060 crore Export Promotion Mission, approved by the Union Cabinet in November 2025.

It supports activities such as international trade fairs, buyer-seller meets, mega reverse buyer-seller meets in India, and trade delegations to priority and emerging markets.

MSMEs and first-time exporters are the primary beneficiaries, with a mandatory minimum of 35% MSME participation in supported events.



Ques: From which date did the first batch of provisions of the National Sports Governance Act (NSGA), 2025 come into force in India?

- A) August 18, 2025
- B) October 2, 2025
- C) December 31, 2025
- D) January 1, 2026
- E) January 26, 2026

Answer: D) January 1, 2026

Explanation:

The Central Government notified the commencement of select provisions of the National Sports Governance Act (NSGA), 2025, transitioning India's sports administration from executive guidelines to a statutory framework.

The Act was originally notified in the Official Gazette on August 18, 2025.

For a smooth transition, the Act was implemented in phases, with the first set of critical provisions becoming operational from January 1, 2026.

These provisions establish high-powered regulatory bodies and impose strict statutory requirements on sports federations to retain recognition and funding.

Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya described NSGA as the "single biggest sporting reform" in India's history.



- As per the Act, the Executive Committee strength is capped at 15 members, with mandatory inclusion of at least two sportspersons of merit and four women members.
- The age limit for office-bearers is generally 70 years (extendable to 75 years if permitted by international federations), and office-bearers can serve a maximum of three consecutive terms (12 years).
- For the first time, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is also expected to come under the regulatory ambit of this Act to ensure transparency and dispute resolution.

National Sports Governance Act, 2025 :

- Ministry : Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Main Objective : Align Indian sports with the Olympic and Paralympic Charters.
- Legal Status : Replaces the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011
- Tribunal Head : Must be a sitting or former Supreme Court Judge or Chief Justice of a High Court.
- Appeals : Decisions of the National Sports Tribunal can be appealed in the Supreme Court.
- Strategic Aim : Supporting India's bid to host the 2036 Summer Olympics.

EXAM
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Ques: A rare Clouded Leopard was recently spotted for the first time in which reserve forest?

- A) Manas Reserve Forest
- B) Kaziranga National Park
- C) Kakoi Reserve Forest
- D) Nameri National Park
- E) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park

Answer: C) Kakoi Reserve Forest

Explanation:

A rare Clouded Leopard was recently captured on camera traps in Kakoi Reserve Forest, Assam, marking its first-ever recorded presence in this forest.

This sighting highlights the rich biodiversity and ecological significance of the region.

The Clouded Leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*) is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List and is known for its elusive behaviour and arboreal lifestyle.

The discovery underscores the importance of conservation and habitat protection in Assam's forests.

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Ques: Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) 2026, which recorded over 3 crore registrations, is conducted through which online platform?

- A) National Digital Education Portal
- B) DIKSHA Platform
- C) MyGov Innovate Portal
- D) SWAYAM Portal
- E) e-Pathshala

Answer: C) MyGov Innovate Portal

Explanation:

Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) 2026, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, recorded over 3 crore registrations for its 9th edition as of December 30, 2025.

Registrations include around 2.85 crore students (Classes 6–12), nearly 17 lakh teachers, and about 3.5 lakh parents.

The registration process was open from December 1, 2025, to January 11, 2026.

PPC 2026 is conducted online through the MyGov Innovate portal, promoting participatory engagement.

The edition invites essays and questions on themes like making exams a celebration, freedom fighters, Clean India, environment, and digital learning.



Ques: Under which mission has India promoted large-scale recycling of coconut waste as a key component of the circular economy?

- A) AMRUT Mission
- B) Jal Jeevan Mission
- C) National Bio-Energy Mission
- D) Smart Cities Mission
- E) Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0

Answer: E) Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0

Explanation:

Coconut waste recycling is promoted under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM-U) 2.0 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs as a key part of the circular economy.

Coconut husks constitute 3–5% of India's daily municipal wet waste, rising to 6–8% in coastal cities.

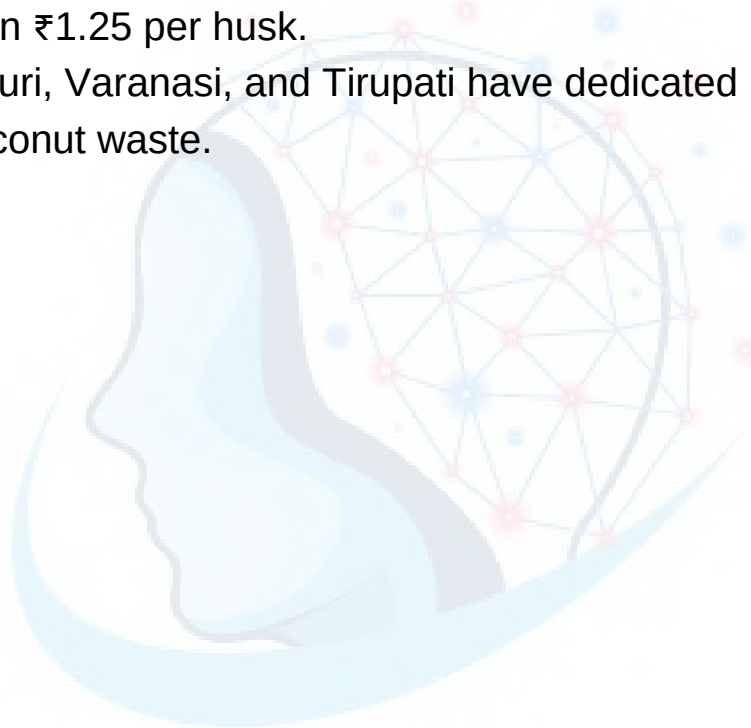
India produced over 21,000 million coconuts in 2024–25, with Karnataka as the largest producer, followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Andhra Pradesh.

India contributes over 40% of global coir production, with the global coir market valued at USD 1.45 billion (₹12,000 crore) in 2025.

Cities like Mysuru and Madurai have achieved 100% recycling of coconut waste, setting national benchmarks.



- Bhubaneswar : The Palsuni Plant collects 5,000–6,000 coconuts daily from 189 temple vendors, earning ₹7–9 lakh monthly.
- Indore : Processes 20 tonnes daily alongside its 550 TPD Bio-CNG plant; dry lines produce moisture-retaining cocopeat.
- Chennai : A 20-year PPP model has processed 1.15 lakh metric tonnes since 2021, selling to tyre companies and nurseries.
- Kunnampulam (Kerala) : Uses microbial cocopeat to turn husks into odor-free compost; farmers earn ₹1.25 per husk.
- Religious Hubs : Puri, Varanasi, and Tirupati have dedicated MRFs to handle temple-generated coconut waste.



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Ques: As per RBI stress tests, what is the expected GNPA ratio of NBFCs under the baseline scenario by September 2026?

- A) 2.3%
- B) 2.5%
- C) 2.7%
- D) 2.9%
- E) 3.5%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- **Under** the baseline scenario, RBI's stress tests project that the system-level Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio of NBFCs will rise from 2.3% in September 2024 to 2.9% by September 2026.
- This indicates a gradual deterioration in asset quality, though overall capital adequacy (CRAR) is expected to remain well above the regulatory minimum of 15%.
- RBI also highlighted uneven resilience within the NBFC sector, with 8 NBFCs potentially falling below the minimum CRAR threshold even under the baseline scenario.

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Ques: What key change has the Ministry of Corporate Affairs introduced regarding KYC compliance for company directors under the Companies Act, 2013?

- A) Mandatory monthly KYC filing
- B) Replacement of annual KYC with once-in-five-years filing
- C) Replacement of annual KYC with once-in-three-years simplified KYC
- D) Complete removal of KYC requirement for directors
- E) KYC filing applicable only to newly appointed directors

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has eased compliance norms for company directors by replacing the mandatory annual KYC filing with a simplified KYC requirement once every three years.
- This change follows a review of Rule 12A of the Companies (Appointment & Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014, based on the recommendations of the High-Level Committee on Non-Financial Regulatory Reforms and stakeholder suggestions.
- The amended rules were notified on December 31, 2025, and will come into effect from March 31, 2026.
- Under the revised framework, directors must submit a simplified KYC intimation once every three years instead of filing KYC annually.
- The revised KYC Form can be used for KYC compliance, updating mobile number, email address, residential address, and re-activation of Director Identification Number (DIN).
- Digital signature verification by the director and certification by a professional will be mandatory only when the KYC form is submitted for updating mobile number, email address, or residential address.
- Directors who have already completed their KYC requirements are covered under the new provisions, and their next KYC filing will be due by June 30, 2028.
- Directors who have not yet submitted their KYC Form can continue to get their DIN re-activated under existing provisions till March 31, 2026.



Ques : What percentage of the FY26 Budget Estimate did India's fiscal deficit reach during April–November 2025?

- A) 52.5%
- B) 58.4%
- C) 60.1%
- D) 62.3%
- E) 65.0%

Answer : Option D

Explanation:

- According to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), India's fiscal deficit during April–November FY26 stood at ₹9.77 trillion, which is 62.3% of the Budget Estimate (BE) for the full financial year 2025–26.
- In the same period last year, the fiscal deficit was ₹8.5 trillion (52.5% of BE), indicating a higher pace of spending in the current fiscal.
- The increase was mainly driven by a 28% year-on-year rise in capital expenditure, while non-tax revenues remained strong due to higher dividends from PSUs, public sector banks, and the RBI.
- The Centre has set a fiscal deficit target of 4.4% of GDP for FY26.

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Ques: Which group has received in-principle approval from SEBI to act as sponsor and establish a new Mutual Fund?

- A) Motilal Oswal Group
- B) Edelweiss Group
- C) Ashika Group
- D) JM Financial Group
- E) IIFL Group

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ashika Group has received in-principle approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to act as a sponsor and establish Ashika Mutual Fund.
- This approval allows the group to form an Asset Management Company (AMC) and initiate preparations for launching mutual fund schemes, subject to final registration.
- Ashika Group was established in 1994 and operates as a comprehensive financial services platform.

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Ques: Who has been given additional charge as the interim Managing Director & CEO of Canara Bank?

- A) Satyanarayana Raju
- B) Brajesh Kumar Singh
- C) Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia
- D) Rajnish Kumar
- E) Ashok Chandra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Canara Bank has assigned the additional charge of Managing Director & CEO to its Executive Director, Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia, with effect from January 1, 2026.
- The interim appointment will remain valid for three months, or until a regular MD & CEO is appointed, or until further orders.
- The decision follows the superannuation of the incumbent MD & CEO, Satyanarayana Raju.
- Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia joined the banking sector in 1992 as an Agricultural Field Officer at Allahabad Bank (now Indian Bank) and has over three decades of experience across diverse banking segments.
- The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended Brajesh Kumar Singh, currently Executive Director at Indian Bank, as the next regular MD & CEO of Canara Bank.

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Ques: What major change has the Ministry of Finance introduced in the taxation of 'sin goods' such as tobacco and pan masala, effective from February 1, 2026?

- A) Complete removal of GST on tobacco products
- B) Reduction in GST rates on cigarettes and pan masala
- C) Replacement of GST with only excise duty
- D) Introduction of additional excise duty and health cess replacing GST Compensation Cess
- E) Uniform 18% GST on all tobacco products

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance has notified a revised tax framework for 'sin goods' such as tobacco, pan masala and related products, effective from February 1, 2026.
- Under the new framework, an additional excise duty and a Health and National Security Cess will replace the existing GST Compensation Cess.
- Pan masala, cigarettes and other tobacco products will continue to attract 40% GST, while biris will remain taxed at 18%.
- From February 1, 2026, tobacco products will be subject to an additional excise duty, while pan masala will also attract a Health and National Security Cess over and above GST.
- The additional excise duty rates include 91% on gutkha, 82% on chewing tobacco and jarda scented tobacco, and 33% on hookah tobacco.

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- Cigarettes will attract an excise duty ranging from ₹2,050 to ₹8,500 per 1,000 sticks, depending on length and filter type.
- सिगरेट पर लंबाई और फ़िल्टर के आधार पर प्रति 1,000 सिगरेट ₹2,050 से ₹8,500 तक का उत्पाद शुल्क लगेगा



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Ques: Who chaired the 50th meeting of PRAGATI, marking a decade of transformative governance in India?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 50th meeting of PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation), marking ten years of its role in accelerating governance and project implementation.
- During the meeting, the Prime Minister reviewed five critical infrastructure projects across key sectors such as Roads, Railways, Power, Water Resources, and Coal.
- PRAGATI has been instrumental in unlocking and fast-tracking infrastructure projects that had remained stalled for decades.
- The Bogibeel Bridge in Assam, conceived in 1997, was completed through effective PRAGATI monitoring.
- The Jammu–Srinagar Rail Link, where work began in 1995, was decisively unlocked through this platform.

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- Other long-pending projects unlocked include the Navi Mumbai International Airport (conceptualized in 1997), Bhilai Steel Plant Modernization (approved in 2007), and the Gadawara and LARA Thermal Power Projects (sanctioned in 2008–2009).

Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) :

- Launched : March 25, 2015
- Design & Support : Designed by PMO with help from National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- Platform Type : ICT-enabled, multi-modal platform (Data, Videoconferencing, Geo-spatial)
- The "PRAGATI Day" : Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 3:30 PM.
- Three-Tier System Involve : 1. PMO, 2. Union Secretaries, 3. State Chief Secretaries.
- Genesis : Based on the SWAGAT (State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology) platform launched by PM Modi in Gujarat in 2003.

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Ques: Under the draft Rules of the four Labour Codes, what is the mandated maximum work week?

- A) 40 hours
- B) 45 hours
- C) 48 hours
- D) 54 hours
- E) 60 hours

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Labour Ministry has pre-published draft Rules for the four Labour Codes on its official website and invited public feedback within a 45-day window.
- The draft Rules comprehensively define workers, wages, types of employment, gratuity, bonus, and social security, including provisions for gig and platform workers.
- As per the draft Labour Codes Rules, a uniform 48-hour work week has been mandated across establishments.
- Special provisions have been included for workplaces where women work night shifts, covering safety measures, consent, and transport facilities.
- The Code on Wages Rules subsume 18 existing rules, including Minimum Wages Rules and Equal Remuneration Rules, thereby simplifying the regulatory framework.
- Minimum wages will be fixed based on the concept of a standard working-class family, which includes an earning worker, spouse, and two children, along with defined consumption and expenditure criteria.





Ques: Who was awarded the Israel Prize for Peace, Israel's highest civilian honour?

- A) Joe Biden
- B) Benjamin Netanyahu
- C) Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- D) Emmanuel Macron
- E) Donald Trump

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Israel Prize for Peace, Israel's highest civilian honour, was conferred on US President Donald Trump.
- The award was presented during bilateral talks held in Florida at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence.
- This marks the first time the Israel Prize has been awarded to a non-Israeli citizen.
- It is also the first time that the Peace category of the Israel Prize has been awarded.
- Notably, this recognition follows Donald Trump recently receiving the FIFA Peace Prize.

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Ques: Which state has become the first in India to constitute its 8th State Pay Commission ahead of the expiry of the 7th Pay Commission?

- A) Assam
- B) Karnataka
- C) Maharashtra
- D) West Bengal
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Assam has become the first state in India to constitute its 8th State Pay Commission, taking a proactive step ahead of the scheduled expiry of the 7th Pay Commission on January 1, 2026.
- The decision has drawn significant attention from state government employees and pensioners, who have been awaiting clarity on the next round of pay and pension revision.
- With this move, Assam has taken the lead over other states, even as the Union Government's 8th Pay Commission is yet to formally commence its work.
- As per standard practice, the 8th State Pay Commission is expected to submit its recommendations within a period of around 18 months.

About Assam:

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

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Ques: What recent decision has NHAI taken regarding the Know Your Vehicle (KYV) process for FASTags in the Car/Jeep/Van category?

- A) KYV made mandatory for all existing FASTags
- B) KYV replaced with Aadhaar-based verification
- C) KYV discontinued for new FASTags except complaint-based cases
- D) KYV mandatory only for commercial vehicles
- E) Complete removal of vehicle verification for FASTags

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to discontinue the Know Your Vehicle (KYV) process for Car/Jeep/Van category FASTags.
- This change will be effective from February 1, 2026, and will apply to all new FASTag issuances for cars.
- KYV will now be required only in specific complaint-based cases such as loose FASTags, incorrect issuance, misuse, or disputes.
- In the absence of any complaint, no KYV requirement will apply.
- FASTag activation will be allowed only after vehicle details are verified from the VAHAN database.
- RC-based validation will be permitted only in exceptional cases, such as when vehicle data is unavailable on VAHAN, and issuer banks will be fully accountable.

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Ques: Parvati–Arga Bird Sanctuary, recently declared an Eco-Sensitive Zone, is designated as which of the following?

- A) Biosphere Reserve
- B) Tiger Reserve
- C) Ramsar Site
- D) National Park
- E) Community Reserve

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government has declared the Parvati–Arga Bird Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
- The sanctuary is a permanent freshwater ecosystem comprising two oxbow lakes—Parvati and Arga.
- Parvati–Arga Bird Sanctuary is a Ramsar Site, underscoring its international importance as a wetland.
- Spread over 1,084 hectares, it serves as a habitat for migratory birds arriving from Central Asia and Tibet.
- Eco-Sensitive Zones are notified to regulate activities around protected areas and conserve fragile ecosystems, and they may extend up to 10 km around such areas as per guidelines.

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Ques: Who was awarded a Damehood (DBE) in King Charles III's New Year Honours List 2026?

- A) Meera Syal
- B) Gurinder Chadha
- C) Parminder Nagra
- D) Anita Rani
- E) Sanjeev Bhaskar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Renowned British-Indian comedian, actress, and writer Meera Syal was awarded a Damehood (DBE) in King Charles III's New Year Honours List 2026.
- Earlier, Meera Syal had been honoured with an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in 1997 and a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) in 2015.
- A total of 1,157 individuals were honoured in the New Year Honours List 2026.
- Toby Roberts, aged 20 years, was the youngest recipient and was honoured with an MBE.
- John Hearn, aged 102 years, was the oldest recipient and received the BEM (British Empire Medal).

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the International Event Ambassador for the 21st edition of the Tata Mumbai Marathon (TMM 2025)?

- A) Usain Bolt (Jamaica)
- B) Andre De Grasse (Canada)
- C) Wayde van Niekerk (South Africa)
- D) Yohan Blake (Jamaica)
- E) Fred Kerley (USA)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Seven-time Olympic medallist sprinter Andre De Grasse of Canada has been appointed as the International Event Ambassador for the 21st edition of the Tata Mumbai Marathon (TMM 2025).
- The Tata Mumbai Marathon 2025 is scheduled to be held on January 18, 2026, in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The International Event Ambassador programme has been designed and curated by Procam International since the inception of the Tata Mumbai Marathon in 2004.

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Ques: Which country has India surpassed to become the world's fourth-largest economy?

- A) Germany
- B) China
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Japan
- E) France

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has surpassed Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy.
- India's GDP is estimated at about USD 4.18 trillion.
- India is expected to overtake Germany by 2030 to become the world's third-largest economy.
- The United States remains the largest economy, followed by China.
- Real GDP growth stood at 8.2% in Q2 of FY 2025–26, compared to 7.8% in Q1.
- The growth momentum has been driven mainly by strong private consumption and robust domestic demand.
- India continues to rank among the fastest-growing major economies in the world.

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Ques: Where was the 27th edition of the FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship 2025 held?

- A) Doha, Qatar
- B) Moscow, Russia
- C) Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- D) Almaty, Kazakhstan
- E) Oslo, Norway

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 27th edition of the FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship 2025 was held at the Sports and Events Complex, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar.
- Norwegian Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen won his sixth World Rapid Championship title in the Open category.
- In the Women's Rapid category, Russian Grandmaster Aleksandra Goryachkina won her maiden FIDE Women's World Rapid Championship.
- Magnus Carlsen also clinched his ninth World Blitz Championship title in the Open category.
- In the Women's Blitz category, Bibisara Assaubayeva of Kazakhstan emerged as the champion.





1. Magnus Carlsen (Norway) - (Open Section), Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kazakhstan) - (Women's Section)
2. Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzbekistan) - (Open Section), Anna Muzychuk (Ukraine) - (Women's Section)
3. Arjun Erigaisi (India) and Fabiano Caruana (USA) - (Open Section), Zhu Jiner (China) and Eline Roebers (Netherlands) - (Women's Section)

2025 FIDE World Rapid Chess Championships:

1. Magnus Carlsen (Norway) - (Open Section), Aleksandra Goryachkina (Russia) - (Women's Section)
2. Vladislav Artemiev (Russia) - (Open Section), Zhu Jiner (China) - (Women's Section)
3. Arjun Erigaisi (India) - (Open Section), Koneru Humpy (India) - (Women's Section)

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Ques: For the first time, a specially curated animal contingent of the Remount and Veterinary Corps will feature which of the following animals?

- A) Horses, elephants, dolphins, and sniffer dogs
- B) Bactrian camels, Zanskar ponies, raptors, and Indian breed Army dogs
- C) Arabian camels, mules, eagles, and foreign breed dogs
- D) Elephants, mules, hawks, and police dogs
- E) Horses, camels, parrots, and tracker dogs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- For the first time, the Remount and Veterinary Corps is showcasing a carefully curated animal contingent.
- The contingent will feature two Bactrian camels and four Zanskar ponies.
- It will also include four raptors and ten Indian breed Army dogs. Six conventional military dogs already in service will also be part of the contingent.
- The contingent highlights the diverse and specialised role of animals in the Indian Armed Forces.

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Ques: What new service was launched by BSNL across all telecom circles in India to improve connectivity in areas with weak cellular signals?

- A) 5G Standalone Service
- B) Satellite Calling Service
- C) Voice over WiFi (VoWiFi) or Wi-Fi Calling
- D) National Roaming Plus
- E) VoNR (Voice over New Radio)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) launched its Voice over WiFi (VoWiFi) service, commonly known as Wi-Fi Calling, across all telecom circles in India.
- The service is designed for locations with weak cellular network coverage, such as basements, high-rise buildings, and remote rural areas.
- VoWiFi operates on the IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) platform, enabling seamless call handover between Wi-Fi networks and mobile networks using Voice over LTE (VoLTE) without call drops.
- Established: 15 September 2000 | HQ: New Delhi | CMD: A. Robert J. Ravi | Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Communications

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Ques: Which country adopted the Euro as its official currency from January 1, 2026, becoming the 21st member of the Eurozone?

- A) Romania
- B) Croatia
- C) Bulgaria
- D) Hungary
- E) Czech Republic

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bulgaria adopted the Euro (EUR) as its official currency from January 1, 2026, replacing the Bulgarian lev (BGN).
- The decision followed approval by the Council of the European Union on July 8, 2025, confirming that Bulgaria met all Maastricht convergence criteria.
- The irrevocable conversion rate was fixed at 1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN.
- With this move, Bulgaria became the 21st member of the Eurozone, the group of European countries using the euro as their official currency.
- Following euro adoption, the Bulgarian National Bank (BNB) joined the Eurosystem and became part of the European Central Bank (ECB) framework.

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Ques: What will be the name of Goa's third district, recently announced by the Chief Minister?

- A) Kushavati
- B) Zuari
- C) Mandovi
- D) Mahadayi
- E) Kalay

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Goa is set to get its third district named Kushavati, marking a significant administrative reorganisation in the state.
- The announcement was made by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.
- The new district has been named after the ancient Kushavati river that flows through parts of the region.
- Currently, Goa has only two districts: North Goa and South Goa.

About Goa:

- Capital: Panaji
- CM: Pramod Sawant
- Governor: Ashok Gajapathi Raju

EXAM
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Ques: What major reform has the Department of Posts implemented regarding international mail services, effective from January 1, 2026?

- A) Complete suspension of all international mail services
- B) Discontinuation of untracked and non-compliant international mail services
- C) Introduction of free international parcel services
- D) Restricting international mail only to government use
- E) Replacement of postal services with private couriers

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Posts has undertaken a major rationalization of its international mail services in line with Universal Postal Union (UPU) standards.
- These reforms aim to modernize global e-commerce, improve security, and ensure 100% trackability of international shipments.
- Effective January 1, 2026, services lacking adequate tracking or modern customs compliance have been discontinued.
- Registered Small Packet Service has been restricted to document-only items.
- Outward Small Packet Service for goods sent via Sea, SAL (Surface Air Lifted), or Air has been discontinued.
 - Traditional Surface and SAL outward international letter mail services have also been stopped.
- The move is driven by global security and customs norms, as many countries now mandate Electronic Advance Data (EAD), which untracked services cannot provide.
 - Certain services remain unchanged, including free Blind Literature services (except air surcharge), M-Bags governed by existing UPU norms, and registration of documents sent via Air mod e.



Ques: What major digital milestone did India achieve in November 2025 according to PIB data?

- A) Crossing 500 million internet users
- B) Achieving 100% broadband penetration
- C) Broadband subscriber base crossing 1 billion
- D) Launch of nationwide 6G services
- E) Doubling broadband users within one year

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India achieved a significant digital milestone in November 2025 as its broadband subscriber base crossed 1 billion (100 crore) users for the first time.
- According to data released by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), India had 100.37 crore broadband subscribers by the end of November 2025.
- This marks the first instance of the country crossing the 1 billion subscriber threshold.
- In November 2015, broadband subscribers numbered 131.49 million (13.15 crore).
- By November 2025, the subscriber base had expanded to 100.37 crore, representing more than a six-fold increase in ten years.

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Ques: Which ministry unveiled a new institutional identity with a revamped logo and a first-of-its-kind mascot themed “Data for Development”?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Electronics & IT
- C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- E) NITI Aayog

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) unveiled its new institutional identity, featuring a redesigned logo and a first-of-its-kind mascot.
- The initiative is themed “Data for Development” and aims to humanize official statistics while bridging the gap between complex data and the general public.
- The Ashoka Chakra in the logo symbolizes truth, transparency, and good governance in data collection.
- The Rupee symbol (₹) placed at the center highlights the importance of statistics in economic planning, national growth, and policymaking.
- An upward growth bar represents the nation’s progress and reflects how reliable data forms the foundation of sustainable economic growth.

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Ques: What decision did the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) take regarding Small Savings Schemes (SSS) interest rates for January–March 2026?

- A) Interest rates were increased
- B) Interest rates were reduced
- C) Interest rates were kept unchanged
- D) Only select schemes saw a hike
- E) Quarterly revision system was discontinued

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department of Economic Affairs under the Ministry of Finance kept interest rates unchanged for all Small Savings Schemes from January 01, 2026 to March 31, 2026, continuing the rates of Q3 FY26.
- This is the 8th consecutive quarter with no change in SSS interest rates.
- The interest rates were last revised in Q4 FY24.
- Small Savings Schemes are Government of India–backed instruments that promote household savings and provide risk-free investment options.
- Since 2016, SSS interest rates have been notified quarterly by the DEA based on bond yields and market trends.
- The methodology for determining SSS interest rates was recommended by the Shyamala Gopinath Committee in January 2023.
- The committee recommended rates should be 25 to 100 basis points higher than government bond yields.

Interest Rates on Small Savings Schemes for Q4FY26 (1st January, 2026 to 31st March, 2026):

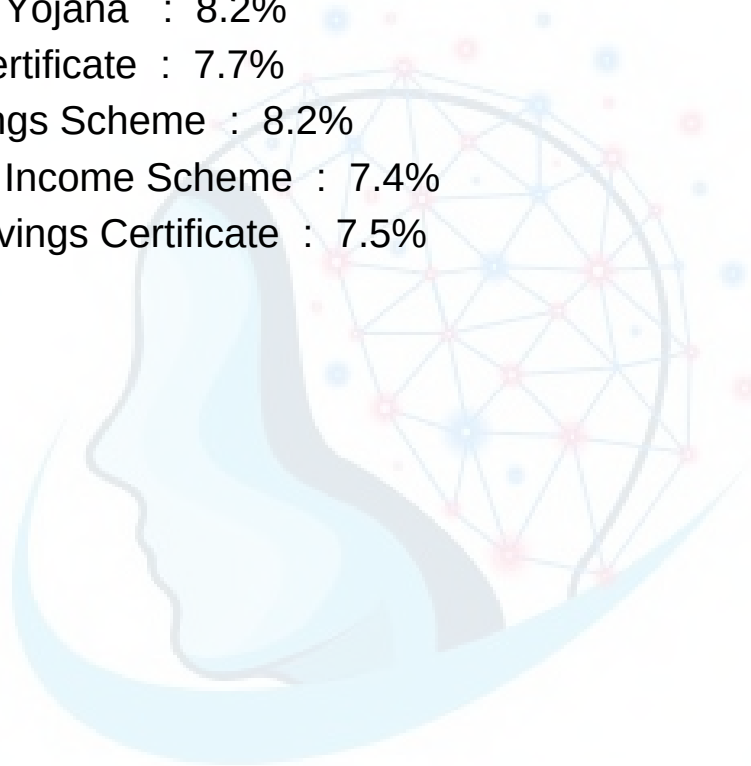
- Post Office Savings Deposit : 4.0%
- 1-Year Post Office Time Deposits : 6.9%
- 2-Year Post Office Time Deposits : 7.0%





- 3-Year Post Office Time Deposits : 7.1%
- 5-Year Post Office Time Deposits : 7.5%
- 5-Year Post Office Recurring Deposits : 6.7%

- Kisan Vikas Patra : 7.5% (will mature in 115 months)
- Public Provident Fund : 7.1%
- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana : 8.2%
- National Savings Certificate : 7.7%
- Senior Citizen Savings Scheme : 8.2%
- Post Office Monthly Income Scheme : 7.4%
- Mahila Samman Savings Certificate : 7.5%



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Ques: What is the title of the podcast series launched by the Reserve Bank of India to enhance public communication?

- A) RBI Speaks: Economy Explained
- B) Paisa aur Arthvyavastha
- C) RBI Talks: Paisa to Policy
- D) Monetary Matters by RBI
- E) Policy to Public

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India proposed adding podcasts to its communication toolkit to widely disseminate information of public interest.
- Accordingly, RBI launched its podcast series titled “RBI Talks: Paisa to Policy.”
- The first episode of the series is titled “Demystifying KYC.”

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Ques: What is the key objective of RBI's NBFC (Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Amendment Directions, 2026?

- A) Increasing capital requirements for all NBFC loans
- B) Providing subsidies for infrastructure projects
- C) Easing capital adequacy norms for NBFC lending to high-quality infrastructure projects
- D) Restricting NBFC exposure to infrastructure sector
- E) Introducing new licensing norms for NBFCs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI has eased capital adequacy norms for NBFCs lending to high-quality infrastructure projects through the Amendment Directions, 2026.
- Risk weight reduced to 75% if at least 2% of sanctioned project debt is repaid.
- Risk weight reduced to 50% if at least 5% of sanctioned project debt is repaid.
- Directions applicable from April 1, 2026, or earlier if adopted by NBFCs.
- A project is considered high-quality if one year has passed after COD, there is no material covenant breach, and it is classified as standard.
- Existing risk weights may continue until the next review or March 31, 2027, whichever is earlier.

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Ques: What percentage of ₹2000 banknotes in circulation as on May 19, 2023 has been returned so far?

- A) 95.20%
- B) 96.85%
- C) 97.40%
- D) 98.41%
- E) 99.10%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The total value of ₹2000 banknotes in circulation was ₹3.56 lakh crore on May 19, 2023, when their withdrawal was announced.
- This value declined to ₹5,669 crore by December 31, 2025.
- As a result, 98.41% of the ₹2000 banknotes in circulation as on May 19, 2023 have been returned.
- The facility for deposit and/or exchange was available at all bank branches till October 7, 2023.
- Exchange of ₹2000 banknotes continues at 19 RBI Issue Offices since May 19, 2023.

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Ques: What is the interest rate on the RBI Floating Rate Savings Bond, 2020 (Taxable) for the period January–June 2026?

- A) 7.70%
- B) 7.85%
- C) 8.00%
- D) 8.05%
- E) 8.35%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The interest rate on the Floating Rate Savings Bond, 2020 (Taxable) has been announced for the period January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.
- The bond carries a floating interest rate, reset every six months, and has a maturity period of seven years.
- Interest is paid twice a year, on January 1 and July 1.
- The coupon rate is fixed at 35 basis points (0.35%) above the National Savings Certificate (NSC) rate.
- For the current half-year, the NSC rate is 7.70%, resulting in an FRSB interest rate of 8.05%.
- Interest for this period will be paid on July 1, 2026, and is taxable as per applicable income tax slabs.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The recent Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) disbursement of ₹45 lakh was released by the National Biodiversity Authority to farmers of which state?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The National Biodiversity Authority released ₹45 lakh to farmers of Andhra Pradesh through the Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board.
- With this release, India's cumulative ABS disbursement has crossed ₹143.5 crore.
- Over ₹104 crore has been released to Andhra Pradesh so far for Red Sanders conservation and benefit claimers.
- More than ₹15 crore has been disbursed to other states including Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha and Telangana.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who has been appointed as the chief coach of the Indian women's hockey team by Hockey India?

- A) Graham Reid
- B) Roelant Oltmans
- C) Harendra Singh
- D) Janneke Schopman
- E) Sjoerd Marijne

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Hockey India has appointed Sjoerd Marijne as the chief coach of the Indian women's hockey team.
- He is a Dutch hockey coach with strong international experience.
- He earlier guided the Indian women's team to a historic fourth-place finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
- Marijne was first appointed as head coach of the Indian women's hockey team in 2017.
- His first major assignment will be the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Qualifiers in Hyderabad from 8 to 14 March.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where was the first Gen Z Post Office in Jammu and Kashmir inaugurated?

- A) AIIMS Vijaypur
- B) Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences
- C) University of Jammu
- D) Lal Chowk, Srinagar
- E) Government Medical College, Anantnag

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The first Gen Z Post Office in Jammu and Kashmir was inaugurated at AIIMS Vijaypur.
- It was implemented by the Department of Posts under the campus post office modernisation initiative.
- The initiative aims to make postal services youth-centric and technology-enabled.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: NTPC Limited signed an MoA with Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute for which purpose?

- A) Establishment of a new medical college
- B) Upgradation of radiotherapy services
- C) Free cancer screening programme
- D) Research on herbal cancer medicines
- E) Training of oncology doctors

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- NTPC Limited – Western Region–I signed an MoA with Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute for upgradation of radiotherapy services under its CSR initiative.
- NTPC has sanctioned ₹23.16 crore for the Siddhpur Satellite Centre of GCRI, Ahmedabad.
- The support will be used for procurement and installation of a high-energy Linear Accelerator (LINAC).
- The project will enhance advanced cancer treatment and improve access to quality radiotherapy in the region.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: How many new proposals were approved by MeitY under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS)?

- A) 22
- B) 20
- C) 18
- D) 24
- E) 26

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- MeitY approved 22 new proposals under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS).
- These projects involve an investment of ₹41,863 crore with estimated production of ₹2.58 lakh crore.
- Total approvals under ECMS have now reached 46 projects with cumulative investment of ₹56,567 crore.
- Projects are spread across eight states: Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- ECMS has an outlay of ₹22,919 crore with a tenure of six years and a one-year gestation period.
- The scheme targets investment of ₹59,350 crore and production of ₹4,56,500 crore.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Technology Development Board signed an agreement with Vijai Marine Services Private Limited for which project?

- A) Smart River Navigation Project
- B) Smart Sea Project by VACE
- C) Green Ferry Mission
- D) Electric Coastal Transport Scheme
- E) Autonomous Shipping Initiative

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Technology Development Board signed an agreement with Vijai Marine Services Private Limited (VMSPL), Goa, for the Smart Sea Project by Vijai Autonomous Craft for Environment (VACE).
- The project is supported under the Indo–Canada Collaborative Industrial Research and Development Programme of DST, National Research Council Canada, and Global Affairs Canada.
- It aims to develop and demonstrate a 20-passenger electric boat to promote clean waterways, reduced fossil fuel use, and sustainable tourism.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What has the Indian Army declared the year 2026 as under its official vision?

- A) Year of Digital Warfare
- B) Year of Cyber Security
- C) Year of Networking & Data Centricity
- D) Year of Defence Reforms
- E) Year of Indigenous Innovation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Army, under Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, has declared 2026 as the 'Year of Networking & Data Centricity'.
- This is part of the Army's official vision for 2026.
- It builds upon the 2024–25 'Year of Technology Absorption' by operationalising the technologies already absorbed.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: At which meeting was the BRICS Presidency formally handed over from Brazil to India?

- A) BRICS Leaders' Summit
- B) BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting
- C) 4th BRICS Sherpas Meeting
- D) BRICS Business Forum
- E) BRICS Parliamentary Forum

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The BRICS Presidency was handed over from Brazil to India at the concluding session of the 4th BRICS Sherpas Meeting.
- BRICS is a grouping of major emerging economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, focusing on development, trade, finance, and global governance reforms, with annual rotating presidency.
- Brazil is the outgoing President, while India will assume the BRICS Presidency in 2026.
- The handover was symbolised by the ceremonial BRICS Gavel, exchanged between Brazil Sherpa Mauricio Lyrio and India Sherpa Sudhakar Dalela.
- The gavel, made from repurposed Amazon rainforest wood (Itaúba and Pau Rainha), represents sustainability, climate cooperation, and continuity among BRICS nations.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Where was the indigenous Kavach 4.0 system officially commissioned by Indian Railways?

- A) Mumbai–Pune section
- B) Delhi–Agra section
- C) Bajwa (Vadodara)–Ahmedabad section
- D) Chennai–Bengaluru section
- E) Howrah–Patna section

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Vadodara division of Western Railways commissioned the indigenous Kavach 4.0 system on the 96 km Bajwa (Vadodara)–Ahmedabad section covering 17 stations in Gujarat.
- Sankalp Fast became the first Kavach-enabled train on this route.
- Kavach is an indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection system that prevents signal passing at danger, controls overspeeding, and avoids head-on and rear-end collisions.
- It uses RFID tags and ultra high frequency radio communication for real-time data exchange between tracks, signals, and locomotives.
- Indian Railways has implemented Kavach on more than 2,200 route kilometers so far.
- Kavach 4.0 received formal approval from RDSO in July 2024 and offers better location accuracy, improved signal detection, seamless interlocking, and optical fibre–based connectivity.

Genius



Ques: Who has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)?

- A) Ajay Bhadoo
- B) Ashutosh Agnihotri
- C) Rabindra Kumar Agarwal
- D) Lav Aggarwal
- E) Pankaj Jain

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed Lav Aggarwal as Director General of DGFT.
- He has succeeded Ajay Bhadoo as DG of DGFT.
- In the same round of appointments, Rabindra Kumar Agarwal was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of the Food Corporation of India, replacing Ashutosh Agnihotri.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the objective of the 'Viksit Bharat Mumbai Marina' project approved at Mumbai Harbour?

- A) Development of inland waterways cargo hub
- B) Creation of global-standard maritime tourism infrastructure
- C) Expansion of naval dockyard facilities
- D) Establishment of a fishing export zone
- E) Development of offshore oil terminals

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Viksit Bharat Mumbai Marina project will be developed at Mumbai Harbour with an estimated cost of ₹887 crore.
- Approved by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, it aims to create global-standard maritime tourism infrastructure, aligned with PM Modi's vision.
- The project supports India's maritime economy and blue economy goals.
- It will be developed under a hybrid model: Mumbai Port Authority investing ₹470 crore for core infrastructure and private players investing ₹417 crore for onshore facilities.
- The marina will cover about 12 hectares of water area with berthing capacity for 424 yachts up to 30 metres in length.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the purpose of the newly introduced e-Production Investment Business Visa (e-B-4 Visa)?

- A) Facilitating tourist travel to India
- B) Enabling long-term academic research
- C) Simplifying entry of foreign professionals for production-related investments
- D) Allowing foreign citizens to seek employment
- E) Promoting medical tourism in India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- DPIIT under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has simplified the e-Visa process for foreign professionals.
- A new category, e-Production Investment Business Visa (e-B-4), has been introduced under the Business Visa regime, issued fully online.
- The visa allows foreign professionals to visit India for installation and commissioning of machinery, quality checks, essential maintenance, and production or IT ramp-up.
- It also covers staff training, plant design and bring-up, supply chain development, vendor empanelment, and senior management visits related to production investment.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who won the 'Best International Military Student' Award at the Command and General Staff College in the Philippines?

- A) Commander Akhil Nair
- B) Commander Abhinav Singh
- C) Commander Ravi Kumar
- D) Captain Arjun Mehta
- E) Commander Suresh Iyer

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Commander Akhil Nair won the 'Best International Military Student' Award at the Command and General Staff College in Quezon City, Philippines.
- He completed his studies with distinction and secured the second overall rank.
- A total of 197 officers from various countries participated in the course.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Air India has signed a unilateral codeshare agreement with which airline to enhance connectivity between India and the Baltic region?

- A) Finnair
- B) airBaltic
- C) LOT Polish Airlines
- D) Lufthansa
- E) SAS Scandinavian Airlines

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Air India and airBaltic, Latvia's national airline, signed a unilateral codeshare agreement to enhance connectivity between India and the Baltic region via European hubs.
- A codeshare allows one airline to sell tickets on flights operated by another airline using its own flight code.
- The Baltic region includes Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania along the eastern coast of the Baltic Sea.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Interim President of Venezuela?

- A) Delcy Rodríguez
- B) Juan Guaidó
- C) Nicolás Maduro
- D) Diosdado Cabello
- E) Jorge Rodríguez

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Delcy Rodríguez has been appointed and formally sworn in as the Interim President of Venezuela following the removal/capture of Nicolás Maduro.
- She previously served as Vice President and has taken on the interim leadership role under the country's Supreme Court order.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which day is observed as National Bird Day in India?

- A) 1 January
- B) 5 January
- C) 8 March
- D) 22 April
- E) 12 October

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- National Bird Day is observed on 5 January every year.
- It was started in 2002 by the Avian Welfare Coalition.
- The day honors Salim Ali, popularly known as the Birdman of India.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Asian Development Bank (ADB) provided ₹4,100 crore assistance to which state for the Musi Riverfront Development Project Phase-I?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Asian Development Bank provided ₹4,100 crore (USD 500 million) to the Government of Telangana.
- The amount was given to the Minister for Industries and Commerce, Government of Telangana.
- The assistance is for Phase-I of the Musi Riverfront Development Project.
- The project aims to rejuvenate and restore the Musi River.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who chaired the first meeting of the Payments Regulatory Board (PRB)?

- A) Shaktikanta Das
- B) S Krishnan
- C) T Rabi Sankar
- D) Aruna Sundararajan
- E) Sanjay Malhotra

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The first meeting of the Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) was held in Mumbai under the chairmanship of RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.
- The Board reviewed the functioning of the Department of Payment and Settlement Systems and domestic and global payment systems.
- The draft Payments Vision 2028 was presented for strategic guidance.
- PRB was constituted after amendment to the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, effective from 9 May 2025.
- PRB replaced the Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems (BPSS).
- Members present included S Krishnan, Nagaraju Maddirala, Aruna Sundararajan, T Rabi Sankar, and Vivek Deep.

EXAM
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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of ESAF Small Finance Bank?

- A) R. P. Ramakrishnan
- B) Karthikeyan Manickam
- C) K. Paul Thomas
- D) Rajnish Kumar
- E) Shyam Srinivasan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Karthikeyan Manickam, former Executive Director (ED) of Bank of India, has been appointed as the Chairman of ESAF Small Finance Bank (ESAF SFB).
- He replaced R. P. Ramakrishnan in this position.
- ESAF Small Finance Bank was established on 10 March 2017.
- The headquarters of ESAF Small Finance Bank is located in Thrissur, Kerala.
- K. Paul Thomas is the Managing Director and CEO of the bank.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What major milestone was announced in the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project in Maharashtra?

- A) Completion of the longest underground tunnel in Gujarat
- B) Breakthrough of the second mountain tunnel in Palghar
- C) Inauguration of Virar bullet train station
- D) Completion of the entire tunnel network
- E) Start of commercial operations of bullet train

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the breakthrough of the second tunnel in Palghar, Maharashtra, marking the first mountain tunnel of the Bullet Train Project in the state.
- The breakthrough was achieved in the 1.5 km long mountain tunnel MT-5 between Virar and Boisar bullet train stations.
- Earlier, a 5 km underground tunnel between Thane and BKC was completed in September 2025.
- The Mumbai–Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project is 508 km long with a total tunnel length of 27.4 km, including 21 km underground and 6.4 km surface tunnels.
- The project includes eight mountain tunnels and connects major cities from Sabarmati to Mumbai across Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and Maharashtra.

About Maharashtra :

- Capital : Mumbai
- CM : Devendra Fadnavis
- Governor : Acharya Devvrat



Ques: Who is set to become the oldest woman to play at the Australian Open after receiving a wildcard entry?

- A) Serena Williams
- B) Kimiko Date
- C) Venus Williams
- D) Martina Navratilova
- E) Victoria Azarenka

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Venus Williams (45) has been awarded a wildcard entry to the Australian Open.
- She will become the oldest woman ever to compete at the Australian Open.
- The Australian Open is the season-opening Grand Slam tournament.
- Venus will play in the main draw for the first time since 2021.
- She is a seven-time Grand Slam singles champion and one of the greatest players in tennis history.
- Venus Williams expressed excitement about returning to Australia and competing again.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: India and Pakistan exchanged the list of Nuclear Installations and Facilities for which consecutive time?

- A) 33rd time
- B) 34th time
- C) 35th time
- D) 36th time
- E) 37th time

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Pakistan exchanged the list of Nuclear Installations and Facilities simultaneously through diplomatic channels in New Delhi and Islamabad.
- This marked the 35th consecutive exchange of such lists between the two countries.
- The agreement was signed on 31 December 1988 and came into force on 27 January 1991.
- The two countries also exchanged the list of prisoners under the Consular Access Agreement signed on 21 May 2008.
- Pakistan handed over a list of 257 Indian prisoners, including 199 fishermen and 58 other civilians.
- As per the agreement, the exchange of prisoner lists is mandatory twice a year, in January and July.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: What is the main objective of the Lakhpati Didi Initiative under DAY–NRLM?

- A) Strengthening SHGs as institutions
- B) Providing subsidies to rural enterprises
- C) Enabling SHG women to earn ₹1 lakh or more annually on a sustainable basis
- D) Promoting urban self-employment
- E) Creating rural industrial clusters

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Lakhpati Didi Initiative is an outcome of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY–NRLM), a centrally sponsored scheme of the Ministry of Rural Development.
- It focuses on individual SHG women and aims to enable them to earn at least ₹1,00,000 per year or ₹10,000 per month on a sustainable basis.
- Income must be sustained for a minimum of four agricultural seasons or business cycles.
- There is no separate budget; all activities are funded under DAY–NRLM through training, capacity building, financial assistance, and bank linkage.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Under which programme did President Droupadi Murmu launch the #SkillTheNation Challenge to promote AI education in India?

- A) Digital India Mission
- B) Skill India Mission – SOAR Programme
- C) National AI Strategy
- D) PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- E) Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu launched the #SkillTheNation Challenge under the Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme, a key component of the Skill India Mission.
- The initiatives were launched at an event held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi.
- She also virtually inaugurated the IGNOU centre at Rairangpur, Odisha.
- The IGNOU centre aims to expand higher education and skill development in tribal-dominated regions of northern Odisha.
- Under SOAR, AI learning is integrated into school education and teacher training for students of classes 6 to 12 and educators nationwide.
- Students complete three 15-hour modules, while teachers undergo a 45-hour module covering AI, machine learning, data literacy, and ethical use of technology.

Genius



Ques: MOI-1 mini-satellite, developed by Hyderabad start-ups, is being launched as a co-passenger payload on which ISRO mission?

- A) PSLV-C54
- B) Gaganyaan-G1
- C) PSLV-C62
- D) SSLV-D3
- E) LVM3-M4

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hyderabad-based space-tech start-ups TakeMe2Space and EON Space Labs developed the 14-kg Earth observation mini-satellite MOI-1.
- The satellite is being launched as a co-passenger payload on ISRO's PSLV-C62 mission from Sriharikota.
- MOI-1 will operate in Low Earth Orbit at about 500 km altitude with an expected lifespan of 3–5 years.
- Built in six months, it is 40–70% cheaper than comparable global satellites.
- It carries a multispectral camera with 9 colour bands, 9.2-metre spatial resolution, and an 18.7-km swath.
- The satellite supports in-orbit computing and AI-based data processing using an onboard NVIDIA GPU, reducing raw data transmission costs.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Defence Laboratory Jodhpur (DLJ) of DRDO developed which portable water purification system?

- A) SeaWater Desalination System (SWaDeS)
- B) AquaMarine Purifier
- C) Portable Reverse Osmosis Unit
- D) Marine Water Filtration Device
- E) Saline Water Conversion Kit

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Defence Laboratory Jodhpur (DLJ) under DRDO developed a portable water purification system called SeaWater Desalination System (SWaDeS), available in manual-operated and engine-driven variants.
- The engine-operated variant can desalinate seawater with TDS up to ~35,000 mg/L to below 500 mg/L for 20–25 soldiers, while the manual unit supports 10–12 personnel.
- Engine-operated systems can be set up within 2–3 minutes, and manual units are suitable for remote or power-scarce areas.
- Applications include naval operations, coastal installations, inland saline lakes like Pangong Tso, and long-range patrols.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who became the youngest Indian and the second-youngest woman in the world to ski to the South Pole?

- A) Kaamya Karthikeyan
- B) Malavath Purna
- C) Arunima Sinha
- D) Anshu Jamsenpa
- E) Premlata Agarwal

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Eighteen-year-old Kaamya Karthikeyan from Mumbai became the youngest Indian and the second-youngest woman globally to ski to the South Pole at an elevation of 2,385 metres.
- She started from 89° South and covered 60 nautical miles (115 km) in 11 days in temperatures of -30°C across Antarctic ice.
- In 2019, she became the youngest girl to scale Mount Aconcagua (6,962 m), the highest peak in South America.
- In 2023, she became the youngest Indian to summit Mount Everest from the Nepal side.
- In 2024–25, she completed the Seven Summits challenge, finishing with Mount Vinson in Antarctica.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: What is the Minimum Export Price (MEP) on natural honey extended by the Government till March 2026?

- A) \$2,000 per tonne
- B) \$1,800 per tonne
- C) \$1,600 per tonne
- D) \$1,400 per tonne
- E) \$1,200 per tonne

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India has extended the Minimum Export Price (MEP) of \$1,400 per tonne on natural honey till 31 March 2026, as notified by the DGFT.
- Earlier, the MEP was reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,400 per tonne to boost India's honey export competitiveness.
- Honey exports between April–October stood at 60,002 tonnes valued at \$117.97 million, with FY 2024–25 exports crossing 1 lakh tonnes worth \$206.47 million.
- Major export markets include the US, UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar.
- Uttar Pradesh is the largest honey-producing state, followed by West Bengal and Punjab.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: India's traditional medical systems (AYUSH) were formally recognised in which international trade agreements?

- A) India–UAE CEPA and India–UK FTA
- B) India–Japan CEPA and India–Australia ECTA
- C) India–Oman CEPA and India–New Zealand FTA
- D) India–ASEAN FTA and India–Sri Lanka FTA
- E) India–EU FTA and India–Canada CEPA

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Commerce & Industry announced that India's traditional medical systems under AYUSH have been formally recognised in bilateral trade agreements.
- These include the India–Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and the India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- The announcement was made during the 4th establishment anniversary celebrations of the AYUSH Export Promotion Council (AYUSHEXCIL) in New Delhi.
- AYUSHEXCIL was registered on 4 January 2022 as a Section 8 company with the Registrar of Companies, Delhi.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Why did India and Bangladesh begin joint water measurement on the Ganga–Padma rivers?

- A) Due to floods in Bangladesh
- B) To start a new river treaty
- C) As the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty entered its final year
- D) For hydropower generation
- E) To resolve border disputes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Bangladesh initiated joint water measurement on the Ganga and Padma rivers as the 30-year Ganges Water Sharing Treaty entered its final year.
- The measurements are conducted 3,500 feet upstream of the Hardinge Bridge on the Padma River in Bangladesh and simultaneously at the Farakka point on the Ganga River in India.
- The joint exercise aims to ensure accurate data sharing and transparency between the two countries.
- The Ganges Water Sharing Treaty governs the distribution of dry-season flows of the Ganga between India and Bangladesh.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: “Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction” is written by which author?

- A) Aravind Adiga
- B) Amitav Ghosh
- C) Arundhati Roy
- D) Jhumpa Lahiri
- E) Kiran Desai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- “Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction” is a non-fiction book written by Arundhati Roy.
- The book is a collection of essays written between 2018 and 2020.
- It critically examines themes such as freedom, democracy, nationalism, fascism, and dissent in contemporary India.
- The title ‘Azadi’ symbolizes freedom, resistance, and civil liberties.
- The book reflects Arundhati Roy’s views on political power, state policies, minorities, and civil freedoms.
- The updated edition is published by Penguin Random House India.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Why did the Government of India impose a safeguard duty on non-alloy and alloy steel flat products?

- A) To increase export competitiveness
- B) To control domestic steel prices
- C) To protect domestic industry from sudden import surge
- D) To comply with WTO penalty norms
- E) To promote foreign steel imports

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India imposed a final safeguard duty on imports of non-alloy and alloy steel flat products after a DGTR investigation confirmed a sudden surge in imports.
- The provisional safeguard duty has been converted into a definitive measure for three years with immediate effect.
- Duty rates are 12% from 21 April 2025 to 20 April 2026, 11.5% from 21 April 2026 to 20 April 2027, and 11% from 21 April 2027 to 20 April 2028.
- The measure aims to protect the domestic steel industry from a sudden increase in imports.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who has taken charge as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff of India?

- A) Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- B) Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari
- C) Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor
- D) Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- E) Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor has assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force.
- He succeeded Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari, who superannuated after 40 years of service.
- Air Marshal Kapoor is an alumnus of NDA, DSSC, and NDC, and a skilled fighter pilot with over 3,400 flying hours on MiG-21 and MiG-29 aircraft.
- He has held key command, operational, instructional, and staff appointments, including AOC-in-C of Training Command and South Western Air Command.
- He has received multiple gallantry and distinguished service awards.

EXAM
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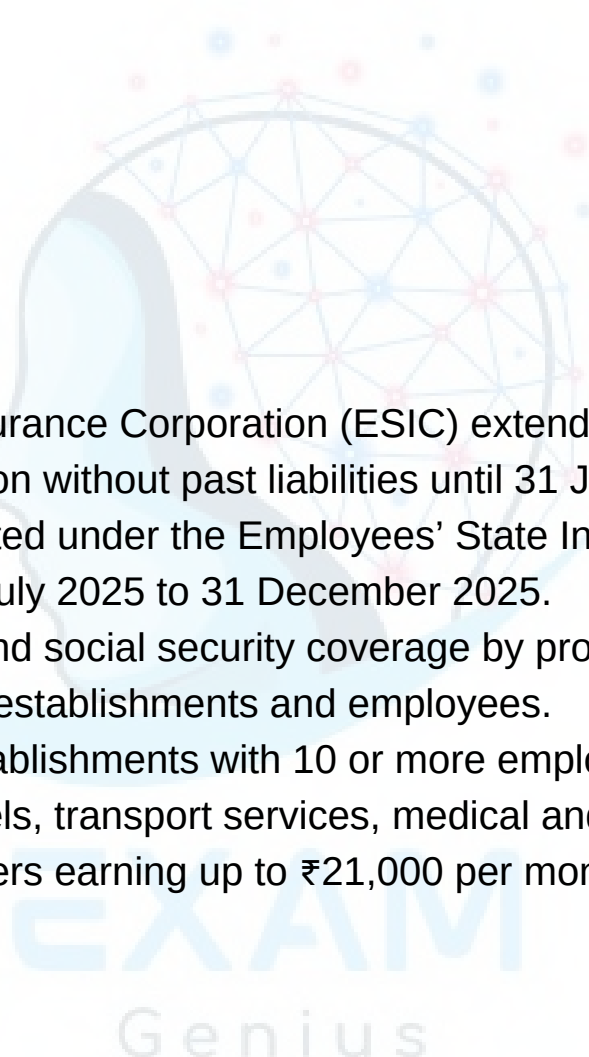
Ques: The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) extended SPREE 2025 till which date, allowing voluntary registration without past liabilities?

- A) 31 December 2025
- B) 15 January 2026
- C) 31 January 2026
- D) 28 February 2026
- E) 31 March 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) extended SPREE 2025, allowing voluntary registration without past liabilities until 31 January 2026.
- SPREE 2025 is implemented under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 and was originally valid from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.
- The scheme aims to expand social security coverage by promoting simplified registration of unregistered establishments and employees.
- It covers factories and establishments with 10 or more employees in ESI-notified areas, including shops, hotels, transport services, medical and educational institutions, municipal bodies, and workers earning up to ₹21,000 per month (₹25,000 for persons with disabilities).





Ques: Which country became the first in the world to officially end physical letter delivery?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Denmark's state-run postal service, PostNord, delivered its last physical letter, ending over 400 years of traditional mail delivery.
- Denmark became the first country in the world to officially stop physical letter delivery in the digital age.
- The decision reflects a sharp decline in letter usage, with PostNord delivering over 90% fewer letters in 2024 than in 2000.
- Parcel delivery services will continue due to growth in e-commerce, and Denmark remains among the most digitally advanced countries with most government services online.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: PM-KUSUM 2.0, which the Union Government plans to roll out ahead of Union Budget 2026–27, is primarily aimed at what objective?

- A) Large thermal power plants
- B) Nuclear energy in rural areas
- C) Decentralised solar energy in agriculture
- D) Wind energy in coastal states
- E) Hydropower irrigation projects

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- PM-KUSUM 2.0 is the next phase of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM), planned ahead of Budget 2026–27.
- It focuses on promoting decentralised solar energy solutions in the agriculture sector.
- The original PM-KUSUM scheme was launched in March 2019, with the current phase valid till March 2026 and a total outlay of ₹34,422 crore.
- The scheme aims to add around 34,800 MW of solar capacity through decentralised grid-connected solar power plants, standalone solar pumps, and solarisation of existing grid-connected agricultural pumps.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which state hosted the Regional Artificial Intelligence Impact Conference held in December 2025?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Odisha hosted the Regional Artificial Intelligence Impact Conference on 19–20 December 2025.
- The conference focused on AI in governance, AI-enabled public service delivery, and responsible, scalable, and inclusive AI adoption.
- The event aligned with the Odisha AI Policy 2025 and supporting policies in FinTech, Global Capability Centres, and Advanced Electronics.
- The guiding principle of the conference was the Three Ps framework: Planet, People, and Progress.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Indian city, known as the “Diamond City,” is set to become the country’s first slum-free city?

- A) Ahmedabad
- B) Mumbai
- C) Surat
- D) Jaipur
- E) Indore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Surat, Gujarat’s second-largest city, is set to become India’s first slum-free city.
- Known as the “Diamond City” because it processes nearly 90% of the world’s diamonds, and also called the “Silk City” due to its large textile industry.
- Surat is referred to as “Suryapur” and “Green City” for its cleanliness and urban management.
- The city is located on the left bank of the Tapi (Tapti) River and was historically a major port and trading centre of western India.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the main focus of the NIRYAT PROTSAHAN sub-scheme under the Export Promotion Mission?

- A) Export subsidies for large exporters
- B) Market branding and trade intelligence
- C) Access to affordable trade finance for MSMEs
- D) Logistics infrastructure development
- E) Regulation of export pricing

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The NIRYAT PROTSAHAN sub-scheme under the Export Promotion Mission focuses on strengthening MSME exports by providing easier access to affordable trade finance.
- A ₹7,295-crore export support package has been announced, including a ₹5,181-crore interest subvention scheme and ₹2,114-crore collateral support, easing credit constraints for MSME exporters.
- The first intervention offers interest subvention on pre- and post-shipment rupee export credit to reduce borrowing costs and working-capital constraints.
- A base interest subvention of 2.75% applies, with extra incentives for exports to emerging or under-represented markets.
- Benefits cover exports under a notified positive list (about 75% of tariff lines), with a cap of ₹50 lakh per IEC in FY 2025–26.



Ques: The Ministry of Textiles extended the deadline for submission of fresh applications under which scheme till March 31, 2026?

- A) Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme
- B) Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Textiles
- C) National Technical Textiles Mission
- D) Integrated Textile Parks Scheme
- E) Amended Technology Upgradation Scheme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Textiles extended the deadline for fresh applications under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles to 31 March 2026 (previously 31 December 2025).
- As of 9 September 2025, 91 companies were selected under the PLI scheme, with investments of ₹7,731 crore, exports of ₹733 crore, and turnover of ₹7,290 crore.
- The PLI scheme, launched in September 2021 with a tenure of 5 years (FY22–FY26) and an outlay of ₹10,683 crore, aims to promote manufacturing, global competitiveness, and exports in select textile segments.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the Aadhaar-like unique identification proposed by the Transport Ministry for Electric Vehicle (EV) batteries?

- A) EVIN
- B) Battery UID
- C) BPAN
- D) Green Battery ID
- E) e-Battery Aadhaar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) proposed a unique Aadhaar-like identification number for EV batteries.
- Under draft guidelines, battery manufacturers or importers will assign a 21-character Battery Pack Aadhaar Number (BPAN) to each EV battery.
- The purpose is to ensure end-to-end traceability of EV batteries from manufacturing/import to end-of-life recycling.
- BPAN will facilitate efficient recycling and environmentally sound disposal of used batteries, supporting India's clean mobility and circular economy goals.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which bank launched the Zero-Forex Diamond Reserve Credit Card offering zero foreign exchange markup for frequent international travellers?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) IDFC FIRST Bank
- E) State Bank of India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- IDFC FIRST Bank launched the Zero-Forex Diamond Reserve Credit Card targeting frequent international travellers.
- The card offers zero foreign exchange (forex) markup along with travel and lifestyle rewards.
- Annual fee is ₹3,000 + GST, waived from the second year for annual spends of ₹6 lakh or more.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What time lag has SEBI proposed for sharing and using price data in investor education and awareness programmes?

- A) 1 day
- B) 7 days
- C) 15 days
- D) 30 days
- E) 90 days

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- SEBI has proposed a uniform 30-day time lag for sharing and using price data in investor education and awareness programmes.
- This ensures educational content remains relevant while preventing misuse of sensitive market data.
- Earlier, exchanges shared data with a one-day lag, and educators could use data at least three months old; the new 30-day lag standardizes this process.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: With which institution did the Delhi Government sign an MoU to bring its finances under a complete banking, cash management, and debt management framework for the first time?

- A) Reserve Bank of India / भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
- B) Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय
- C) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- D) NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
- E) Comptroller and Auditor General / नियंत्रक एवं महालेखा परीक्षक

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Delhi Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate under RBI's complete banking, cash management, and debt management framework for the first time.
- This aligns Delhi's financial governance with nationally accepted fiscal practices.
- RBI traditionally acts as banker and debt manager for state governments, managing borrowings, cash balances, and debt instruments under frameworks approved by the Centre.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which bank will facilitate bilateral trade settlements between India and Israel in Indian rupees through a Special Rupee Vostro Account?

- A) Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
- B) Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
- C) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- D) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
- E) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) will enable bilateral trade settlements between India and Israel in Indian rupees via a Special Rupee Vostro Account.
- This initiative supports the ongoing discussions toward a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement between the two countries.
- Israeli exporters and importers will make and receive payments in rupees linked to trade invoices through the SBI Tel Aviv branch, which has obtained all necessary regulatory approvals.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which company became the first payments firm in India, the Middle East, APAC, and South Africa to receive the ISO/IEC 42001 certification for Artificial Intelligence Management Systems?

- A) Paytm
- B) Razorpay
- C) PhonePe
- D) NPCI
- E) Financial Software and Systems (FSS)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Financial Software and Systems (FSS) became the first payments company in India, the Middle East, APAC, and South Africa to receive ISO/IEC 42001 certification.
- ISO/IEC 42001 is the world's first international standard for Artificial Intelligence Management Systems (AIMS).
- The certification recognises organisations that demonstrate responsible, ethical, and trustworthy use of artificial intelligence.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: By how much has India's solar module manufacturing capacity increased year-on-year in 2025, as stated by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi?

- A) 75% to 100 GW
- B) 100% to 120 GW
- C) 150% to 160 GW
- D) 128.6% to 144 GW
- E) 62 times to 200 GW

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's solar module manufacturing capacity increased by 128.6% year-on-year to 144 GW in 2025, according to Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi.
- India added 81 GW capacity in the previous year, rising from 63 GW to 144 GW.
- Since 2014, India's solar manufacturing capacity has increased more than 62 times from 2.3 GW.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: What is SAMPANN, the system recently implemented for DoT pensioners, designed to provide online pension management and digital grievance redressal?

- A) System for Automated Monitoring of Pension
- B) System for Accounting and Management of Pension
- C) Simplified Administrative Management of Pension
- D) Secure Access for Pensioners' Digital Records
- E) Standardized Application for Monthly Pension

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SAMPANN (System for Accounting and Management of Pension) is an integrated online pension management system for DoT pensioners that processes, sanctions, and disburses pension directly to their bank accounts.
- The system provides online grievance redressal, digital profile management, and transaction records, improving transparency and efficiency for telecom retirees.
- Key pension-related documents such as Gratuity Payment Orders, Pension Certificates/ePPOs, Pension Commutation Orders, and Form 16 are accessible via DigiLocker for secure digital storage and retrieval.
- SAMPANN stands for "System for Accounting and Management of Pension," aiming for convenient and worry-free post-retirement life.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Under which mission were indigenously developed 3D-printed Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) created by Indian scientists led by IITM, Pune?

- A) Mission Mausam
- B) National Monsoon Mission
- C) Digital India Mission
- D) National Climate Action Plan
- E) Atal Innovation Mission

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Indian scientists led by IITM, Pune, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, developed indigenously manufactured 3D-printed Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) under Mission Mausam.
- The first batch of these AWS will be deployed in Delhi from February 2026, followed by Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai over six months.
- Initially, 50 units have been produced, with 80 additional units planned.
- Mission Mausam, with an outlay of Rs. 2,000 crore for 2024–2026, aims to upgrade meteorological infrastructure, fill observation gaps in urban and climate-sensitive regions, and enable accurate hyper-local weather forecasts across India.
- Leadership of the mission is under IMD and the National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF).

Genius



Ques: Who released the 10th edition of the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP 2026), the official compendium of drug standards of India?

- A) Mansukh Mandaviya
- B) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- C) Dharmendra Pradhan
- D) Anupriya Patel
- E) Jitendra Singh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda released the 10th edition of the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP 2026), the official compendium of drug standards in India.
- IP 2026 added 121 new monographs, raising the total to 3,340, strengthening standards for anti-TB, anti-diabetic, anti-cancer drugs, and micronutrient supplements.
- Indian Pharmacopoeia is legally enforceable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and published by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission under MoHFW.
- IP 2026 aligns with international best practices, collaborates with US, European, and Japanese Pharmacopoeias, and is recognised in 19 Global South countries.
- Under the Pharmacovigilance Programme of India, India's ranking in WHO's pharmacovigilance database improved from 123rd to 8th by 2025.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Who inaugurated India's first commercial-scale tropical RAS-based Rainbow Trout Aquaculture Farm and Research Institute in Telangana?

- A) Narendra Singh Tomar
- B) Giriraj Singh
- C) Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh)
- D) Pashupati Kumar Paras
- E) Mansukh Mandaviya

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh) inaugurated India's first commercial-scale tropical RAS-based Rainbow Trout Aquaculture Farm and Research Institute in Kandukur Mandal, Ranga Reddy district, Telangana.
- The facility enables high-value cold-water fish farming in tropical conditions using climate-controlled, water-efficient Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS) technology.
- The project demonstrated that species like Rainbow Trout can be farmed year-round in tropical climates, making technology the key determinant of aquaculture viability rather than climate.
- RAS technology recycles 90–99% of water, mechanically and biologically filters fish waste, precisely controls water quality, and requires minimal fresh water.

About Telangana :

- Capital : Hyderabad
- CM : Anumula Revanth Reddy
- Governor : Jishnu Dev Varma



Ques: Which country has India overtaken to become the world's largest rice producer, as announced during the release of 184 new crop varieties by ICAR?

- A) China
- B) Vietnam
- C) Thailand
- D) Indonesia
- E) Bangladesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India has overtaken China to become the world's largest rice producer.
- India's rice production reached 150.18 million tonnes, surpassing China's output of 145.28 million tonnes.
- Indian rice is now being supplied extensively to overseas markets, strengthening India's position in global agricultural trade.
- The announcement was made during the release of 184 new crop varieties developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who released the Urdu book “Khutbat-e-Modi: Lal Qila Ki Faseel Se”, a compilation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Independence Day speeches from 2014 to 2025?

- A) Dharmendra Pradhan
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- E) Smriti Irani

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan released the book “Khutbat-e-Modi: Lal Qila Ki Faseel Se” in New Delhi.
- The book compiles Independence Day addresses delivered by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the Red Fort between 2014 and 2025.
- Published in Urdu, the book has been brought out by the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) under the Ministry of Education.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who launched the 'IITM Global Research Foundation' at IIT Madras to mark its ambition of becoming the world's first multinational university?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Dharmendra Pradhan
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Dr. S. Jaishankar

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister for External Affairs Dr. S. Jaishankar launched the IITM Global Research Foundation at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras.
- The initiative reflects IIT Madras' ambition to emerge as the world's first multinational university.
- IITM Global is based on four pillars: technology transfer to global markets, joint international research projects, overseas business opportunities for IIT-M startups, and attracting foreign investment.
- IIT Madras signed multiple MoUs with global partners across the USA, UK, Germany, Dubai, Asia-Pacific region, and under the India-for-Global initiative.
- In the initial phase, IITM Global will be set up in the USA, UAE, Malaysia, and Germany.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which leaders are expected to attend India's Republic Day celebrations on 26 January 2026 as chief guests, highlighting strong diplomatic ties with the European Union?

- A) Emmanuel Macron and Olaf Scholz
- B) Ursula von der Leyen and António Costa
- C) Charles Michel and Josep Borrell
- D) Roberta Metsola and Kaja Kallas
- E) Ursula von der Leyen and Roberta Metsola

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's Republic Day celebrations on 26 January 2026 are expected to have strong diplomatic significance, with European Union leaders attending as chief guests.
- The expected chief guests are Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, and António Costa, President of the European Council.
- The proposed India–EU Free Trade Agreement is strategically important for both partners.
- Indonesia's President H.E. Prabowo Subianto was the Chief Guest at India's 76th Republic Day in January 2025.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What are the sacred ancient Buddha-linked gems that were unveiled in India for the first time since their colonial-era removal and displayed at an exhibition opened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi?

- A) Piprahwa Relics
- B) Bodh Gaya Relics
- C) Sanchi Relics
- D) Nalanda Relics
- E) Kushinagar Relics

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Sacred Piprahwa Relics titled “The Light & the Lotus: Relics of the Awakened One” were unveiled in India for the first time since their colonial-era removal.
- The Piprahwa gems consist of over 300 precious stones and ornaments believed to have been buried with the relics of the Buddha at a stupa site in present-day Uttar Pradesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the exhibition where these relics were formally displayed in New Delhi.
- The gems, dating back to around 200 BC, were discovered in 1898 by British colonial engineer William Claxton Peppe.
- In May 2025, the gems were listed for auction by Sotheby’s in Hong Kong after being put up for sale by Peppe’s great-grandson Chris Peppe.

Genius



Ques: Which countries have been elected as non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for a two-year term?

- A) Algeria, Guyana, Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, Slovenia
- B) Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, Somalia
- C) Bahrain, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Latvia, Liberia
- D) China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, United States
- E) India, Brazil, Germany, Japan, South Africa

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bahrain, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Latvia, and Liberia have been elected as non-permanent members of the UNSC for a two-year term.
- These countries replaced Algeria, Guyana, the Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, and Slovenia, whose terms ended recently.
- They will serve alongside Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia until the end of 2026, together with the five permanent members.
- India has served as a non-permanent member of the UNSC eight times, most recently during 2021–22.

About the United Nations Security Council :

- Established : 1945
- HQ : New York City, U.S.
- Presidency : Somalia (January 2026)





Ques: What is the name of the first community radio station launched along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir to improve communication with border communities?

- A) Radio Udaan
- B) Radio Sangam
- C) Radio Seema
- D) Radio Kashmir
- E) Radio LoC

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Army, in collaboration with the civil administration and local residents, launched “Radio Sangam,” a community radio station at Keri village in the Doongi block of Rajouri district, Jammu and Kashmir.
- It is the first community radio station established along the Line of Control to enhance information outreach and communication with border communities.
- Radio Sangam broadcasts on 88.8 FM frequency from Keri village.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The 9th National Siddha Day observed on 6 January commemorates the birth anniversary of which ancient sage?

- A) Sage Charaka
- B) Sage Sushruta
- C) Sage Patanjali
- D) Sage Dhanvantari
- E) Sage Agathiyar

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 9th National Siddha Day was observed on 6 January to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sage Agathiyar, regarded as the father of the Siddha system of medicine.
- The theme of National Siddha Day 2026 was “Siddha for Global Health.”
- The Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, inaugurated the 9th Siddha Day celebrations at Kalaivanar Arangam in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which bank launched 'The Fortuna Wave' as its refreshed brand identity to signal modernization and future-readiness?

- A) South Indian Bank
- B) Federal Bank Limited
- C) Bandhan Bank
- D) Yes Bank
- E) IDFC First Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Federal Bank Limited launched 'The Fortuna Wave', a refreshed brand identity, in Mumbai in the presence of Vidya Balan, the bank's brand ambassador.
- The new identity reflects the bank's transformation from a locally trusted institution into a national player with a growing global presence.

About Federal Bank:

- Established: 1931
- Headquarters: Kochi, Kerala
- MD & CEO: KVS Manian
- Tagline: Your Perfect Banking Partner

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which public sector bank was the most penalised by RBI in FY25 by value?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In FY25, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed monetary penalties totaling about ₹8.78 crore on Public Sector Banks (PSBs) for regulatory and compliance violations.
- State Bank of India (SBI) was the most penalised PSB, with a penalty of ₹1.72 crore.
- The penalty on SBI was mainly due to non-compliance with Priority Sector Lending (PSL) norms and deposit account regulations.
- Other PSBs penalised include Canara Bank (₹1.63 crore), Indian Bank (₹1.61 crore), Bank of India (₹1 crore), and Union Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Bank of Baroda, Bank of Maharashtra, and Punjab National Bank (₹29.60 lakh to ₹63.60 lakh).
- RBI imposes such penalties to ensure regulatory compliance and strengthen banking discipline.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Till which date is the Special Revival Campaign launched by LIC for reviving lapsed individual policies valid?

- A) 31 December 2025
- B) 31 March 2026
- C) 2 March 2026
- D) 30 June 2026
- E) 1 January 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched a Special Revival Campaign to revive lapsed individual policies.
- The campaign is valid from 1 January 2026 to 2 March 2026.
- Policies can be revived within five years from the date of the first unpaid premium.
- Maximum late fee concession is ₹5,000.
- **Concession details:**
 - Up to ₹1 lakh premium: up to ₹3,000
 - ₹1,00,001 to ₹3 lakh: up to ₹4,000
 - ₹3,00,001 and above: up to ₹5,000
- Micro-insurance plans get 100% late fee concession.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which private sector bank faced the highest monetary penalty by value in CY25?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) Jammu & Kashmir Bank
- E) Yes Bank

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- In FY25 / CY25, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed monetary penalties totalling about ₹16.28 crore on private sector banks for regulatory and compliance violations.
- Jammu & Kashmir Bank faced the highest single monetary penalty by value among private sector banks.
- RBI imposed a penalty of ₹3.31 crore on Jammu & Kashmir Bank in March 2025.
- The violations were related to loan-related deficiencies and non-compliance with customer protection norms.
- Hence, Jammu & Kashmir Bank emerged as the most penalised private sector bank by value in CY25.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which regulator notified the phased rollout of revised net worth and liquid net worth requirements for existing Merchant Bankers through amendments to the 1992 regulations?

- A) RBI
- B) SEBI
- C) IRDAI
- D) PFRDA
- E) MCA

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SEBI amended the SEBI (Merchant Bankers) Regulations, 1992 through the SEBI (Merchant Bankers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025.
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- **Net worth requirement:**
 - Category-I: ₹25 crore by 02 Jan 2027; ₹50 crore by 02 Jan 2028
 - Category-II: ₹7.5 crore by 02 Jan 2027; ₹10 crore by 02 Jan 2028
- **Liquid Net Worth (LNW):**
 - Category-I: ₹6.25 crore (2027); ₹12.5 crore (2028)
 - Category-II: ₹1.875 crore (2027); ₹2.5 crore (2028)
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- Underwriting limit capped at 20× LNW, comprising unencumbered liquid assets (cash, bank deposits, G-Secs, select MF units).
- Minimum revenue over 3 years mandated: ₹25 crore (Category-I) and ₹5 crore (Category-II); non-compliance may lead to cancellation of registration.
- • Independent compliance officer to be appointed by 03 April 2026; principal officers need 5 years' market experience with one-year compliance window.
- • Core merchant banking activities cannot be outsourced and existing arrangements must be unwound by 03 April 2026.
- • MBs cannot manage issues where connected persons hold over 0.1% equity or shares exceeding ₹10 lakh (whichever is lower).





Ques: Which State recorded the highest growth in own tax revenue (excluding Union taxes) during April–November FY26?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- As per data released by the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG), Karnataka recorded the highest growth rate in States' own tax revenue during April–November FY26, excluding the share of Union taxes.
- Karnataka was followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in terms of growth rate, though in absolute tax collection Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh remain ahead of Karnataka.
- The growth in tax revenue was influenced by post-GST rate rationalisation, which particularly impacted SGST collections.
- In capital expenditure (capex), Gujarat emerged as the leading State, followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka.
- Several States are increasing capital expenditure aggressively to strengthen infrastructure in line with the Centre's push, while keeping fiscal deficits within recommended limits.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which bank integrated the RBI's Central Bank Digital Currency (Digital Rupee – e₹) into its online merchant payment platform SmartGateway?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- HDFC Bank included the Digital Rupee (e₹), the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), into their online merchant payment platform, SmartGateway.
- As a result, in addition to current payment methods like UPI, cards, and net banking, SmartGateway merchants may now take payments using the Digital Rupee at no transaction fee.

About HDFC Bank:

- Established: August 1994
- HQ: Mumbai
- MD & CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline: We Understand Your World

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) has partnered with which fintech company to strengthen its UPI acquiring and issuing capabilities?

- A) TechFini
- B) Razorpay
- C) PayU
- D) PhonePe
- E) NPCI

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank has entered into a strategic partnership with TechFini to enhance its UPI acquiring and issuing capabilities.
- Under the collaboration, TechFini will act as the Technology Service Provider for TMB and manage UPI switching through its TechFini UPI Switch.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HSBC Private Bank?

- A) Jane Fraser
- B) Ida Liu
- C) Alison Rose
- D) Nuno Matos
- E) Georges Elhedery

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Ida Liu has been appointed as the CEO of HSBC Private Bank.

Before joining HSBC, she served as Global Head of Citi Private Bank since 2007.

HSBC Private Bank is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, and its Chairman is Peter Widmer.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)?

- A) Abhishek Dev
- B) Sanjay Agarwal
- C) Rajesh Bhushan
- D) Alka Upadhyaya
- E) Manoj Ahuja

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Abhishek Dev has been appointed as the Chairman of APEDA with a one-year extension; he first assumed the role in July 2023.

APEDA was established in 1985 and is headquartered in New Delhi.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which organisation enabled online ticket booking for over 170 centrally protected monuments and museums through the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)?

- A) Ministry of Tourism
- B) India Tourism Development Corporation
- C) National Monuments Authority
- D) National Museum, Delhi
- E) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), under the Ministry of Culture, enabled online ticket booking for 170+ centrally protected monuments and museums via ONDC.

Visitors booking through ONDC-enabled apps receive discounts of ₹5 (Indian visitors) and ₹50 (foreign nationals).

Tickets are available on platforms such as Highway Delite, Pelocal (WhatsApp-based), and Abhee by Monde; more apps are being integrated.

About ASI:

Established: 1861

Headquarters: New Delhi

Director General: Yadubir Singh Rawat





Ques: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has partnered with which Japanese company to enter the ethane shipping business through joint ventures?

- A) Mitsui OSK Lines
- B) Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha
- C) Nippon Yusen Kaisha
- D) Japan Marine United
- E) Sumitomo Corporation

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

ONGC has partnered with Japanese shipping company Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL) to enter the ethane shipping business through two joint ventures.

The JVs—Bharat Ethane One IFSC Private Limited and Bharat Ethane Two IFSC Private Limited—are registered in GIFT City, Gandhinagar, with 50:50 ownership between ONGC and MOL.

Very Large Ethane Carriers (VLECs) will transport ethane from the USA to India to meet the feedstock needs of ONGC Petro Additions Limited (OPaL).

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which athlete recently launched his own athlete management firm 'Vel Sports'?

- A) Bajrang Punia
- B) Abhinav Bindra
- C) Neeraj Chopra
- D) PV Sindhu
- E) Rohit Sharma

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Two-time Olympic medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has launched his own athlete management firm, Vel Sports, after ending a decade-long association with JSW Sports.

This move marks his transition from athlete to entrepreneur and mentor.

Through Vel Sports, he aims to guide young Indian athletes in career management and provide global exposure.

EXAM
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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)?

- A) Dr. D. K. Shukla
- B) R. K. Sinha
- C) S. K. Jain
- D) Anil Kakodkar
- E) A. K. Balasubrahmanian

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

A. K. Balasubrahmanian has been appointed as the Chairman of AERB for a three-year tenure, succeeding Dr. D. K. Shukla.

AERB was established in 1983 and is headquartered in Mumbai.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which country is planning to ban social media platforms for children under 15 from the 2026 academic year?

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Italy
- D) Spain
- E) Australia

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The French government plans to ban social media access for children below 15 starting the 2026 academic year.

President Emmanuel Macron has strongly supported this move.

The proposal is inspired by Australia's ban on social media for under-16s.

The aim is to protect children's mental health, safety, and well-being, addressing online addiction, cyberbullying, and harmful content.

EXAM
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Ques: Which state has announced the Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS) to provide OPS-equivalent post-retirement benefits while retaining a contributory structure?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka
- C) Kerala
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Telangana

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS) was announced by CM M. K. Stalin for state employees and teachers.

It provides assured post-retirement income equivalent to the old pension scheme (OPS) while maintaining a contributory system.

Employees contribute 10% of their basic pay; the state bears the additional financial liability.

Pension benefit under TAPS equals 50% of the last-drawn basic pay.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which AI-powered tool was demonstrated live by the Digital India BHASHINI Division at the 10th TiE Global Summit – Rajasthan Chapter?

- A) BhashaSetu
- B) Anuvaadini
- C) VaaniAI
- D) DigiVaani
- E) Shrutlekh

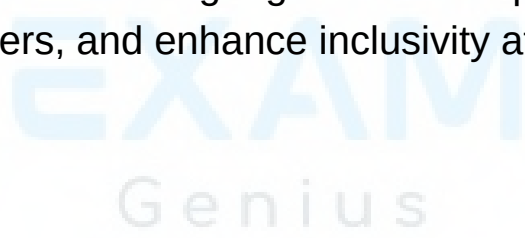
Answer: Option E

Explanation:

The Digital India BHASHINI Division (under MeitY) demonstrated Shrutlekh, an AI-powered speech-to-text and multilingual translation tool, at the 10th TiE Global Summit – Rajasthan Chapter.

Shrutlekh enabled real-time speech recognition, transcription, and English–Hindi translation using Auto Language Detection (ALD) during key sessions.

The demonstration showcased how language AI can adapt to multiple languages, reduce communication barriers, and enhance inclusivity at public forums.





Ques: Which organisation awarded a AAA (Stable) rating to NHAI's Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (RIIT)?

- A) CRISIL
- B) ICRA
- C) CARE Ratings
- D) Fitch Ratings
- E) Moody's

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

NHAI's Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (RIIT) received a AAA (Stable) rating for its long-term bank facilities from CARE Ratings.

AAA indicates the highest creditworthiness with very low default risk; 'Stable' outlook means the rating is expected to remain unchanged in the near to medium term.

CARE Ratings highlighted NHAI's strong backing, experience, credibility, and proven track record in the roads and highways sector.

RIIT is approved by SEBI as a Public Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) and NHAI has monetised road assets worth ~₹1.43 lakh crore.

EXAM
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Ques: What type of weapon system is the 'Taimoor' missile recently tested by the Pakistan Air Force?

- A) Surface-to-Surface Ballistic Missile
- B) Surface-to-Air Missile
- C) Hypersonic Glide Vehicle
- D) Anti-Tank Guided Missile
- E) Air-Launched Cruise Missile

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

Taimoor is an Air-Launched Cruise Missile (ALCM) tested by the Pakistan Air Force from Rawalpindi.

It has a range of 600 km and carries a conventional warhead.

Capable of striking land and sea targets, it uses advanced navigation and guidance systems and follows a very low-altitude flight profile.

EXAM
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Ques: Which ministry has set up the Live Events Development Cell (LEDC) to boost India's concert and live entertainment economy?

- A) Ministry of Culture
- B) Ministry of Tourism
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- E) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) has established the Live Events Development Cell (LEDC) to strengthen India's concert and live entertainment sector.

Constituted in July 2025 under Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, LEDC aims to streamline approvals, permissions, and inter-departmental coordination for large-scale live events.

The initiative targets positioning India as a leading global destination for live events by 2030.

EXAM
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Ques: By which year does India aim to double its silk value chain to ₹1.10 lakh crore?

- A) 2026
- B) 2027
- C) 2028
- D) 2030
- E) 2035

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

India's silk value chain, currently around ₹55,000 crore, is targeted to double to ₹1.10 lakh crore by 2030.

Announced by the Central Silk Board (CSB) under the Ministry of Textiles.

India produces ~41,121 metric tonnes of raw silk annually (70% mulberry; rest eri, tasar, muga).

Production is projected to rise to ~54,000 metric tonnes by 2030 through expanded cultivation, improved productivity, and mechanisation.

Over the past five years, 50+ new districts were added, increasing silk-producing districts to ~476.

Government initiatives such as the Silk Samagra Scheme are supporting sectoral growth, while silk exports stood at ₹2,300 crore last fiscal and are expected to exceed ₹2,500 crore in FY26.



Ques: What is the maximum dividend payout cap proposed for commercial banks, small finance banks and payments banks under the revised framework?

- A) 60% of net profit
- B) 70% of net profit
- C) 75% of net profit
- D) 80% of net profit
- E) No upper limit

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the proposed framework, dividend payouts are capped at 75% of net profit for commercial banks, small finance banks and payments banks.
- Regional rural banks and local area banks will be allowed to distribute dividends up to 80% of net profit.
- Banks incorporated in India must report positive adjusted profit after tax for the relevant period to be eligible for dividend payout.
- Foreign banks operating through branches must have positive profit after tax from Indian operations to remit earnings to their head offices.
- The proposed directions apply to commercial banks, small finance banks, payments banks, regional rural banks and local area banks.
- The revised directions also cover all commercial banks, including State Bank of India and foreign banks operating in India through branches.
- Eligible foreign banks can remit profits to their head offices without prior RBI approval, subject to audited accounts and continued compliance with capital requirements.





Ques: What is the purpose of the Supervisory Data Quality Index (sDQI) created by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) To assess profitability of banks
- B) To measure data quality in regulatory returns
- C) To rank banks based on customer service
- D) To evaluate credit growth
- E) To monitor monetary transmission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India created the Supervisory Data Quality Index (sDQI) to measure the quality of data submitted by banks.
- The index evaluates data quality based on accuracy, timeliness, completeness, and consistency in regulatory returns.
- RBI reported that the sDQI score of Scheduled Commercial Banks improved to 90.7 in the September 2025 quarter from 89.9 in April–June 2025.
- Among bank groups, Small Finance Banks recorded the highest sDQI score of 91.5, followed by Public Sector Banks at 91.1.
- Private Sector Banks (90.6) and Foreign Banks (90.4) remained in the “good” category.
- In September 2025, no Scheduled Commercial Bank scored below 80, indicating overall improvement in data quality.
- As per sDQI grading: less than 70 indicates “major concerns”, 70–80 “needs improvement”, 80–90 “acceptable”, and above 90 “good”.
- The sDQI currently covers 87 Scheduled Commercial Banks and assesses returns related to asset quality, liquidity, risk-based supervision, and capital adequacy.





Ques: Which bank has introduced the 'Safety Centre' feature on its mobile banking app to enhance protection against digital fraud?

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

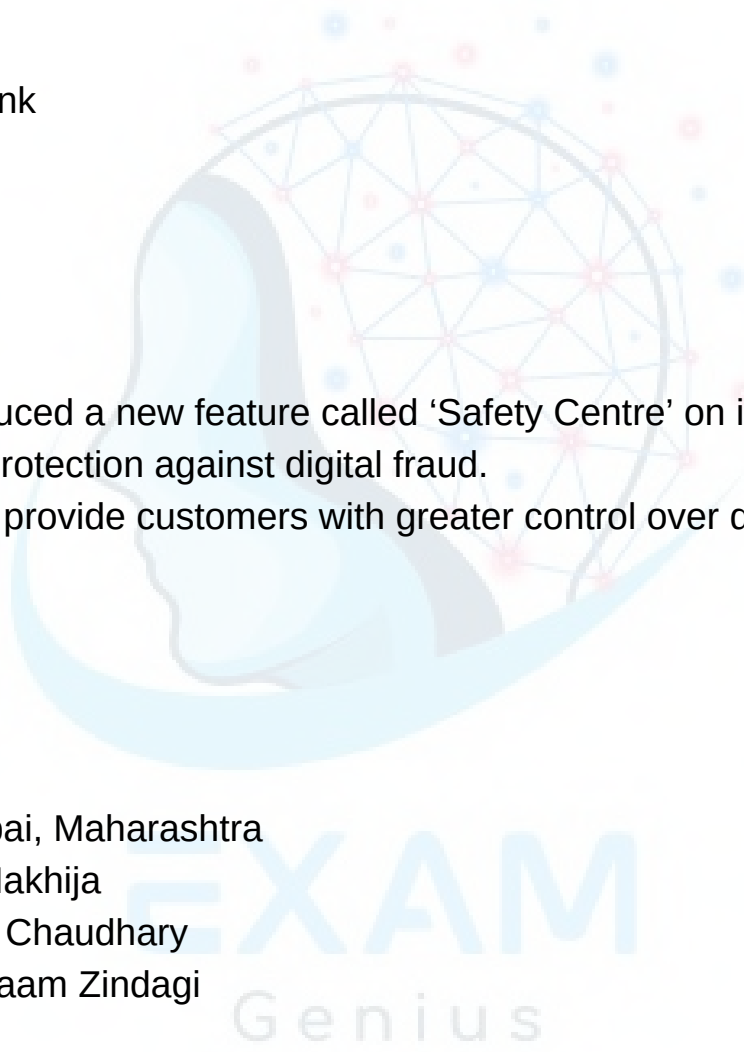
Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Axis Bank has introduced a new feature called 'Safety Centre' on its mobile banking app to strengthen customer protection against digital fraud.
- The initiative aims to provide customers with greater control over digital banking security and fraud prevention.

About Axis Bank:

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





Ques: How many Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) had their Certificate of Registration (CoR) cancelled by the RBI during December 2025, including voluntary surrenders?

- A) 35
- B) 45
- C) 50
- D) 51
- E) 55

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India cancelled the Certificate of Registration of 35 NBFCs for non-compliance with regulatory requirements.
- These cancellations were effective between December 9 and December 31, 2025.
- Additionally, 16 NBFCs voluntarily surrendered their Certificate of Registration to the RBI.
- This brought the total number of cancelled registrations to 51 NBFCs.
- RBI exercised its powers under Section 45-IA(6) of the RBI Act, 1934.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which state government launched a new financial assistance scheme for Udasin Bhakats to preserve cultural and religious heritage?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Odisha
- C) Assam
- D) Tripura
- E) Manipur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Assam government launched a new financial assistance scheme for Udasin Bhakats.
- Udasin Bhakats are celibate Vaishnavite monks devoted to spiritual practice, worship, and preservation of the Udasin satra system founded by 15th-century saint Srimanta Sankardeva.
- The term “Bhakat” means devotee or disciple, while “Udasin” refers to detachment from worldly life in pursuit of spirituality.
- The scheme aims to ensure the welfare of Bhakats and support the preservation of Assam’s cultural and religious heritage.
- Under the scheme, each eligible Udasin Bhakat receives monthly financial assistance of ₹1,500 directly into their bank account.
- Around 620 Udasin Bhakats have been identified as beneficiaries across Assam.

Genius





Ques: Which of the following books is written by Arundhati Roy?

- A) Midnight's Children
- B) Mother Mary Comes to Me
- C) A Suitable Boy
- D) The Inheritance of Loss
- E) Train to Pakistan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Arundhati Roy is a renowned Indian author, essayist, and social activist.
- Mother Mary Comes to Me is a collection of essays reflecting her views on politics, society, resistance, and justice.
- Her debut novel The God of Small Things (1997) won the Booker Prize and brought her international recognition.
- The Ministry of Utmost Happiness (2017) is her second novel, focusing on identity, conflict, and marginalized voices.
- Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction. (2020) is a non-fiction work discussing democracy, dissent, and freedom in contemporary India.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which state police ranked first in the second edition of the national Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) 2.0 rankings released by the NCRB?

- A) Haryana Police
- B) Assam Police
- C) Uttar Pradesh Police
- D) Uttarakhand Police
- E) Delhi Police

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Uttarakhand Police ranked first in the second edition of ICJS 2.0 rankings with a score of 93.46.
- The rankings were released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- Haryana Police secured second place with a score of 93.41, followed by Assam with 93.16.
- ICJS is a digital platform that integrates police, courts, prosecution, prisons, forensic laboratories, and fingerprint and crime databases to strengthen the criminal justice system.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Mount Bur Ni Telong volcano, recently in news, is located in which country?

- A) Philippines
- B) Japan
- C) Indonesia
- D) Papua New Guinea
- E) Chile

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indonesian authorities raised the alert level of Mount Bur Ni Telong volcano to the second-highest level due to increased volcanic activity.
- The alert upgrade followed a series of recorded volcanic earthquakes in the region.
- Mount Bur Ni Telong is located in Aceh province, Indonesia's westernmost province.
- Authorities are closely monitoring seismic and volcanic activity to assess the risk of a possible eruption.
- Indonesia lies on the Pacific Ring of Fire, making it prone to frequent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where is the Indian Navy planning to establish a new naval detachment to strengthen its maritime posture in the northern Bay of Bengal?

- A) Haldia
- B) Visakhapatnam
- C) Paradip
- D) Digha
- E) Port Blair

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Navy has begun preparatory work to establish a new naval detachment at Haldia to strengthen its maritime posture in the northern Bay of Bengal.
- The new facility will function as a detachment for small warships.
- Operating directly from the Bay of Bengal will help naval units avoid the long transit through the Hooghly River.
- This will enable faster deployment and improved response during contingencies.

EXAM
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Ques: What is the name of the modern warfare force created by the Indian Army to integrate drone technology and enhance combat capabilities?

- A) Garud Force
- B) Rudra Force
- C) Bhairav
- D) Shakti Corps
- E) Vajra Battalion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Army has created a modern warfare force named Bhairav to enhance combat capabilities through integration of drone technology and a pool of over one lakh trained drone operators.
- Bhairav aims to bridge the operational gap between Para Special Forces and regular Infantry battalions.
- It enables special operations from tactical to operational depth.
- Around 15 Bhairav battalions have already been raised and deployed across formations along both borders.
- The Army plans to raise about 25 more Bhairav battalions in the near future.
- These battalions will make their first public appearance at the Indian Army Day Parade on 15 January 2026 in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Genius



Ques: Who is the author of the book “India Unlimited: Reclaiming the Lost Glory”?

- A) Amartya Sen
- B) Raghuram Rajan
- C) Arvind Panagariya
- D) Bibek Debroy
- E) Jagdish Bhagwati

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Unlimited: Reclaiming the Lost Glory is written by renowned economist Dr. Arvind Panagariya, former Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- The book discusses India’s economic journey and critically evaluates the Nehruvian development model.
- It critiques state-led, inward-looking economic policies adopted in the early decades after Independence.
- The book argues that excessive regulation, import substitution, and public sector dominance slowed India’s growth.
- It strongly supports market-oriented reforms, globalization, and private sector participation.
- The book links post-1991 economic reforms with faster growth and deeper global integration.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which organisation has achieved record production of General and non-AC coaches while significantly improving passenger safety and affordability in recent years?

- A) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B) Indian Railways
- C) Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL)
- D) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)
- E) National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Railways has achieved record production of General and non-AC coaches equipped with modern, passenger-friendly facilities to meet rising demand at affordable fares.
- For 2025–26, the production plan includes 4,838 new LHB General and Non-AC coaches, with a target of 4,802 LHB coaches for 2026–27.
- Over 43,000 special train trips were operated, including services for Maha Kumbh, Holi, Summer Specials, and Chhath Puja.
- Indian Railways has identified 76 stations nationwide for developing passenger holding areas following the success of the Yatri Suvidha Kendra at New Delhi Railway Station.
- Passenger safety remains a top priority, with 84% of safety-related funds already utilised under GBS outlays for 2025–26.
- Consequential train accidents have reduced sharply from 135 in 2014–15 to 11 in 2025–26 (up to November 2025).
- The safety budget has nearly tripled to ₹1,16,470 crore, and fog safety devices increased from 90 in 2014 to 25,939 in 2025.
- Amrit Bharat Express trains, fully non-AC with Sleeper and General Class coaches, offer quality travel at affordable fares; 13 new services were introduced in 2025, taking the total to 30.
- Two Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services are operational between Bhuj–Ahmedabad and Jaynagar–Patna, enhancing high-frequency regional connectivity.





Ques: Which city has been ranked as the best city for women in India in 2025 according to the “Top Cities for Women in India 2025” report?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The “Top Cities for Women in India 2025” report was published by Chennai-based workplace inclusion firm Avtar.
- The report evaluated 125 cities across India.
- Bengaluru ranked first as the best city for women in India in 2025.
- Bengaluru topped the list with a City Inclusion Score (CIS) of 53.29.
- It was followed by Chennai (49.86), Pune (46.27), Hyderabad (46.04), and Mumbai (44.49).

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who is the author of “Another Day in Landour: Looking Out from My Window”?

- A) R.K. Narayan
- B) Ruskin Bond
- C) Amitav Ghosh
- D) Khushwant Singh
- E) Arundhati Roy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Another Day in Landour: Looking Out from My Window is written by Ruskin Bond.
- The work captures simple everyday moments and the quiet beauty of life in Landour.
- It highlights the theme of “Life’s Magic Moments,” finding joy in small and often unnoticed experiences.
- The piece celebrates nature, solitude, memory, and careful observation.
- Ruskin Bond’s writing style is known for its simplicity, lyrical tone, and deeply personal touch.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which year has been declared by the United Nations as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists?

- A) 2024
- B) 2025
- C) 2026
- D) 2027
- E) 2029

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United Nations, under the leadership of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), has declared 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP 2026).
- The initiative was led by Mongolia, with FAO acting as the lead agency.
- The UN General Assembly officially adopted the resolution on March 15, 2022.
- The declaration aims to raise global awareness about the importance of rangelands and pastoralist communities for food security, biodiversity, and sustainable livelihoods.

EXAM
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Ques: Which organisation celebrated its 79th Foundation Day on 6 January 2026 with the launch of key initiatives in New Delhi?

- A) Quality Council of India (QCI)
- B) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- C) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- D) National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)
- E) Directorate of Weights and Measures

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

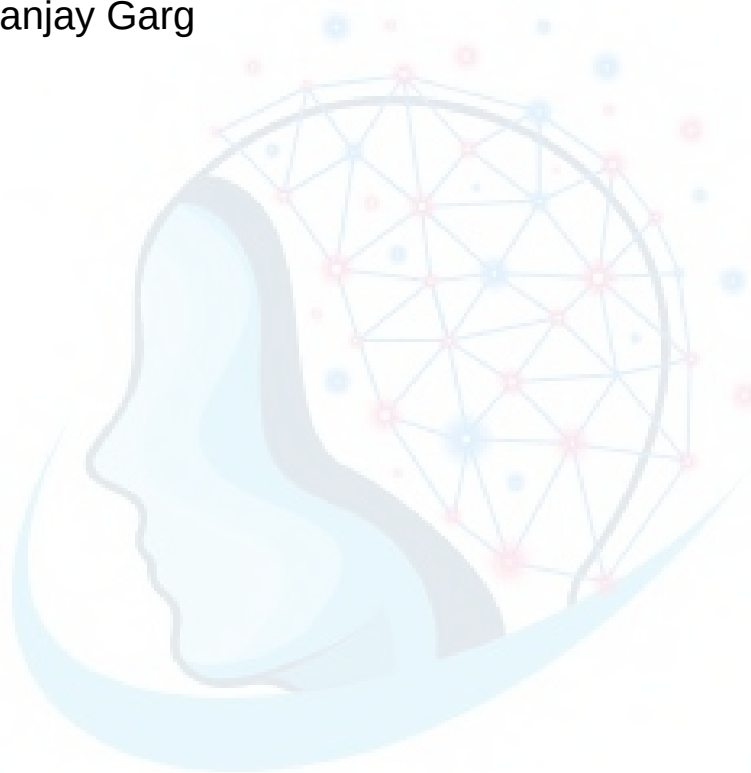
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) celebrated its 79th Foundation Day on 6 January 2026 in New Delhi with the launch and release of several key initiatives.
- BIS is India's National Standards Body under the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
- BIS continues to strengthen India's quality and standards ecosystem through innovation, digital transformation, and inclusive outreach.
- With over 23,300 Indian Standards in force, BIS plays a crucial role in ensuring safety, reliability, and global competitiveness of products and services across sectors.
- To support MSMEs, BIS offers concessions in the Annual Minimum Marking Fee: 80% for Micro, 50% for Small, and 20% for Medium Enterprises.
- "SHINE – Standards Help Inform & Nurture Empowered Women" is a new BIS scheme that places women at the center of India's quality journey. The scheme empowers women through structured training, partnerships with NGOs and SHGs, and locally delivered practical programmes.
- Shri Amandeep Singh (DGM, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.) has been conferred the prestigious 1906 IEC Award.
- He was honoured for his exceptional contributions to the development of IEC Working Groups, drawing from his experience in Indian UHV transmission line engineering.





About Bureau of Indian Standards :

- Established : 1987
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director : General Sanjay Garg



EXAM
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Ques: Which team created seven partnerships of 50 or more runs in a single innings during the fifth Ashes Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground?

- A) England
- B) India
- C) South Africa
- D) Australia
- E) New Zealand

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Australia produced a historic performance on Day 3 of the fifth Ashes Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground.
- The Australian team created seven partnerships of 50 or more runs in a single innings.
- This was an unprecedented achievement in Ashes cricket and only the second such instance in the 134-year history of Test cricket.
- The only other occurrence was in 2007, when India achieved seven such partnerships at The Oval during Rahul Dravid's captaincy era.

EXAM
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Ques: Who is the author of the books “The Circle of Life”, “How to Be Happy with Who You Are” and “The Magic of the Lost Earrings”?

- A) Arundhati Roy
- B) Jhumpa Lahiri
- C) Sudha Murty
- D) Anita Desai
- E) Kiran Desai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- All three books are authored by renowned Indian writer Sudha Murty.
- The Circle of Life explores life lessons and values.
- How to Be Happy with Who You Are focuses on self-acceptance, values, and inner happiness.
- The Magic of the Lost Earrings is a children-friendly story highlighting moral lessons and simplicity.
- Sudha Murty is known for her simple storytelling style, moral values, and strong social themes.
- She is also the former Chairperson of the Infosys Foundation.

EXAM
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Ques: Which condition was removed to help deep-tech startups avail financial assistance under DSIR's Industrial Research and Development Promotion Programme?

- A) Mandatory turnover limit
- B) Compulsory private funding requirement
- C) Mandatory 3-year existence condition
- D) Compulsory incubation under a government institute
- E) Export-oriented business condition

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh announced the removal of the mandatory 3-year existence condition for deep-tech startups.
- This allows deep-tech startups to avail financial assistance of up to ₹1 crore under DSIR's Industrial Research and Development Promotion Programme.
- The move aims to strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship in India by supporting newer startups at an early stage.
- Alongside, four new initiatives, including the PRISM Network Platform "TePP Outreach cum Cluster Innovation Centre (TOCIC) Innovator Pulse", were launched to enhance innovation pipelines for individuals, startups, and MSMEs.
 - Creative India 2025 was launched under the PRISM scheme to promote entrepreneurship.
- The DSIR Disaster Management Plan was unveiled to enhance preparedness and resilience.
- An agreement under the Technology Development and Utilisation Programme for Women was signed to establish a Skill Satellite Centre at Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, in partnership with NIT Raipur.
- Transfer of Technology agreements were also signed for technologies developed under the Common Research and Technology Development Hubs Programme supported to CSIR-CEERI, Pilani, to strengthen MSME-focused R&D infrastructure.





Ques: Which day is observed on 8 January to commemorate the historic experiment that demonstrated the Earth's rotation?

- A) World Astronomy Day
- B) Earth Science Day
- C) Space Science Day
- D) World Physics Day
- E) Earth's Rotation Day

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Earth's Rotation Day is observed every year on 8 January.
- The day commemorates French physicist Léon Foucault's historic pendulum experiment conducted in 1851.
- Foucault's experiment was the first public demonstration proving that the Earth rotates on its axis.
- 8 January 2026 marks the 175th anniversary of Foucault's landmark demonstration.

EXAM
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Ques: Which entity launched the 'Axis Finance Vyapar Business Loan', a collateral-free credit solution for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in India?

- A) Axis Bank Limited
- B) Axis Finance Limited
- C) State Bank of India
- D) SIDBI
- E) NABARD

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Axis Finance Limited (AFL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Axis Bank Limited, launched the 'Axis Finance Vyapar Business Loan'.
- The loan is a collateral-free credit solution designed for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) across semi-urban and rural markets in India.
- The product offers collateral-free loans up to Rs 10 lakh with flexible repayment tenures.
- In addition, Axis Bank also launched the Safety Centre on its mobile banking application to enhance digital banking security for customers.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the purpose of the Capital Gains Account Scheme (CGAS) authorised by the Government of India?

- A) To provide short-term loans to taxpayers
- B) To deposit unutilised long-term capital gains and claim tax exemption
- C) To promote savings among non-residents
- D) To invest capital gains directly in equity markets
- E) To replace existing capital gains tax provisions

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Capital Gains Account Scheme (CGAS) is authorised by the Government of India to help taxpayers manage uninvested long-term capital gains or sale proceeds of specified capital assets.
- The scheme allows taxpayers to deposit such uninvested amounts in a designated bank account.
- By depositing under CGAS, taxpayers can earn interest, claim tax exemption, and plan reinvestment for a period of up to three years.
- From 1 January 2026, the scheme is applicable to Resident Individuals and Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs).
- CGAS accounts can be opened at ICICI Bank branches, excluding rural branches, as per the scheme rules.

Genius



Ques: According to the IRDAI Annual Report 2024–25, what does the rise in Unfair Business Practices (UFBP) grievances indicate in India's insurance sector?

- A) Improvement in customer awareness
- B) Decline in insurance penetration
- C) Rising concerns related to mis-selling
- D) Reduction in total insurance policies
- E) Increase in global insurance density

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) released its Annual Report for 2024–25 highlighting trends in grievances, penetration, and density.
- Mis-selling refers to the sale of insurance products without proper disclosure of terms and conditions, product features, or suitability to customer needs.
- Such practices lead to higher premiums, frequent policy lapses, and erosion of customer trust.
- Total grievances related to life insurers remained almost unchanged at 1,20,726 in 2023–24 and 1,20,429 in 2024–25.
- However, UFBP-related grievances increased from 23,335 in 2023–24 to 26,667 in 2024–25.
- The share of UFBP grievances rose from 19.33 percent in FY24 to 22.14 percent in FY25, indicating growing mis-selling concerns.



Ques: What is the objective and implementation framework of the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme in India?

- A) To promote semiconductor manufacturing fabs only
- B) To support imported semiconductor designs
- C) To build a strong fabless semiconductor ecosystem through design support and incentives
- D) To regulate foreign investment in electronics
- E) To provide tax relief to electronics retailers

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme aims to build a strong fabless semiconductor ecosystem in India by encouraging indigenous semiconductor design capabilities.
- The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- DLI Scheme is a key component of the Semicon India Programme.
- Under the scheme, beneficiaries are provided with financial incentives along with access to advanced semiconductor design infrastructure.
- Start-ups are eligible for both financial incentives and design infrastructure support, as defined under the DPIIT notification dated 19 February 2019.
- MSMEs are also eligible for financial incentives and design infrastructure support, as per the Ministry of MSME notification dated 1 June 2020.



Ques: Which organisation organised the BHARATI Startup Challenge during IndusFood 2026 to promote innovation in the agri-export sector?

- A) APEDA
- B) FSSAI
- C) NABARD
- D) Spices Board of India
- E) Agricultural Marketing Board

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, participated in IndusFood 2026.
- During the event, APEDA organised the BHARATI Startup Challenge to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in the agricultural and processed food export sector.
- The initiative aims to support export-ready startups through mentorship, market access, and policy facilitation.
- Selected startups will receive international exposure through participation in Gulfood (Dubai) and BIOFACH (Germany), helping them explore global markets and strengthen India's agri-export ecosystem.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which ministry has launched the portal 'PANKHUDI' to strengthen CSR and partnership initiatives for women and child development?

- A) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- B) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D) Ministry of Rural Development
- E) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The portal 'PANKHUDI' was launched by Union Minister Annapurna Devi under the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD).
- The launch took place in Delhi.
- The objective of the portal is to strengthen Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and partnership initiatives focused on women and child development.
- PANKHUDI acts as a single unified platform for individuals, Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), NGOs, corporates, and government agencies to collaborate and contribute.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: From which international climate-related framework has the United States announced its withdrawal as part of exiting multiple international organisations?

- A) Kyoto Protocol
- B) International Solar Alliance
- C) UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- D) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- E) Green Climate Fund

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United States has announced its withdrawal from 66 international organisations, marking a major escalation in its retreat from multilateral global cooperation.
- This decision followed a comprehensive review of U.S. participation and funding in various international bodies, especially those associated with the United Nations system.
- As part of this process, the U.S. administration has also withdrawn from the India–France-led International Solar Alliance.
- A key exit announced by the United States is from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- The UNFCCC was adopted in 1992 and serves as the foundational treaty for the Paris Agreement on climate change.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the name of the Aadhaar mascot launched by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to simplify public understanding of Aadhaar services?

- A) Udai
- B) Aarav
- C) Aadi
- D) Bharat
- E) Setu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched a new Aadhaar mascot as a resident-facing communication companion.
- The Aadhaar mascot is named Udai, aimed at making Aadhaar-related information more relatable and people-friendly.
- Udai will help simplify communication related to Aadhaar services such as updates, authentication, offline verification, selective sharing of information, adoption of new technologies, and responsible usage.
- Arun Gokul from Thrissur, Kerala won the first prize in the Aadhaar mascot design competition.
- Idris Dawaiwala from Pune, Maharashtra and Krishna Sharma from Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh secured the second and third prizes respectively in the design competition.
- Riya Jain from Bhopal won the first prize in the Aadhaar mascot name competition.



Ques: Who became the first Indian to stand on the Dakar Rally podium in the Cars category during Dakar Rally 2026?

- A) C.S. Santosh
- B) Gaurav Gill
- C) Arjun Maini
- D) Karun Chandhok
- E) Sanjay Takale

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Sanjay Takale delivered a historic performance at the Dakar Rally 2026, marking a milestone in Indian motorsport history.
- He finished 1st in the High Average Speed category under Group H3.
- Sanjay Takale secured the 35th position overall in the Cars category during the Prologue Stage.
- He became the first Indian to stand on the Dakar podium in the Cars category on Day 1 of the rally.
- This achievement is considered a historic feat for India in global motorsport events like the Dakar Rally.

EXAM
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Ques: With which company did the Indian Army sign an Emergency Procurement contract for the Suryastra rocket launcher system?

- A) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- B) NIBE Limited
- C) Larsen & Toubro
- D) Tata Advanced Systems
- E) Solar Industries India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Army signed an Emergency Procurement contract worth Rs. 293 crores with NIBE Limited for the procurement of the Suryastra rocket launcher system.
- Suryastra is India's first indigenously developed, multi-calibre, long-range, precision-guided rocket launcher system.
- The system is being produced in collaboration with Israel's Elbit Systems, adapted from the Israeli PULS technology.
- It can strike targets at a range of about 150–300 kilometres with very high accuracy.
- Emergency Procurement contracts allow the armed forces to quickly acquire critical equipment for urgent operational needs, with simplified procedures and fast delivery timelines.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Why is India planning to lift restrictions on Chinese companies bidding for government contracts?

- A) As part of a cautious recalibration of economic ties amid easing border tensions
- B) Due to pressure from domestic industry
- C) To comply with WTO rulings
- D) To privatise public procurement
- E) To replace domestic suppliers

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India is set to lift five-year-old restrictions on Chinese companies bidding for government contracts, signalling a cautious recalibration of economic relations with China.
- The move comes amid easing tensions along the India–China border.
- The proposed policy change is being led by the Ministry of Finance.
- If implemented, the move could reopen access to public procurement projects worth an estimated \$700–750 billion.
- The restrictions were originally imposed in 2020 after a deadly military clash along the India–China border.
- A high-level committee headed by former Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba reviewed the existing policy framework.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which district in India is set to become the country's first Bio-Happy District?

- A) Ziro district, Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Tawang district, Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Keyi Panyor district, Arunachal Pradesh
- D) East Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh
- E) Longding district, Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The newly formed Keyi Panyor district in Arunachal Pradesh is set to become India's first Bio-Happy District, integrating biodiversity conservation with human well-being.
- The initiative revives the concept of "Biohappiness", originally coined by legendary agricultural scientist M. S. Swaminathan.
- The project aims to create a sustainable development model rooted in ecology, livelihoods, public health, and community well-being.
- The initiative is being implemented by the M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in collaboration with the district administration.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) implemented by the European Union?

- A) A subsidy scheme for green industries
- B) A carbon tax on domestic industries only
- C) A carbon-related levy on imports from countries with weaker climate policies
- D) A global climate fund managed by the EU
- E) A trade agreement to reduce tariffs on clean energy goods

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The European Union has implemented the world's first carbon tax on imports through the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), fully effective from January 1, 2026.
- CBAM imposes a carbon-related levy on imports of certain carbon-intensive products, such as steel, from countries with less stringent climate policies.
- Although introduced in 2023, CBAM moved from a transitional phase to full enforcement by 2026.
- The main objective is to prevent carbon leakage by discouraging companies from shifting production to countries with weaker environmental regulations.
- Sectors covered under CBAM include cement, aluminium, fertilisers, iron and steel, hydrogen, and electricity.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the name of the first-of-its-kind national digital land governance portal launched under the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme?

- A) Dharani
- B) e-Dharohar
- C) Bhu-Setu
- D) Bhoomi Portal
- E) Land Stack

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Ministry of Rural Development, launched the Land Stack portal, a first-of-its-kind national digital land governance initiative.
- The portal was launched in pilot locations in the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the state of Tamil Nadu.
- It marks a major step towards modernising land administration under the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP).
- Through the Land Stack portal, users can access property details, ownership information, deed records, encumbrance details, and litigation status for each land parcel.
- The portal also covers areas traditionally classified as villages in Chandigarh, providing access to hadbast, khewat, mustil, and khasra numbers.
- Along with the portal, the Glossary of Revenue Terms (GoRT) was released by the Department of Land Resources under the Ministry of Rural Development.
- The glossary has been prepared in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence in Land Administration and Management at Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration, Pune.
- GoRT helps people understand land-related revenue terms in vernacular languages, Hindi, English, and Roman scripts.
- The Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at digitising land records to improve transparency, accessibility, and accuracy.
- The programme was revamped and renamed in 2016 from the earlier National Land Records Modernisation Programme and is fully funded by the Central Government.



Ques: Which country has become the first in the world to commercially produce bio-bitumen for use in road construction?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India has become the first country in the world to commercially produce bio-bitumen for road construction.
- The announcement was made by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari at the CSIR Technology Transfer Ceremony in New Delhi.
- The development was led by the CSIR–Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP), Dehradun, over five years, scaling laboratory prototypes to commercial viability through pilot plants.
- Successful trials, including a 100-metre test stretch on the Jorabat–Shillong Expressway in Meghalaya, confirmed that bio-bitumen meets required performance standards.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Nyaya Setu Legal Service, recently launched, is associated with which platform and ministry?

- A) Telegram – Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Web Portal – Ministry of Electronics & IT
- C) WhatsApp – Ministry of Law and Justice
- D) Mobile App – Ministry of Social Justice
- E) SMS Service – Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Nyaya Setu Legal Service was launched on 1 January 2026 by the Ministry of Law and Justice.
- It is a WhatsApp-based legal service/chatbot designed to promote Ease of Justice through digital access.
- Nyaya Setu provides free expert legal assistance to citizens through a unified digital interface after mobile verification.
- The service integrates with existing legal aid mechanisms such as Tele-Law, Nyaya Bandhu, and Legal Services Authorities.
- It helps users understand available legal aid and advisory options, including benefits under Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

Genius





Ques: The Indian Air Force recently marked the 25th anniversary of the maiden flight of which indigenously developed aircraft?

- A) Sukhoi Su-30MKI
- B) Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)
- C) Mirage 2000
- D) AMCA
- E) Jaguar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Air Force marked the 25th anniversary of the maiden flight of the indigenously developed Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA).
- The LCA programme was initiated in 1983 to develop an indigenous fighter aircraft to replace the IAF's obsolete fleet.
- The Tejas LCA made its maiden flight on 4 January 2001, flown by Wing Commander Rajiv Kothiyal from HAL airport in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- In late 2025, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) secured an order for 97 additional Tejas Mk-1A jets worth over ₹62,370 crore.
- In May 2025, VEM Technologies delivered the first centre fuselage assembly for LCA Tejas Mk-1A to HAL in Hyderabad, Telangana, followed by a second assembly in September 2025.

Genius





Ques: What is the scale and composition of the Indian government's newly unveiled three-year PPP project pipeline?

- A) 500 projects worth ₹10 lakh crore, only Central projects
- B) 700 projects worth ₹15 lakh crore, mostly State projects
- C) 1,000 projects worth ₹25 lakh crore, fully private projects
- D) 900 projects worth ₹20 lakh crore, only State projects
- E) 852 projects worth over ₹17 lakh crore, involving Centre and States/UTs

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Government of India has unveiled a three-year Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project pipeline covering 852 infrastructure projects for FY26 to FY28.
- The combined estimated cost of these projects is over ₹17 lakh crore (approx. US\$ 206 billion).
- Of the 852 projects, 232 are Central government projects worth ₹13.15 lakh crore.
- The remaining 620 projects, worth about ₹3.84 lakh crore, will be undertaken by State governments and Union Territories.
- The pipeline reflects a coordinated Centre–State approach to accelerate infrastructure development through the PPP mode.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Galaxy frog, recently in news for its disappearance from certain areas, is endemic to which region of India?

- A) Western Ghats
- B) Indo-Gangetic Plains
- C) Eastern Himalayas
- D) Deccan Plateau
- E) Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Galaxy frog (*Melanobatrachus indicus*) is endemic to the Western Ghats of south-western India.
- It is the only known species of its genus.
- The species is mainly found in high-altitude evergreen forests and shola forests.
- It is terrestrial, associated with leaf litter, rocks, and ground cover in moist evergreen tropical forests.
- Recent studies report declines due to increased photo-tourism.
- The IUCN conservation status of the Galaxy frog is Vulnerable.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Union Minister inaugurated Asia's first National Environmental Standard Laboratory designed for pollution monitoring device calibration?

- A) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- B) Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani
- C) Bhupender Yadav
- D) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- E) Rajiv Gauba

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh (Ministry of Science and Technology) inaugurated the National Environmental Standard Laboratory and the National Primary Standard Facility for Solar Cell Calibration.
- This is Asia's first and the world's second pollution monitoring facility after the UK.
- The laboratory is designed to test, calibrate, and certify air pollution monitoring devices.
- It will support regulators, industries, and startups for reliable performance testing of systems like CAAQMS and OCEMS.
- For particulate matter (PM) testing, only Germany has a comparable facility apart from India.
- CAAQMS is a fixed, automated station that continuously measures ambient (outdoor) air quality in cities and industrial areas.
- OCEMS is a real-time monitoring system installed at industrial stacks and chimneys to continuously measure pollutants released by industries.





Ques: How many Indian states will participate in the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2026 at Davos?

- A) 6
- B) 8
- C) 10
- D) 12
- E) 15

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- 10 Indian states will be represented at the WEF Annual Meeting 2026 in Davos, Switzerland.
- Among these, 5 states will be represented by Chief Ministers and 2 states by Deputy Chief Ministers.
- Four Union Ministers will attend, including Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Ashwini Vaishnaw, along with Pralhad Joshi and K. Ram Mohan Naidu.
- Prominent Indian business leaders, including N. Chandrasekaran and Mukesh Ambani, as well as representatives from major PSUs and private companies, are expected to attend.
- The delegation aims to promote investments, exports, and global partnerships.

EXAM
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Ques: Former World Billiards Champion Manoj Kothari, who recently passed away, was honoured with which national sports award in 2005?

- A) Arjuna Award
- B) Major Dhyan Chand Award
- C) Dronacharya Award
- D) Padma Shri
- E) Khel Ratna Award

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Former World Billiards Champion and chief national coach Manoj Kothari passed away recently.
- In 2005, he was honoured with the Major Dhyan Chand Award for his outstanding contribution to sports.
- He won his first IBSF World Billiards Championship title in 1990 and the World Doubles Billiards Championship in 1997 with Ian Williamson.
- Post-retirement, he served as national coach of the Indian billiards team from 2011.
- He was a 16-time State Champion and in 2025 received a Lifetime Achievement Award from IBSF.
- He was also honoured by the Government of West Bengal with the Kriraguru Samman, and the Calcutta Sports Journalists Club conferred upon him a Lifetime Achievement Award.



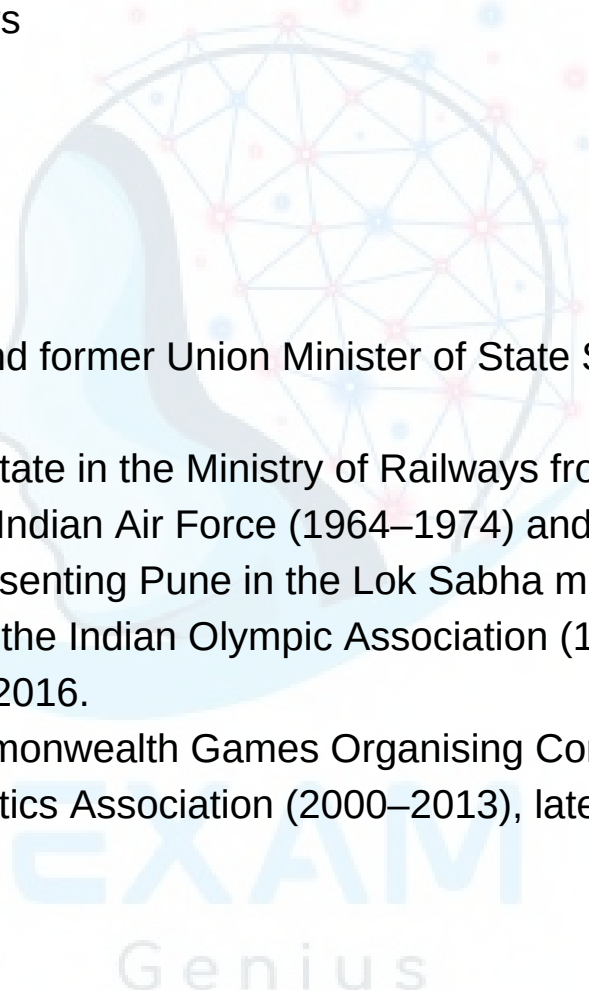
Ques: Senior Indian National Congress leader Suresh Kalmadi, who recently passed away, served as Minister of State in which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Defence
- B) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- C) Ministry of Railways
- D) Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs
- E) Ministry of External Affairs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister of State Suresh Kalmadi passed away recently.
- He served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways from 1995 to 1996.
- Kalmadi was a pilot in the Indian Air Force (1964–1974) and became a Rajya Sabha member in 1982, later representing Pune in the Lok Sabha multiple times.
- He served as President of the Indian Olympic Association (1996–2012) and was appointed Life President in 2016.
- He chaired the 2010 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee and was President of the Asian Athletics Association (2000–2013), later becoming its Life President.





Ques: Which company has received a ₹1,000 crore, 10-year ATM cash outsourcing contract from SBI?

- A) Hitachi Payments
- B) FIS Global
- C) CMS Info Systems Ltd
- D) NCR Corporation
- E) AGS Transact

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) awarded a ₹1,000 crore, 10-year cash outsourcing contract to CMS Info Systems Ltd.
- This is the first direct large cash outsourcing contract awarded by a PSU bank.
- The contract covers 5,000 SBI-owned ATMs across India, including managed services, improved cash efficiency, and higher ATM uptime.
- CMS Info Systems is a leading company in ATM management and cash logistics services in India.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: According to the RBI's draft amendments, what is the minimum cooling-off period required for a director who has completed 10 years of continuous tenure on the board of a co-operative bank before being eligible for re-appointment to the same bank?

- A) One year
- B) Two years
- C) Three years
- D) Five years
- E) No cooling-off period

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per RBI's draft amendments, a director who completes 10 years of continuous tenure on the board of a UCB, State Co-operative Bank, or Central Co-operative Bank can be re-appointed to the same bank only after a minimum cooling-off period of three years.
- During this period, the director cannot hold any role in the bank other than as a regular member or customer.
- The rule does not prevent the director from being appointed on the board of another co-operative bank.
- RBI counts total board tenure across UCBs, State, and Central Co-operative Banks, including periods before any interruption of less than three years, for calculating continuous tenure.

EXAM
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Ques: Which company has received a contract from India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to launch a comprehensive digital investment platform for its customers across India?

- A) Choice Wealth Private Limited
- B) CAMS Investor Services
- C) Karvy Fintech
- D) Zerodha Broking Limited
- E) HDFC Securities

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Choice Wealth Private Limited has been awarded a contract by India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to launch a comprehensive digital investment platform.
- The platform will enable IPPB customers across India to seamlessly access formal financial investment services.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), established in 2017, operates with the tagline “Your Bank at Your Doorstep” and is headquartered in New Delhi.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Who became Karnataka's longest-serving Chief Minister in January 2026?

- A) B.S. Yediyurappa
- B) D. Devaraj Urs
- C) Siddaramaiah
- D) S.M. Krishna
- E) H.D. Kumaraswamy

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Siddaramaiah, a 78-year-old Congress leader, became Karnataka's longest-serving Chief Minister on 7 January 2026.
- He completed 7 years and 240 days as Chief Minister, surpassing the previous record of D. Devaraj Urs (7 years 239 days).
- Siddaramaiah is the first Chief Minister from the Kuruba community, Karnataka's third-largest social group, and is known for his AHINDA politics (focusing on Minorities, Backward Classes, and Dalits).
- He has presented a record 16 State Budgets, the highest by any Karnataka CM.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Who inaugurated the National Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Data Management System (NIDMS) and what is its primary purpose?

- A) Defence Minister – Military modernisation
- B) Union Home Minister Amit Shah – Strengthening counter-terrorism and counter-IED capabilities
- C) NSA – Cyber security enhancement
- D) NSG DG – Training of commandos
- E) IT Minister – Digital governance

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the National Improvised Explosive Device Data Management System (NIDMS) of the National Security Guard (NSG).
- Located at the NSG garrison in Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana, the platform aims to strengthen India's counter-terrorism and counter-IED capabilities through post-blast investigations and evidence-based prosecution.
- NIDMS acts as a central repository of all bomb explosion incidents in India from 1999 to the present.
- The AI-enabled platform identifies patterns, trends, signature linkages, and modus operandi related to explosives and electronic circuits used in IEDs.
- The platform is accessible to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Anti-Terrorism Squads (ATS), State Police Forces, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), and other central investigation and intelligence agencies.
- NIDMS supports the 'One Nation, One Data (ONOD) Repository' vision and is integrated with the Interoperable Criminal Justice System-2 (ICJS-2) under the 'One Data–One Entry' principle.
- Through ICJS-2, it is linked with CCTNS, e-Courts, e-Prisons, e-Prosecution, e-Forensics and the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS), enhancing national security coordination.
- The National Security Guard (NSG), popularly known as the 'Black Cats', was established in 1984 as India's elite counter-terrorism and anti-hijacking force.





- NSG headquarters is located at Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana; its motto is Sarvatra Sarvottam Suraksha (Omnipresent Omnipotent Security).
- The Director General of NSG is Brighu Srinivasan, with regional hubs in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Ayodhya, supported by the National Bomb Data Centre.



EXAM
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- A) IIT Delhi
 - B) IIT Bombay
 - C) IIT Madras
 - D) IIT Kanpur
 - E) IISc Bengaluru
- Answer: Option D

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC), the technical arm of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Kanpur.
- The collaboration focuses on joint studies, research, and technical contributions in advanced telecom technologies and global standardisation activities.
- Key areas include 6G, AI in Telecom, Non-Terrestrial Networks (NTNs), IoT, Digital Twin, Metaverse, and Quantum Communication.
- The partnership aims to develop India-specific standards and testing frameworks for emerging and future communication technologies.
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About Telecommunications Engineering Centre :

- Established : 1991
- HQ : New Delhi
- Senior Deputy General : Syed Tausif Abbas



Ques: Under the proposed change, what will be the new short-term loan limit for Kisan Credit Card (KCC) holders?

- A) ₹4 lakh
- B) ₹3 lakh
- C) ₹5 lakh
- D) ₹6 lakh
- E) ₹2 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The government plans to increase the short-term loan limit for KCC holders from ₹3 lakh to ₹5 lakh, likely effective from FY27.
- This benefit will cover over 77 million (7.7 crore) KCC holders across India.
- Under the current Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS), farmers can avail loans up to ₹3 lakh at 7% interest, with 3% subvention for prompt repayment, reducing the effective rate to 4%.
- The increase aims to meet higher working capital needs of farmers due to rising input costs and strengthen agricultural credit flow.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which Indian Olympian and Asian Games gold medalist middle-distance runner has announced his retirement from competitive athletics after a 15-year international career?

- A) Mohammed Afsal
- B) Ajay Kumar Saroj
- C) Sriram Singh
- D) Tintu Lukka
- E) Jinson Johnson

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Jinson Johnson, Olympian and Asian Games gold medalist, announced his retirement from competitive middle-distance running after a 15-year international career.
- He represented India in the 800 metres event at the 2016 Rio Olympics.
- Jinson Johnson became the first Indian male runner to qualify for the Olympic 800m since Sriram Singh in 1980.
- His career includes distinguished performances at Asian Games and other international competitions, making him one of India's leading middle-distance athletes.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Where are the 2nd Khelo India Beach Games being held?

- A) Marina Beach, Chennai
- B) Kovalam Beach, Kerala
- C) Ghoghla Beach, Diu
- D) Calangute Beach, Goa
- E) Juhu Beach, Mumbai

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या

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- The 2nd Khelo India Beach Games are being held at Ghoghla Beach, Diu, from 5th to 10th January 2026.
- Organised by the UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, with technical supervision by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and national sports federations.
- Mascot: 'Pearl', a lively dolphin, welcomed athletes and stakeholders.
- Participants: Over 2,100 athletes competing in 8 beach sports, including 6 medal disciplines: Beach Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Beach Sepak Takraw, Beach Kabaddi, Pencak Silat, and Open Water Swimming.
- Non-medal events: Mallakhamb and Tug of War.
- The games support PM Modi's vision of promoting a strong sports culture in India.

Medal Tally of top 5 States or Union Territories (UTs):

- 1 Karnataka - Gold (3), Silver (2), Bronze (6), Total (11)
- 2 Tamil Nadu - Gold (3), Silver (2), Bronze (3), Total (8)
- 3 Manipur - Gold (3), Silver (2), Bronze (2), Total (7)
- 4 Madhya Pradesh - Gold (3), Silver (1), Bronze (1), Total (5)
- 5 Haryana - Gold (2), Silver (4), Bronze (2), Total (8)



Ques: Which Australian cricketer announced his retirement from international cricket after playing his final Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground?

- A) David Warner
- B) Steve Smith
- C) Mitchell Starc
- D) Marnus Labuschagne
- E) Usman Khawaja

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Usman Tariq Khawaja, Pakistan-born Australian cricketer, announced his retirement from international cricket after the fifth and final Ashes Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground.
- The match marked his 88th and final Test appearance for Australia.
- Khawaja is Australia's first Muslim Test cricketer and made his international debut against England in the final Test of the 2010–11 Ashes series.
- In his Test career, he scored 6206 runs in 87 matches across 157 innings.
- In ODIs, he accumulated 1554 runs in 40 matches for Australia.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The world's tallest Shiva Lingam, to be installed in January 2026, is located at which place?

- A) Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh
- B) Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
- C) Kaithwalia, East Champaran, Bihar
- D) Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
- E) Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- A 33-ft-long, 210-tonne Shiva Lingam, carved from a single black granite rock transported from Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu, is being installed at the Virat Ramayan Mandir in Kaithwalia, East Champaran, Bihar.
- Once installed, it will stand 51 feet high from ground level, surpassing the current largest Shivling in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, marking a historic milestone.
- The Virat Ramayan Mandir complex spans 125 acres, featuring a 270-feet-tall main structure, 18 towers, and 22 temples, with an estimated cost of ₹500 crore.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Where was India's first fully paperless district judiciary virtually inaugurated by the Chief Justice of India Surya Kant?

- A) Ernakulam, Kerala
- B) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- C) Thrissur, Kerala
- D) Kozhikode, Kerala
- E) Kalpetta, Wayanad, Kerala

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- India's first fully paperless district judiciary was virtually inaugurated at Kalpetta in Wayanad district, Kerala.
- The initiative was inaugurated by the Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant.
- This marks the first time an entire district court system has shifted to end-to-end digital functioning, with all courts in Kalpetta operating exclusively in digital mode.
- Justice Vikram Nath, Chairperson of the Supreme Court eCommittee, called it a citizen-centric reform bringing justice closer to the people.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which CPSE may become India's first railway Maharatna?

- A) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- B) IRCON International
- C) Indian Railway Finance Corporation
- D) RITES Limited
- E) CONCOR

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), currently a Navratna CPSE, is close to being upgraded to Maharatna status, making it the first railway CPSE to achieve this recognition.
- This upgrade will give IRFC greater financial and operational autonomy, allowing it to invest up to ₹5,000 crore or 15% of its net worth in a single project without government approval.

• Eligibility for Maharatna includes:

- Average annual turnover > ₹25,000 crore (last 3 years)
- Net worth > ₹15,000 crore
- Net profit after tax > ₹5,000 crore
- Significant international presence.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which organisation secured an “Excellent” rating with a score of 96.42 for its performance under the Memorandum of Understanding for FY 2024–25?

- A) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- B) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- C) Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)
- D) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- E) Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- IREDA (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency), under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), secured an “Excellent” rating for FY 2024–25 with a high score of 96.42.
- This marks the fifth consecutive year IREDA has achieved an Excellent rating, reflecting consistent operational efficiency and strengthened governance.
- In comparison, IREDA had scored only 45.83 (Fair rating) in FY 2019–20, showing a significant improvement over the years.
- The performance highlights IREDA’s key role in India’s renewable energy financing ecosystem.

About IREDA :

- Established : 1987
- HQ : New Delhi
- CMD : Pradip Kumar Das

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which supercomputing system has been launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) as a major addition to India's high-performance computing network?

- A) Param Shakti
- B) Param Ganga
- C) Param Siddhi
- D) Param Yuva
- E) Param Ananta

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Param Shakti, a 3.1-petaflop supercomputing system, has been launched by MeitY as a major addition to India's high-performance computing network.
- It is entirely developed and manufactured in India, enhancing indigenous high-performance computing capabilities.
- The system is built using C-DAC's RUDRA series of servers and runs on an open-source software stack, including AlmaLinux and system software developed domestically by C-DAC.
- Param Shakti strengthens India's ability to perform advanced computational tasks in research, AI, climate modeling, and scientific simulations.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who released 55 literary works in classical Indian languages along with a Tirukkural Sign Language series?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Dharmendra Pradhan
- D) M. Venkaiah Naidu
- E) Ramesh Pokhriyal

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan released 55 literary works representing India's classical languages, including Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, and Odia.
- 41 books were developed by the Centres of Excellence for Classical Languages under the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL).
- Additionally, 13 books and a Tirukkural Sign Language series were released by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT).
- The Tirukkural is a classical Tamil text authored by Thiruvalluvar.
- The Minister highlighted that all Indian languages are national languages that connect and unite society.
- The government is promoting education in Indian languages, including teaching up to Class 5 in the mother tongue.
- Engineering and medical courses are also being developed in Indian languages.



Ques: How many Indian films were included in the list of feature films eligible for the Best Picture category at the 98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026)?

- A) Three
- B) Four
- C) Five
- D) Six
- E) Seven

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Five Indian films—Kantara: A Legend – Chapter 1, Tanvi The Great, Mahavatar Narsimha, Tourist Family, and Sister Midnight—were included in the list of 201 feature films eligible for the Best Picture category at the 98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026).
- The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) released the eligibility list.
- To qualify, films needed a 10-theatre theatrical run in the U.S. within 45 days of their release in 2025.
- Films also had to submit a RAISE (Representation and Inclusion Standards Entry) form and meet at least two out of four inclusion standards.
- The 98th Academy Awards ceremony will take place on 15 March 2026 at Dolby Theatre, Los Angeles, California, USA.

Genius



Ques: Who is the author of the book 'Agni Sarassulo Vikasinchina Kamalam Droupadi Murmu' (Lotus Blooming in the Fire of Coals), recently released at Andhra University?

- A) Y. Lakshmi Prasad
- B) K. Chandrashekar Rao
- C) R. Ramesh
- D) P. Chidambaram
- E) N. Gopalaswami

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The book 'Agni Sarassulo Vikasinchina Kamalam Droupadi Murmu' (Lotus Blooming in the Fire of Coals) is authored by former MP Y. Lakshmi Prasad.
- It was released at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The book was uniquely unveiled by Lakshamma, a woman sanitation worker who cleans the roads at Andhra University.
- The work highlights the life and journey of Droupadi Murmu, presenting her story as a symbol of resilience and inspiration.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which Indian airline became the 5th Indian member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA)?

- A) Vistara
- B) Alliance Air
- C) TruJet
- D) Go First
- E) Akasa Air

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Akasa Air has become the 5th Indian airline to join the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the global trade association for the airline industry.
- The other four Indian IATA members are Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo, and SpiceJet.
- IATA promotes safe, reliable, secure, and economical air transport worldwide.
- Founded in 2020 by Vinay Dube and the late investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, Akasa Air is India's youngest airline.
- Currently, the airline connects 26 domestic and 6 international destinations, enhancing India's aviation connectivity.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where was the two-day National Textiles Ministers' Conference held and under which scheme were MoUs signed to support evidence-based policymaking in the textile sector?

- A) Jaipur – SAMARTH Scheme
- B) New Delhi – PM MITRA Scheme
- C) Guwahati – Tex-RAMPS Scheme
- D) Surat – TUFS Scheme
- E) Chennai – SILK Samagra Scheme

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The two-day National Textiles Ministers' Conference was held in Guwahati, Assam, bringing together Textile Ministers and senior officials from States and Union Territories to discuss India's textile sector roadmap.
- The conference was organized by the Ministry of Textiles under the theme "India's Textiles: Weaving Growth, Heritage & Innovation."
- As part of promoting evidence-based policymaking, the Ministry signed MoUs with 15 States.
- These MoUs were signed under the Tex-RAMPS (Textiles focused Research, Assessment, Monitoring, Planning And Start-Up) scheme, aimed at strengthening research and policy planning in the textile sector.

Genius





Ques: Who was Madhav Dhananjaya Gadgil, recently in news for his passing, and which major contribution is he best known for?

- A) Ecologist – Western Ghats conservation & Indian ecology
- B) Economist – Planning Commission reforms
- C) Space scientist – Indian space missions
- D) Physicist – Nuclear research
- E) Medical researcher – Public health reforms

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Madhav Dhananjaya Gadgil was a renowned ecologist, scholar, and conservationist, widely regarded as the father of modern Indian ecology.
- He joined the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru in the 1960s and made significant contributions to ecological research.
- In 2010, he was appointed Chairman of the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel, popularly known as the Gadgil Commission, focusing on sustainable development and conservation in the Western Ghats.
- He played a key role in creating India's first Biosphere Reserve – Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, and contributed to framing the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- Gadgil also served on the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and chaired international bodies like the Science and Technology Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).
- He was awarded the Padma Shri (1981) in Civil Service and the Padma Bhushan (2006) in Science and Engineering.
- His international recognitions include the United Nations Champion of the Earth Award (2024), Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement (2015), Harvard Centennial Medal (2002), and Vikram Sarabhai Award (1990).





Ques: Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD), also known as Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Day, is observed on which date to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's return from South Africa to India?

- A) 8 January
- B) 9 January
- C) 10 January
- D) 12 January
- E) 15 January

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is observed every year on 9 January.
- It commemorates Mahatma Gandhi's return from South Africa to India in 1915.
- PBD was first celebrated in 2003, and since 2015, it is observed biennially.
- The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention was held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, in January 2025 with the theme "Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat (Developed India)."
- The 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention is scheduled to be held in 2027.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which company recently launched 'PhonePe PG Bolt' for Visa and Mastercard transactions to provide secure and efficient in-app payments?

- A) Paytm
- B) PhonePe Payment Gateway (PhonePe PG)
- C) Razorpay
- D) Cashfree
- E) Google Pay

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PhonePe Payment Gateway (PhonePe PG) has launched 'PhonePe PG Bolt' for Visa and Mastercard credit and debit card transactions.
- The solution uses device tokenization to provide a secure and efficient in-app checkout experience for users and merchant partners.
- By replacing sensitive card details with secure tokens, the system eliminates the need for CVV entry during subsequent transactions on the same device, simplifying the payment journey.

About PhonePe:

- Established: 2015
- Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka
- CEO: Sameer Nigam

EXAM
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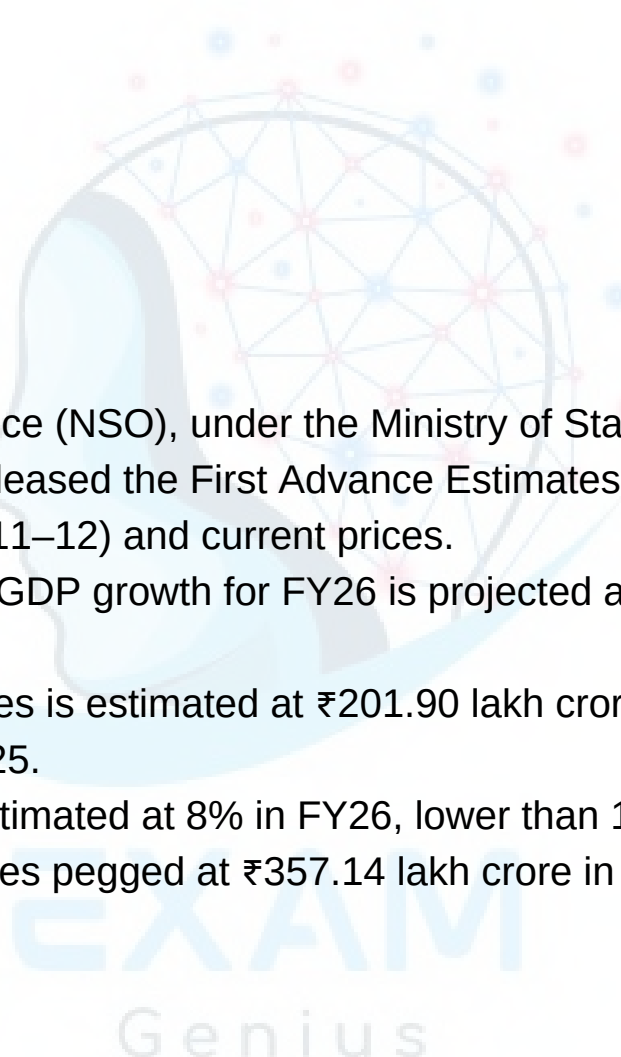
Ques: According to the First Advance Estimates (FAE) released by NSO, what is the projected real GDP growth rate of India for FY2025–26?

- A) 6.5%
- B) 6.8%
- C) 7.0%
- D) 7.4%
- E) 8.0%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The National Statistics Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), released the First Advance Estimates (FAE) of GDP for FY2025–26 at constant (2011–12) and current prices.
- As per the estimates, real GDP growth for FY26 is projected at 7.4%, higher than 6.5% recorded in FY25.
- Real GDP at constant prices is estimated at ₹201.90 lakh crore in FY26, compared to ₹187.97 lakh crore in FY25.
- Nominal GDP growth is estimated at 8% in FY26, lower than 10.4% in FY25, with nominal GDP at current prices pegged at ₹357.14 lakh crore in FY26, up from ₹330.68 lakh crore in FY25.





Ques: Which bank won multiple awards including Best AI and ML Adoption, Best Fintech and DPI Adoption, and Best IT Risk Management at the 21st Annual Banking Technology Awards 2025?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda emerged as the winner of multiple awards at the 21st Annual Banking Technology Awards 2025.
- The bank won awards for Best AI and ML Adoption, Best Fintech and DPI Adoption, Best IT Risk Management, and Best Tech Talent.
- Bank of Baroda also received a Special Mention in the category of Best Technology Bank.
- The awards were received by Dr Debadatta Chand, Managing Director & CEO, and Shri Sanjay V. Mudaliar, Executive Director of Bank of Baroda.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: What is the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit fixed by the RBI for the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD)?

- A) ₹750 crore
- B) ₹820 crore
- C) ₹890 crore
- D) ₹950 crore
- E) ₹1,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fixed the WMA limit for the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) at ₹890 crore.
- The revised WMA limit is effective from January 09, 2026, to manage temporary mismatches in receipts and payments.
- With this revision, the aggregate WMA limit for all State Governments and Union Territories has increased to ₹61,008 crore from ₹60,118 crore.
- The highest WMA limits among states are Uttar Pradesh (₹6,519 crore), Maharashtra (₹6,139 crore), and Tamil Nadu (₹4,582 crore).
- The interest rate on WMA is linked to the RBI repo rate, and overdrafts beyond the WMA limit attract an interest rate 2 percentage points above the repo rate.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What was India's retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), in December 2025, and what was the average CPI inflation for the year 2025?

- A) 1.33% in December; 2.2% average in 2025
- B) 2.5% in December; 3.0% average in 2025
- C) 1.0% in December; 1.8% average in 2025
- D) 1.8% in December; 2.5% average in 2025
- E) 2.2% in December; 1.33% average in 2025

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), increased to 1.33% in December 2025, marking a three-month high.
- The average CPI-based inflation for the year 2025 was 2.2%, the lowest in 12 years.
- The data was released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

EXAM
Genius



Ques: According to ISRO's Dust Experiment (DEX) study, how frequently does an interplanetary dust particle enter the Earth's atmosphere?

- A) One every 100 seconds
- B) One every 500 seconds
- C) One every 1,000 seconds
- D) One every 5,000 seconds
- E) One every 10,000 seconds

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to ISRO's first Dust Experiment (DEX), approximately one interplanetary dust particle enters the Earth's atmosphere every 1,000 seconds.
- The Dust Experiment (DEX) is a 3-kilogram instrument developed by ISRO.
- DEX was flown aboard the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM) of the PSLV-C58 XPoSat mission on January 1, 2024, at an altitude of 350 km.
- The 140-degree wide-view detector recorded orbital debris (dust) impact signals between January 1 and February 9, 2024.
- DEX was built by the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad, and is the first-of-its-kind instrument designed to detect hyper-velocity dust particles.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which country has invited India and Australia to a G7 finance ministers' meeting on securing critical minerals supply chains?

- A) United Kingdom
- B) Japan
- C) United States
- D) Canada
- E) Germany

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United States has invited India and Australia to participate in a G7 finance ministers' meeting focused on securing critical minerals supply chains.
- The discussions are being hosted in Washington amid concerns over excessive dependence on China for minerals vital to defence, technology, and clean energy transitions.
- Australia has signed an agreement with the US to counter China's dominance, outlining an \$8.5 billion project pipeline and the use of strategic reserves of rare earths and lithium.
- According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), China dominates global refining of critical minerals, processing 47% to 87% of copper, lithium, cobalt, graphite, and rare earth elements.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which initiative did the Department of Posts launch in collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development and the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to enhance logistics and financial services for rural citizens, farmers, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs)?

- A) Dak Sewa, Jan Sewa
- B) Digital India Initiative
- C) PM-KISAN Scheme
- D) Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan
- E) Bharat Net Program

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Department of Posts signed MoUs with the Ministry of Rural Development (DAY-NRLM) and the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to establish a national logistics mechanism for rural citizens, farmers, and SHGs.
- The initiative “Dak Sewa, Jan Sewa” aims to expand financial, digital, and logistics services for SHGs and rural households.
- It supports women and rural entrepreneurs while accelerating rural development and financial inclusion.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) will provide doorstep banking, digital tools like tablets and PoS machines, train SHG women as Business Correspondents, and issue certificates to SHGs.

Genius



Ques: Which initiative, launched jointly by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (OPSA) and the Observer Research Foundation, aims to bring together scientists, diplomats, policymakers, and industry leaders in New Delhi?

- A) Raisina Science Diplomacy Initiative (Raisina SDI)
- B) India Science Conclave
- C) National Innovation and Science Forum
- D) Science-Policy Dialogue India
- E) Raisina Technology Summit

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Raisina Science Diplomacy Initiative (Raisina SDI) 2026 was launched jointly by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (OPSA) to the Government of India and the Observer Research Foundation.
- The inaugural edition was launched during a meeting at OPSA's office in New Delhi.
- Raisina SDI will be held alongside the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to bring together scientists, diplomats, policymakers, and industry leaders through high-level sessions and expert roundtables.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: By when does India plan to introduce Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) communication technology nationwide to help reduce road accidents?

- A) End of 2025
- B) Mid of 2026
- C) End of 2026
- D) End of 2027
- E) End of 2028

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India plans to introduce Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) communication technology nationwide by the end of 2026.
- The initiative is led by the Government of India to reduce road accidents by enabling direct vehicle-to-vehicle communication without relying on mobile or internet networks.
- V2V technology allows real-time signal exchange through a dedicated communication device installed in vehicles.
- The system provides 360-degree awareness of surrounding traffic conditions.
- The project is estimated to cost around ₹5,000 crore and will be implemented through phased notifications by the end of 2026.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Who was awarded the 2026 IEEE Medal of Honor, the highest recognition by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)?

- A) Jensen Huang
- B) Sundar Pichai
- C) Elon Musk
- D) Satya Nadella
- E) Ginni Rometty

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Jensen Huang, CEO of NVIDIA, was awarded the 2026 IEEE Medal of Honor, the highest recognition from IEEE.
- The IEEE Medal of Honor, established in 1917, is awarded annually for exceptional contributions to electrical, electronics, and computer engineering.
- The 2026 award includes a USD 2 million cash prize, marking the second consecutive year IEEE has attached a monetary award to this honor.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Union Minister announced the launch of India Post's new services 'Speed Post 24' and 'Speed Post 48'?

- A) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- B) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- C) Nitin Gadkari
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) Rajnath Singh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia announced the launch of India Post's new services—Speed Post 24 and Speed Post 48.
- The announcement was made during a programme held at Pichor in Shivpuri district of Madhya Pradesh.
- Speed Post 24 ensures delivery within 24 hours, while Speed Post 48 delivers consignments within 48 hours.
- The first phase will cover over 1,000 PIN codes, with further expansion planned on a quarterly basis based on route performance.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: When will the 53rd edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2026 be held?

- A) 10–18 January 2026
- B) 5–12 January 2026
- C) 15–23 January 2026
- D) 12–20 January 2026
- E) 8–16 January 2026

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 53rd edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2026 will be held from 10 to 18 January 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Qatar is the Guest of Honour country, and Spain is the Focus Country for this edition.
- The fair is organised by the National Book Trust, India under the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- ITPO is the co-organiser and venue partner of the fair.
- The theme of the 2026 edition is “Indian Military History: Valour and Wisdom @ 75.”

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which country has formally expressed support for India's aspiration to become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Chile has formally expressed its support for India's aspiration to become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- Chile stated that India can play a stabilising role in global affairs.
- Chile's Ambassador to India, Juan Angulo, emphasised the need for comprehensive reforms in the multilateral system.
- At present, the UNSC has five permanent members with veto powers.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which Indian Navy unit recently began its Long-Range Training Deployment (LRTD) to Southeast Asia as part of the 110th Integrated Officers' Training Course?

- A) First Training Squadron (1TS)
- B) Eastern Naval Command
- C) Western Fleet
- D) Southern Naval Squadron
- E) Coast Guard Training Wing

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The First Training Squadron (1TS) of the Indian Navy has begun its Long-Range Training Deployment (LRTD) to Southeast Asia under the 110th Integrated Officers' Training Course.
- LRTD is a specialised naval training mission involving extended voyages across long distances, often entering foreign waters.
- The deployment includes Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard vessels such as INS Tir, INS Shardul, INS Sujata, and ICGS Sarathi.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where was the 125th Foundation Day of the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) celebrated on 7 January 2026?

- A) Ranchi, Jharkhand
- B) Dhanbad, Jharkhand
- C) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- D) New Delhi
- E) Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) celebrated its 125th Foundation Day on 7 January 2026 at its headquarters in Dhanbad, Jharkhand.
- The programme was attended by the Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Ms. Shobha Karandlaje, as the chief guest.
- Separately, the Ministry of Mines is organising the National Mineral Chintan Shivir 2026 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, to be inaugurated by Union Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which veteran BJP leader and former Union Minister of State for Communications, elected three times from Silchar, recently passed away?

- A) Kabindra Purkayastha
- B) Murli Manohar Joshi
- C) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- D) Arun Jaitley
- E) Ananth Kumar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Veteran BJP leader Kabindra Purkayastha, former Union Minister of State for Communications, recently passed away.
- He was elected three times as MP from Silchar in 1991, 1998, and 2009.
- He served as Union Minister of State for Communications during 1998–1999 under Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which former Indian hockey player and Olympian, who was part of the gold medal-winning team at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, recently passed away?

- A) Balbir Singh Sr.
- B) Zafar Iqbal
- C) Davinder Singh Garcha
- D) Mohammad Shahid
- E) Ajit Pal Singh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Former Indian hockey player and Olympian Davinder Singh Garcha passed away at the age of 73 in Jalandhar, Punjab.
- He was a member of the Indian men's hockey team that won the gold medal at the 1980 Moscow Olympics.
- In 2021, the Government of India honoured him with the Major Dhyan Chand Award, the country's highest lifetime achievement award in sports, recognising his exceptional contribution to Indian hockey.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: On which date is World Hindi Day (Vishwa Hindi Diwas) observed, and what does it commemorate?

- A) 10 January
- B) 14 January
- C) 14 September
- D) 10 February
- E) 26 January

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- World Hindi Day (Vishwa Hindi Diwas) is observed on 10 January every year.
- It commemorates the first use of Hindi in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 1949 and the first World Hindi Conference held in Nagpur in 1975.
- In India, Hindi Diwas is observed separately on 14 September.
- Fiji is the only country outside India where Hindi is an official language, alongside English and Fijian.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: National Youth Day (Rashtriya Yuva Divas), observed on 12 January, commemorates the birth anniversary of which great Indian spiritual leader?

- A) Mahatma Gandhi
- B) Swami Dayanand Saraswati
- C) Swami Vivekananda
- D) Rabindranath Tagore
- E) Sri Aurobindo

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Youth Day, also called Rashtriya Yuva Divas and Vivekananda Jayanti, is observed on 12 January every year.
- The day marks the 163rd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, one of India's greatest spiritual leaders and youth icons.
- It was first celebrated on 12 January 1985 following a Government of India decision.
- In 2026, the Department of Youth Affairs organised the 2nd edition of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue (VBYLD 2026) from 9 to 12 January at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: According to the World Gold Council, India became the world's _____ largest holder of gold Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) in 2025.

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Domestic gold ETF holdings in India increased by 65% to reach 95 tonnes in 2025.
- Due to this rise, India became the 6th largest holder of gold ETFs globally, improving from 8th position in 2024.
- According to the World Gold Council, India's gold ETF holdings were 57.5 tonnes in 2024.
- Net inflows into Indian gold ETFs rose sharply to \$4.4 billion in 2025 from \$1.3 billion in 2024.
- India also emerged as the third-largest gold ETF market globally, after the United States and China.

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Ques: Which bank became the first Regional Rural Bank (RRB) in India to introduce a fully solar-powered mobile ATM van?

- A) Tripura Gramin Bank
- B) Uttar Bihar Gramin Bank
- C) Assam Gramin Vikash Bank
- D) Kerala Gramin Bank
- E) Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Tripura Gramin Bank (TGB) became the first Regional Rural Bank in India to introduce a fully solar-powered mobile ATM van.
- The solar-powered ATM van is named “TGB on Wheels.”
- The initiative aims to deliver banking services to remote and underserved areas using renewable energy.
- The project was formally inaugurated in July 2023 during the visit of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to Tripura.
- The initiative was launched with support from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
- Currently, Tripura Gramin Bank operates three solar-powered ATM vans in the state.

EXAM
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Ques: What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation rate in December, according to recent data?

- A) -0.32%
- B) 0.50%
- C) 0.83%
- D) 1.20%
- E) 2.00%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's WPI inflation for December stood at 0.83% .
- In November, India's WPI-based inflation was -0.32% .
- This indicates a rise in wholesale inflation from negative territory in November to positive levels in December.

EXAM
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Ques: India and Germany signed an agreement to strengthen cooperation in which sector, and where was the agreement signed?

- A) Postal and Logistics – Ahmedabad
- B) Education – New Delhi
- C) Defence – Berlin
- D) Renewable Energy – Mumbai
- E) Digital Infrastructure – Frankfurt

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India and Germany signed an agreement to strengthen cooperation in postal and logistics services.
- The agreement was signed in Ahmedabad.
- It was signed during the visit of Friedrich Merz, the Federal Chancellor of Germany.
- The objective is to build efficient, sustainable, and globally competitive logistics networks connecting India with international markets.

EXAM
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Ques: Which state launched the ‘Swachh Jal Abhiyan’ to ensure safe drinking water, and what is the key objective of the campaign?

- A) Rajasthan – Rainwater harvesting
- B) Uttar Pradesh – River cleaning
- C) Madhya Pradesh – Zero tolerance for contaminated drinking water
- D) Gujarat – Desalination plants
- E) Chhattisgarh – Groundwater recharge

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav launched the ‘Swachh Jal Abhiyan’.
- It is a state-wide, technology-driven clean water campaign.
- The objective is to ensure zero tolerance for contaminated drinking water through monitoring, grievance redressal, and accountability.
- The campaign is being conducted in two phases:
 - Phase I: 10 January 2026 to 28 February 2026
 - Phase II: 1 March 2026 to 31 May 2026
- Weekly ‘Jal Sunwai’ hearings will be conducted every Tuesday.
- Citizens can register and track complaints through the CM Helpline (181).

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Ques: Which organisation achieved an “Excellent” rating with a score of 97.36 in the MoU performance evaluation with the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy for FY 2024–25?

- A) NTPC Limited
- B) Power Grid Corporation of India
- C) Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd. (SECI)
- D) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- E) NHPC Limited

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd. (SECI) secured an “Excellent” rating in the MoU performance evaluation with the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) for FY 2024–25.
- SECI achieved a high score of 97.36 out of 100, reflecting strong operational and strategic performance.
- SECI is a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- It functions as a key nodal agency for expanding renewable energy capacity in India.

EXAM
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Ques: Why did the Government of India revoke the Quality Control Order on Flux Cored Solder Wire?

- A) To reduce import duties
- B) BIS certification is no longer mandatory
- C) Product is banned in India
- D) Low domestic demand
- E) Environmental concerns

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India revoked the Quality Control Order on Flux Cored Solder Wire.
- After the revocation, compulsory Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification is no longer required for this product.
- Earlier, the Flux Cored Solder Wire (Quality Control) Order, 2023 mandated compliance with Indian Standard IS 1921:2005 and BIS marking.
- The decision removes mandatory quality certification requirements for manufacturers, importers, and sellers.

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Ques: Who conferred the 70th Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar (AVRSP) and unveiled the “52 weeks, 52 reforms” roadmap for Indian Railways in 2026?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D) Nitin Gadkari
- E) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw conferred the 70th Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar (AVRSP).
- He honoured 100 railway officers and employees and awarded 26 shields to top-performing railway zones.
- AVRSP is one of the highest service awards of Indian Railways, recognising exemplary service and innovation.
- During the event, Ashwini Vaishnaw unveiled the “52 weeks, 52 reforms” roadmap for 2026.
- The roadmap aims to implement one major reform every week to improve customer service, maintenance, and quality in management.

Six Core Resolutions :

- Push for systemic reforms and accountability.
- Adoption of technology, innovation, AI, and advanced signalling.
- Upgrade maintenance standards for long-term safety.
- Uncompromising focus on safety by reducing consequential accidents.
- Transform training and talent development within one year via mandatory upskilling and digital tools.
- Eradicate colonial mindset and empower younger officers.





Ques: Who inaugurated Indusfood 2026, Asia's premier global Food and Beverage (F&B) sourcing and trade show?

- A) Chirag Paswan
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) Dharmendra Pradhan
- D) Narendra Singh Tomar
- E) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Indusfood 2026 is Asia's premier global Food and Beverage (F&B) sourcing and trade show.
- The event was inaugurated by Union Minister Chirag Paswan, Minister of Food Processing Industries.
- Indusfood 2026 was the 9th edition of the event.
- It was held at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- The event was organised by the Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI).
- More than 2,200 exhibitors from over 30 countries and 15,000+ buyers from 120+ countries participated.
- Two new pavilions were introduced: Pet Food & Animal Nutrition and Cookware & Kitchenware.
- An MoU was signed between KEZAD (UAE) and TPCI for the India–UAE Food Corridor during the event.





Ques: On which national highway corridor did NHAI create four Guinness World Records for continuous laying of Bituminous Concrete in January 2026?

- A) Delhi–Mumbai Expressway
- B) Amritsar–Jamnagar Economic Corridor
- C) Bengaluru–Chennai Expressway
- D) Bengaluru–Kadapa–Vijayawada Economic Corridor (NH-544G)
- E) Lucknow–Kanpur Expressway

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), along with concessionaire M/s Rajpath Infracon Private Limited, created four Guinness World Records on the Bengaluru–Kadapa–Vijayawada Economic Corridor of NH-544G.
- On 6 January 2026, two records were created near Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh.
- The first record was for the longest continuous laying of Bituminous Concrete, covering 28.89 lane km (3-lane wide, 9.63 km long stretch) within 24 hours.
- The second record was for the continuous laying of the highest quantity of Bituminous Concrete, totaling 10,655 metric tonnes in 24 hours.
- Two additional Guinness World Records were created on 11 January 2026.
- These included continuous laying of 57,500 metric tonnes of Bituminous Concrete and continuous paving of 156 lane km (3-lane wide, 52 km long stretch), surpassing the previous world record of 84.4 lane km.
- These record-setting achievements were executed across Package-2 and Package-3 of the corridor.
- The 343 km long, access-controlled, six-lane Bengaluru–Kadapa–Vijayawada Economic Corridor has been designed for safe, high-speed, and scenic travel.



Ques: Which organisation successfully tested India's indigenous third-generation Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM), and where was the test conducted?

- A) HAL – Pokhran
- B) BEL – Hyderabad
- C) ISRO – Sriharikota
- D) Indian Army – Leh
- E) DRDO – KK Ranges, Ahilya Nagar

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India successfully conducted the flight test of its indigenous third-generation Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM).
- The test was carried out by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- The trial was conducted at the KK Ranges in Ahilya Nagar, Maharashtra.
- MPATGM is a third-generation “fire and forget” anti-tank guided missile.
- The missile has been developed by DRDO's Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), Hyderabad.
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- A) Meg Lanning
- B) Ellyse Perry
- C) Alyssa Healy
- D) Beth Mooney
- E) Ashleigh Gardner

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Australia Women's cricket team captain Alyssa Healy announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket ahead of the T20 World Cup 2026.
- The 35-year-old had a remarkable T20I career spanning nearly 15 years, scoring 3054 runs at an impressive strike rate of 129.79.
- She made her international debut in February 2010 and went on to become a six-time T20 World Cup winner.
- She also won the ODI World Cup in 2013 and 2022 with Australia.
- Her records include the highest individual score in an ODI World Cup final (170 vs England, 2022).
- She also holds the record for the highest individual score in a women's T20I (148* vs Sri Lanka, 2019).
- Alyssa Healy has the most dismissals in T20 internationals by any player (men or women), with 126 dismissals.





Ques: What is the name of the new digital platform launched by the Indian Army to transform logistics management and enable data-driven decision-making?

- A) Logistics Command System (LCS)
- B) Integrated Defence Logistics Portal (IDLP)
- C) Depot Integration Management Edition (DIME)
- D) Army Logistics Analytics Platform (ALAP)
- E) Digital Supply Chain System (DSCS)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Army has launched Depot Integration Management Edition (DIME), a new digital platform aimed at transforming logistics management.
- The platform will help commanders take faster, more informed, and data-driven decisions by integrating logistics-related information.
- DIME has been jointly developed by the Indian Army and the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG-N).
- BISAG-N functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

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Ques: What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2026, and how many destinations can Indian passport holders access without a prior visa?

- A) 85th rank – 31 destinations
- B) 80th rank – 55 destinations
- C) 75th rank – 60 destinations
- D) 90th rank – 45 destinations
- E) 98th rank – 37 destinations

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- According to the Henley Passport Index 2026, India is ranked 80th globally.
- The index is published by Henley & Partners, a global citizenship and residence advisory firm.
- Indian passport holders enjoy visa-free, visa-on-arrival, or e-visa access to 55 destinations worldwide.
- India improved its position from 85th rank in 2025 to 80th in 2026.
- Algeria, India, and Niger are jointly ranked 80th, each with a score of 55.
- The 2026 edition evaluates 277 countries and territories, including sovereign states, regions, and special administrative zones.
- For comparison, Pakistan is ranked 98th with access to 31 countries, and Bangladesh is 95th with access to 37 destinations.
- Singapore tops the index with access to 192 destinations, while Afghanistan ranks last at 101st with access to just 24 destinations.

Ranking of top 5 & Last countries:

- 1 Singapore - 192 Destinations
- 2 Japan, South Korea – 188 Destinations
- 3 Denmark, Luxembourg, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland - 186 Destinations
- 4 Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway - 185 Destinations



5 Hungary, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, United Arab Emirates - 184 Destinations

80 India - 55 Destinations

101 Afghanistan – 24 Destinations



EXAM
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Ques: India unveiled the logo and website for which international grouping's presidency in 2026?

- A) BRICS
- B) SCO
- C) G20
- D) ASEAN
- E) QUAD

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India officially prepared for its BRICS Presidency 2026 by unveiling the logo and a dedicated website.
- The announcement was made by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.
- India will assume the BRICS presidency as BRICS completes 20 years in 2026.
- The theme for India's BRICS Presidency is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
- The BRICS 2026 logo symbolizes unity in diversity, with petals incorporating the colours of all BRICS member countries.

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Ques: India will host the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) at which place, and who will chair the conference?

- A) Mumbai – Rajya Sabha Chairman
- B) New Delhi – Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
- C) Bengaluru – Vice President of India
- D) Chennai – Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister
- E) Hyderabad – Chief Justice of India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India will host the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC).
- The conference will be held in New Delhi.
- Speakers and Presiding Officers from over 60 Commonwealth countries will participate.
- The conference will be chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.
- The 27th edition of the conference was hosted by Uganda in January 2024.

EXAM
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- A) 31 March 2026
- B) 30 April 2026
- C) 31 May 2026
- D) 30 June 2026
- E) 31 December 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has extended its citizen-centric initiative, the 'Clean Toilet Picture Challenge', till 30 June 2026 to enhance cleanliness and user experience at toilet facilities along National Highways.
- Under the extended campaign, clean toilet pictures shared by National Highway users will be assessed daily, and eligible claims will be processed in a time-bound manner.
- The FASTag recharge reward will be credited to the linked vehicle registration number (VRN) within five days of validation, ensuring transparency and responsiveness.
- The initiative was originally launched in September 2025 to encourage users to report unclean toilet facilities at toll plazas on National Highways.
- The initiative received an enthusiastic response, with around 350 commuters reporting unclean toilets, and about 265 eligible entries rewarded with FASTag recharges.
- The initiative is open to all National Highway commuters, who can participate by uploading clear, geo-tagged, and time-stamped photographs through the latest version of the Rajmargyatra mobile application.
- Each eligible vehicle registration number reporting an instance of an unclean toilet will receive a reward of ₹1,000 in the form of a FASTag recharge.





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- The voiceovers for these films were recorded by participants of Voicebox, a skilling initiative by Netflix in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).
- The start-ups were discovered and supported through Manthan, a national digital backbone platform that identifies, curates, and connects high-impact innovations with scaling opportunities.
- The eight showcased start-ups include NeoMotion, Blind Vision Foundation, Healthcare Global Enterprises (Innaumation), Innogle, CultYvate, WeVOIS Labs, Greengine Environmental Technologies, and LCB Fertilizers, covering areas such as disability solutions, healthcare, agriculture, waste management, climate action, and the blue economy.





=Ques : Who has been appointed as President and Vice Chairman of Meta, as announced recently?

- A) Mark Zuckerberg
- B) Nick Clegg
- C) Susan Li
- D) Sheryl Sandberg
- E) Dina Powell McCormick

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Meta has appointed Dina Powell McCormick as its President and Vice Chairman.
- Dina Powell McCormick is a former adviser to former US President Donald Trump.
- Her appointment strengthens Meta's leadership with extensive experience in government, policy, and global affairs.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Indian Army officer won the United Nations Secretary-General's Award 2025 for Gender-Inclusive Peacekeeping?

- A) Captain Anshuman Singh
- B) Major Swathi Shantha Kumar
- C) Lt Col Priya Jha
- D) Major Neha Sharma
- E) Colonel Ritu Singh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Army officer Major Swathi Shantha Kumar won the UN Secretary-General's Award 2025.
- The award was presented by UN Secretary-General António Guterres.
- She received it for her service with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).
- Major Swathi emerged as the global winner in the Gender Category.
- Her award-winning project was titled "Equal Partners, Lasting Peace," focusing on promoting gender-inclusive peacekeeping practices.

EXAM
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Ques: What has been a major factor driving the recent surge in municipal bond issuances in India?

- A) Increase in foreign direct investment
- B) Fiscal incentives under AMRUT 2.0
- C) Mandatory bond issuance by municipalities
- D) Reduction in interest rates by RBI
- E) Privatization of urban local bodies

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- By December of the current financial year, nine municipal bond issuances had already entered the market, showing increased participation by urban local bodies.
- The total outstanding value of municipal bonds stood at ₹3,783.9 crore as of September 30, 2025.
- Nearly ₹1,000 crore was raised in the calendar year 2025 alone, the highest single-year issuance so far.
- The key driver of this momentum is the fiscal incentives provided under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0).
- Under AMRUT 2.0, first-time municipal bond issuers can receive incentives of up to ₹13 crore for every ₹100 crore raised.

Genius





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Health Insurance Ecosystem and Strategic Partnerships of the General Insurance Council?

- A) Praveen Kumar
- B) Anup Kumar Saha
- C) Karthikeyan Manickam
- D) Ida Liu
- E) S Prakash

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The General Insurance Council appointed S Prakash as the Chief Executive Officer for the Health Insurance Ecosystem and Strategic Partnerships.
- He replaced Praveen Kumar in this role.
- The appointment aims to strengthen coordination and development in India's health insurance ecosystem.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the high-level committee formed to formulate guidelines for assured payouts under the National Pension System (NPS)?

- A) Ajay Tyagi
- B) Supratim Bandyopadhyay
- C) M S Sahoo
- D) Ramesh Abhishek
- E) Urjit Patel

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has constituted a high-level committee to formulate guidelines and regulations for assured payouts under the National Pension System (NPS).
- The committee is a 15-member body aimed at strengthening confidence and predictability in NPS payout mechanisms.
- The committee is chaired by M S Sahoo, former Chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

About PFRDA:

- Established: 2003
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairman: Sivasubramanian Ramann

EXAM
Genius



Ques: What restriction has the Reserve Bank of India imposed on resident Indians under the Foreign Exchange Management Regulations, 2026?

- A) Ban on foreign investments
- B) Prohibition on issuing credit guarantees to NRIs
- C) Restriction on remittances
- D) Ban on foreign borrowing
- E) Restriction on export payments

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India issued the Foreign Exchange Management Regulations, 2026.
- Under these regulations, resident Indians are prohibited from issuing credit guarantees in favour of non-resident Indians (NRIs).
- RBI clarified that no person resident in India shall be a party to a guarantee if any other party to the guarantee is resident outside India.
- Resident Indians may act as surety or principal debtor only if the underlying transaction is permitted under foreign exchange law.
- Both parties must also be eligible to lend or borrow under FEMA (Borrowing and Lending) Regulations, 2018.
- These conditions do not apply to fully collateralised dealer banks, agents of foreign shipping or airline companies, and resident-to-resident guarantees.

EXAM
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Ques: Why has NHAI launched a pilot initiative to deliver real-time safety alerts on National Highways during Road Safety Month 2026?

- A) To control traffic congestion
- B) To prevent accidents caused by sudden cattle movement
- C) To promote FASTag usage
- D) To monitor vehicle speed limits
- E) To improve toll collection efficiency

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- During Road Safety Month 2026, NHAI, in collaboration with telecom service providers, launched a pilot project to deliver real-time safety alerts to National Highway users approaching stray cattle-prone zones.
- The initiative aims to reduce accidents caused by sudden cattle movement, especially during foggy and low-visibility conditions.
- The pilot is being implemented on the Jaipur–Agra and Jaipur–Rewari National Highway corridors, identified as high-risk areas for stray cattle movement.
- Location-based alerts will be sent to commuters about 10 km in advance of high-risk stretches, allowing sufficient time for precautionary measures.
- Safety advisories are delivered through Flash SMS, followed by a voice alert conveying the same message.

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Ques: What is the key objective behind the launch of the National Olympic Education and Development Programme (NOEDP) by the Indian Olympic Association?

- A) To promote professional leagues only
- B) To strengthen Olympic education and sports development through a national framework
- C) To select athletes for the next Olympic Games
- D) To manage sports funding and sponsorships
- E) To regulate international sports federations in India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) launched the National Olympic Education and Development Programme (NOEDP) and reactivated the National Olympic Academy (NOA) as a nationwide framework for Olympic education and sports development.
- The reactivated National Olympic Academy aims to promote Olympic values, education, and capacity-building across the country.
- P.T. Usha, President of the IOA, has been named President of the National Olympic Academy (NOA).
- Olympic medalist and IOA Vice President Gagan Narang has been appointed as the Director of the NOA.

About Indian Olympic Association :

- Established : 1927
- HQ : New Delhi
- President : P. T. Usha





Ques: What was the key issue reported regarding ISRO's PSLV-C62/EOS-N1 mission launched in January 2026?

- A) Satellite was not launched at all
- B) Launch was postponed due to weather
- C) Rocket failed to reach its intended orbit
- D) Communication lost after one day
- E) Successful launch with partial data loss

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ISRO's first PSLV mission of 2026, PSLV-C62, failed to reach its intended orbit.
- The rocket was carrying the Earth Observation Satellite EOS-N1.
- The failure occurred about 10 minutes after lift-off on January 12, 2026.
- PSLV-C62 was carrying a total of 16 satellites.
- These included EOS-N1 and the surveillance satellite Anvesha developed by DRDO.
- The mission also carried eight foreign satellites from countries including Thailand, Spain, Brazil, Nepal, and the United Kingdom.
- This marked the first time in PSLV's three-decade history that the rocket failed consecutively for the second time.
- In the previous mission, PSLV-C61 (May last year) carrying EOS-09 had also failed to reach its designated orbit due to third-stage issues.

Genius





Ques: Who has been sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court?

- A) Justice Hima Kohli
- B) Justice Revati Mohite-Dere
- C) Justice Soumen Sen
- D) Justice Indira Banerjee
- E) Justice Bela M. Trivedi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Justice Revati Mohite-Dere, a judge of the Bombay High Court, was sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court.
- She succeeded Justice Soumen Sen, who has been transferred to the Kerala High Court.
- In India, High Court judges are appointed by the President under Article 217 of the Constitution of India.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who inaugurated the high-tech Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Nitin Gadkari
- E) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah inaugurated a high-tech Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- During the visit, he also inaugurated 9 development projects and laid the foundation stones for 2 additional projects.
- The total investment involved in these projects is ₹373 crore.
- The ICCC has been developed at a project cost of ₹229 crore.
- ICCC is a technology-driven, multi-agency security and coordination facility aimed at strengthening surveillance, security, and inter-agency coordination in the strategically important island territory.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which film won the maximum number of awards at the 83rd Annual Golden Globe Awards?

- A) One Battle After Another
- B) Adolescence
- C) The White Lotus
- D) Barbie
- E) Oppenheimer

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 83rd Annual Golden Globe Awards were presented at the Beverly Hilton in California, USA.
- The ceremony was hosted by comedian Nikki Glaser for the second consecutive year.
- The film One Battle After Another won the highest number of awards, securing 4 Golden Globe Awards.
- It also led the nominations with a total of 9 nominations.
- In television categories, Adolescence won the most awards (4), while The White Lotus received the highest number of nominations (6).

List of Golden Globe Awards 2026 Winners :

Films :

- Best Motion Picture (Drama) : Hamnet
- Best Motion Picture (Musical or Comedy) : One Battle After Another
- Best Screenplay : Paul Thomas Anderson (One Battle After Another)
- Best Supporting Actor : Stellan Skarsgard (Sentimental Value)
- Best Supporting Actress : Teyana Taylor (One Battle After Another)
- Best Director : Paul Thomas Anderson (One Battle After Another)
- Best Actor (Drama) : Wagner Moura (The Secret Agent)
- Best Actress (Drama) : Jessie Buckley (Hamnet)





- Best Actor (Musical or Comedy) : Timothee Chalamet (Marty Supreme)
- Best Actress (Musical or Comedy) : Rose Byrne (If I Had Legs I'd Kick You)
- Best Original Score : Ludwig Goransson (Sinners)
- Best Animated Feature : KPop Demon Hunters
- Best Original Song : Golden (KPop Demon Hunters)
- Best Non-English Language Film : The Secret Agent

Television Awards :

- Best Series (Drama) : The Pitt
- Best Series (Musical or Comedy) : The Studio
- Best Limited Series : Adolescence
- Best Actor (Drama Series) : Noah Wyle (The Pitt)
- Best Actress (Drama Series) : Rhea Seehorn (Pluribus)
- Best Actor (Comedy Series) : Seth Rogen (The Studio)
- Best Actress (Comedy Series) : Jean Smart (Hacks)
- Best Actor (Limited Series) : Stephen Graham (Adolescence)
- Best Actress (Limited Series) : Michelle Williams (Dying for Sex)
- Best Supporting Actor (Limited Series) : Owen Cooper (Adolescence)
- Best Supporting Actress (Limited Series) : Eri Doherty (Adolescence)
- Best Stand-Up Comedy Performance : Ricky Gervais (Mortality)
- Best Podcast : Good Hang with Amy Poehler

Genius



Ques: Which initiative has been launched by IndiaAI in collaboration with the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) to automate verification of financial documents using Artificial Intelligence?

- A) IndiaAI Audit Automation Mission
- B) IndiaAI Financial Reporting Compliance Challenge
- C) Digital India Financial AI Scheme
- D) AIKosh Compliance Accelerator
- E) NFRA Smart Accounting Programme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- IndiaAI launched the IndiaAI Financial Reporting Compliance Challenge in collaboration with the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA).
- IndiaAI functions under the Digital India Corporation (DIC) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The initiative is part of the IndiaAI Application Development Initiative (IADI).
- It aims to develop AI-based systems for automated verification of financial documents against regulatory frameworks.
- Indian startups and companies are invited to build scalable AI engines for financial compliance.
- Up to 10 shortlisted teams will receive ₹5 lakh each for solution refinement using datasets from AIKosh.
- Select teams may be invited for an on-premises development round in New Delhi.



Ques: What is the name of the first-ever joint Military–Civil Fusion exercise conducted by the Indian Army in Pune?

- A) Sanjha Shakti
- B) Sahayog Shakti
- C) Suraksha Setu
- D) Yudh Abhyas
- E) Prahar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Army conducted its first-ever two-day joint Military–Civil Fusion exercise named Sanjha Shakti.
- The exercise was held at the Diggi Range, Khadki Military Station, Pune, under the aegis of the Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Goa Area of the Southern Command.
- It saw participation from the Indian Army along with 16 key civilian agencies.
- Participating civilian agencies included Maharashtra Police, Force One, and fire and emergency services.
- More than 350 civilian personnel took part, highlighting enhanced coordination between military and civil authorities.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Indian mountaineer recently scaled Mount Aconcagua, and why is this achievement significant?

- A) Anshu Jamsenpa – Fastest ascent record
- B) Aritra Roy – Part of Seven Summits challenge
- C) Arunima Sinha – First amputee climber
- D) Malavath Purna – Youngest climber
- E) Santosh Yadav – Multiple Everest climbs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian mountaineer Aritra Roy successfully summited Mount Aconcagua in Argentina.
- Mount Aconcagua, at about 6,961 metres, is the highest mountain outside Asia.
- The ascent is part of Aritra Roy's Seven Summits challenge, which involves climbing the highest peaks on all seven continents.
- This achievement highlights India's growing presence in global mountaineering.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Human rabies has been declared a notifiable disease in which region, to ensure mandatory reporting under the Epidemic Diseases Act?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Kerala
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Delhi

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Human rabies has been declared a notifiable disease in Delhi under the Epidemic Diseases Act.
- A notifiable disease must be mandatorily reported to government health authorities.
- The reporting obligation applies to government hospitals, private hospitals, medical colleges, and private medical practitioners.
- Reporting is mandatory for suspected, probable, and confirmed cases.
- Rabies is a viral zoonotic disease affecting the central nervous system, with an almost 100% fatality rate once clinical symptoms appear.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What does the latest data released by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy indicate about India's non-fossil fuel electricity capacity?

- A) It declined due to low renewable additions
- B) It reached 266.78 GW in 2025, showing a 22.6% increase over 2024
- C) It crossed the 500 GW target in 2025
- D) Growth was limited only to solar energy
- E) It includes only solar and wind power

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's non-fossil fuel electricity capacity reached 266.78 GW in 2025, registering a 22.6% increase over 2024.
- The capacity includes solar (131.81 GW), wind (54.51 GW), bioenergy (11.61 GW), small hydro (5.16 GW), and large hydro including pumped storage (50.91 GW).
- Around 48 GW of renewable capacity (including hydropower) was added in 2025.
- This progress supports India's target of 500 GW non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030.
- It also strengthens India's commitments under the Paris Agreement and the Net Zero by 2070 goal.

EXAM
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Ques: Which statement correctly describes the Prerana program?

- A) A sports training program conducted at IIM Ahmedabad, with 50 batches completed
- B) An experiential learning program started on 15 January 2024 at Vernacular School Vadnagar, involving 20 students per batch from 10 districts, with 81 batches completed in the first cycle, focusing on nine core values and supported by an alumni network
- C) A digital learning program for online education conducted in Delhi with only boys participating
- D) A scholarship program for higher education, conducted only in private schools
- E) A medical training program conducted at IIT Gandhinagar for students of 5 states

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prerana is an experiential learning program and a national initiative of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education.
- The program was inspired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and started on 15 January 2024.
- It is conducted at the historic Vernacular School in Vadnagar, established in 1888, where the Prime Minister began his education.
- Each batch involves 20 students from 10 districts, and 81 batches were completed in the first cycle.
- The program focuses on nine core values and is supported by an alumni network.
- Each weekly batch includes 20 students, with one boy and one girl from each of 10 districts across 10 States/UTs, along with Lady Guardian Teachers for balanced gender participation.
- The first cycle completed 81 batches, involving 1,620 students and 810 Guardian Teachers, representing all 785 districts of India.
- Participants engaged with nine core human values such as Swabhiman, Shaurya, Parishram, Satyanishtha, Karuna, Navachar, Vividhta, Shraddha, and Swatantrata.
- The program is guided by teachers from Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar





Navodaya Vidyalayas, trained by experts from IIT Gandhinagar, IIM Ahmedabad, and IKS Division, among others.

- Through storytelling, heritage immersion, indigenous games, collaborative reflection, and experiential activities, students developed confidence, teamwork, leadership, and social responsibility.
- The Prerana Alumni Network supported by the Prerana Alumni Portal continues to connect students, provide mentorship, and encourage knowledge sharing.



EXAM
Genius



Ques: What highlights the growth and performance of India's fisheries sector in recent years?

- A) Fish production declined after 2014
- B) India became the largest fish producer globally
- C) Fish production more than doubled and exports reached a record high
- D) No major government schemes were launched for fisheries
- E) Seafood exports reduced due to low demand

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's fish production increased from 95 lakh tonnes in 2013–14 to around 198 lakh tonnes in 2024–25, showing a growth of over 106%.
- India is currently the world's second-largest fish producer, contributing about 8% to global fish production.
- Since 2014–15, ₹32,723 crore has been approved under schemes such as the Blue Revolution, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi SahYojana.
- India's seafood exports reached an all-time high of ₹62,408 crore in 2024–25.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: IndiaAI Mission has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which organisation to build one of India's largest state-level Artificial Intelligence skilling ecosystems?

- A) Uttar Pradesh Electronics Corporation Limited (UPLC)
- B) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- C) Uttar Pradesh Development Systems Corporation Limited (UPDESCO)
- D) Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)
- E) Digital India Corporation (DIC)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IndiaAI Mission, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), signed an MoU with Uttar Pradesh Development Systems Corporation Limited (UPDESCO).
- The MoU aims to build one of India's largest state-level AI skilling ecosystems in Uttar Pradesh.
- A total of 65 Data and AI Labs are planned across the state, equipped with modern computing infrastructure.
- Currently, two labs at NIELIT Lucknow and Gorakhpur are operational.
- One lab in Pilibhit is industry-led, 49 labs have been approved and are under implementation, and 13 additional labs will be identified to complete the network.

Genius





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) by the Centre, and what is his tenure?

- A) Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor – Till October 31, 2026
- B) Daljit Singh Chaudhary – Till October 2026
- C) Praveen Kumar – Till September 2030
- D) Rakesh Agarwal – Till December 2026
- E) Nagesh Kapoor – Till March 2027

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Centre appointed senior IPS officer Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor as the Director General of ITBP.
- His tenure will continue till October 31, 2026.
- He replaced Praveen Kumar, who was earlier serving as ITBP Director General.
- Praveen Kumar has been appointed as the Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF), with tenure till September 30, 2030, replacing Daljit Singh Chaudhary.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which company has signed a contract with the Indian Army to overhaul, upgrade and provide long-term support for the Pinaka Multiple Launcher Rocket Systems (MLRS)?

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited
- B) Larsen & Toubro
- C) Tata Advanced Systems
- D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- E) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) signed a contract with the Indian Army, awarded by the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME), for overhauling, upgrading, and providing long-term support for the Pinaka Multiple Launcher Rocket Systems.
- Under the contract, L&T will overhaul existing launchers, replace obsolete components, modernize command and control systems, and provide lifecycle support, quality assurance, and training.
- Pinaka is India's indigenously developed Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher System, designed by DRDO and manufactured by Indian companies including L&T and Tata.
- The Pinaka MLRS was inducted into the Indian Army around 1998 and was operationally used during the Kargil conflict in 1999.
- Pinaka has a range of about 40 km in its Mk-I version, 60–75 km in Mk-II and extended-range variants, and over 90 km in advanced versions.





Ques: Where was the rare Sandalwood Leopard, exhibiting a strawberry (pale reddish-pink) colour morph, sighted for the first time in Karnataka?

- A) Bandipur National Park, Karnataka
- B) Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka
- C) Vijayanagara district, Karnataka
- D) Ranakpur, Rajasthan
- E) Gir National Park, Gujarat

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The first sighting of a rare Sandalwood Leopard in Karnataka was reported from the Vijayanagara district.
- The leopard displayed a strawberry or pale reddish-pink colour morph, also referred to as the Sandalwood Leopard.
- Globally, only about five such cases of this rare colour morph have been recorded.
- The previous recorded sighting in India occurred in Ranakpur, Rajasthan, in 2021.
- Scientists suggest hypomelanism or erythrism as the possible cause behind this unusual coloration.
- The sighting is significant from a conservation perspective as it highlights the genetic diversity within leopard populations.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Indian financial institution became the first Indian issuer in 2026 to raise overseas debt through a dual-tranche, long-duration US dollar-denominated bond issue worth \$1 billion?

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)
- C) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- D) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
- E) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) accepted bids worth \$1 billion for its dual-tranche, long-duration US dollar-denominated bonds, making it the first Indian issuer to raise overseas debt in 2026.
- The bond issue consisted of two tranches:
 - 10-year bond: \$500 million, coupon rate 5.00%, spread 85 basis points over the 10-year US Treasury yield.
 - 30-year bond: \$500 million, coupon rate 5.75%, spread 95 basis points over the 30-year US Treasury yield.
- The bonds are rated BBB– by Fitch Ratings, in line with EXIM Bank's issuer rating.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What does the World Bank Group's 'Global Economic Prospects (January 2026)' report project for India's economic growth?

- A) India's GDP growth is projected to decline to below 6% in FY26
- B) India's GDP growth is projected at 7.2% in FY26, revised upward from earlier estimates
- C) India's GDP growth is projected to remain unchanged at 6.3% in FY26
- D) India's GDP growth is projected to accelerate to above 8% in FY27
- E) India's GDP growth is projected to stagnate with no moderation in FY27

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The World Bank Group released its flagship 'Global Economic Prospects (GEP): January 2026' report.
- The report revised India's GDP growth projection for FY 2025–26 upward to 7.2%, from the earlier estimate of 6.3% made in June 2025.
- India's economic growth is expected to moderate to 6.5% in FY27, lower than the previous estimate of 7.2%.
- The projections indicate strong near-term economic momentum with gradual moderation in the medium term.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: How many cryptocurrency exchanges were registered with India's Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-IND) during FY 2024–25, and under which law were crypto exchanges brought for AML–CTF compliance?

- A) 49 exchanges – PMLA
- B) 41 exchanges – IT Act
- C) 32 exchanges – FEMA
- D) 55 exchanges – RBI Act
- E) 60 exchanges – Companies Act

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- During FY 2024–25, a total of 49 cryptocurrency exchanges were registered with India's Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-IND), most of them domestic.
- As of March 2025, 45 onshore exchanges and 4 offshore exchanges were registered with FIU-IND.
- In FY25, FIU-IND imposed penalties worth ₹28 crore on certain non-compliant crypto exchanges.
- In 2023, all crypto exchanges in India were brought under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), making them reporting entities for AML–CTF compliance.
- Cryptocurrencies are classified as Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs), and crypto exchanges are designated as VDA Service Providers (VDA SPs).

Genius



Ques: Which bank has partnered with NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL) to use its bank plugins for offering UPI services on its banking app?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Canara Bank will use NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL) bank plugins to offer UPI services on its banking payments app, Canara ai1Pe.
- This partnership allows Canara Bank to integrate the latest UPI payment launches and feature upgrades, similar to those available on the BHIM app.
- Canara Bank is the first bank to adopt NBSL's technology-sharing model for UPI services.
- In 2025, BHIM presented a proof of concept under 'BHIM Vishwas', enabling banks to leverage BHIM's technology stack.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which organisation has been recognised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for all Authorised Dealers under the Omnibus SRO Framework in January 2026?

- A) FIMMDA – Fixed Income Money Market & Derivatives Association
- B) FIDC – Finance Industry Development Council
- C) FEDAI – Foreign Exchange Dealers’ Association of India
- D) FACE – Fintech Association for Consumer Empowerment
- E) AMFI – Association of Mutual Funds in India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Foreign Exchange Dealers’ Association of India (FEDAI) has been recognised by the RBI as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for all Authorised Dealers under the Omnibus SRO Framework in January 2026.
- RBI noted that FEDAI has long functioned like an SRO through its rules governing the conduct of its members.
- FEDAI has been given one year to align its governance and operational framework with the Omnibus SRO Framework.
- During this period, FEDAI must also extend its membership to all categories of Authorised Dealers.
- As of January 2026, RBI has recognised four SROs under the Omnibus Framework, including FEDAI (Forex Authorised Dealers) on January 14, 2026 and FIDC (NBFCs) on October 3, 2025.

Genius





Ques: Which bank has received RBI and Karnataka Government approval to collect State government revenue through the Khajane-2 Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS)?

- A) Canara Bank
- B) Karnataka Bank
- C) Union Bank of India
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Indian Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Karnataka Bank has received authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and approval from the Department of Treasuries, Government of Karnataka.
- This approval allows the bank to collect State government revenue receipts through the Khajane-2 Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS).
- Karnataka Bank can collect various State government taxes and fees from citizens using its Internet banking services.
- Karnataka Bank was established in 1924 and is headquartered in Mangaluru, Karnataka.
- The CEO & Managing Director of Karnataka Bank is Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat, and its tagline is “Your Family Bank Across India.”

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which ministry advised Public Sector Banks to introduce a composite Salary Account Package for Central Government Employees, and what are its three core segments?

- A) Ministry of Labour – Banking, Pension, Cards
- B) Ministry of Personnel – Salary, Insurance, Pension
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs – Banking, Insurance, Loans
- D) Ministry of Finance (DFS) – Banking, Insurance, Cards
- E) Ministry of Social Justice – Banking, Welfare, Cards

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) under the Ministry of Finance advised Public Sector Banks to introduce a Composite Salary Account Package for Central Government Employees.
- The objective is to enhance the financial well-being and social security of Central Government employees.
- The package is designed as a one-stop financial solution with three core segments: Banking, Insurance, and Cards.

Key Banking & Loan Features:

- Zero-balance salary account with enhanced facilities.
- Free remittances via RTGS, NEFT, and UPI, along with cheque facilities.
- Concessional interest rates on housing, education, vehicle and personal loans, along with concessions in processing charges.
- Locker rent waivers and family banking benefits

Enhanced Insurance Coverage:

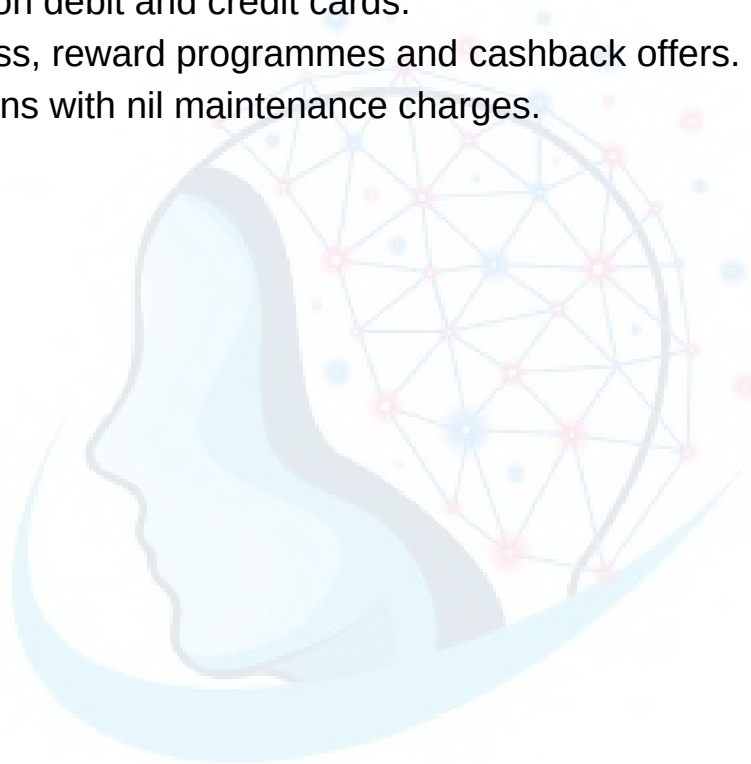
- Personal Accident Insurance cover up to ₹1.50 crore.
- Air Accident Insurance cover up to ₹2 crore.
- Permanent Total and Partial Disability cover up to ₹1.50 crore.
- Comprehensive Health Insurance for self and family with base plan and top-up options.



- In-built Term Life Insurance cover up to ₹20 lakh, with optional top-up facility.

Digital & Card Features:

- Enhanced benefits on debit and credit cards.
- Airport lounge access, reward programmes and cashback offers.
- Unlimited transactions with nil maintenance charges.



EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which university inaugurated the IIT-Mandi Catalyst Satellite Centre in Greater Noida, and what is the main objective of this centre?

- A) Amity University – Space research promotion
- B) Galgotias University – Startup support and deep-tech innovation
- C) Sharda University – Skill development in AI
- D) Gautam Buddha University – Industrial training
- E) Noida International University – Research publications

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Galgotias University inaugurated the IIT-Mandi Catalyst Satellite Centre at its campus in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- The centre has been established in collaboration with IIT Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.
- Its main objective is to support early-stage startups, promote deep-tech innovation, and bridge the gap between academic research and real-world applications.
- Galgotias University also signed MoUs with NIT Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) and Jharkhand University of Technology (JUT), Ranchi.

EXAM
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Ques: Why is Marvell Technology expanding its presence in India, as announced by the Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology?

- A) To set up a semiconductor manufacturing fab in India
- B) To design cutting-edge 2-nanometer (2 nm) chips and strengthen India's chip design ecosystem
- C) To focus only on mobile phone assembly units
- D) To exit operations from other Asian countries
- E) To manufacture consumer electronics exclusively for the Indian market

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that Marvell Technology is expanding in India to design advanced 2-nanometer (2 nm) semiconductor chips.
- The 2 nm node is among the most advanced semiconductor technologies, enabling high-performance and energy-efficient computing.
- As part of this expansion, Marvell will collaborate with Indian chip design start-ups and partner with Indian universities.
- The initiative aims to strengthen India's domestic chip design capabilities and the overall semiconductor and electronics ecosystem.
- Marvell Technology is a global semiconductor company that designs chips for data infrastructure, including AI, cloud computing, data centres, enterprise networking, and the automotive sector.



Ques: What major record did Indian Railways achieve through the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) network on 5 January 2026?

- A) Longest freight train operation in India
- B) Highest number of containers transported in a day
- C) Highest number of interchange freight trains handled in a single day
- D) Fastest freight train speed achieved
- E) Maximum freight revenue earned in a day

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indian Railways, through the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) network, achieved the highest number of interchange freight trains handled in a single day.
- On 5 January 2026, a total of 892 interchange freight trains were handled between the DFC network and five zones of Indian Railways.
- This marked the highest interchange record since the commissioning of the Dedicated Freight Corridors.
- The previous record was 865 interchange freight trains, achieved on 4 January 2026.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the key objective and feature of the newly launched Paripoorna Mediciclaim Ayush Bima for CGHS beneficiaries?

- A) It is a compulsory insurance scheme with fixed coverage for all citizens
- B) It provides cashless, AYUSH-inclusive health insurance exclusively for CGHS beneficiaries with discounted premiums
- C) It covers only outpatient treatments without hospitalization benefits
- D) It offers insurance only for government hospitals with limited sum insured
- E) It is a short-term accident insurance policy without co-payment options

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, launched the Paripoorna Mediciclaim Ayush Bima for CGHS beneficiaries.
- The policy provides cashless hospitalization, modern treatments, and AYUSH-inclusive healthcare through a wide hospital network across India.
- It is exclusively available to CGHS beneficiaries and covers up to six members per policy.
- Sum insured options are ₹10 lakh and ₹20 lakh.
- The policy includes co-payment options of 70:30 or 50:50, room rent caps, and pre- and post-hospitalization coverage.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Why did the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) impose a penalty of ₹150 crore on telecom operators?

- A) Failure to expand 5G services
- B) Delay in spectrum payments
- C) Failure to effectively curb spam calls and unsolicited messages
- D) Non-compliance with tariff regulations
- E) Poor quality of mobile network services

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- TRAI imposed a penalty of ₹150 crore on telecom operators for failing to effectively curb spam calls and unsolicited commercial communications.
- The penalty pertains to violations spread over a three-year period beginning in 2020.
- As per TRAI regulations, a financial disincentive of up to ₹50 lakh per month per Licensed Service Area (LSA) can be imposed on telecom operators.
- To enhance consumer protection, TRAI extended the complaint registration window for subscribers from 3 days to 7 days.
- TRAI also tightened action thresholds against spammers, where five complaints within the last 10 days are sufficient to trigger regulatory action.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for the Pune Grand Tour 2026 and where will this international cycling race be held?

- A) MS Dhoni – Pune
- B) Sachin Tendulkar – Nagpur
- C) Virat Kohli – Mumbai
- D) Rohit Sharma – Bengaluru
- E) Kapil Dev – Chandigarh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Former Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for the Pune Grand Tour 2026.
- The Pune Grand Tour 2026 is a five-day international road cycling race to be held in Pune from January 19 to January 23, 2026.
- The race will cover a total distance of 437 kilometres.
- The event will feature 171 riders from 29 professional teams representing 35 countries.
- MS Dhoni's appointment is expected to boost the popularity of cycling and promote sports culture in India.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Which country has announced its immediate withdrawal from seven United Nations agencies following an internal review, and how many UN bodies are involved?

- A) Russia – Five agencies
- B) Israel – Seven agencies
- C) Iran – Six agencies
- D) United States – Seven agencies
- E) China – Eight agencies

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Israel has announced its immediate withdrawal from seven United Nations agencies and affiliated bodies following a comprehensive internal review.
- The review was initiated after the United States exited 66 international organisations.
- **The seven UN entities from which Israel has decided to withdraw include:**
 1. **Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict**
 2. **United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)**
 3. **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**
 4. **UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**
 5. **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations**
 6. **UN Energy**





Ques: What are the key measures taken by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to improve toll payment efficiency and commuter experience on National Highways?

- A) Introduction of FASTag Annual Pass, reduced penalty for UPI payments, and rollout of barrier-free MLFF tolling
- B) Complete removal of toll plazas and free highway travel for all vehicles
- C) Mandatory cash-only payments with higher toll rates
- D) Suspension of FASTag system and manual toll collection
- E) Uniform toll charges across all highways regardless of road condition

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- MoRTH, in collaboration with NHAI, has implemented commuter-centric reforms to simplify toll payments and reduce congestion.
- The FASTag Annual Pass, launched on 15 August 2025, allows users to pay ₹3,000 for 200 toll trips or one year of travel across 1,159 toll plazas nationwide.
- Digital payment penalties have been reduced: non-FASTag payments previously charged 2x, now UPI payments are charged 1.25x, promoting cashless options.
- Barrier-free Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling is being rolled out to enable seamless toll collection and faster movement on highways .
 - India's first barrier-free Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system has been awarded at Choryasi Fee Plaza on NH-48 in Gujarat and is scheduled to be operational in 2026, with five more such projects awarded.
- MoRTH has also ensured that during highway widening works, users pay only 50% of the earlier toll until construction is completed.
- The FASTag ecosystem has been strengthened through measures like One Vehicle –One FASTag, VAHAN-linked issuance, double fee for loose FASTags, and multiple grievance redressal channels.





Ques: Which company signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Madras to establish a Corporate Research Centre at the IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai?

- A) Coromandel International Limited
- B) UPL Limited
- C) Rallis India Limited
- D) PI Industries Limited
- E) Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Coromandel International Limited signed an MoU with IIT Madras to set up a Corporate Research Centre at the IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai.
- The centre will function as a hub for joint research programs, technology incubation, talent development, and international collaboration.
- It aims to promote translational research in agriculture, sustainability, crop nutrition, and advanced agri-input technologies.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Australian university has announced plans to establish a new campus at Manyata Tech Park in Bengaluru by August 2026, and under which bilateral programme is this initiative aligned?

- A) University of Melbourne – Australia–India Skill Initiative
- B) University of Sydney – New Colombo Plan
- C) University of New South Wales – India–Australia Education and Research Cooperation Programme
- D) Monash University – Quad Education Framework
- E) Australian National University – Indo-Pacific Academic Partnership

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The University of New South Wales (UNSW) will set up a new campus at Manyata Tech Park, Bengaluru, by August 2026.
- Initially, it will offer undergraduate programmes in commerce, media, computer science, and data science, and a postgraduate programme in cybersecurity.
- This initiative is aligned with the India–Australia Education and Research Cooperation Programme (2025–2030).
- Out of the 19 international universities approved to establish campuses in India, seven are Australian universities.
- La Trobe University, Victoria University, Western Sydney University, and the University of Western Australia have received Letters of Intent, while Deakin University and the University of Wollongong already operate campuses in GIFT City.
- Apart from UNSW, University of Liverpool and University of Lancaster (England) have also announced plans to open campuses in Bengaluru.



Ques: What was the key outcome of the 6th ASEAN–India Digital Ministers’ (ADGMIN) Meeting held virtually?

- A) Reaffirmation of ASEAN–India cooperation in the digital domain
- B) Signing of a free trade agreement between ASEAN and India
- C) Establishment of a common digital currency for ASEAN–India
- D) Withdrawal of India from ASEAN digital dialogue mechanisms
- E) Launch of a joint defence cyber command

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 6th ASEAN–India Digital Ministers’ (ADGMIN) Meeting was held virtually, reaffirming ASEAN Member States’ and India’s commitment to strengthen cooperation in the digital domain.
- The meeting was co-chaired by Shri Amit Agrawal, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, India, and Shri Nguyen Manh Hung, Minister of Science and Technology, Vietnam.
- ADGMIN serves as an annual forum for Telecom and Digital Ministers from 11 ASEAN countries and dialogue partners, including India.
- The meeting acknowledged the adoption of the ASEAN–India Joint Statement on Advancing Digital Transformation at the 21st ASEAN–India Summit held on 10 October 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

Genius





Ques: Which international financial institutions jointly provided a USD 350 million loan to Piramal Finance Limited?

- A) World Bank and IMF
- B) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and ADB
- C) International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- D) New Development Bank (NDB) and World Bank
- E) European Investment Bank (EIB) and ADB

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Piramal Finance Limited has received a total loan of USD 350 million.
- The loan has been jointly provided by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- Out of the total amount, IFC has contributed USD 200 million, while ADB has provided USD 150 million.
- The loan tenure is five years.
- Piramal Finance Limited is headquartered in Mumbai.
- The Managing Director and CEO of the company is Jairam Sridharan.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What major change did SEBI propose to ease liquidity strain for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)?

- A) Introduction of weekly settlement cycle
- B) Same-day fund netting of buy and sell obligations
- C) Reduction in securities transaction tax
- D) Mandatory escrow funding for FPIs
- E) Extension of trading hours for FPIs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SEBI proposed allowing Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to offset their purchase and sale obligations within the same trading day.
- The proposal aims to replace the existing gross-based settlement system.
- Currently, FPIs must separately fund every buy order and deliver securities for every sell order, even if both transactions occur on the same day.
- Even when the value of buy and sell transactions is equal, investors are required to arrange full funds for the purchase leg.
- For example, an investor buying and selling shares worth ₹100 crore each still needs to arrange ₹100 crore in funds under the current system.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Why is JPMorgan Chase replacing Goldman Sachs as the issuer of the Apple Card?

- A) To exit the premium digital credit card segment
- B) To transfer Apple Card operations to a fintech company
- C) To strengthen JPMorgan's consumer banking business while Goldman scales back retail finance
- D) Due to Apple ending its credit card partnership
- E) Because of regulatory penalties on Goldman Sachs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- JPMorgan Chase will replace Goldman Sachs as the issuer of the Apple Card.
- The move will transfer over USD 20 billion in Apple Card credit balances to JPMorgan's platform.
- For JPMorgan Chase, the deal strengthens its credit card and consumer banking business.
- It also expands JPMorgan's presence in the premium digital credit card segment.
- For Goldman Sachs, the decision aligns with its strategy to scale back consumer finance operations.
- It reflects Goldman Sachs' continued retreat from retail-focused ventures such as co-branded credit cards.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the key provision introduced under the RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2026 to strengthen customer grievance redressal?

- A) Manual review of complaints by RBI offices
- B) Auto-transfer of unresolved complaints to Internal Ombudsman
- C) Closure of complaints by the same bank branch
- D) Extension of complaint resolution time to 60 days
- E) Limiting the scheme only to public sector banks

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- To strengthen customer protection in the financial system, the Reserve Bank of India issued new directions on grievance redressal.
- RBI issued Master Circular–1 under the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2026, which will come into force from 1 July 2026.
- Under the revised norms, banks and eligible NBFCs must automatically transfer unresolved complaints to their Internal Ombudsman.
- This provision ensures that the final decision is communicated to customers within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.
- RBI has also mandated banks and eligible NBFCs to establish a fully automated Complaint Management System (CMS).
- The CMS must allow seamless access to the Internal Ombudsman (IO) and Deputy Internal Ombudsman (DIO).
- For complaints where RBI, NPCI, or card network rules prescribe timelines, the IO must be given at least 10 days for review.
- For all other complaints, a 20-day timeline from the date of receipt applies for IO review.
- Banks must classify complaints into three categories within the CMS: fully resolved, partially resolved, and wholly rejected.
- Only partially resolved or wholly rejected complaints will be transferred to the Internal Ombudsman.





- RBI clarified that the same branch or unit cannot close a complaint, whether resolved or rejected, to avoid conflict of interest and ensure fairness.
- These norms apply to banks having 10 or more outlets in India as on 31 March 2025.
- For NBFCs, the rules apply to deposit-taking NBFCs with 10 or more branches and non-deposit-taking NBFCs having assets of ₹5,000 crore or more with a public customer interface.



EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the key objective behind Amazon Pay launching fixed deposit (FD) services on its fintech app?

- A) To offer cryptocurrency-based investments
- B) To expand into fixed-income investment products
- C) To replace traditional bank fixed deposits
- D) To provide unsecured personal loans
- E) To act as a full-fledged commercial bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Amazon Pay has launched fixed deposit (FD) services on its fintech app to expand into fixed-income investment products.
- The FD offerings provide interest rates of up to 8%.
- Amazon Pay has partnered with two NBFCs—Shriram Finance and Bajaj Finance—and five banks.
- The partner banks include Shivalik Small Finance Bank, Suryoday Small Finance Bank, South Indian Bank, Slice, and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank.
- Users can start investing in FDs with a minimum amount of ₹1,000 without opening separate bank accounts with each institution.
- Deposits made through the platform are insured up to ₹5 lakh per depositor per bank under DICGC rules.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who became India's 92nd Chess Grandmaster after securing the final GM norm in Armenia?

- A) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
- B) Nihal Sarin
- C) Vidit Gujrathi
- D) Arjun Erigaisi
- E) Aaryan Varshney

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indian chess player Aaryan Varshney became India's 92nd Chess Grandmaster.
- He secured his final Grandmaster norm at the Andranik Margaryan Memorial Tournament in Armenia.
- Aaryan Varshney is from Delhi.
- With this achievement, he became the eighth Grandmaster from Delhi.
- The achievement marks a significant milestone in his chess career.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: On which date did the Lokpal of India observe its Foundation Day in 2026?

- A) 15 January
- B) 16 January
- C) 18 January
- D) 26 January
- E) 30 January

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Lokpal of India observed its Foundation Day on 16 January 2026.
- The Foundation Day commemorates the coming into force of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.
- The Lokpal institution was established in the year 2014.
- The 2026 celebration marked the second edition of the Foundation Day.
- This day is significant as it marks the legal establishment of the Lokpal under Section 3 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.
- The event was held in the presence of Lokpal Chairperson Justice A. M. Khanwilkar.
- Several Judicial and Non-Judicial Members of the Lokpal were also present at the event.
- Members must be from SC/ST/OBC, minorities, and women.
- Members are appointed by the President of India.
- Appointments are made on the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
- The Selection Committee consists of the Prime Minister (Chairperson), Speaker of Lok Sabha, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Chief Justice of India or a Judge nominated by him/her, and one eminent jurist.
- The tenure of the Chairperson and Members is five years from the date of assuming office or until attaining the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.





Ques: Which state topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2024 among large states, and which state led among small states?

- A) Gujarat and Goa
- B) Tamil Nadu and Nagaland
- C) Maharashtra and Uttarakhand
- D) Uttar Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir
- E) Andhra Pradesh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Maharashtra topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2024 among large states with a score of 68.01.
- Tamil Nadu secured the second position with a score of 64.41, followed by Gujarat with 64.02.
- Among small states, Uttarakhand ranked first with a score of 52.07.
- Jammu and Kashmir ranked second with 51.08, followed by Nagaland with 46.42.
- The Export Preparedness Index 2024 is the 4th edition of the report, published by NITI Aayog.
- States were grouped into Large States, Small States, North Eastern States, and Union Territories.
- The index categorizes states into Leaders, Challengers, and Aspirers based on export preparedness.
- The index supports India's goal of achieving USD 1 trillion merchandise exports by 2030 and is based on 4 pillars, 13 sub-pillars, and 70 indicators.
- Pillar weightage includes Export Infrastructure (20%), Business Ecosystem (40%), Policy & Governance (20%) and Export Performance (20%).

Top 5 Performing States and Union Territories in EPI 2024:

Large States :

- 1 Maharashtra - 68.01
- 2 Tamil Nadu - 64.41



- 3 Gujarat - 64.02
- 4 Uttar Pradesh - 62.09
- 5 Andhra Pradesh - 60.65

Small States

- 1 Uttarakhand - 52.07
- 2 Jammu and Kashmir - 51.08
- 3 Nagaland - 46.42
- 4 Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu - 46.24
- 5 Goa - 44.60



EXAM
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Ques: Which two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance collaboration in research, innovation, and capacity building across the dairy sector?

- A) ICAR and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
- B) NDDB and NITI Aayog
- C) ICAR and NABARD
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and FSSAI
- E) ICAR and AMUL

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).
- The MoU aims to strengthen multidisciplinary research, innovation, and capacity building across the dairy sector.
- It seeks to integrate ICAR's scientific and research expertise with NDDB's extensive field-level experience and institutional capabilities.
- The collaboration is intended to address emerging challenges in the dairy sector and promote sustainable growth through innovation-driven solutions.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: Who became the first Indian to receive the rare Samurai martial arts honour of Kenjutsu?

- A) Pawan Kalyan
- B) Rajinikanth
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Akshay Kumar
- E) Vishwanathan Anand

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan received a rare Samurai martial arts honour.
- He became the first Indian to be formally inducted into the Samurai martial arts tradition of Kenjutsu.
- Kenjutsu is an ancient Japanese samurai swordsmanship tradition.
- The honour highlights international recognition of Indian leaders in cultural and martial traditions.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the objective of the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) initiative Womaniya?

- A) To promote exports by women entrepreneurs
- B) To provide subsidies to women-owned industries
- C) To strengthen participation of women-led MSEs and SHGs in public procurement
- D) To establish exclusive industrial parks for women
- E) To provide tax exemptions to women entrepreneurs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) launched its flagship initiative Womaniya on 14 January 2019 to enhance the participation of women-led Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in public procurement.
- As of 14 January 2026, more than two lakh women-led MSEs are registered on the GeM portal and have secured public procurement orders worth over ₹80,000 crore, accounting for 4.7% of GeM's total order value.
- This exceeds the mandated 3% reservation for women-owned and women-led enterprises in government procurement.
- The initiative addresses the “Triple Challenge” faced by women entrepreneurs—access to markets, access to finance, and access to value addition.
- It enables direct market access without intermediaries and supports gender-inclusive economic growth.

Genius





Ques: What is the significance of the Mumbai–Nagpur Natural Gas Pipeline (MNPL) project implemented by GAIL (India) Limited?

- A) It connects Mumbai to Kolkata through a coastal gas corridor
- B) It is a 694-km expressway-aligned gas pipeline along the Samruddhi Mahamarg
- C) It is a city gas distribution project limited to urban areas
- D) It transports crude oil instead of natural gas
- E) It is a cross-border gas pipeline project

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Mumbai–Nagpur Natural Gas Pipeline (MNPL) is described as GAIL's 694-km expressway gas pipeline.
- The project is implemented by GAIL (India) Limited.
- The pipeline has a total length of 694 kilometres and is located entirely in Maharashtra.
- It connects the key cities of Mumbai and Nagpur.
- The pipeline is laid along the Samruddhi Mahamarg (Mumbai–Nagpur Expressway) using an approximately 3-metre-wide utility corridor.
- It has a gas transportation capacity of about 16.5 MMSCMD.
- The project aligns with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, promoting integrated infrastructure development.

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EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who was appointed as the new Prime Minister of Yemen after the resignation of the previous Prime Minister?

- A) Salem bin Breik
- B) Rashad Mohammed Al-Alimi
- C) Shaya Mohsen Zindani
- D) Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak
- E) Ali Mohsen Al-Ahmar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Prime Minister of Yemen resigned from his position.
- Following the resignation, Yemen's Foreign Minister Shaya Mohsen Zindani was appointed as the new Prime Minister.
- He replaced Salem bin Breik as Prime Minister.
- The capital of Yemen is Sanaa, and the currency is the Yemeni Rial.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Why is the Ministry of Defence adding a dedicated counter-drone security layer under the “Delhi Dome” air defence grid?

- A) To monitor civilian air traffic over Delhi
- B) To counter threats from unmanned aerial vehicles targeting sensitive military installations
- C) To replace existing missile defence systems
- D) To support commercial drone operations
- E) To integrate foreign-made air defence technology

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Defence is adding a dedicated counter-drone security layer to protect sensitive military installations within the “Delhi Dome” air defence grid.
- The move gained urgency after Pakistan’s failed attempt to target Delhi during the 88-hour-long Operation Sindoor.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) leads tri-services operational oversight of India’s air defence systems.
- Counter-drone systems have already been installed at Vayu Sena Bhavan and are being deployed at Nausena Bhavan.
- The objective is to counter threats posed by unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), especially drones.
- The Vajra Sentinel Anti-Drone System has been installed at Vayu Sena Bhavan.
- It is manufactured by Big Bang Boom Solutions, a Chennai-based company.



Ques: In what role did India Post deliver its first order booked through the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)?

- A) Seller on ONDC
- B) Buyer on ONDC
- C) Logistics Service Provider (LSP)
- D) Payment Service Provider
- E) Technology Platform Operator

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Post delivered its first online order booked through the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- India Post acted as a Logistics Service Provider (LSP) under ONDC.
- The Department of Posts is operational on ONDC under the “Click & Book” model.
- Sellers can digitally generate pickup requests and select India Post as their logistics partner on the ONDC platform.
- Parcels are collected directly from the sellers’ premises for delivery.

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Ques: The Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme, which provides subsidy on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, is implemented by which authority?

- A) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- B) Department of Fertilizers
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Food Corporation of India
- E) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme was launched on 1 April 2010.
- It is implemented by the Department of Fertilizers under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- The scheme provides a fixed subsidy on Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, calculated based on nutrient content (N, P, K, S).
- Its objective is to promote balanced fertilisation and discourage excessive use of nitrogen-based fertilizers such as urea.
- For Rabi 2025–26, Ammonium Sulphate has been newly included under the NBS scheme, with an estimated budgetary allocation of ₹37,952.29 crore.

About ₹736 crore higher than Kharif 2025 allocation - NBS Rates (Rabi 2025–26)

- Nitrogen (N): ₹ 43.02/kg
- Phosphorus (P): ₹ 47.96/kg
- Potassium (K): ₹ 2.38/kg
- Sulphur (S): ₹ 2.87/kg



Ques: Who secured a seventh term as President of Uganda after winning the recent general elections?

- A) Yoweri Museveni
- B) Paul Kagame
- C) Uhuru Kenyatta
- D) Samia Suluhu Hassan
- E) Hakainde Hichilema

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Yoweri Museveni secured a seventh term as the President of Uganda.
- He has been in power since 1986.
- Museveni won the election with a decisive majority.
- Uganda follows a presidential system of government.
- The capital of Uganda is Kampala, and the official currency is the Ugandan Shilling.

EXAM
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Ques: Which state cabinet approved the Dagadarthi Greenfield Airport Project in Nellore district?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka
- C) Telangana
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Odisha

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet approved the Dagadarthi Greenfield Airport Project in Nellore district.
- The approval will significantly boost the state's aviation and industrial infrastructure.
- After approval, Dagadarthi will become the 8th airport of Andhra Pradesh.
- The project reflects the state's commitment to creating a future-ready, multi-modal logistics and industrial network.
- Phase-I of the project is designed to handle 1.4 million passengers annually.
- In the future, the airport's capacity can be scaled up to handle 15 million passengers annually.

EXAM
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Ques: Who has been appointed as Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission under the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003?

- A) Shri Sanjay Kothari
- B) Shri Praveen Vashista
- C) Shri Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- D) Shri T. M. Bhasin
- E) Shri K. V. Chowdary

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The President of India appointed Shri Praveen Vashista as Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) under Section 4(1) of the CVC Act, 2003.
- Shri Praveen Vashista took oath before the Central Vigilance Commissioner, authorised by the President under Section 5(3) of the CVC Act.
- The CVC Act, 2003 provides for one Central Vigilance Commissioner and two Vigilance Commissioners.
- The tenure of a Vigilance Commissioner is four years or until the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which government scheme focuses on the development of theme-based tourist circuits in India?

- A) Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM-JUGA)
- B) Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)
- C) Swadesh Darshan Scheme
- D) Swadesh Darshan 2.0
- E) Incredible India Campaign

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Swadesh Darshan Scheme was launched in January 2015 by the Ministry of Tourism.
- Its main objective is the development of theme-based tourist circuits across India.
- Under the scheme, 76 projects have been sanctioned with a total outlay of ₹5,290.33 crore, out of which 75 projects have been physically completed.
- Swadesh Darshan 2.0 is the revamped version, focusing on sustainable and responsible tourism with a destination-centric approach.
- A sub-scheme under SD 2.0 is Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), aimed at enhancing the tourist experience across the entire value chain.

EXAM
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Ques: Who won the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement for groundbreaking research on underground fungal networks?

- A) Toby Kiers
- B) Vandana Shiva
- C) Jane Goodall
- D) Sylvia Earle
- E) Rachel Carson

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- American evolutionary biologist Toby Kiers won the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement.
- She was awarded for her groundbreaking research on underground fungal networks.
- Her research highlights the role of fungal networks in climate regulation and ecosystem stability.
- The Tyler Prize is often referred to as the “Nobel Prize for the environment.”
- The prize money associated with the Tyler Prize is \$250,000.

EXAM
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Ques: Which institution is hosting the India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM)–2026 in New Delhi?

- A) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- B) India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM)
- C) Election Commission of India (ECI)
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM)–2026 is a three-day conference starting from 21 January 2026, held in New Delhi.
- The conference is hosted by the Election Commission of India (ECI) and organised by the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM).
- It is the largest global conference hosted by India in the field of democracy and election management.
- The theme of the conference is: “Democracy for an inclusive, peaceful, resilient and sustainable world.”
- The Chief Election Commissioner is Gyanesh Kumar, and the Election Commissioners are Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: How many illegal betting and gambling website links were blocked by the Government in a single enforcement action?

- A) 120
- B) 180
- C) 242
- D) 500
- E) 7,800

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government intensified its crackdown on illegal online betting and gambling platforms.
- In a single enforcement action, 242 illegal betting and gambling website links were blocked.
- This is part of a broader nationwide enforcement drive, under which more than 7,800 illegal betting and gambling websites have been taken down across India.
- The move aims to curb illegal online gambling activities and protect users from financial fraud.

EXAM
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Ques: Which institution organised a Foundation Day and Industry Conclave and is recognised as an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry?

- A) National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)
- B) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi
- C) Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI)
- D) National Institute of Design (NID)
- E) Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI)

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), an Institution of National Importance under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, organised a Foundation Day and Industry Conclave.
- FDDI is a premier academic institution in India dedicated to footwear, leather products, fashion, and retail management, established in 1986.
- In 2017, FDDI was declared an Institution of National Importance (INI), placing it alongside elite institutions such as IITs and NIFTs.
- FDDI currently operates through 12 state-of-the-art campuses across India, with its headquarters in Noida and other campuses in Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Jodhpur, and more.



Ques: What is the objective of the Union Cabinet–approved ₹1,788 crore proposal related to banknote paper production?

- A) To establish a new currency printing press in Western India
- B) To set up a new high-security banknote paper production line at Narmadapuram
- C) To privatise Security Paper Mill operations
- D) To increase coin minting capacity across India
- E) To import advanced banknote paper from foreign countries

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet approved a ₹1,788 crore proposal to set up a new banknote paper production line.
- The objective is to boost the output of high-security banknote paper.
- The project will be implemented at Narmadapuram, Madhya Pradesh, by the Security Paper Mill (SPM).
- The new line will use cylindrical mould watermark-based technology with an annual capacity of 6,000 metric tonnes.
- It will replace two ageing production lines and increase total capacity from 7,500 to about 12,000 metric tonnes per year.
- India prints around 26 billion banknotes annually, with banknote paper demand rising by 7–8%.
- Printing is carried out by SPMCIL and its subsidiary BRBNMPL.
- The expansion ensures domestic availability of high-security and CBRN-resistant paper for currency, passports, and other secure documents.





Ques: When is National Startup Day observed in India?

- A) 12 January
- B) 15 January
- C) 16 January
- D) 26 January
- E) 1 February

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Startup Day 2026 was observed on 16 January.
- The day aims to recognise and promote the startup ecosystem in India.
- As of December 2025, India hosts over 2 lakh startups.
- This places India among the world's largest startup ecosystems.
- National Startup Day has been observed since 2016.

EXAM
Genius





Question: What was the key outcome of Bajaj Finserv's acquisition of Allianz SE's stake in its insurance businesses?

- A) Complete exit of Bajaj Group from insurance business
- B) Reduction of Bajaj Finserv's ownership below majority level
- C) Increase in Bajaj Group's ownership to 97% with full management control
- D) Merger of Bajaj General Insurance and Bajaj Life Insurance
- E) Listing of Allianz SE as a majority partner in India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bajaj Finserv, along with Bajaj Holdings & Investment Limited and Jamnalal Sons Private Limited, acquired Allianz SE's 23% stake in its insurance subsidiaries.
- The acquisition involved Bajaj General Insurance and Bajaj Life Insurance.
- The transaction value was ₹12,190 crore for Bajaj General Insurance and ₹9,200 crore for Bajaj Life Insurance.
- The total consideration amounted to ₹21,390 crore.
- After the acquisition, Bajaj Group's ownership increased from 74% to 97%, giving it full management control.

EXAM
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Question: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Bank Limited for a two-year tenure starting October 04, 2026?

- A) Uday Kotak
- B) Shikha Sharma
- C) Sandeep Bakshi
- D) Chanda Kochhar
- E) N. S. Kannan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sandeep Bakshi has been appointed as the MD and CEO of ICICI Bank Limited for a two-year term.
- His tenure will be effective from October 04, 2026 to October 03, 2028.
- He was first appointed as MD and CEO of ICICI Bank in October 2018.
- His term was extended earlier until October 2026 before the current reappointment.

About ICICI Bank:

- Established: 1994
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakshi

EXAM
Genius





Question: Which bank won the 'Best Fintech & DPI Adoption' award at the 21st Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Banking Technology Awards 2026, and where was the event held?

- A) State Bank of India – New Delhi
- B) HDFC Bank – Bengaluru
- C) Canara Bank – Chennai
- D) ICICI Bank – Hyderabad
- E) Karnataka Bank – Mumbai

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Karnataka Bank won the 'Best Fintech & DPI Adoption' award.
- The award was presented at the 21st Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Banking Technology Awards 2026.
- The award ceremony was held in Mumbai.
- The recognition highlights Karnataka Bank's effective adoption of FinTech innovations and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in banking services.

EXAM
Genius



Question: Bank of Baroda has signed an MoU with which institution to boost infrastructure financing?

- A) NABARD
- B) SIDBI
- C) IIFCL
- D) NHB
- E) EXIM Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) to collaborate on infrastructure financing.
- The partnership will facilitate joint lending and loan syndication for a wide range of infrastructure projects across India.
- The objective is to accelerate infrastructure development and support long-term economic growth.
- IIFCL will provide sectoral expertise, while Bank of Baroda will contribute its banking and credit capabilities.

About IIFCL:

- Established: 2006
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Managing Director: Palash Srivastava

EXAM
Genius



Question: In which year did Public Sector Banks launch a Credit Assessment Model based on digital footprints for MSMEs?

- A) 2022
- B) 2023
- C) 2024
- D) 2025
- E) 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Public Sector Banks launched a Credit Assessment Model based on digital footprints for MSMEs in 2025.
- Between 1 April and 31 December 2025, more than 3.96 lakh MSME loan applications amounting to over ₹52,300 crore were sanctioned under digital credit underwriting programmes.
- The model uses digitally fetched and verifiable data to enable automated MSME loan appraisal and model-based limit assessment for both Existing-to-Bank (ETB) and New-to-Bank (NTB) borrowers.
- Digital footprints include KYC authentication, mobile and email verification, GST data analysis, bank statement analysis via Account Aggregator, ITR verification, Credit Information Companies (CICs) data, and fraud checks.
- Benefits to MSMEs include online application from anywhere, reduced paperwork and branch visits, instant in-principle sanction, faster turnaround time, objective credit decisions, and integration with CGTMSE credit guarantee schemes.
- Loan applications are sourced through an end-to-end digital journey on the Jan Samarth Portal.



Question: The World Bank approved a USD 286 million loan for which programme in India?

- A) National Health Mission (NHM)
- B) Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission
- C) West Bengal Health System Reform Program (WBHSRP)
- D) National Digital Health Mission
- E) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The World Bank approved a USD 286 million loan for the West Bengal Health System Reform Program (WBHSRP).
- The loan is provided through the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).
- It has a tenure of 16.5 years with a grace period of 3 years.
- The programme aims to strengthen and reform the health system in West Bengal.

EXAM
Genius





Question: The Union Cabinet approved ₹5,000 crore equity support to which institution?

- A) NABARD
- B) SIDBI
- C) RBI
- D) EXIM Bank
- E) NHB

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet approved equity support of ₹5,000 crore to the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- The decision was taken under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The equity will be infused by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) in three tranches.
- ₹3,000 crore will be infused in FY 2025–26, while ₹1,000 crore each will be provided in FY 2026–27 and FY 2027–28.
- The move will enhance SIDBI's lending capacity, improve credit flow to MSMEs, and help maintain a healthy CRAR.

EXAM
Genius





Question: Till which year has the Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Atal Pension Yojana (APY)?

- A) 2027–28
- B) 2028–29
- C) 2029–30
- D) 2030–31
- E) 2035–36

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the continuation of the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) up to FY 2030–31.
- Government support will continue for promotional and developmental activities as well as gap funding to ensure the scheme's sustainability.
- APY was launched on 9 May 2015 to provide old-age income security to workers in the unorganised sector.
- The scheme is open to Indian citizens aged 18–40 years and offers a guaranteed minimum monthly pension of ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 after the age of 60.

EXAM
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Question: Where was the 9th International Spice Conference (ISC 2026) held?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 9th International Spice Conference (ISC 2026) was held in Kochi, Kerala.
- It was organised by the All-India Spices Exporters Forum (AISEF).
- The theme of ISC 2026 was “Spice 360 – Getting Future Ready.”
- The conference was inaugurated by Amitabh Kant, former G20 Sherpa.
- The Guest of Honour was Martin Sonntag, CEO of Oterra (Denmark).

EXAM
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Question: What was India's total exports (merchandise and services combined) in December 2025, and how did it perform compared to December 2024?

- A) US\$ 74.01 billion with negative growth of 1.01%
- B) US\$ 72.80 billion with zero growth
- C) US\$ 70.15 billion with positive growth
- D) US\$ 76.50 billion with negative growth of 2.5%
- E) US\$ 80.94 billion with positive growth

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's total exports (merchandise and services combined) in December 2025 were estimated at US\$ 74.01 billion.
- This represented a negative growth of 1.01% compared to December 2024.
- Merchandise exports stood at US\$ 38.51 billion, while merchandise imports were US\$ 63.55 billion.
- Services exports amounted to US\$ 35.50 billion and services imports to US\$ 17.38 billion.
- Total imports (merchandise + services) during December 2025 were US\$ 80.94 billion.
- As a result, India recorded a trade deficit of US\$ 6.92 billion in December 2025.

EXAM
Genius



Question: The financial approval limit of the Central Silk Board has been increased to how much?

- A) ₹50 lakh
- B) ₹75 lakh
- C) ₹1 crore
- D) ₹2 crore
- E) ₹5 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government increased the Central Silk Board's (CSB) financial approval limit to ₹1 crore.
- The Ministry of Textiles raised the ceiling from ₹50 lakh to ₹1 crore by amending Rule 22 of the Central Silk Board Rules, 1955.
- The move aims to speed up project clearances, reduce administrative delays, and improve implementation of schemes in the silk sector.

EXAM
Genius





Question: What is the significance of Wings India 2026 in the context of India's civil aviation sector?

- A) It is a defence-only aviation exhibition
- B) It is Asia's largest civil aviation event showcasing the future of Indian aviation
- C) It is a regional aviation meet limited to South India
- D) It focuses only on airline ticketing reforms
- E) It is an annual training programme for pilots

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Wings India 2026 is Asia's largest civil aviation event.
- It will be formally launched with a grand inaugural ceremony led by the Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Rammohan Naidu.
- The event will be held from 28 to 31 January 2026.
- The venue is Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad.
- The theme is: "Indian Aviation: Paving the Future – From Design to Deployment, Manufacturing to Maintenance, Inclusivity to Innovation and Safety to Sustainability."

EXAM
Genius





Question: What key provision is included in the OECD's global minimum corporate tax agreement involving the United States?

- A) Increase of global minimum tax rate to 20%
- B) Complete withdrawal of the United States from the agreement
- C) Uniform tax rate without any exemptions for all countries
- D) Mandatory carbon tax on multinational corporations
- E) Carve-out exempting U.S.-based multinational companies from the 15% global minimum tax

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The OECD finalised an agreement on the global minimum corporate tax with participation from the United States and over 100 countries.
- A key provision is a carve-out that effectively exempts U.S.-based multinational companies from the 15% global minimum tax framework.
- U.S. officials stated that American companies already face a 15% domestic corporate minimum tax.
- The U.S. international tax regime already ensures adequate taxation of multinational corporations.

EXAM
Genius





Question: Why did Prime Minister Narendra Modi participate in the Somnath Swabhiman Parv celebrations during his visit to Gujarat?

- A) To mark the completion of a new temple construction project
- B) To commemorate 500 years of the Somnath Temple
- C) To mark 1,000 years since the first recorded attack on Somnath Temple and 75 years of its post-Independence reconstruction
- D) To launch a national religious tourism scheme
- E) To announce a new cultural heritage law

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Somnath Temple at Prabhas Patan, Veraval, and participated in Omkar mantra chanting during the Somnath Swabhiman Parv celebrations.
- The celebrations marked 1,000 years since the first recorded attack on the Somnath Temple in 1026 CE by Mahmud of Ghazni.
- 2026 also marks the 75th anniversary of the temple's post-Independence reconstruction and reopening to devotees on 11 May 1951.
- PM Modi led the Shaurya Yatra at the Somnath Temple complex and paid floral tributes to Veer Hamirji Gohil and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel for their roles in protecting and restoring the temple.
- During the visit, PM Modi also inaugurated the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference for the Kutch and Saurashtra regions at Marwadi University, Rajkot.
- The conference aims to promote investment, industrial growth, and regional development in western Gujarat



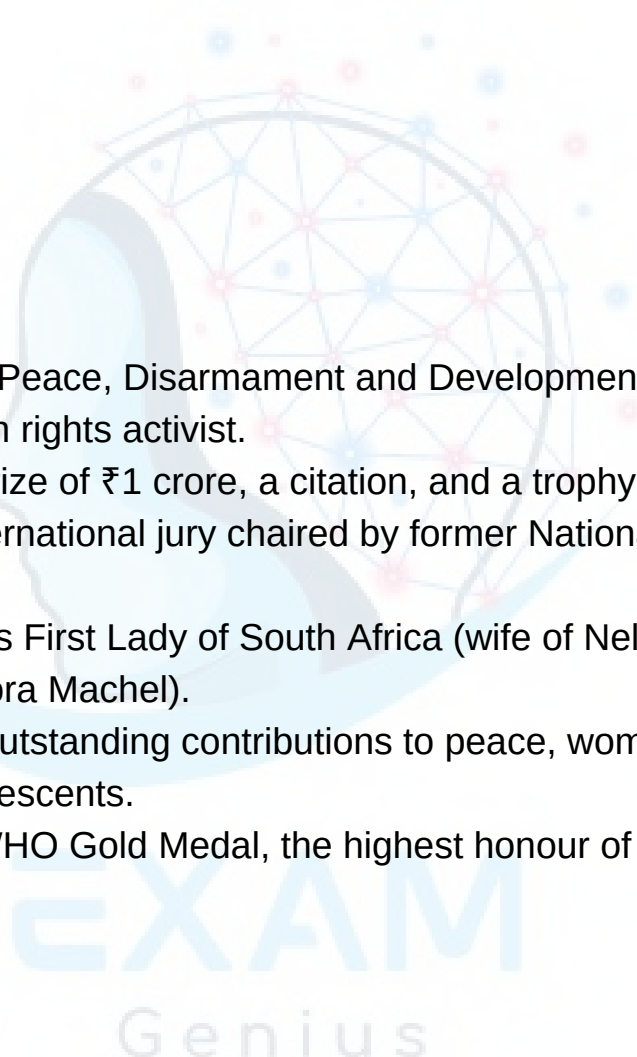
Question: Who has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2025?

- A) Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
- B) Graca Machel
- C) Malala Yousafzai
- D) Michelle Bachelet
- E) Graça Silva

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2025 was awarded to Graca Machel, a Mozambican rights activist.
- The award carries a cash prize of ₹1 crore, a citation, and a trophy.
- She was selected by an international jury chaired by former National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon.
- Graca Machel has served as First Lady of South Africa (wife of Nelson Mandela) and Mozambique (widow of Samora Machel).
- She was honoured for her outstanding contributions to peace, women's rights, and the wellbeing of women and adolescents.
- In 2018, she received the WHO Gold Medal, the highest honour of the World Health Organization.





Question: Port Infrastructure and Digital Governance projects worth ₹235 crore were launched at Chennai under which programme?

- A) Sagarmala Programme
- B) Maritime India Vision 2030
- C) Viksit Bharat, Viksit Ports
- D) National Logistics Policy
- E) Smart Ports Initiative

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched Port Infrastructure & Digital Governance projects in Chennai under the Viksit Bharat, Viksit Ports programme.
- The projects are implemented by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and cover Chennai Port Authority and Kamarajar Port Limited (Ennore), Tamil Nadu.
- Total project value is ₹235 crore, with ₹129.36 crore for Chennai Port and ₹105.64 crore for Kamarajar Port.
- Key digital initiative includes the e-Port Clearance Portal, launched under the One Nation–One Port Process (ONOP).
- A ₹18 lakh cheque was provided to the Royal Madras Yacht Club for sailing training of students from Chennai Port School.

EXAM
Genius



Question: Who will take over as Group CEO of Eternal from February 1?

- A) Deepinder Goyal
- B) Nandan Reddy
- C) Albinder Dhindsa
- D) Amit Agarwal
- E) Ritesh Agarwal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Deepinder Goyal has stepped down as Group CEO of Eternal Ltd. (formerly Zomato).
- Blinkit founder and CEO Albinder Dhindsa will take over as Group CEO from February 1.
- Deepinder Goyal will continue as Vice-Chairman, focusing on new ideas and high-risk innovations outside Eternal's core business.
- The board approved Albinder Dhindsa's appointment as part of a leadership restructuring to keep Eternal focused and disciplined as a public company.

EXAM
Genius





Question: What were the key outcomes of German Federal Chancellor Friedrich Merz's official visit to India?

- A) Signing of a single defence agreement and expansion of military cooperation only
- B) Focus solely on cultural exchanges without economic commitments
- C) Strengthening of the India–Germany Strategic Partnership through multiple MoUs, green development funding, and people-to-people initiatives
- D) Announcement of a free trade agreement between India and Germany
- E) Limiting cooperation only to the renewable energy sector

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- German Federal Chancellor Friedrich Merz visited India for a two-day official trip.
- He and Prime Minister Narendra Modi jointly inaugurated the International Kite Festival 2026 at the Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad (10–14 January 2026).
- Both leaders held a high-level bilateral meeting in Gandhinagar to review the India–Germany Strategic Partnership, which has completed 25 years.
- During the visit, 19 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and Joint Declarations were signed between India and Germany, covering economic cooperation, green development funding, and people-to-people initiatives.
- An MoU was signed between NIELIT (MeitY) and Infineon Technologies AG for cooperation in electronics and semiconductor manufacturing and design.
- A Joint Declaration was signed to establish a National Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Skilling in Renewable Energy at the National Skill Training Institute, Hyderabad.
- An MoU was signed between the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC), Lothal, and the German Maritime Museum–Leibniz Institute for Maritime History for development of NMHC.
- Hockey India and the German Hockey Federation signed an MoU for youth hockey development.
- Germany announced visa-free transit for Indian passport holders travelling through Germany.



- Germany committed new funding of €1.24 billion under the Green and Sustainable Development Partnership for projects in renewable energy, green hydrogen, PM e-Bus SEWA, and climate-resilient urban infrastructure.
- India–Germany Triangular Development Cooperation projects will be scaled up in Ghana, Cameroon, and Malawi.
- Germany also opened an Honorary Consulate in Ahmedabad to enhance cultural, economic, and people-to-people ties.



EXAM
Genius





Question: Which company ranked first as the most valuable IT service brand in 2026?

- A) TCS
- B) Infosys
- C) IBM
- D) Accenture
- E) NTT Data

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- According to Brand Finance, the world's top 25 IT service brands reached a total value of \$167.2 billion in 2026, up 2% from 2025.
- Accenture retained its position as the most valuable IT services brand globally for the 8th consecutive year.
- Accenture's brand value stood at \$42.3 billion, ranking it first globally.
- India's TCS and Infosys secured the 2nd and 3rd positions, respectively.
- The top five most valuable IT service brands in 2026 were Accenture, TCS, Infosys, IBM, and NTT Data.
- The rankings reflect the continued global dominance of large IT service companies despite uncertainty in global technology spending.

EXAM
Genius





Question: What is the main objective of the agreement signed between India and Israel at the Second Global Summit on “Blue Food Security: Sea the Future 2026”?

- A) Joint naval exercises in the Mediterranean Sea
- B) Establishment of Indo–Israel Centres of Excellence in fisheries and aquaculture
- C) Promotion of marine tourism between India and Israel
- D) Development of offshore wind energy projects
- E) Joint research on deep-sea mining

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The agreement was signed at the Second Global Summit on “Blue Food Security: Sea the Future 2026” held in Eilat, Israel.
- The Indian delegation was led by Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh.
- The primary objective is to establish new Indo–Israel Centres of Excellence in fisheries and aquaculture.
- These centres will be modelled on the existing 43 Indo–Israel Agricultural Centres of Excellence already functioning under bilateral cooperation.

EXAM
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Question: Which brand ranked first among Indian brands in the 2026 rankings?

- A) Infosys
- B) LIC
- C) Reliance Group
- D) Tata Group
- E) SBI Group

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Tata Group ranked 1st among Indian brands in 2026 with a global rank of 61.
- Infosys secured 2nd position among Indian brands with a global rank of 150.
- LIC ranked 3rd among Indian brands with a global rank of 169.
- Reliance Group stood 4th among Indian brands with a global rank of 231.
- SBI Group ranked 5th among Indian brands with a global rank of 256.
- The rankings reflect the strong global presence and growing brand value of leading Indian companies.

EXAM
Genius





Question: Why is the global conference on women in agri-food systems being organised in India in March 2026?

- A) To discuss declining agricultural productivity worldwide
- B) To highlight the growing role and participation of women in agri-food systems
- C) To announce new fertilizer subsidy schemes
- D) To promote mechanisation replacing women workers
- E) To focus only on export-oriented agriculture

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Leading organisations like ICAR, TAAS, CGIAR, and PPV&FRA are jointly organising the conference in Pusa, New Delhi, from 12–14 March 2026.
- The main aim is to highlight and address the expanding role of women in agriculture and agri-food systems globally and in India.
- Women's share in India's agricultural workforce increased from ~30% in 2017–18 to ~49% in 2023–24, while men's share declined from 40% to 36%.
- The conference underscores the need for gender-responsive policies, innovation, and institutional support in agri-food systems.

EXAM
Genius





Question: What is the theme of the Ministry of Culture's tableau at the Republic Day Parade 2026?

- A) Indian Freedom Struggle
- B) 75 Years of Independence
- C) 150 Years of Vande Mataram
- D) Cultural Diversity of India
- E) National Symbols of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Culture will present a tableau themed "150 Years of Vande Mataram" at the Republic Day Parade 2026.
- Vande Mataram was composed in 1875 by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and published in his novel Anandamath in 1882.
- Rabindranath Tagore first performed it publicly at the 1896 Indian National Congress session in Kolkata.
- The song played a vital role in India's freedom struggle and was adopted as the National Song of India in 1950.

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Question: What is the objective of the Aravalli Green Wall Project launched by the Government of India?

- A) To create a new national park in the Aravalli range
- B) To promote urban infrastructure development in Aravalli districts
- C) To restore degraded land and strengthen eco-restoration of the Aravalli landscape
- D) To expand mining activities in the Aravalli region
- E) To develop a new wildlife safari corridor

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Aravalli Green Wall Project aims to restore degraded land and strengthen eco-restoration of the Aravalli landscape.
- It was inaugurated during the National Conference on Eco-restoration of the Aravalli Landscape in New Delhi by Union Environment Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav.
- The project aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision and India's commitment under the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land.
- A report titled "Eco-restoration of the Aravalli Landscape" prepared by the Sankala Foundation was also released during the conference.
- The initiative focuses on rejuvenating ecological balance, preventing desertification, and enhancing green cover in the Aravalli region.
- Under the initiative, 6.45 million hectares of degraded land in the Aravalli region has been identified.
- Greening work has been initiated over 2.7 million hectares across Gujarat, Delhi, Haryana, and Rajasthan.
- The project is being implemented by Divisional Forest Officers from 29 Aravalli districts.
- The Aravalli ecosystem is ecologically significant and is protected by four tiger reserves and 18 protected areas.





Question: Which NASA astronaut retired after completing a 27-year career and holds the record for the most spacewalk time by a woman?

- A) Peggy Whitson
- B) Kalpana Chawla
- C) Sunita Williams
- D) Christina Koch
- E) Sally Ride

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sunita Williams, a NASA astronaut, retired after a 27-year career with the space agency.
- She flew on three missions to the International Space Station (ISS) and spent a total of 608 days in space, the second-highest by any NASA astronaut.
- She completed nine spacewalks totaling over 62 hours, the most by any woman astronaut.
- Williams also became the first person in history to run a marathon in space, highlighting her pioneering achievements in human spaceflight.

EXAM
Genius





Question: What did the Supreme Court of India rule regarding unreserved (general category) seats in public recruitment?

- A) Unreserved seats are open to all candidates purely on merit, irrespective of category
- B) Reserved category candidates cannot compete for unreserved seats
- C) Unreserved seats are only for general category candidates
- D) Reserved candidates must always be counted in their reserved quota
- E) Reservation benefits apply equally in unreserved category

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Supreme Court of India ruled that unreserved (general category) seats are open to all candidates purely on merit, regardless of whether they belong to reserved or non-reserved categories.
- If a candidate from a reserved category (SC/ST/OBC/EWS) scores higher than the general cut-off without using any reservation relaxations, they must be counted under the unreserved category.
- The Bench of Justice M. M. Sundresh and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma clarified that the unreserved category is an open competition pool.
- This ruling arose from a dispute related to the 2013 recruitment drive of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for Junior Assistant (Fire Service) posts.

Genius





Question: Digital Green has launched an AI-backed, localised climate-smart advisory initiative for smallholder farmers. What is the core tool used under this initiative?

- A) AgriBot
- B) Kisan AI Portal
- C) FarmerChat
- D) e-NAM Plus
- E) CropSense

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Digital Green has launched an AI-backed, localised climate-smart advisory initiative to support smallholder farmers.
- The initiative is implemented with support from Cisco India and the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- The core tool of this initiative is FarmerChat, an AI-powered, multimodal mobile application.
- FarmerChat provides crop management guidance and pest diagnosis through photo uploads.
- The app delivers climate-smart, practical, and actionable recommendations to farmers.

EXAM
Genius





Question: Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya were granted full statehood on which date?

- A) 15 August 1947
- B) 26 January 1950
- C) 21 January 1972
- D) 1 November 1966
- E) 2 October 1963

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya were granted full statehood on 21 January 1972.
- This was done under the North Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971.
- President Droupadi Murmu extended Statehood Day greetings to the people of these states, highlighting their rich cultural heritage, vibrant traditions, and natural beauty.
- She also appreciated the contribution of the people of these states to India's national progress and wished them a future of peace and prosperity.

EXAM
Genius



Question: Which UN body projected India's GDP growth at 7.2% for FY 2025–26?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) projected India's GDP growth at 7.2% for FY 2025–26.
- This projection is slightly lower than the Indian government's estimate of 7.4%.
- UN DESA highlighted that strong domestic consumption and public investment are expected to offset global trade tensions and tariffs.
- The estimate is reported in the UN DESA's World Economic Situation and Prospects report.
- India is expected to remain one of the fastest-growing major economies globally.

EXAM
Genius





Question: Which institution has sanctioned a USD 22.5 million loan to Swarna Solar Limited for developing a 100 MW solar power project in Zambia?

- A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- C) IREDA Global Green Energy Finance IFSC Limited (IGGEFIL)
- D) World Bank
- E) New Development Bank (NDB)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IREDA Global Green Energy Finance IFSC Limited (IGGEFIL) has approved a USD 22.5 million loan to Swarna Solar Limited.
- The loan is intended to develop a 100 MW photovoltaic solar power project in Serenje District, Central Province, Zambia.
- This is IGGEFIL's first international loan since its incorporation.
- IGGEFIL is incorporated at Gujarat International Finance TecCity (GIFT City), Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

EXAM
Genius





Question: Indian Army has renewed its MoU for banking and insurance services till 2029 with which bank?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Indian Army and HDFC Bank have renewed their MoU for another three years, extending it till 2029.
- The MoU provides banking services and Personal Accident Insurance coverage to serving and retired Army personnel.
- It includes an enhanced Personal Accident Insurance cover of ₹1 crore for serving personnel, including Agniveers and pensioners.
- An Air Accident Insurance cover of ₹1 crore is also provided.
- Additional benefits include a child education cover of ₹5 lakh and a girl child marriage cover of ₹5 lakh.

EXAM
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Question: RBI has approved the re-appointment of whom as Whole-Time Director of HDFC Bank?

- A) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- B) Kaizad Bharucha
- C) Aditya Puri
- D) Shyam Srinivasan
- E) Uday Kotak

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the re-appointment of Kaizad Bharucha as Whole-Time Director (Deputy Managing Director) of HDFC Bank.
- The approval was communicated by RBI on 20 January 2026.
- His re-appointment will be for a further period of three years starting from 19 April 2026.
- HDFC Bank disclosed this information through a regulatory filing.
- After the announcement, HDFC Bank shares closed at ₹931.15 on BSE, registering a rise of 0.38%.

EXAM
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Question: State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU with which state government to extend enhanced benefits under the Corporate Salary Package for State PSU employees?

- A) Government of Karnataka
- B) Government of Kerala
- C) Government of Tamil Nadu
- D) Government of Andhra Pradesh
- E) Government of Telangana

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU with the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- The MoU aims to extend enhanced benefits under the Corporate Salary Package to employees of Tamil Nadu's State PSUs.
- Benefits include zero-balance salary accounts, concessional interest rates on home, car, and personal loans, and waiver of processing fees on select services.

EXAM
Genius





Question: The Government of India is planning the merger of which two public sector banks?

- A) Punjab National Bank & Canara Bank
- B) Union Bank of India & Bank of India
- C) Bank of Baroda & Central Bank of India
- D) Indian Bank & UCO Bank
- E) SBI & Bank of Maharashtra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India is planning a merger between Union Bank of India and Bank of India as part of banking sector consolidation.
- The objective is to strengthen Public Sector Banks (PSBs).
- The merger aims to improve operational efficiency, scale of operations, and overall financial capacity.
- Bank consolidation is seen as a reform to create globally competitive and resilient banks.

EXAM
Genius





Question: What is one of the key objectives of the RBI's revised Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines effective from April 1, 2025?

- A) To completely eliminate priority sector lending
- B) To ensure more effective delivery of bank credit to priority sectors
- C) To increase service charges on small PSL loans
- D) To restrict lending to cooperative institutions
- E) To allow multiple banks to claim the same PSL loan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI issued revised Priority Sector Lending guidelines to ensure more effective delivery of bank credit to priority sectors.
 - These guidelines will be effective from April 1, 2025.
 - Measures include external auditor certification to prevent multiple banks claiming the same PSL loan.
 - Loans to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) are now eligible for PSL, capped at 5% of a bank's total PSL.
 - Banks cannot charge fees on PSL loans up to ₹50,000.
 - Regional Rural Banks must achieve 75% PSL of ANBC, with lending to Medium Enterprises, Social Infrastructure, and Renewable Energy capped at 15% of ANBC.
 - Under amended norms, PSL targets for Small Finance Banks and Urban Co-operative Banks have been reduced from 75% to 60% of ANBC.
 - Co-lending for PSL is now permitted among Scheduled Commercial Banks themselves.
 - Loans to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) are now eligible for PSL, capped at 5% of the bank's total PS
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Question: What was the credit-to-deposit (CD) ratio of Indian banks as of December 31, according to RBI data?

- A) 75.25%
- B) 78.60%
- C) 80.10%
- D) 81.75%
- E) 85.00%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- **According** to RBI data, Indian banks' credit-to-deposit (CD) ratio reached an all-time high of 81.75% as of December 31.
- This means banks lent ₹81.75 for every ₹100 deposited.
- The record-high CD ratio indicates that bank credit growth is outpacing deposit growth.
- In 2025, bank credit grew by 11.4%, whereas deposits increased by 10.1%.
- Outstanding deposits were around ₹248.5 lakh crore, while total credit stood at nearly ₹202 lakh crore.

EXAM
Genius



Question: India's installed power generation capacity crossed which milestone in 2025?

- A) 400 GW
- B) 450 GW
- C) 500 GW
- D) 510 GW
- E) 550 GW

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's installed power generation capacity increased from 249 GW in 2014 to over 510 GW in 2025, more than doubling in just over a decade.
- The announcement was made by Union Power Minister Manohar Lal during the curtain raiser of Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 in New Delhi.
- With this, India became the world's third-largest producer and consumer of electricity.
- The share of non-fossil fuel capacity rose from 32% in 2014 to 52% in 2025, marking significant progress in energy transition.
- This milestone highlights India's position among global leaders in clean and renewable energy.

EXAM
Genius





Question: The 17th edition of the trilateral Coast Guard exercise 'DOSTI' was held at which location?

- A) Colombo, Sri Lanka
- B) Kochi, India
- C) Malé, Maldives
- D) Port Blair, India
- E) Hambantota, Sri Lanka

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 17th edition of the trilateral Coast Guard exercise 'DOSTI 17' was held at Malé, Maldives.
- The exercise involves the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SLCG), and Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) Coast Guard.
- It included a Harbour Phase from 17–19 January, followed by an Operational Sea Phase.
- The Indian delegation was led by Director General Paramesh Sivamani.
- The DOSTI exercise, initiated in 1991, aims to enhance maritime cooperation and regional security.

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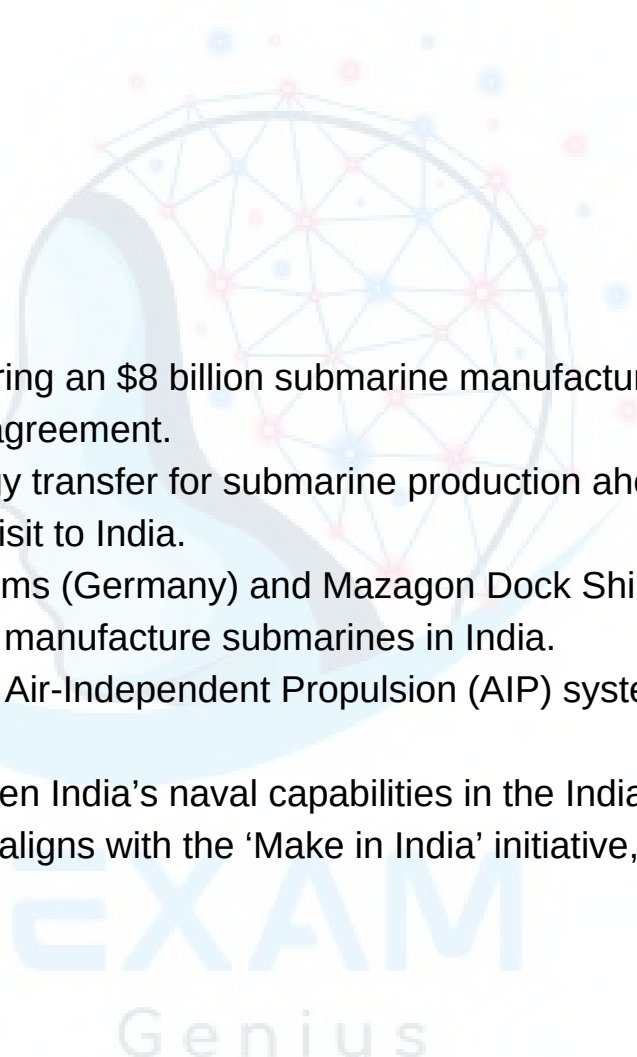
Question: India and Germany are close to finalising a defence deal related to which military platform?

- A) Fighter jets
- B) Warships
- C) Submarines
- D) Missile systems
- E) Aircraft carriers

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Germany are nearing an \$8 billion submarine manufacturing deal, potentially India's largest-ever defence agreement.
- The deal includes technology transfer for submarine production ahead of German Chancellor Friedrich Merz's visit to India.
- Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems (Germany) and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) (India) are expected to jointly manufacture submarines in India.
- The submarines will feature Air-Independent Propulsion (AIP) systems, allowing them to remain submerged longer.
- The agreement will strengthen India's naval capabilities in the Indian Ocean Region amid rising Chinese presence and aligns with the 'Make in India' initiative, reducing dependence on defence imports.





Question: What is the key feature of the APAAR ID system?

- A) It is a state-wise temporary student ID
- B) It is a 10-digit ID linked only to school records
- C) It is a 12-digit lifelong digital ID storing complete academic records
- D) It is applicable only for higher education
- E) It replaces Aadhaar completely for students

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- APAAR (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry) is a 12-digit unique, lifelong digital ID for Indian students.
- It stores complete academic records—marks, certificates, and achievements—in a single digital repository.
- The system is part of the 'One Nation, One Student ID' initiative.
- APAAR ensures seamless academic tracking, transparency, and smooth mobility across educational institutions.
- As of January 7, Chhattisgarh generated over 50 lakh APAAR IDs, leading among large states.

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Question: Digital India BHASHINI recently signed an agreement with which state government to enable multilingual digital governance through AI-powered language tools?

- A) Government of Madhya Pradesh
- B) Government of Maharashtra
- C) Government of Rajasthan
- D) Government of Uttar Pradesh
- E) Government of Gujarat

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Digital India BHASHINI (BHASHa Interface for India) signed an agreement with the Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- The agreement was signed during the Regional AI Impact Conference 2026 held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Its objective is to integrate BHASHINI's AI-powered language tools and translation services into the state's digital platforms.
- The initiative promotes multilingual digital governance and improves accessibility of digital services for citizens.

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Question: Who has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) for contributions to time-domain astronomy?

- A) Vikram Sarabhai
- B) Shrinivas Kulkarni
- C) Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar
- D) Jayant Narlikar
- E) Rakesh Sharma

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Professor Shrinivas Kulkarni, a US-based Indian-origin astronomer, has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS).
- The RAS Gold Medal is the society's highest honour.
- He was recognized for his pioneering contributions to time-domain astronomy, which studies astronomical objects and events that change over time, such as supernovae, gamma-ray bursts, and other transient cosmic phenomena.
- Prof. Kulkarni has significantly advanced observational techniques and played a key role in discovering transient cosmic events.

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Question: Who was awarded the Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar, the highest service honour of Indian Railways, for her outstanding service?

- A) Seema Kumari
- B) Archana Ramasundaram
- C) Rekha Sharma
- D) Anju Rathi Rana
- E) Chandana Sinha

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Chandana Sinha, an officer of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), was conferred with the Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar, the highest service honour of Indian Railways.
- She led key operations under “Operation Nanhe Farishte” (Operation Little Angels), an RPF initiative aimed at protecting vulnerable children travelling through or stranded at railway stations.
- Her work demonstrates exceptional dedication to child safety and humanitarian service within the Indian Railways ecosystem.

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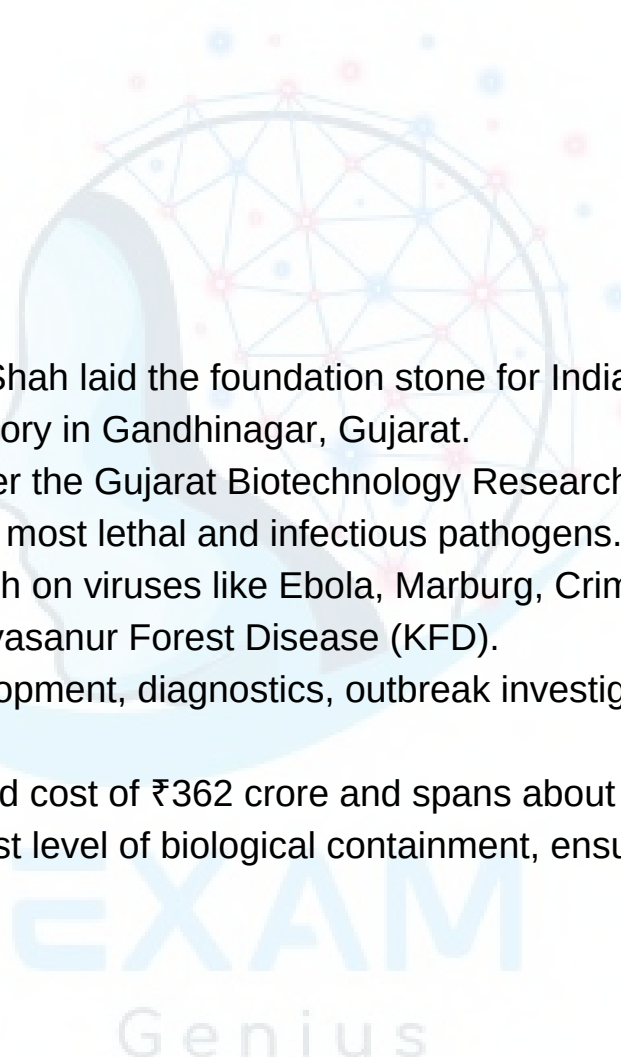
Question: Where is India's first state-funded BSL-4 bio-containment laboratory being established?

- A) Pune
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Gandhinagar
- D) Bhopal
- E) Chennai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for India's first state-funded BSL-4 (Bio-Safety Level-4) laboratory in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The facility will operate under the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC) and is designed to study the world's most lethal and infectious pathogens.
- The lab will conduct research on viruses like Ebola, Marburg, Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), Nipah, and Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD).
- It will support vaccine development, diagnostics, outbreak investigation, and response mechanisms.
- The project has an estimated cost of ₹362 crore and spans about 11,000 square metres.
- BSL-4 represents the highest level of biological containment, ensuring safe handling of deadly pathogens.





Question: Who authored the book “Chalice of Ambrosia: Ram Janmabhoomi – Challenge and Response”?

- A) Ram Madhav
- B) Arif Mohammad Khan
- C) Surendra Kumar Pachauri
- D) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- E) K. N. Govindacharya

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book “Chalice of Ambrosia: Ram Janmabhoomi – Challenge and Response” was authored by Shri Surendra Kumar Pachauri, a former Secretary to the Government of India.
- The book was released by the Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, at the Vice President’s Enclave in New Delhi.
- It explores the historical, social, and legal challenges and responses related to the Ram Janmabhoomi movement.

EXAM
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Question: Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat (BVMB) campaign aims to make India child marriage free by which year?

- A) 2026
- B) 2027
- C) 2028
- D) 2030
- E) 2035

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat (BVMB), also called Child Marriage Free India, was launched on 27 November 2024 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).
- The campaign aims to eradicate child marriage across India and is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5.3, which targets elimination of child, early, and forced marriages by 2030.
- The initiative is legally supported by the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA), 2006, replacing the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 (Sarda Act), to provide stronger protection against child marriages.
- Under the Act, a child is defined as a male below 21 years and a female below 18 years.
- The campaign is grounded in Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, which guarantees the Right to Life and Personal Liberty.
- Adult males marrying children may face punishment up to 2 years of rigorous imprisonment and/or a fine up to ₹1 lakh.
- It aims to reduce the prevalence of child marriage by 10% by 2026.
- Balod district in Chhattisgarh became India's first child marriage-free district in 2025.





Question: Who won the women's blitz title at Tata Steel Chess India 2026?

- A) Vantika Agrawal
- B) Divya Deshmukh
- C) Carissa Yip
- D) Aleksandra Goryachkina
- E) R. Vaishali

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Carissa Yip, an American chess player, won the women's blitz title at Tata Steel Chess India 2026.
- She defeated Vantika Agrawal of India 1.5–0.5 in the tie-break to claim the title.
- The event was held at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium, Kolkata.
- Carissa Yip demonstrated strong composure under pressure, securing the championship in this prestigious tournament.

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Question: What is 'Creator's Corner' launched by Prasar Bharati?

- A) A digital-only OTT platform
- B) A training programme for journalists
- C) A platform on DD News showcasing content by digital creators
- D) A radio-only programme
- E) A private media initiative

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Creator's Corner is a dedicated platform on DD News to showcase content created by digital creators from across India.
- The initiative aims to empower content creators, expand DD News' reach among youth, and create new employment opportunities.
- It supports the Prime Minister's vision of the 'Orange Economy', driven by creativity, culture, and intellectual property.
- The platform will feature diverse themes including news, culture, travel, cuisine, art, literature, music, health, education, science, technology, environment, and entertainment.

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Question: India's first open-sea Marine Fish Farming Project (MFFP) was launched in which location?

- A) Arabian Sea near Kochi
- B) Bay of Bengal near Chennai
- C) Andaman Sea at North Bay, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- D) Lakshadweep Sea near Kavaratti
- E) Gulf of Mannar, Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- **The project was launched in the Andaman Sea at North Bay, Sri Vijaya Puram, located in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.**
- It is India's first open-sea Marine Fish Farming Project (MFFP).
- Implemented collaboratively by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), and the UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- The initiative aims to promote sustainable marine aquaculture and strengthen India's blue economy.

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Question: Which Arundhati Roy debut film is set to premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival after 37 years?

- A) The God of Small Things
- B) Fireflies of Delhi
- C) In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones
- D) Midnight Stories
- E) The Last Screen

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The restored version of “In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones” (1989) is set to premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale).
- This film marks Arundhati Roy’s debut, where she acted and also wrote the story and screenplay.
- Directed by Pradip Krishen, it won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in English.
- The restored version brings the film to international audiences 37 years after its original television screening.
- Arundhati Roy later gained global recognition with her debut novel “The God of Small Things”, winning the Booker Prize in 1997.

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Question: Where did the Sixth Edition of Khelo India Winter Games 2026 begin?

- A) Shimla
- B) Gulmarg
- C) NDS Stadium, Leh
- D) Manali
- E) Gangtok

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Sixth Edition of Khelo India Winter Games 2026 began at NDS Stadium in Leh, Ladakh.
- The opening ceremony was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta.
- The games are held from 20 January to 26 January 2026 across three venues: NDS Stadium, Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre, and Gupuk Pond.
- About 1,000 participants, including 472 athletes, are competing in ice sports like Ice Hockey and Skating.
- Figure Skating, an Olympic sport, was introduced for the first time in Khelo India Winter Games.

EXAM
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Question: The Public Investment Board (PIB) has approved which hydroelectric project recently?

- A) 1200 MW Dibang Hydroelectric Project
- B) 1500 MW Subansiri Lower Project
- C) 1720 MW Kamala Hydroelectric Project
- D) 2000 MW Siang Upper Project
- E) 800 MW Lohit Hydroelectric Project

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Public Investment Board (PIB) has approved the 1720 MW Kamala Hydroelectric Project.
- It is a storage-based hydroelectric scheme with a flood moderation component.
- The project is proposed on the Kamala River, a major tributary of the Subansiri River.
- It is located across Kamle, Kra Daadi, and Kurung Kumey districts of Arunachal Pradesh.
- The project aims to enhance renewable energy capacity and provide flood moderation benefits in the region.

EXAM
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Question: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh recently announced the deployment of 200 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) under Mission Mausam Phase II. In which cities will these AWS be installed?

- A) Delhi, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad
- B) Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Pune
- C) Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow
- D) Chennai, Kochi, Visakhapatnam, Thiruvananthapuram
- E) Pune, Nagpur, Indore, Bhopal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announced the deployment of 200 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) under Mission Mausam Phase II.
- These AWS will be installed in major metropolitan cities to enhance urban weather observation.
- Specifically, 50 AWS each will be set up in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Pune during 2026.
- The announcement was made during the 151st Foundation Day of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) at Mausam Bhawan, New Delhi.
- This initiative falls under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and aims to strengthen weather monitoring, forecasting, and early warning systems in urban areas.

About India Meteorological Department :

- Established : 1875
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director General : Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra



Question: Who is the author of the book “Adhunik Bharat Ke Nirmata: Atal Bihari Vajpayee”?

- A) Ramachandra Guha
- B) Vijay Kelkar
- C) Vijai Trivedi
- D) Shashi Tharoor
- E) Arun Shourie

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book “Adhunik Bharat Ke Nirmata: Atal Bihari Vajpayee” is authored by Vijai Trivedi.
- It highlights the life, leadership, governance, diplomacy, and inclusive politics of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The book is part of the ‘Modern India’s Makers’ series, focusing on notable contributors to India’s modern development.

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Question: The Gujarat Government recently exchanged an investment letter with which automobile company for setting up a major new car manufacturing facility at Khoraj?

- A) Tata Motors
- B) Hyundai Motor India
- C) Maruti Suzuki India Limited
- D) Mahindra & Mahindra
- E) Toyota Kirloskar Motor

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Gujarat Government and Maruti Suzuki India Limited exchanged an investment letter to establish a new car manufacturing facility.
- The plant will be located at Khoraj, Gujarat, with a total investment of approximately ₹35,000 crore.
- The facility will span around 1,750 acres and production from the first unit is expected by FY 2029.
- The Khoraj project is projected to become one of the largest automobile manufacturing projects in India.

About Gujarat:

- Capital: Gandhinagar
- CM: Bhupendra Patel
- Governor: Acharya Devvrat

EXAM
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Question: PNGRB signed an MoU with Germany's DVGW for what purpose?

- A) Expansion of LNG terminals
- B) Integration of hydrogen into natural gas infrastructure
- C) Oil exploration in deep-sea areas
- D) Coal gasification projects
- E) Petroleum pricing reforms

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PNGRB (Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board) signed an MoU with Germany's DVGW.
- The MoU aims to create a cooperative framework for integrating hydrogen into India's natural gas infrastructure.
- It focuses on knowledge sharing on hydrogen safety methodologies, technical visits, and anonymised data sharing.
- This collaboration supports India's clean energy transition and the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

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Question: Indian boxing icon Vijender Singh recently joined which international boxing body, marking a major step beyond his boxing career?

- A) International Boxing Association (IBA)
- B) World Boxing Council (WBC)
- C) Asian Olympic Council
- D) International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- E) Asian Boxing Council

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Vijender Singh has joined the Asian Boxing Council (ABCO), marking a significant step beyond his active boxing career.
- He became India's first Olympic medallist in boxing after winning bronze at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.
- His role in ABCO reflects his continued contribution to boxing development and administration in Asia.
- ABCO was established in 1985, headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand, with 20 national members.

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Question: Who will be the Chief Guests at India's 77th Republic Day celebrations in 2026?

- A) Emmanuel Macron & Olaf Scholz
- B) António Costa & Ursula von der Leyen
- C) Joe Biden & Kamala Harris
- D) Justin Trudeau & Charles Michel
- E) Rishi Sunak & Keir Starmer

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- António Luís Santos da Costa, President of the European Council, and Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, will be the Chief Guests at India's 77th Republic Day on 26 January 2026 at Kartavya Path.
- Both leaders will be on a three-day State Visit to India from 25 January at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- They will co-chair the 16th India–EU Summit on 27 January and meet President Droupadi Murmu and the Prime Minister for delegation-level talks.
- An India–EU Business Forum will also be organised alongside the summit.
- The India–EU Strategic Partnership has been in place since 2004.

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Ques: What is the minimum initial and annual contribution required under the NPS Vatsalya Scheme as per PFRDA Guidelines 2025?

- A) ₹100
- B) ₹250
- C) ₹500
- D) ₹1,000
- E) ₹2,000

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) issued the NPS Vatsalya Scheme Guidelines 2025 to strengthen long-term financial security for minors.
- NPS Vatsalya is a contributory savings and long-term financial security scheme designed exclusively for minors.
- The minimum initial contribution as well as the minimum annual contribution under the scheme is ₹250.
- The scheme was announced in the Union Budget 2024–25 and launched on 18 September 2024 by the Finance Minister.
- The scheme is open to all Indian citizens, including NRI/OCI, below 18 years of age.
- The minor is the sole beneficiary; the account is opened in the minor's name and operated by the guardian.
- The minimum initial and annual contribution under the scheme is ₹250, with no maximum limit.
- Contributions can also be gifted by relatives and friends.
- Partial withdrawal is allowed after completion of three years from account opening.
- Up to 25% of own contributions (excluding returns) can be withdrawn.
- Withdrawals are permitted for education, medical treatment, and specified disabilities.
- Partial withdrawal is allowed twice before 18 years and twice between 18–21 years, subject to conditions.





Ques: Which institution has revamped its ATM infrastructure to make banking services more accessible and user-friendly across the country?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Department of Posts
- C) State Bank of India
- D) Ministry of Finance
- E) NABARD

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- In a major step towards enhancing financial inclusion, the Department of Posts has revamped its ATM infrastructure across India.
- A total of 887 ATMs have been installed at various post offices, enabling citizens to access essential banking services near their homes.
- These ATMs allow customers to withdraw cash, check account balances, and perform other basic banking transactions conveniently.
- The initiative strengthens the role of post offices as important centres for last-mile banking services in both rural and urban areas.

EXAM
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Ques: Why has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed reopening the licensing window for new Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) after 22 years?

- A) To privatise Urban Co-operative Banks
- B) To increase foreign investment in UCBs
- C) After sector reforms, to allow eligible cooperative credit societies to become banks
- D) Due to shortage of scheduled commercial banks
- E) To merge all UCBs with public sector banks

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The RBI has proposed reopening the licensing window for new Urban Co-operative Banks after 22 years.
- The previous licensing window was closed in 2004 due to widespread failures of newly licensed UCBs.
- At that time, around 31% of newly licensed Urban Co-operative Banks had failed.
- Under the proposed norms, a cooperative credit society must have a minimum capital of ₹300 crore as on March 31 of the preceding financial year to apply for a banking licence.
- The assessed Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) should not be less than 12% at the time of grant of licence.
- The net Non-Performing Assets (NPA) ratio should not exceed 3%.
- After multiple reforms in the cooperative banking sector, RBI is now reconsidering restarting the licensing process.

Genius



Ques: By which platform will EPFO subscribers be able to withdraw EPF money directly into their bank accounts from April?

- A) NEFT
- B) RTGS
- C) IMPS
- D) UPI
- E) AEPS

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- EPFO subscribers will be able to withdraw their Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) directly into their bank accounts through the UPI payment gateway from April.
- The auto-settlement withdrawal limit has been increased from ₹1 lakh to ₹5 lakh, enabling higher instant withdrawals.
- This move will allow EPFO members to access funds within three days for purposes such as illness, education, marriage, and housing.
- The Labour Ministry is working on a system where a part of EPF savings will be frozen, while a major portion will be available for quick withdrawal via UPI.
- The current interest rate on EPF deposits is 8.25% per annum.

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- A) January 1, 2026
- B) April 1, 2026
- C) July 1, 2025
- D) October 1, 2026
- E) July 1, 2026

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the Reserve Bank–Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS) 2026, a revised grievance redressal framework aimed at simplifying complaint resolution for customers of banks and other financial institutions.
- The RB-IOS 2026 supersedes the earlier RB-IOS 2021 and will be effective from July 1, 2026.
- The scheme applies to various Regulated Entities, including commercial banks, co-operative banks, eligible NBFCs, non-bank PPI issuers, and credit information companies.
- There is no monetary limit on disputes that can be taken to the RBI Ombudsman.
- The compensation limit for consequential loss has been increased to ₹30 lakh, and up to ₹3 lakh can be awarded for mental agony, harassment, and related expenses.
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Ques: Public Sector Banks (PSBs) sanctioned over 3.96 lakh MSME loan applications worth more than ₹52,300 crore under which digital initiative during April–December 2025?

- A) Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)
- B) Jan Samarth Portal
- C) Credit Assessment Model (CAM) based digital underwriting
- D) MSME Credit Guarantee Scheme
- E) Account Aggregator Framework

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Public Sector Banks sanctioned over 3.96 lakh MSME loan applications amounting to more than ₹52,300 crore between April 1 and December 31, 2025.
- These loans were approved under digital credit underwriting programmes.
- In 2025, PSBs launched the Credit Assessment Model (CAM) specifically for MSMEs.
- CAM is based on the digital footprints of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- The initiative aims to ensure faster, data-driven, and transparent flow of credit to MSMEs.

EXAM
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Ques: Which foreign bank has received approval to acquire a majority stake in RBL Bank Limited?

- A) Emirates NBD Bank
- B) Standard Chartered Bank
- C) HSBC Bank
- D) DBS Bank
- E) Barclays Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Commission has approved the proposed acquisition of shareholding in RBL Bank Limited by Emirates NBD Bank (P.J.S.C.).
- The proposed combination involves acquisition of up to 74% (minimum 51%) shareholding in RBL Bank.
- This acquisition will be carried out through a mandatory open offer (up to 26%) under SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011, along with a preferential allotment of up to 60% equity shares.
- Additionally, Emirates NBD's banking operations in India, currently operating through three branches, will be amalgamated with RBL Bank on a going concern basis.
- Emirates NBD Bank is a public joint stock company listed on the Dubai Financial Market and is headquartered in Dubai, UAE.

About RBL Bank Limited:

- Established : 1943
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : R Subramaniakumar
- Tagline : Apno ka bank



Ques: The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has approved two new MSME Technology Centres in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Punjab
- C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Haryana
- E) Jammu & Kashmir

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has approved two MSME Technology Centres (TCs) in Himachal Pradesh.
- These centres will be established at the Pandoga area in Una district and the Parwanoo industrial area in Solan district.
- The approvals are part of the 13 new Technology Centre–Extension Centres being set up across the country.
- The MSME Technology Centres aim to provide advanced technology access, skilled manpower, and specialised technical services to MSMEs.
- This initiative is expected to strengthen innovation, productivity, and competitiveness of MSMEs, especially in industrial clusters.

EXAM
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Ques: On which route was India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A) Delhi – Mumbai
- B) Chennai – Bengaluru
- C) Howrah – Guwahati
- D) Patna – Ranchi
- E) Hyderabad – Visakhapatnam

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train between Howrah and Guwahati (Kamakhya) from Malda Town Railway Station.
- The train is fully air-conditioned and offers an airline-like travel experience at economical fares.
- The Vande Bharat Sleeper has 16 modern coaches with a total passenger capacity of 823.
- The train will benefit students, professionals, migrant workers, traders, and pilgrims travelling on this busy corridor.
- The Howrah–Guwahati route is one of India's most important railway corridors, connecting eastern and northeastern India.
- The new sleeper train will reduce travel time from 17 hours (Saraighat Express) to 14 hours.
- Reduced travel time is expected to boost trade, tourism, and employment in the region.
- During the event, the Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of four major railway projects in West Bengal.
- PM Modi will also flag off four new Amrit Bharat Express trains from Malda.





Ques: According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, what was the total area sown under rabi crops in India as on January 9, 2026?

- A) 62.60 million hectares
- B) 63.78 million hectares
- C) 64.42 million hectares
- D) 65.10 million hectares
- E) 66.00 million hectares

Answer: Option C

Explanation

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare released data on rabi crop area coverage as on January 9, 2026.
- The total area sown under rabi crops increased by 2.8% (1.76 million hectares) to 64.42 million hectares, compared to 62.6 million hectares during the same period last year.
- The current rabi sowing has also surpassed the seasonal average of 63.78 million hectares.
- The area under wheat increased by 6.13 lakh hectares, reaching 33.42 million hectares in the 2025–26 rabi season.
- The area under rice stood at 2.17 million hectares during the 2025–26 rabi season.
- The total area under pulses increased from 13.2 million hectares (2024–25) to 13.64 million hectares (2025–26), mainly driven by chana (gram), which rose to 9.58 million hectares.

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Answer: Option C

Explanation

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare released data on rabi crop area coverage as on January 9, 2026.
- The total area sown under rabi crops increased by 2.8% (1.76 million hectares) to 64.42 million hectares, compared to 62.6 million hectares during the same period last year.
- The current rabi sowing has also surpassed the seasonal average of 63.78 million hectares.
- The area under wheat increased by 6.13 lakh hectares, reaching 33.42 million hectares in the 2025–26 rabi season.
- The area under rice stood at 2.17 million hectares during the 2025–26 rabi season.
- The total area under pulses increased from 13.2 million hectares (2024–25) to 13.64 million hectares (2025–26), mainly driven by chana (gram), which rose to 9.58 million hectares.

Genius



Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi performed the Bhoomi Pujan of which major highway project in Assam aimed at improving connectivity while protecting wildlife?

- A) Brahmaputra River Bridge Project
- B) Guwahati Ring Road Project
- C) Upper Assam Expressway Project
- D) East–West Corridor Extension
- E) Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project (NH-715)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi performed the Bhoomi Pujan of the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project, involving the 4-laning of the Kaliabor–Numaligarh section of NH-715, worth over ₹6,950 crore, in Kaliabor, Assam.
- The Prime Minister had attended the Jhumoir Mahotsav last year and visited Assam this time during the Magh Bihu festival.
- The project will significantly improve connectivity across Upper Assam, particularly benefiting Dibrugarh and Tinsukia.
- The 86 km long project is an environmentally conscious National Highway initiative, featuring a 35 km Elevated Wildlife Corridor through Kaziranga National Park.
- The corridor will pass through Nagaon, Karbi Anglong and Golaghat districts, ensuring improved regional connectivity while safeguarding Kaziranga's unique biodiversity.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The Medium Calibre Ammunition Manufacturing Facility inaugurated by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is located at which place?

- A) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- B) Pune, Maharashtra
- C) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- D) Hyderabad, Telangana
- E) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a Medium Calibre Ammunition Manufacturing Facility at Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL).
- The facility is located in Nagpur, Maharashtra and is fully automated.
- The plant will manufacture 30 millimetre (mm) ammunition, which is extensively used by the Indian Army and the Indian Navy.
- India's domestic defence production has increased significantly from ₹46,425 crore in 2014 to around ₹1.51 lakh crore in 2025–26, with the private sector contributing over ₹33,000 crore.
- Defence exports have also risen sharply, reaching ₹24,000 crore compared to less than ₹1,000 crore a decade ago.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which two organisations signed an MoU to enable multilingual translation and AI-powered language support across Ayushman Bharat digital health platforms?

- A) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and NITI Aayog
- B) National Health Authority and Digital India BHASHINI Division
- C) National Health Authority and UIDAI
- D) Digital India Corporation and AIIMS
- E) Ministry of Electronics & IT and WHO

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Digital India BHASHINI Division participated in the Chintan Shivir – National Review of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- During the event, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the National Health Authority (NHA) and the Digital India BHASHINI Division.
- The MoU aims to enable multilingual translation services and AI-powered language support across NHA's digital health platforms, including AB PM-JAY and ABDM.
- This collaboration will help improve accessibility, inclusivity, and citizen-centric delivery of digital health services across India.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is the main objective of the proposed Integrated Fisheries Hub in Lakshadweep?

- A) Promoting inland fisheries
- B) Single-window system to streamline fish marketing and strengthen the value chain
- C) Replacing traditional fishing methods
- D) Restricting fish exports
- E) Focus only on ornamental fisheries

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Matsya Mela concluded at Kavaratti with a call to establish an Integrated Fisheries Hub in Lakshadweep.
- The proposed hub will function as a single-window platform for organised fish marketing.
- It aims to strengthen the fisheries value chain and enhance income and livelihood security of island fishing communities.
- Key focus areas include common landing and handling facilities, cold storage, cold-chain infrastructure, value addition units, and export facilitation.
- The hub is expected to unlock the full potential of Lakshadweep's tuna-based fisheries and mariculture sectors.
- ensure sustainable fisheries management.
- The event was organised by KVK Lakshadweep (ICAR–CMFRI) in association with the Fisheries Department of Lakshadweep.



Ques: The “One Station One Product” (OSOP) initiative is implemented by which organisation?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Railways
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) Indian Railways

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indian Railways' One Station One Product (OSOP) scheme has emerged as a powerful platform for promoting local craftsmanship and grassroots entrepreneurship across the country.
- The initiative aims to transform railway stations into vibrant showcases of India's rich regional diversity, integrating local heritage with the national railway network.
- OSOP not only enhances passenger experience but also supports inclusive economic growth by providing market access to local producers.
- As of 19 January 2026, OSOP outlets have been set up at 2,002 stations, with a total of 2,326 outlets operational across India.
- These outlets have become a major source of livelihood for thousands of local artisans, weavers, and small producers, connecting them directly with millions of passengers every day.
- Since its launch in 2022, the OSOP initiative has created direct economic opportunities for over 1.32 lakh beneficiaries across the country.
- By integrating commerce with culture, Indian Railways has transformed stations into hubs of local enterprise, making OSOP a strong example of “Vocal for Local.”
- The initiative empowers local communities while enriching the travel experience for passengers across the nation.





Ques: Who has been nominated as Chair of the UN Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for the 2026–27 term?

- A) Ruchira Kamboj
- B) D.B. Venkatesh Varma
- C) Syed Akbaruddin
- D) Vikram Misri
- E) Nirupama Rao

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Senior Indian diplomat D.B. Venkatesh Varma has been nominated by the UN Secretary-General as Chair of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for the 2026–27 term.
- This appointment marks the first time an Indian has been named Chair of this UN body.
- The Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters was established in 1978.
- Earlier, Indian diplomats had served as members of the board, but never as Chair.
- D.B. Venkatesh Varma is a former Indian Ambassador to Russia and a noted expert in disarmament and strategic affairs.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is India's global rank in the Responsible Nations Index (RNI) 2026?

- A) 10th
- B) 12th
- C) 16th
- D) 25th
- E) 38th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Responsible Nations Index (RNI) 2026 was released in its 1st edition.
- The index is published by the World Intellectual Foundation (WIF), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), and Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Mumbai.
- RNI is based on three pillars: Internal Responsibility, Environmental Responsibility, and External Responsibility.
- India ranked 16th globally in RNI 2026 with an overall score of 0.551513.
- Singapore topped the index among 154 countries with a score of 0.61945. Major economies ranked as follows: Japan – 38th, USA – 66th, China – 68th.

Top Countries of RNI 2026:

1. Singapore – 0.61945
2. Switzerland – 0.58692
3. Denmark – 0.58372
- 4.4 Cyprus - 0.57737
- 5.5 Sweden - 0.57387
- 6.16 India - 0.551513
- 7.152 South Sudan - 0.37389
- 8.153 Syria - 0.37254
- 9.154 Central African Republic - 0.35715

EXAM
Genius



Ques: The recently excavated Zehanpora Stupa site in Kashmir belongs to which historical period?

- A) Mauryan Period
- B) Gupta Period
- C) Kushan Period
- D) Harsha Period
- E) Post-Gupta Period

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Zehanpora Stupa site is located in Baramulla district of Kashmir and was recently excavated by archaeologists.
- Archaeological findings date the site to nearly 2,000 years ago, corresponding to the Kushan period (1st–3rd Century CE).
- Evidence indicates the presence of large stupas, monastic complexes, and urban settlements, suggesting an advanced Buddhist establishment.
- The discovery highlights Kashmir's rich Buddhist heritage and its role as a major cultural and religious centre in ancient India.
- The site also reinforces historical links between Kashmir and major Buddhist trade and learning networks of the ancient world.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which institution has been designated as the official examination partner for the entrance of the Post Graduate Insolvency Programme (PGIP)?

- A) Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS)
- B) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
- C) National Testing Agency (NTA)
- D) Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI (IIPI-ICAI)
- E) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) has opened registrations for the 8th batch of the Post Graduate Insolvency Programme (PGIP).
- PGIP is a national initiative to create highly skilled insolvency professionals as per India's Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).
- IICA signed an MoU with IIPI-ICAI to strengthen collaboration in insolvency education, research, and training.
- The Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) has been designated as the official examination partner for conducting the PGIP entrance exam.
- IICA was established in 2008, headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana, with Ajay Bhushan Pandey as Director General.

EXAM
Genius





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- B) Qatar
- C) United Arab Emirates
- D) Oman
- E) Russia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have signed a long-term Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) supply agreement.
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- The platform also involves mobile operators for message delivery and State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMAs) and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) for alert approval and disaster management.
- This indigenous, cost-effective and fully automated system enables geo-targeted, near real-time, multi-hazard alerts in 21 languages through cellular networks, strengthening disaster risk reduction and management.





Ques: Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) received the SKOCH Award-2025 for which solution?

- A) BharatNet Connectivity Platform
- B) National Telecom Cloud
- C) Digital Disaster Portal
- D) 5G Core Network System
- E) Cell Broadcast Solution (CBS)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- C-DOT was awarded the SKOCH Award-2025 for its Cell Broadcast Solution (CBS).
- CBS is a unified disaster and emergency alert platform, integrating agencies like:
 - India Meteorological Department (IMD) – weather alerts
 - Central Water Commission (CWC) – flood alerts
 - Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) – tsunami & ocean events
 - Defence Geo-Informatics Research Establishment (DGRE) – landslides
 - Forest Survey of India (FSI) – forest fires
- The award was presented at the 104th SKOCH Summit themed “Resourcing Viksit Bharat”.
- SKOCH Awards recognize outstanding contributions in governance, technology, and development across sectors.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where was the foundation stone laid for the world's largest green hydrogen and green ammonia plants?

- A) Kakinada
- B) Visakhapatnam
- C) Nellore
- D) Tirupati
- E) Krishnapatnam

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone at Kakinada for the world's largest green hydrogen and green ammonia plants.
- The green ammonia plant will be developed over 495 acres, boosting Andhra Pradesh's clean energy and green industrial growth initiatives.
- The project is being developed by AM Green, a company of the Greenko Group.
- It will convert an existing ammonia-urea complex into an integrated green hydrogen and green ammonia facility.
- Estimated investment is around USD 10 billion, making it one of India's largest green energy projects.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The second nationwide range-wide estimation of riverine and estuarine dolphins under Project Dolphin was flagged off from which place?

- A) Patna, Bihar
- B) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- C) Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh
- D) Guwahati, Assam
- E) Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Bhupender Yadav (MoEFCC) launched the second nationwide dolphin estimation under Project Dolphin.
- The programme was flagged off from Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh.
- Phase-I covers the main stem of the Ganga from Bijnor to Ganga Sagar and the Indus River, while Phase-II will extend to the Brahmaputra, Ganga tributaries, Sundarbans, and Odisha.
- The initiative builds on India's first nationwide dolphin population survey (2021–23), which recorded approximately 6,327 riverine dolphins.
- Uttar Pradesh and Bihar reported the highest numbers, followed by West Bengal and Assam.
- Researchers use hydrophones and other advanced tools for underwater acoustic monitoring to collect ecological and habitat data.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Pax Silica initiative, which India is set to join, is primarily related to which area?

- A) Climate change negotiations
- B) Defence military alliance
- C) AI and critical technology supply chain security
- D) Global health cooperation
- E) Space exploration

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Pax Silica is a US-led initiative aimed at building secure, resilient, and innovation-driven technology and AI supply chains.
- India is invited to join due to its growing role in global technology and supply chains.
- The initiative focuses on coordinating allied nations on semiconductors, critical minerals, artificial intelligence, and advanced technology ecosystems.
- Current members include US, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Netherlands, UK, Israel, UAE, and Australia.
- The aim is to enhance AI and critical technology supply chain security among member countries.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: From which date will the new FEMA Export-Import Regulations, 2026 come into effect?

- A) 1 April 2026
- B) 1 July 2026
- C) 1 October 2026
- D) 1 January 2027
- E) 15 August 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has notified the Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Goods and Services) Regulations, 2026.
- The new FEMA trade regulations will come into effect from 1 October 2026.
- Authorised Dealer (AD) banks must enter Export Declaration Form (EDF) details for goods exported through non-EDI ports into the Export Data Processing and Monitoring System (EDPMS) within five working days.
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Ques: What is the key proposal in the RBI's draft amendment directions regarding the calculation of Owned Fund / Tier-1 Capital for NBFCs and ARCs?

- A) Excluding free reserves completely from Owned Fund
- B) Allowing Tier-1 Capital calculation only once every three years
- C) Including free reserves and quarterly profits in Owned Fund with conditions
- D) Increasing credit concentration limits for NBFCs
- E) Removing concentration norms for ARCs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India issued draft amendment directions to clarify the calculation of Owned Fund / Tier-1 Capital for NBFCs and Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs).
- The draft aims to ensure proper compliance with credit and investment concentration limits.
- RBI has invited public comments on the draft till 28 January 2026.
- Currently, NBFCs (other than NBFC-UL) and ARCs calculate Tier-1 Capital based on figures as of 31 March of the previous year.
- Under the new draft, free reserves, including quarterly profits, may be included in Owned Fund, subject to specified conditions.
- Eligible profits will be reduced by 25% of the average dividend paid over the last three years, multiplied by the number of completed quarters in the year.

Genius





Ques: What was the unemployment rate (UR) among persons aged 15 years and above in India as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Monthly Bulletin – December 2025?

- A) 4.5%
- B) 4.7%
- C) 4.8%
- D) 5.1%
- E) 6.7%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the 9th edition of the PLFS Monthly Bulletin – December 2025.
- The overall unemployment rate (UR) for persons aged 15 years and above stood at 4.8% in December 2025, compared to 4.7% in November 2025.
- The rural unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.9%.
- The urban unemployment rate increased to 6.7% from 6.5% in the previous month.
- Unemployment Rate (UR) is defined as the percentage of people in the labour force who are without work but are available for and actively seeking employment.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which film created Oscar history by receiving a record 16 nominations?

- A) Sinners
- B) Oppenheimer
- C) Hamnet
- D) Frankenstein
- E) Marty Supreme

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The vampire period horror film Sinners, directed by Ryan Coogler, created history by receiving a record 16 Oscar nominations, the highest ever.
- Michael B. Jordan received a Best Actor nomination for his performance in Sinners.
- One Battle After Another ranked second with 13 nominations, including Best Picture and Best Actor for Leonardo DiCaprio.
- Guillermo del Toro's Frankenstein, Marty Supreme, and Sentimental Value secured nine nominations each.
- Hamnet received eight nominations, including Best Actress for Jessie Buckley.
- International films such as It Was Just An Accident, Sirat, and The Voice of Hind Rajab entered the Best International Film category.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: According to the Numbeo Safety Index 2026, which Indian city emerged as the safest in India?

- A) Pune
- B) Kochi
- C) Chandigarh
- D) Coimbatore
- E) Mangaluru

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Numbeo Safety Index 2026 was published by Numbeo, a crowd-sourced global database.
- The index covered 304 cities worldwide, assessing safety based on user-reported data.
- Mangaluru (Karnataka) emerged as the safest city in India, securing 46th rank globally with a safety score of 74.4.
- Qingdao (Shandong province, China) topped the global list with a safety score of 89.2.

Ranking of Top 5 Safest Countries:

- 1 UAE - 86.0
- 2 Qatar - 84.8
- 3 Andorra - 84.8
- 4 Taiwan - 83.0
- 5 Macao (China) - 81.8
- 70 India - 55.8

Ranking of Top 5 Safest Cities Globally:

- 1 Qingdao, China - 89.2
- 2 Abu Dhabi, UAE - 88.9
- 3 Doha, Qatar - 84.5
- 4 Sharjah, UAE - 84.5
- 5 Dubai, UAE - 83.9



304 Pretoria, South Africa - 18.2

Ranking of Top 5 Safest Cities in India:

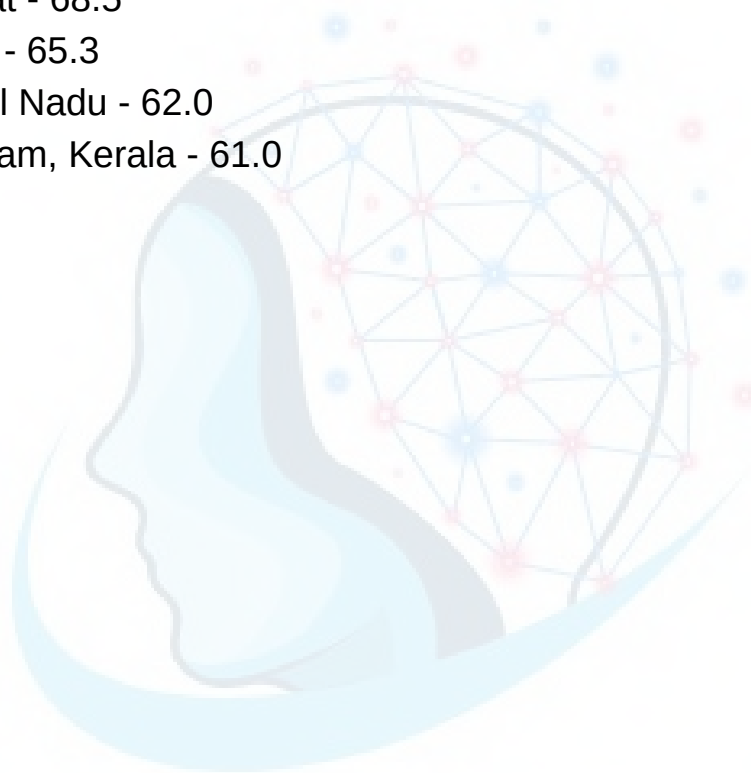
46 Mangaluru, Karnataka - 74.4

87 Ahmedabad Gujarat - 68.5

106 Jaipur, Rajasthan - 65.3

123 Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu - 62.0

132 Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala - 61.0



EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which ministry is designing the new microcredit scheme for gig workers and vulnerable groups?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Labour & Employment
- C) Ministry of Rural Development
- D) Ministry of MSME
- E) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Centre is set to launch a microcredit programme providing collateral-free loans up to ₹10,000 per year.
- The scheme will benefit gig workers, domestic helpers, and other vulnerable groups.
- The programme is being designed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- The scheme will be modelled on PM Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM-SVANidhi).
- PM-SVANidhi provides small working capital loans to street vendors.
- The new scheme aims to promote financial inclusion and self-employment among the urban poor and informal workers.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which team won its maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy title by defeating Saurashtra in the final of the 2025–26 season?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Mumbai
- D) Vidarbha
- E) Bengal

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Vidarbha achieved a historic milestone in Indian domestic cricket by winning its maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy title.
- Vidarbha defeated Saurashtra in the final held at Bengaluru with a strong all-round performance.
- The Vijay Hazare Trophy started in the 1993–94 season and is India's premier domestic one-day cricket tournament.

About Vijay Hazare Trophy:

- Started: 1993–94
- 2025–26 edition: 33rd
- Number of teams: 38
- Most successful: Karnataka and Tamil Nadu (5 titles each)
- Champion: Vidarbha (1st title)
- Player of the series: Aman Mokhade (Vidarbha)
- Most runs: Aman Mokhade (814) (Vidarbha)
- Most wickets: Ankur Panwar (25) (Saurashtra)



Ques: Which Indian city has bid to host the 2028 World Indoor Athletics Championships?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Ahmedabad
- C) Bhubaneswar
- D) Mumbai
- E) Chennai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India has submitted a bid to host the 2028 World Indoor Athletics Championships in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- India is also bidding to host the 2028 World U20 Athletics Championships in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- The bids have been submitted by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).
- World Athletics will announce the hosts for the 2028 and 2030 Junior World Championships in March.
- Hosting these global athletics events will help strengthen India's position as an emerging international sports-hosting destination.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) recently launched Electronic Personnel Licence (EPL) services for which of the following licences?

- A) Private Pilot Licence (PPL)
- B) Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL)
- C) Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence (FRTOL)
- D) Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL)
- E) Student Pilot Licence (SPL)

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) launched Electronic Personnel Licence (EPL) services for the Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL).
- The EPL is a secure digital licence with ICAO-aligned security features, ensuring authenticity, tamper-proofing, and real-time verification.
- The licence can be accessed through the eGCA mobile application.
- DGCA began the roll-out of EPL in February 2025, initially covering the Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) and Flight Radio Telephone Operator's (Restricted) Licence (FRTOL).

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who became the first woman officer of the Indian Army to fly the Rudra helicopter?

- A) Captain Anjali Sharma
- B) Captain Hansja Sharma
- C) Wing Commander Vyomika Singh
- D) Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh
- E) Lieutenant Tanya Shergill

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Captain Hansja Sharma of the Indian Army has been selected to lead the 251 Army Aviation Squadron during the upcoming Republic Day Parade.
- She has become the first woman officer of the Indian Army to fly Rudra, the weaponised version of the indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH).
- Her achievement marks a historic milestone in Indian military aviation and promotes gender inclusivity in combat aviation roles.
- Captain Hansja Sharma hails from Jammu and Kashmir.
- The Rudra helicopter is equipped with air-to-ground missiles, rockets, cannons, and advanced surveillance systems.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has declared an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) around which wildlife sanctuary in Rajasthan?

- A) Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary
- B) Ranthambore Wildlife Sanctuary
- C) Tal Chhapar Wildlife Sanctuary
- D) Mount Abu Wildlife Sanctuary
- E) Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister Bhupender Yadav of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) announced the declaration through an official notification.
- An area ranging from 0 to 1 kilometre around the Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary has been declared an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
- The sanctuary is located in the Aravalli Mountain Range in Rajasthan.
- As per MoEFCC directions, activities such as mining, large industrial units, brick kilns, and construction of new hotels and resorts will be restricted.
- These restrictions will apply to 94 villages spread across nearly 243 km adjoining the sanctuary boundary.
- Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary spans across Rajsamand, Pali, and Udaipur districts and is considered one of the most fragile ecosystems of the Aravalli range.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Spituk Gustor festival is associated with which Indian region?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Ladakh
- E) Uttarakhand

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The two-day annual monastic festival Spituk Gustor is held at Spituk Monastery in Ladakh.
- The festival is observed after a week-long period of prayers and rituals dedicated to peace, prosperity, and victory over evil.
- It marks the end of the first phase of Ladakh's harsh winter season.
- Spituk Gustor is the first monastic festival of Ladakh in the calendar year.
- Major attractions include sacred masked (Cham) dances and the unveiling of sacred deities for blessings.
- Ladakh is known as the "Land of Gonpas" (Buddhist monasteries) and hosts around 16 monastic festivals annually.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Regulatory Affairs in the Power Sector was inaugurated at which institution?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Delhi
- D) NIT Trichy
- E) TERI University

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Regulatory Affairs in the Power Sector was inaugurated at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi.
- The CoE has been established jointly by IIT Delhi, the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), and Grid Controller of India Limited.
- The centre aims to strengthen regulatory research, capacity building, and policy support in the power sector.
- The CoE was inaugurated by Union Minister Manohar Lal, who oversees the Ministry of Power (MoP) and the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where was the 86th All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) 2026 held?

- A) Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha, Jaipur
- B) Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha, Mumbai
- C) UP Vidhan Sabha, Lucknow
- D) Bihar Vidhan Sabha, Patna
- E) Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, Bhopal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 86th edition of the All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) 2026 was held at the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha in Lucknow.
- The conference was inaugurated by Anandiben Patel, the Governor of Uttar Pradesh.
- A total of 36 Presiding Officers participated, representing 24 States and Union Territories (UTs) of India.
- The theme of AIPOC 2026 was "Strong Legislature – Prosperous Nation".

EXAM
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Ques: Which airline was fined ₹22.20 crore by DGCA for large-scale flight delays and cancellations?

- A) Air India
- B) Vistara
- C) IndiGo Airlines
- D) Akasa Air
- E) SpiceJet

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) imposed a ₹22.20 crore fine on IndiGo Airlines due to large-scale flight delays and cancellations in early December.
- Between 3rd and 5th December, IndiGo cancelled 2,507 flights and delayed 1,852 flights, affecting over 3 lakh passengers.
- The fine included a one-time systemic penalty of ₹1.80 crore for multiple regulatory violations.
- A daily penalty of ₹30 lakh for 68 days (from 5 December to 10 February) amounted to ₹20.40 crore.
- DGCA's inquiry found issues such as over-optimisation of operations, inadequate regulatory preparedness, and management shortcomings.
- The airline failed to properly implement revised Flight Duty Time Limitation (FDTL) norms.
- Excessive focus on maximising crew and aircraft utilisation reduced roster buffer margins and weakened operational resilience.





Ques: Renowned music maestro Ilaiyaraaja was conferred with the Padmapani Award at which event?

- A) International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa
- B) Mumbai International Film Festival
- C) Chennai International Film Festival
- D) Kolkata International Film Festival
- E) 11th Ajanta–Ellora International Film Festival

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Renowned music maestro Ilaiyaraaja was honoured with the Padmapani Award.
- The award was presented at the 11th Ajanta–Ellora International Film Festival.
- The festival was held at Mahatma Gandhi Mission, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- The Padmapani Award is given to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to cinema and the arts.
- The award includes a Padmapani memento, a citation certificate, and a cash prize of ₹2 lakh.

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Ques: Which Indian badminton legend, a Padma Awardee and former World No. 1 player, announced her retirement from competitive badminton after a 21-year career?

- A) Saina Nehwal
- B) P. V. Sindhu
- C) Jwala Gutta
- D) Ashwini Ponnappa
- E) Aparna Popat

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Saina Nehwal announced her retirement from competitive badminton, ending a 21-year illustrious career.
- She is an Indian Olympic medallist and a Padma Awardee, having received the Padma Shri in 2010 and the Padma Bhushan in 2016.
- She won the bronze medal in women's singles at the 2012 London Olympics, becoming the first Indian badminton player to win an Olympic medal.
- In 2015, she became the first Indian woman to achieve the World No. 1 ranking in singles.
- Saina Nehwal also won gold medals in women's singles at the Commonwealth Games 2010 (New Delhi) and 2018 (Gold Coast, Australia).

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Ques: A 233-year-old manuscript of the Valmiki Ramayana has been gifted to which institution?

- A) National Museum, New Delhi
- B) Central Sanskrit University
- C) International Ram Katha Museum, Ayodhya
- D) Sahitya Akademi
- E) Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A rare 233-year-old Sanskrit manuscript of the Valmiki Ramayana has been formally gifted to the International Ram Katha Museum in Ayodhya.
- The manuscript was presented by the Central Sanskrit University to promote cultural preservation and public access.
- Authored by Adi Kavi Valmiki with commentary by Maheshvara Tirtha, the manuscript is written in Sanskrit using Devanagari script.
- The manuscript dates back to Vikrama Samvat 1849 (1792 CE).

EXAM
Genius





Ques: INS Sagardhwani was flagged off for the fifth edition of which initiative aimed at promoting oceanographic cooperation among Indian Ocean Rim nations?

- A) Sagar Maitri
- B) Sagar Setu
- C) SAGAR Vision
- D) Ocean Ring Initiative
- E) Samudra Shakti

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's oceanographic research vessel INS Sagardhwani, under DRDO, was flagged off for the fifth edition of the Sagar Maitri (SM-5) initiative.
- The mission was flagged off from the Southern Naval Command, Kochi, Kerala.
- The fifth Sagar Maitri mission involves eight Indian Ocean Rim (IOR) countries, starting collaborative oceanographic studies with the Maldives.
- The programme focuses on scientific research, socio-economic engagement, capacity building, and professional exchanges among IOR nations.
- Participating countries include Oman, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and Myanmar.

EXAM
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Ques: Researchers from Kerala and Tamil Nadu recently discovered two new rare ant fly species belonging to which subfamily?

- A) Microdontinae
- B) Drosophilinae
- C) Culicinae
- D) Tabaninae
- E) Muscinae

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Two new rare ant fly species, Metadon ghorpadei and Metadon reemeri, were recently discovered by researchers.
- Metadon ghorpadei was found in Delhi's Northern Ridge forest, while Metadon reemeri was discovered in the Siruvani Hills of the Western Ghats.
- Both species belong to Microdontinae, a subfamily of Syrphidae (hoverflies).
- With this discovery, the number of Metadon species in India has increased from six to eight.
- Globally, there are 454 Microdontinae species, of which 27 are found in India.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is observed on 23 January to commemorate the birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose?

- A) National Youth Day
- B) Parakram Diwas
- C) Martyrs' Day
- D) Independence Day
- E) Republic Day

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- 23 January marks the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, the Indian freedom fighter.
- The day is observed as Parakram Diwas to honour his courage and contributions to India's freedom struggle.
- Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was born on 23 January 1897 in Cuttack, Odisha.
- The first observance of Parakram Diwas was held on 23 January 2021.

EXAM
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Ques: Who has been appointed as the part-time Chairman of IndusInd Bank effective January 31?

- A) Rajiv Anand
- B) Sunil Mehta
- C) Arijit Basu
- D) Shaktikanta Das
- E) Dinesh Kumar Khara

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IndusInd Bank appointed veteran banker Arijit Basu as its part-time Chairman effective 31 January.
- He will succeed Sunil Mehta after the completion of his tenure.
- Arijit Basu has over 42 years of banking experience, including 37 years with State Bank of India (SBI).
- He joined SBI in 1983 and retired as Managing Director in 2020.
- Previously, he served as Managing Director & CEO of SBI Life Insurance (2014–2018) and Chairman of HDB Financial Services (HDFC Bank's NBFC arm).
- The appointment comes amid leadership changes at IndusInd Bank following governance-related issues.

EXAM
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Ques: Suryoday Small Finance Bank has partnered with which company to deploy an AI-powered Video KYC (VKYC) solution?

- A) HyperVerge
- B) TCS
- C) Infosys
- D) Paytm
- E) Razorpay

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Suryoday Small Finance Bank has partnered with HyperVerge to implement an AI-powered Video KYC (VKYC) solution.
- The collaboration aims to modernize the customer onboarding process while ensuring strong regulatory compliance.
- The AI-driven VKYC solution also enhances data security and operational efficiency.
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank was established in 2017, headquartered in Navi Mumbai, with Baskar Babu Ramachandran as MD & CEO.
- Tagline: "A Bank of Smiles".

EXAM
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Ques: Which TReDS platform became the first in India to declare and pay an interim dividend, marking a historic milestone in the TReDS ecosystem?

- A) M1xchange
- B) A.TReDS
- C) Receivables Exchange of India Limited (RXIL)
- D) Invoicemart
- E) SIDBI TReDS

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Receivables Exchange of India Limited (RXIL), a TReDS platform, declared and paid an interim dividend of 21.6% on the face value of its shares.
- RXIL is the first TReDS platform in India to return capital to its stakeholders, marking a historic milestone in India's TReDS ecosystem.
- RXIL received RBI approval in December 2016 and executed its first TReDS transaction on 9 January 2017.
- It is a joint venture of SIDBI and NSE, with SBI, ICICI Bank, and Yes Bank as partners.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Indian fintech firm received NPCI approval to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP)?

- A) PhonePe
- B) Paytm
- C) ZET
- D) BharatPe
- E) Cred

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ZET, a credit-focused Indian fintech firm, received approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP).
- The service is enabled through a banking partnership with RBL Bank (formerly Ratnakar Bank Limited).
- ZET's platform leverages Juspay's technology infrastructure for secure transaction processing.

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

- A) Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma
- B) Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat
- C) Shyam Srinivasan
- D) Ashok Chandra
- E) Murali Natrajan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Karnataka Bank Limited.
- He succeeds Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma.
- Karnataka Bank, established in 1924, is headquartered in Mangaluru, Karnataka.
- Its tagline is "Your Family Bank Across India."

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What is India's rank in AI investment as per the WEF White Paper?

- A) 5th
- B) 6th
- C) 7th
- D) 8th
- E) 9th

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India is ranked 8th among 11 countries in AI investment, based on accumulated investments from 2010–2024, measured as a percentage of 2024 GDP.
- The ranking comes from the WEF white paper “Rethinking AI Sovereignty”, prepared with Bain & Company.
- Top 4 countries in AI investment are USA, Singapore, South Korea, and China.
- India's accumulated AI investment is 1.2%–1.8% of its 2024 GDP.
- India has committed over \$67 billion in AI-related investments for the next three years.
- Since 2010, global AI infrastructure investment (data centres) has exceeded \$600 billion, with hyperscale data centres expected to cross 2,000 by 2030.

EXAM
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Ques: The SAMPANN pension management system has been integrated with which government digital platform?

- A) DigiLocker
- B) NSP Portal
- C) e-Shram
- D) BharatPay
- E) UMANG

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The SAMPANN (System for Accounting and Management of Pension) system has digitized the complete pension lifecycle, including case initiation, processing, issuance of e-PPOs, disbursement, accounting, reconciliation, financial reporting, audit facilitation, and grievance redressal.
- SAMPANN services available on UMANG:
 - a) Know your PPO number – Users can enter their bank/post office account number and date of birth to retrieve the PPO number.
 - b) Life Certificate validity date – Users can enter their bank/post office account number, SAMPANN-registered mobile number or PPO number, and date of birth to check the Life Certificate validity.
- This integration ensures pensioners have easy and round-the-clock access to vital pension-related information via UMANG's web portal and mobile app.

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- Currently, two SAMPANN services are available on UMANG:
- वर्तमान में UMANG पर SAMPANN की दो सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं:

a) Know your PPO number

Users can enter their bank/post office account number and date of birth to retrieve the PPO number.

a) अपना PPO नंबर जानें

उपयोगकर्ता बैंक/डाकघर खाता संख्या और जन्मतिथि दर्ज कर PPO नंबर प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

b) Life Certificate validity date

Users can enter their bank/post office account number, SAMPANN-registered mobile number or PPO number along with date of birth to check the Life Certificate validity.

b) जीवन प्रमाण पत्र की वैधता तिथि

उपयोगकर्ता बैंक/डाकघर खाता संख्या, SAMPANN में पंजीकृत मोबाइल नंबर या PPO नंबर तथा जन्मतिथि दर्ज कर जीवन प्रमाण पत्र की वैधता देख सकते हैं।

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Ques: Which global food and beverage exhibition will host India as Partner Country for the first time in 2026?

- A) World Food Expo
- B) Gulfood 2026
- C) Global Trade Fair
- D) FoodTech Asia
- E) Expo Dubai Fair

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Gulfood 2026, the world's largest annual food and beverage exhibition, will host India as Partner Country for the first time.
- The event will be held from 26 to 30 January 2026.
- It will be conducted simultaneously at Dubai World Trade Centre and Dubai Expo City, making it the world's first dual-venue exhibition of its kind.
- India's participation includes 161 exhibitors showcasing the country's agri-food ecosystem.
- The Bharat Pavilion, curated by APEDA, will promote export-ready agri-food and agri-tech startups from India.
- Gulfood 2026 will feature over 8,500 exhibitors from 195 countries, displaying around 1.5 million products across more than 280,000 sq. metres of exhibition space.

EXAM
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Ques: What is ECINET launched by the Election Commission of India?

- A) Voter ID verification tool
- B) Online election result portal
- C) Unified digital platform for election services
- D) Political party registration system
- E) Campaign monitoring app

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ECINET is a one-stop digital platform launched by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to integrate all election-related information and services.
- It is described as the world's largest electoral service platform, combining 40+ ECI applications and portals into a single system.
- The platform is available in English and all 22 scheduled Indian languages.
- ECINET connects citizens, candidates, political parties, and election officials on a secure platform.
- **Key services include:**
 - Voter registration
 - Electoral roll search
 - Application tracking
 - Know Your Candidate
 - e-EPIC download
 - Grievance redressal
 - Booth-level officer connectivity
- It has been developed in compliance with the Constitution of India, Representation of the People Acts (1950 & 1951), Registration of Electors Rules (1960), and Conduct of Election Rules (1961).
- Cybersecurity is a core focus of the platform.

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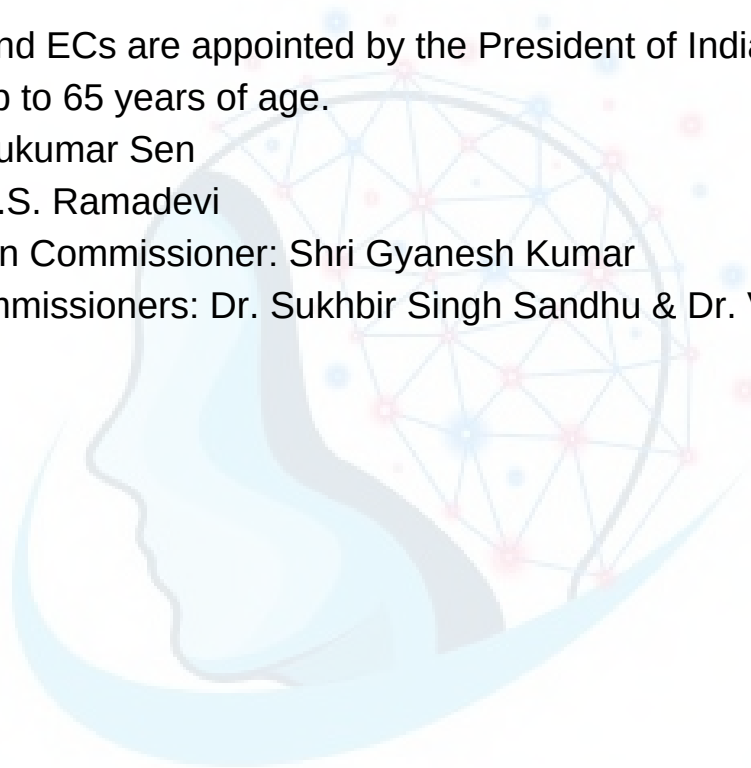




- Election Commission of India (ECI) was established on 25 January 1950 under Article 324 of the Constitution.

ABOUT :

- Appointment: CEC and ECs are appointed by the President of India.
- Tenure: 6 years or up to 65 years of age.
- First CEC of India: Sukumar Sen
- First Female CEC: V.S. Ramadevi
- Current Chief Election Commissioner: Shri Gyanesh Kumar
- Current Election Commissioners: Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu & Dr. Vivek Joshi



EXAM
Genius



Ques: What is India's rank in the Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI) 2026?

- A) 6th
- B) 7th
- C) 8th
- D) 9th
- E) 10th

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI) 2026 is the 3rd edition of the report.
- Published by Dezan Shira & Associates, a Hong Kong-based advisory firm.
- The index evaluates the manufacturing competitiveness of 11 Asian countries.
- India retained its 6th rank among these 11 countries in AMI 2026.
- The report emphasizes the need for stronger reforms and faster execution to further improve India's manufacturing position.

Top 5 countries in AMI 2026:

1. China
2. Malaysia
3. Vietnam
4. Singapore
5. South Korea

EXAM
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Ques: Who inaugurated the GI Mahotsav titled “Promoting India’s Heritage through GI Products” in Assam?

- A) Sarbananda Sonowal
- B) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- C) Lakshman Prasad Acharya
- D) Rameswar Teli
- E) Kiren Rijiju

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya inaugurated the GI Mahotsav titled “Promoting India’s Heritage through GI Products.”
- The event promotes Geographical Indication (GI) tagged products and showcases India’s cultural heritage.
- Assam is known for GI-tagged products like Muga Silk and Assam Tea.
- Other notable GI products include Kaji Nemu (Assam Lemon), Joha Rice, Tezpur Litchi, and handicrafts like Assamese Gamosa, Majuli Masks, Sarthebari Metal Craft, and Axomiya Gohona (jewellery).
- Recently, Bodo community products such as Bodo Napham (fermented fish) and Bodo Aronai (handloom cloth) also received GI tags.
- The initiative emphasizes Assam’s rich cultural, traditional, and natural heritage.

Genius





Ques: How much cancer medicine has India recently delivered to Kabul as humanitarian assistance?

- A) 5 tonnes
- B) 6 tonnes
- C) 7.5 tonnes
- D) 10 tonnes
- E) 12 tonnes

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- India recently delivered 7.5 tonnes of life-saving cancer medicines to Kabul as part of its humanitarian medical assistance.
- Over the past four years, India has supplied a total of 327 tonnes of medicines and vaccines to Afghanistan.
- This shipment reaffirms India's commitment to providing medical aid to the Afghan people.

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Ques: Which two blocs signed the historic Free Trade Agreement in Paraguay after 25 years of negotiations?

- A) EU – ASEAN
- B) EU – Mercosur
- C) NAFTA – Mercosur
- D) EU – African Union
- E) BRICS – Mercosur

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The European Union (EU) and Mercosur (South American bloc) signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in Paraguay after 25 years of negotiations, marking the EU's largest-ever trade deal.
- Mercosur members include Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay.
- The agreement aims to reduce tariffs and boost trade between the EU and Mercosur countries.
- The pact requires approval from the European Parliament and ratification by Mercosur national legislatures.
- Trade between EU and Mercosur reached €111 billion in 2024, covering a market of 700 million people.
- The deal is expected to create the world's largest free trade zone.

EXAM
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Ques: Where will the 4th edition of India Energy Week (IEW) 2026 be held?

A) New Delhi

B) Mumbai

C) Chennai

D) Goa

E) Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The 4th edition of India Energy Week (IEW) 2026 will be held from 27 to 30 January 2026 in Goa.
- The event is organised under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- Over 75,000 participants are expected to attend the global energy event.
- More than 600 exhibitors, including 180 international exhibitors, will participate.
- Ministers or deputy ministers from 17 countries will attend, including Canada, UAE, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Trinidad and Tobago, Oman, and Brunei.
- The event aims to promote a secure, sustainable, and affordable energy future.
- The announcement was made by Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.

EXAM
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Ques: Who delivered the Inaugural Address at the 22nd Subroto Mukerjee International Seminar?

- A) General Anil Chauhan, CDS
- B) Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff
- C) Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff
- D) Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane
- E) Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff, delivered the Inaugural Address at the 22nd Subroto Mukerjee International Seminar.
- The seminar was organised by the Centre for Aerospace Power and Strategic Studies (CAPSS).
- It is an annual event held in honour of Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee, the first Indian Chief of the Air Staff and a visionary founder of the Indian Air Force.
- The theme of the seminar was 'National Security Imperatives'.

EXAM
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Ques: What is the theme of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2026?

- A) Global Economic Reset
- B) Inclusive Growth
- C) A Spirit of Dialogue
- D) Sustainable World
- E) Digital Transformation

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The 56th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) is held from 19 to 23 January 2026 in Davos, Switzerland.
- The theme for WEF Annual Meeting 2026 is “A Spirit of Dialogue”.
- The meeting gathers global leaders, policymakers, business heads, and experts to discuss pressing global issues.
- WEF headquarters is located in Cologny, Switzerland, and the forum was founded in 1971 by Klaus Schwab.

EXAM
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Ques: How many tableaux will be showcased during the 77th Republic Day Parade on Kartavya Path?

- A) 25
- B) 28
- C) 30
- D) 32
- E) 35

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- 30 tableaux will roll down Kartavya Path, New Delhi during the 77th Republic Day Parade on 26 January 2026.
- Out of these, 17 tableaux are from States and Union Territories, and 13 are from Ministries, Departments, and Services.
- Themes for the tableaux: “Swatantrata ka Mantra: Vande Mataram” and “Samriddhi ka Mantra: Atmanirbhar Bharat”.
- The event also celebrates 150 years of the national song ‘Vande Mataram’.
- The tableaux will showcase India’s cultural diversity, freedom struggle, innovation, and achievements in self-reliance.
- States such as Assam, Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Punjab will highlight their regional heritage and development themes.

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Ques: What is the monthly financial assistance provided to research scholars under the 'Atal Vichal Agragami Assam' scheme?

- A) Rs 20,000 per month
- B) Rs 25,000 per month
- C) Rs 30,000 per month
- D) Rs 40,000 per month
- E) Rs 50,000 per month

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the 'Atal Vichal Agragami Assam' scheme to support research scholars through monthly financial assistance.
- Eligible PhD research scholars under this scheme will receive ₹25,000 per month.
- Divyang (differently-abled) research scholars will get enhanced assistance of ₹40,000 per month.
- The scheme is for permanent residents of Assam enrolled in full-time PhD programs at Central or State Universities within Assam.

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Ques: Which digital platform developed by Tim Berners-Lee gives users control over their personal data?

- A) Web3 Vault
- B) MetaData Hub
- C) OpenID
- D) Data Secure Net
- E) SoLiD

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- SoLiD (Social Linked Data), developed by Sir Tim Berners-Lee, is designed to give users full control over their personal data.
- Users can decide who can access, use, and share their data.
- Data is stored in data pods, acting as personal data wallets, which can be kept on cloud servers or personal devices.
- SoLiD promotes minimum data sharing to strengthen privacy protection.
- India's robust digital infrastructure (Aadhaar, UPI, Digital ID) makes it suitable for SoLiD integration.

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Ques: Where was the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) hosted?

- A) Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi
- B) Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi
- C) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
- D) Hyderabad International Convention Centre
- E) Maharashtra Vidhan Bhavan, Mumbai

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The 28th CSPOC was hosted by the Government of India and organized by the Parliament of India.
- The conference took place at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, part of the Parliament House Complex, New Delhi.
- The meeting was chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.
- This was the fourth time India hosted CSPOC, with previous editions in 1970–71, 1986, and 2010.
- CSPOC was established in 1969 on the initiative of Lucien Lamoureux, then Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada, and follows a biennial cycle.
- CSPOC (Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth) brings together Speakers and Presiding Officers from National Parliaments, State/Provincial Legislatures, and Territorial Assemblies of 53 Commonwealth countries and 14 semi-autonomous legislatures.
- The 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' (P20) Summit was held on the sidelines of CSPOC 2026 in New Delhi.
- The 2026 edition saw the largest participation, with 61 Speakers and Presiding Officers from 42 Commonwealth countries and representatives of 4 semi-autonomous parliaments.





- CSPOC countries not represented: Barbados, Bermuda, Cyprus, New Zealand, Uganda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Vanuatu, and Eswatini.
- Semi-autonomous parliaments not represented: British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Niue, and St. Helena.
- During the event, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla handed over the chairmanship of the 29th CSPOC to Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the UK House of Commons.
- The 29th CSPOC will be held in London in 2028.



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Ques: What is the total outlay of PMGSY-IV approved by the Union Cabinet?

- A) ₹70,125 crore
- B) ₹62,500 crore
- C) ₹50,000 crore
- D) ₹80,000 crore
- E) ₹1 lakh crore

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Centre has sanctioned over 10,000 km of rural road projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV (PMGSY-IV).
- The projects cover Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim.
- The new projects will provide all-weather road connectivity to around 3,270 habitations that earlier lacked such access.
- The initiative aims to improve access to healthcare, education, markets, and essential services in remote and rural areas.
- Under PMGSY-IV, the government plans to connect around 25,000 unconnected habitations as per Census 2011 norms.
- The overall objective of PMGSY-IV is to construct about 62,500 km of all-weather rural roads along with necessary bridges.
- PMGSY-IV was approved by the Union Cabinet on 11 September 2024 and will be implemented from 2024-25 to 2028-29.
- The total financial outlay of PMGSY-IV is ₹70,125 crore, with a central share of ₹49,087.50 crore and a state share of ₹21,037.50 crore.



Ques: Which company has signed a ₹270 crore sponsorship agreement with the BCCI for the IPL starting from the 2026 season?

- A) Tata Group
- B) Dream11
- C) Apollo Tyres
- D) Gemini
- E) Reliance

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has signed a ₹270 crore, three-year sponsorship agreement with Gemini for the Indian Premier League, starting from the 2026 season.
- Tata Group continues as the title sponsor of the IPL.
- Apollo Tyres replaced Dream11 as the official jersey sponsor and secured the rights for ₹579 crore.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: NDRF Raising Day is observed on which date?

- A) 15 January
- B) 18 January
- C) 19 January
- D) 20 January
- E) 26 January

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Raising Day is observed every year on 19 January.
- NDRF was constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and established in 2006 for effective disaster response.
- It functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) with its headquarters in New Delhi; the Director General (DG) is Shri Piyush Anand.
- NDRF is India's premier specialized force for handling natural and man-made disasters.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah extended greetings on NDRF Raising Day and praised its contribution towards building a disaster-resilient India.
- Motto of NDRF is "Saving Lives & Beyond".

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Ques: After the 4th phase of consolidation, how many Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are operational in India?

- A) 43
- B) 35
- C) 28
- D) 30
- E) 25

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Finance Ministry held its first high-level meeting with heads of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) after the 4th phase of RRB consolidation, effective from May 1.
- After the latest consolidation, the number of RRBs reduced from 43 to 28.
- On May 1, 15 RRBs across 11 states were merged to form state-owned RRBs to improve efficiency and reduce operational costs.

Phase-wise RRB consolidation:

- Phase 1 (FY 2006–10): 196 → 82
- Phase 2 (FY 2013–15): 82 → 56
- Phase 3: 56 → 43
- Phase 4: 43 → 28

- RRBs were established under the RRB Act, 1976 to provide credit to small farmers, agricultural labourers, and artisans.
- The Act was amended in 2015, allowing RRBs to raise capital from sources other than the Centre, States, and sponsor banks.
- Authorised capital was increased from ₹5 crore to ₹2,000 crore, with minimum authorised capital raised to ₹1 crore.
- Even after dilution, the combined stake of the Centre and sponsor banks cannot fall below 51%.
- Current shareholding pattern: Centre (50%), Sponsor Banks (35%), State Governments (15%).





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- A) Payoneer India Private Limited
- B) Razorpay
- C) Paytm Payments Services
- D) Stripe India
- E) Worldline India

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India granted in-principle approval to Payoneer India Private Limited, a subsidiary of US-based Payoneer Global, to operate as a Payment Aggregator – Cross Border (PA-CB).
- Non-bank payment aggregators are required to maintain minimum net worth norms.
- They must adhere to a per-transaction limit of ₹25 lakh.
- Separate import and export accounts must be maintained without netting of transactions.

NABARD

- All Group "A," "B," and "C" employees at NABARD will have a wage and benefit increase of roughly 20% starting on November 1, 2022.
- NABARD retirees who were initially hired by the organization and retired prior to November 1st, 2017, now get a basic pension or family pension that is comparable to that of former RBI NABARD retirees.

RBI

- With effect from November 1st, 2022, the authorized revision will increase pensions and family pensions by 10% on base pension plus dearness relief.
- The anticipated overall financial impact is ₹2,696.82 crore, comprising a recurrent annual cost of ₹211.80 crore and a one-time expenditure of ₹2,485.02 crore towards arrears.



Ques: What is the percentage hike approved in the wage bill for employees of Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs)?

- A) 8%
- B) 10%
- C) 12.41%
- D) 14%
- E) 18%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Central Government has approved wage revision for employees of Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs) and NABARD, along with pension revision for retirees of RBI and NABARD.
- The wage revision for PSGIC employees is effective from 01.08.2022.
- The overall increase in the wage bill is 12.41%, which includes a 14% hike in Basic Pay and Dearness Allowance.
- The NPS contribution for employees who joined after 01.04.2010 has been increased from 10% to 14%.
- Family pension has been revised to a uniform rate of 30% from the date of official gazette notification.
- The total financial outgo for PSGIC-related revisions is estimated at ₹8,170.30 crore.

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Ques : The 'Healthy Border Campaign (Swasth Seema Abhiyan)' was launched through an agreement between which two entities?

‘हेल्दी बॉर्डर कैंपेन (स्वस्थ सीमा अभियान)’ किन दो संस्थाओं के बीच हुए समझौते के माध्यम से शुरू किया गया है?

- A) Government of Uttarakhand & ITBP / उत्तराखंड सरकार और आईटीबीपी
- B) Government of Uttarakhand & BSF / उत्तराखंड सरकार और बीएसएफ
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs & ITBP / गृह मंत्रालय और आईटीबीपी
- D) Ministry of Health & ITBP / स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय और आईटीबीपी
- E) NITI Aayog & ITBP / नीति आयोग और आईटीबीपी

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The campaign was signed between the Government of Uttarakhand and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
- यह अभियान उत्तराखंड सरकार और भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस (ITBP) के बीच हस्ताक्षरित हुआ।
- The objective is to launch the 'Healthy Border Campaign (Swasth Seema Abhiyan)' to provide integrated primary healthcare services.
- इसका उद्देश्य एकीकृत प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य सेवाएं प्रदान करने हेतु 'स्वस्थ सीमा अभियान' शुरू करना है।
- The initiative targets residents of 108 border villages.
- यह पहल 108 सीमावर्ती गांवों के निवासियों को लक्षित करती है।
- The first phase will be implemented in Pithoragarh, Chamoli and Uttarkashi districts of Uttarakhand.
- पहला चरण उत्तराखंड के पिथौरागढ़, चमोली और उत्तरकाशी जिलों में लागू किया जाएगा।





Ques: According to the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), which diamonds can legally be called “diamond”?

- A) All diamonds including lab-grown
- B) Only synthetic diamonds
- C) Only polished diamonds
- D) Only imported diamonds
- E) Only natural diamonds

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has clarified that the term “diamond” can be used only for natural diamonds.
- BIS adopted IS 19469:2025, a modified version of ISO 18323:2015, to enhance consumer confidence in the diamond industry.
- Descriptors such as natural, real, genuine, and precious are permitted only for natural diamonds.
- Lab-grown diamonds must be clearly disclosed as “laboratory-grown diamond” or “laboratory-created diamond”.
- Abbreviations like LGD, lab-grown, lab-diamond, and misleading terms such as nature’s, pure, earth-friendly, and cultured are not allowed.
- The Natural Diamond Council welcomed the move, citing improved transparency and consumer clarity.

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- P.B. Rangarao, CEO of Helicopter Complex, HAL, along with the General Officer Commanding of Gajraj Corps, laid the foundation stone of the MRO hub.
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- A) Larsen & Toubro
- B) Bharat Electronics Limited
- C) Adani Defence
- D) Tata Advanced Systems
- E) Bharat Forge Limited

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bharat Forge Limited (BFL)'s aerospace division secured contracts worth nearly Rs 300 crore under the EP-VI framework.
- Under EP-VI, the value of each contract is capped at Rs 300 crore.
- Omega One unmanned system was showcased during Army Day on 15 January 2026 in Jaipur, mounted on an upgraded BMP-2 vehicle for short to medium-range surveillance.
- Omega Nine is a high-endurance variant developed for long-duration missions to detect enemies and identify targets.
- Loitering munitions such as Bayonet and Cleaver are kamikaze drones capable of hovering, identifying targets, and striking with precision.

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Ques: Which city became Uttar Pradesh's first 'Zero Fresh Waste Dump City'?

- A) Kanpur
- B) Varanasi
- C) Ghaziabad
- D) Prayagraj
- E) Lucknow

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Lucknow became Uttar Pradesh's first 'Zero Fresh Waste Dump City' after achieving 100% scientific processing of municipal solid waste under the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban.
- This milestone was achieved with the inauguration of the Shivari Solid Waste Management Plant.
- The Lucknow Municipal Corporation (LMC) is implementing a multi-pronged waste management strategy focusing on scientific disposal and resource recovery.
- The initiative enhances urban sustainability, public health, and environmental quality.
- With nearly 40 lakh residents and 7.5 lakh establishments, efficient waste management is crucial for Lucknow.

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Answer: Option A

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Ques: Who inaugurated 'Granth Kutir' at Rashtrapati Bhavan?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Droupadi Murmu
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated Granth Kutir at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Granth Kutir is a library and archival space showcasing India's cultural and intellectual heritage.
- It houses books and manuscripts in 11 classical languages of India.
- Classical languages include Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Odia, Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali.
- The collection includes around 2,300 books and 50 manuscripts.
- Granth Kutir reflects India's philosophical, literary and intellectual diversity.

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Ques: Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY) was launched under which national campaign to secure the future of the girl child?

- A) Digital India
- B) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- C) Make in India
- D) Jan Dhan Yojana
- E) Skill India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY) is a Government of India-backed small savings scheme launched under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) campaign.
- As of December 2025, over 4.53 crore SSY accounts have been opened with total deposits exceeding ₹3.33 lakh crore.
- SSY was launched on 22 January 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The scheme is administered by the Ministry of Finance.
- The objective of SSY is to promote savings for the education and marriage of the girl child.
- The account is known as the Sukanya Samriddhi Account (SSA).
- A parent or legal guardian can open the account at India Post Offices, Public Sector Banks, and authorised private sector banks.
- The account can be opened from the birth of the girl child till she attains 10 years of age.
- Only one account is allowed per girl child and a maximum of two accounts per family, with special provision for twins or triplets.
- The account is operated by the parent or guardian till the girl child attains 18 years, after which she can operate it herself.
- The minimum deposit is ₹250 per financial year and the maximum annual deposit is ₹1.5 lakh.
- Deposits are allowed for 15 years, while the maturity period is 21 years from the date of account opening.
- The interest rate under SSY is 8.2% per annum. Partial withdrawal up to 50% of the balance is allowed after attaining 18 years or passing Class 10.
- Premature closure is allowed only after 18 years in case of marriage or death of the account holder, but not within the first 5 years.



Ques: Where is India's first dedicated 'Glass Museum' being developed?

- A) Jaipur
- B) Varanasi
- C) Firozabad
- D) Agra
- E) Prayagraj

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's first dedicated Glass Museum is being developed in Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh, popularly known as the "Glass City of India."
- The museum is being constructed on over 25,700 square metres of land with a project cost of around ₹47 crore.
- The entire façade of the building will be made of glass, symbolising the city's glass heritage.
- The museum will showcase the evolution of glass from ancient civilizations like Harappa to modern-day glass industries of Firozabad.
- It will feature digital storytelling, AR-VR experiences, immersive galleries, and live glass-blowing demonstrations.
- Dedicated galleries will highlight glass products, craft processes, and design innovation.
- The museum is part of an integrated cultural tourism campus aimed at boosting tourism in the Braj Circuit region.



Ques: Where was India's first integrated private-sector satellite manufacturing plant 'Palmnaro' inaugurated?

- A) Sanand, Gujarat
- B) Hyderabad, Telangana
- C) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- D) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- E) Pune, Maharashtra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Arjunbhai Modhwadia, Gujarat's Minister of Science and Technology, laid the foundation stone of India's first integrated private-sector satellite plant 'Palmnaro'. The plant is being set up at Khoraaj Industrial Estate in Sanand, Gujarat. Azista Space Limited signed MoUs with the Gujarat government worth over ₹500 crore for establishing the facility. This will be India's first private-sector satellite manufacturing plant.

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Ques: Under the Greenhouse Gases Emission Intensity (GEI) Target framework, how many total entities are now obligated to comply after the second round of targets notified in 2025?

- A) 208
- B) 282
- C) 350
- D) 490
- E) 500

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The Union Government notified the second round of legally binding Gases Emission Intensity (GEI) targets under the GEI Target (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

The new targets include four additional high-emission sectors—petroleum refineries, petrochemicals, textiles, and secondary aluminium—covering 208 entities.

With this addition, the total number of obligated entities has increased from 282 to 490.

The first set of GEI targets was issued in October 2025 for aluminium, cement, chlor-alkali, and pulp & paper sectors.

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Ques: Where was the humanoid robot 'ASC ARJUN' deployed by Indian Railways?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Indian Railways deployed a humanoid robot named ASC ARJUN at Visakhapatnam Railway Station to enhance passenger safety, security and service delivery.

This is the first-of-its-kind initiative across the Indian Railways network.

The robot works alongside Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel during peak passenger movement.

ASC ARJUN is equipped with Face Recognition System (FRS) and AI-based crowd monitoring.

It can send real-time alerts to RPF control rooms.

The robot supports automated public announcements in English, Hindi and Telugu.

It features semi-autonomous navigation, obstacle avoidance and 24x7 platform patrolling.

It is also equipped with fire and smoke detection systems for emergencies.





Ques: Which two organisations signed an MoU to digitise and standardise geographical place names across India using AI?

- A) MeitY and BIS
- B) Survey of India and ISRO
- C) UIDAI and NIC
- D) DST and NITI Aayog
- E) Digital India BHASHINI Division and Survey of India

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

Digital India BHASHINI (BHASHa Interface for India) Division under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) signed an MoU with the Survey of India (SoI) under the Department of Science & Technology.

The objective is to digitise, transcribe and standardise geographical place names (toponyms) across India using AI-based speech and language technologies.

Survey of India, as the national nodal agency, conducts large-scale toponymic field surveys in local vernacular languages for standardisation and maintenance of geographical names.

The initiative will create a validated database of over 16 lakh Indian place names in local scripts, Devanagari and Roman formats.

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Ques: How many Padma Vibhushan awards have been approved for 2026?

- A) 3
- B) 5
- C) 7
- D) 10
- E) 12

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

A provisional list of Padma Awards 2026 recipients has been released ahead of Republic Day.

Instituted in 1954, the awards are given in three categories: Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri.

This year, five Padma Vibhushan awards have been approved.

The Padma Bhushan category features 13 awardees.

The largest group, 113 Padma Shri awards, showcases diversity and inclusion.

19 of the awardees are women, the list includes 6 foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI, and 16 posthumous awardees.

The highest number of awardees this year came from:

- Maharashtra - 15
- Tamil Nadu - 13
- Uttar Pradesh - 11
- West Bengal - 11
- Kerala - 8

Padma Vibhushan 2026 :

- Shri Dharmendra Singh Deol (Posthumous) : Art - Maharashtra
- Shri K T Thomas : Public Affairs - Kerala



- Ms. N Rajam : Art - Uttar Pradesh
- Shri P Narayanan : Literature & Education - Kerala
- Shri V S Achuthanandhan (Posthumous) : Public Affairs - Kerala

Padma Bhushan 2026 :

- Ms. Alka Yagnik : Art - Maharashtra
- Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari : Public Affairs - Uttarakhand
- Shri Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy : Medicine - Tamil Nadu
- Shri Mammooty : Art - Kerala
- Dr. Nori Dattatreya : Medicine - USA
- Shri Piyush Pandey : Art - Maharashtra
- Shri S K M Maeilanandhan : Social Work - Tamil Nadu
- Shri Shatavadhani R Ganesh : Art - Karnataka
- Shri Shibu Soren : Public Affairs - Jharkhand
- Shri Uday Kotak : Trade & Industry - Maharashtra
- Shri V K Malhotra : Public Affairs - Delhi
- Shri Vellappally Natesan : Public Affairs - Kerala
- Shri Vijay Amritraj : Sports - USA

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Ques: Pine Labs has partnered with which bank to build a payment acquiring system in the UAE?

- A) Emirates NBD
- B) First Abu Dhabi Bank
- C) Mashreq Bank
- D) Wio Bank
- E) Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Indian payments technology company Pine Labs has partnered with UAE-based Wio Bank to build a payment acquiring system.
- As part of the partnership, Wio Bank will deploy Credit+, Pine Labs' API-based acquiring platform.
- Acquiring platforms help merchants process digital payments efficiently.
- Pine Labs currently offers Credit+ services in India, Sri Lanka, the Middle East, Africa, and Southeast Asia.
- The partnership strengthens digital payment infrastructure in the UAE.

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Ques: PhonePe recently received SEBI approval to launch its IPO. Which of the following statements about the IPO is/are correct?

1. The IPO aims to raise about ₹12,000 crore, mainly through a pure Offer for Sale (OFS).
2. The IPO will include fresh capital infusion into the company.
3. Walmart will sell around 9.06% stake (about 4.59 crore shares) through the IPO.
4. Microsoft and Tiger Global will completely exit PhonePe by selling their shares.

- A) 1 and 3 only
B) 1, 3 and 4 only
C) 2 and 4 only
D) 1 and 2 only
E) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PhonePe has received approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to launch its IPO.
- The company is targeting a fund raise of about ₹12,000 crore, primarily through a pure Offer for Sale (OFS), with no fresh capital infusion into the company.
- Walmart plans to sell around 9.06% stake, amounting to approximately 4.59 crore shares, through the IPO.
- Microsoft and Tiger Global are expected to completely exit PhonePe by selling their entire shareholding in the IPO.
- The IPO will be primarily a pure Offer for Sale (OFS) with no fresh capital infusion.
- Walmart, PhonePe's largest shareholder, will sell about 9.06% stake (around 4.59 crore shares).
- Microsoft and Tiger Global will fully exit PhonePe by selling a combined 47 lakh shares in the IPO.
- The IPO is being managed by banks such as Kotak Mahindra Capital, Citi, Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan, Axis Capital, and Goldman Sachs.





Ques: SAARG (Strategic Asset Allocation and Risk Governance) has been formed by which regulatory body?

- A) SEBI
- B) RBI
- C) IRDAI
- D) PFRDA
- E) IFSCA

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- SAARG has been constituted by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- It is a 10-member committee chaired by Shri Narayan Ramachandran, former Country Head and CEO of Morgan Stanley India.
- The committee has a deadline of 9 months to submit its recommendations.
- Its objective is to strengthen investment architecture, promote long-term retirement wealth creation, enhance diversification, improve risk management practices, and expand subscriber choice.

About PFRDA:

- Established: 2003
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairman: Sivasubramanian Ramann

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Ques: According to the RBI report “State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2025–26”, what is the gross fiscal deficit of States budgeted for 2025–26 as a percentage of GDP?

- A) 2.5%
- B) 2.8%
- C) 3.0%
- D) 3.3%
- E) 3.8%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India released the report titled “State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2025–26”.
- The theme of the report is “Demographic Transition in India – Implications for State Finances.”
- States’ consolidated gross fiscal deficit rose to 3.3% of GDP in 2024–25 after remaining below 3.0% during the previous three years.
- For 2025–26, States have budgeted a gross fiscal deficit of 3.3% of GDP.
- The thrust on capital expenditure has been sustained, with capex steady at 2.7% of GDP in 2023–24 and 2024–25.
- Capital expenditure is budgeted to increase to 3.2% of GDP in 2025–26.
- The consolidated outstanding liabilities of States are estimated at 29.2% of GDP by end-March 2026.

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Ques: Which state police force was conferred the President's Police Colour Award (Nishaan) by the Ministry of Home Affairs?

- A) Assam
- B) Tripura
- C) Gujarat
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Sikkim

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs announced that the Sikkim Police has been conferred the President's Police Colour Award (Nishaan), one of the highest honours for police forces in India.
- With this, Sikkim became the 15th state in India and the 3rd state in the North-East region to receive the award.
- The award is given for outstanding service, professionalism, and dedication.
- It includes a ceremonially decorated flag of size 3 feet 9 inches × 3 feet with a 2-inch golden fringe and a special insignia worn on the left sleeve by all personnel.
- The award can be conferred only by the President of India, the Prime Minister, or the Union Home Minister.
- Earlier recipients include Madhya Pradesh (1950), Uttar Pradesh (1952), Delhi Police (1954), Maharashtra (1961), Punjab (1992), Jammu & Kashmir (2003), Tamil Nadu (2009), Tripura (2011), Assam (2014), Gujarat (2019), Himachal Pradesh (2019), and Haryana (2022).





Ques: When is the India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) expected to come into force?

- A) 2025
- B) 2026
- C) Early 2027
- D) 2028
- E) 2030

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and the European Union (EU) have concluded negotiations on the long-pending Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- After the official announcement, the deal will undergo legal vetting and the signing process.
- The ratification process may take around 5–6 months, after which the agreement will become operational.
- The India–EU FTA is expected to come into force in early 2027.
- The pact is described as balanced and forward-looking, aimed at strengthening economic integration.
- The European Union is India's largest trading partner.
- India–EU bilateral trade in goods stood at \$136.53 billion in FY25.
- The deal is expected to create a large integrated market covering nearly one-fourth of global GDP.

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Ques: Which country formally withdrew from the World Health Organization (WHO) after completing a one-year notification process in 2026?

- A) United States of America
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Russia
- D) China
- E) Brazil

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The United States formally withdrew from the WHO, ending its 78-year-long membership following criticism over the WHO's COVID-19 response, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and perceived failures impacting Americans.
- The withdrawal was initiated via Executive Order 14155 signed by President Donald J. Trump on January 20, 2025, completing the mandatory one-year notice period.
- All US funding and staffing support to the WHO ended on January 22, 2026, including annual assessed contributions of USD 111 million and average voluntary contributions of USD 570 million.
- The USA contributes around 18% of the WHO's total funding, while the WHO's budget for 2024–2025 is estimated at USD 6.8 billion.

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Ques: Who released the 'Military Quantum Mission Policy Framework' for adopting quantum technologies across the Indian Armed Forces?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) General Manoj Pande
- C) General Anil Chauhan
- D) Ajit Doval
- E) Admiral R. Hari Kumar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff, released the 'Military Quantum Mission Policy Framework' for the Indian Armed Forces.
- The framework provides a roadmap for adopting quantum technologies across the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- The policy is aligned with the National Quantum Mission (NQM).
- The framework is built on four pillars: Quantum Communication, Quantum Computing, Quantum Sensing & Metrology, and Quantum Materials & Devices.
- The National Quantum Mission was launched by the Government of India in 2023 with a financial outlay of ₹6,003.65 crore for the period 2023–24 to 2030–31.

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Ques: Who released the book titled “Red Lines Redrawn: Operation Sindoor and India’s New Normal”?

- A) General Manoj Pande
- B) General Anil Chauhan
- C) General Upendra Dwivedi
- D) Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- E) Ambassador Anil Trigunayat

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book “Red Lines Redrawn: Operation Sindoor and India’s New Normal” was released by the Chief of Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi.
- The book is authored by Major General Bipin Bakshi (Retd), Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar (Retd), Ambassador Anil Trigunayat (Retd), and Brigadier Akhelesh Bhargava (Retd).

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Ques: How many Armed Forces personnel were approved Gallantry Awards by President Droupadi Murmu on the eve of the 77th Republic Day?

- A) 50
- B) 60
- C) 65
- D) 70
- E) 75

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu approved Gallantry Awards for 70 Armed Forces personnel, including six posthumous awards, on the eve of the 77th Republic Day.
- The gallantry awards include 1 Ashok Chakra, 3 Kirti Chakras, and 13 Shaurya Chakras (including one posthumous).
- Other gallantry medals approved include 1 Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry), 44 Sena Medals (Gallantry) (including five posthumous), 6 Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry), and 2 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).
- Additionally, the President approved 301 military decorations for Armed Forces and other personnel.
- These decorations include 30 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, 4 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals, 56 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals, 9 Yudh Seva Medals, 2 Bar to Sena Medals (Distinguished), 43 Sena Medals (Distinguished), 8 Nao Sena Medals (Distinguished), 14 Vayu Sena Medals (Distinguished), and 135 Vishisht Seva Medals.

List of winners:

ASHOKA CHAKRA

1. 29014 GROUP CAPTAIN SHUBHANSHU SHUKLA, FLYING (PILOT) - AIR FORCE

KIRTI CHAKRA

1. IC-81753K MAJOR ARSHDEEP SINGH, ARMD, 1 ASSAM RIF - ARMY
2. JC-415036K NAIB SUBEDAR DOLESHWAR SUBBA, 2 PARA (SF) - ARMY



3. 25284 GROUP CAPTAIN PRASANTH BALAKRISHNAN NAIR, FLYING(PILOT) - AIR FORCE

BAR TO SENA MEDAL (GALLANTRY)

1. 3010203A L/HAV SATYA PAL SINGH, SM, 6 RAJPUT - ARMY

VAYU SENA MEDAL (GALLANTRY)

1. 29503, WING COMMANDER SHOBHIT VYAS FLYING (PILOT) - AIR FORCE
2. 919768, JUNIOR WARRANT OFFICER KIRPAL SINGH SALARIA, PARACHUTE JUMP INSTRUCTOR - AIR FORCE

NAO SENA MEDAL (GALLANTRY)

1. 06956-H COMMANDER NARDEEP SINGH - NAVY
2. 09897-T LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RISHABH PURBIA - NAVY
3. 05855-F COMMANDER RAJESHWAR KUMAR SHARMA - NAVY
4. 08901-B LIEUTENANT COMMANDER PRASHANT RAJ - NAVY
5. 06251-F COMMANDER HARPREET SINGH - NAVY
6. 06136-W CAPTAIN PIYUSH KATIYAR - NAVY

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Ques: Who is the author of the book “Lightning Kid”?

- A) Garry Kasparov
- B) Magnus Carlsen
- C) Viswanathan Anand
- D) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
- E) Vishy Mishra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book “Lightning Kid” is authored by Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand.
- The book is published by Hachette India.
- It explores the most dramatic moments of Anand’s life and chess career.
- It covers his wins, losses, comebacks, and masterstrokes from his illustrious career.
- The book also contains 64 bite-sized lessons related to life and chess.
- Viswanathan Anand is India’s first Grandmaster and a five-time World Chess Champion.

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Ques: Which country formally joined the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) during the official visit of its Foreign Minister to India, coinciding with 70 years of diplomatic relations?

- A) Spain
- B) Germany
- C) France
- D) Italy
- E) Netherlands

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Spain's Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, José Manuel Albares, undertook a one-day official visit to India at the invitation of External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.
- The visit coincided with the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Spain, established in 1956.
- During the visit, Spain formally joined the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) by presenting the Declaration of Accession to India.
- With Spain's accession, India and Spain will enhance cooperation in defence and maritime security, trade and investment, renewable energy and infrastructure, technology and innovation, and multilateral platforms such as the UN, EU, and G20.
- The Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative was launched by the Government of India at the East Asia Summit in Bangkok in 2019.
- IPOI builds upon India's SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) initiative launched in 2015.
- During the visit, India and Spain jointly unveiled the logo for the India–Spain Dual Year of Culture, Tourism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to commemorate 70 years of diplomatic ties.

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Ques: PM Modi highlighted the revival of which river in the 130th episode of Mann Ki Baat?

- A) Gomti
- B) Tamsa
- C) Son
- D) Yamuna
- E) Betwa

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the revival of the Tamsa River during the 130th episode of Mann Ki Baat.
- The initiative took place in Azamgarh district, Uttar Pradesh.
- The river was cleaned and fruit-bearing trees were planted along its banks.
- Local people actively participated in the cleanliness and plantation drive.
- The uninterrupted flow of the river had earlier been disrupted due to pollution.
- The Tamsa River passes through Ayodhya and merges with the Ganga River.
- PM Modi termed the initiative a commendable example of community participation.

EXAM
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Ques: How many national-level winners were selected under Veer Gatha 5.0?

- A) 50
- B) 75
- C) 10
- D) 25
- E) 100

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Veer Gatha 5.0 awards ceremony was held in New Delhi to celebrate school students who highlighted the courage and sacrifice of India's Gallantry Award winners through creative expression.
- The winners were felicitated by Sanjay Seth, Minister of State for Defence, and Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State for Education.
- A total of 100 winners were selected from 91 schools across 18 countries under four categories at the national level.
- Winners were divided into four groups: 25 from Preparatory Stage (Grades 3–5), 25 from Middle Stage (Grades 6–8), and 50 from Secondary Stage with equal representation from Grades 9–10 and 11–12.
- Each awardee received ₹10,000 as a cash prize and an opportunity to attend the Republic Day Parade 2026 at Kartavya Path as special guests.
- Project Veer Gatha was launched in 2021 as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence and encourages students from Class 3 to 12 to participate through poems, essays, paintings, and multimedia projects.





Ques: Which organisation conducted the iconic “Lal Paad Saree Walk” in Malaysia highlighted by PM Modi?

- A) ICCR
- B) Malaysia India Heritage Society
- C) Pravasi Bharatiya Forum
- D) Indian Cultural Centre Malaysia
- E) ASEAN Cultural Council

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recalled the iconic “Lal Paad Saree Walk” organised in Malaysia during the 130th episode of Mann Ki Baat.
- The event was organised by the Malaysia India Heritage Society.
- The society plays an important role in strengthening historical and cultural ties between India and Malaysia.
- A large number of participants took part in the Lal Paad Saree Walk, along with Odissi dance and Baul music performances.
- The event showcased Indian traditional attire and cultural heritage abroad.

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Ques: Which IIT is working on integrating ramjet technology to significantly extend the range of Indian Army rocket systems like BM-21 Grad and Pinaka?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Kanpur
- C) IIT Delhi
- D) IIT Kharagpur
- E) IIT Madras

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- IIT Madras is undertaking a project to enhance the range of the Indian Army's rocket arsenal using advanced ramjet technology.
- Researchers from IIT Madras's propulsion division will integrate ramjet engines into multiple launch rocket systems like the BM-21 Grad and the indigenous Pinaka.
- The BM-21 Grad currently has a range of about 20–40 km, expected to increase to over 80 km with ramjet propulsion.
- Pinaka rockets already have a range of up to 120 km, and ramjet integration could extend future variants beyond 250 km.
- Pinaka is an indigenous system developed by DRDO, reflecting India's focus on defence self-reliance.

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Ques: Which country returned twin panda cubs to China, becoming panda-free for the first time since 1972?

- A) South Korea
- B) Japan
- C) Thailand
- D) Singapore
- E) Indonesia

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Japan returned twin panda cubs Xiao Xiao & Lei Lei to China, leaving the country panda-free for the first time since 1972.
- Thousands of people gathered at Ueno Zoo, Tokyo, to see the pandas before departure.
- The panda twins were born in 2021 under a breeding research programme.
- China retains ownership of all pandas loaned abroad.
- Host countries pay around \$1 million annually per panda pair to China.
- The return comes amid rising diplomatic tensions between Japan and China.
- Future panda loans to Japan remain uncertain.

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Ques: The Ministry of Commerce & Industry announced the selection of companies under the 4th round of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for white goods. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Five companies were selected in the 4th round of the PLI scheme for white goods such as ACs and LED lights.
2. The selected companies have committed investments worth ₹863 crore.
3. These companies are expected to generate production worth over ₹8,300 crore and create 1,799 direct jobs by FY 2027–28.
4. So far, 85 companies selected under the PLI scheme for white goods are expected to attract investments of over ₹11,000 crore.

- A) 1 and 2 only
B) 1, 2 and 3 only
C) 2, 3 and 4 only
D) 1, 2, 3 and 4
E) 1 and 4 only

Answer: Option D

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Additional Information:

- Key investments by selected companies include Kirloskar Pneumatic (₹320 crore), Indo Asia Copper Limited (₹258.97 crore), Kyron Technology (₹175 crore), Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Company (₹58.69 crore), and Pranav Vikas (India) Pvt. Ltd. (₹50 crore).





Ques: Who was the former Indian footballer and East Bengal legend who recently passed away?

- A) Bhaichung Bhutia
- B) Carlton Chapman
- C) Shabbir Ali
- D) IM Vijayan
- E) Ilyas Pasha

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Former Indian football team defender and East Bengal legend Ilyas Pasha passed away.
- He began his career in Bengaluru and played as a disciplined right wing-back known for tactical awareness.
- He made his India debut on 27 January 1987 against Bulgaria in the Nehru Cup at Kozhikode, earning eight international caps.
- He represented India in Nehru Cup (1987, 1991), SAF Games (1991) and Asian Cup qualifiers (1992).
- Joining East Bengal in 1990, he captained the team in 1993–94 and was part of its golden era, winning multiple domestic titles.
- He was part of East Bengal's Triple Crown-winning team in 1990 and received the club's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

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Ques: Why is National Voters' Day observed on 25 January in India?

- A) Foundation of the Election Commission of India
- B) Adoption of the Constitution of India
- C) First General Election of India
- D) Introduction of Electronic Voting Machines
- E) Passing of the Representation of People Act

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- National Voters' Day is observed on 25 January every year.
- It commemorates the foundation of the Election Commission of India (ECI), established on 25 January 1950 under Article 324 of the Constitution.
- National Voters' Day was started in 2011.
- Theme for National Voters' Day 2026 is "My India, My Vote" with the tagline "Citizen at the Heart of Indian Democracy."

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Ques: What is the main purpose of introducing hybrid ATMs by the government?

- A) Promote credit card usage
- B) Increase digital wallet adoption
- C) Improve availability of small-denomination currency notes
- D) Reduce ATM maintenance costs
- E) Replace traditional ATMs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The government plans to introduce hybrid ATMs to improve the availability of small-denomination currency notes.
- These ATMs will dispense ₹10, ₹20, and ₹50 notes on demand.
- They will also allow exchanging large denomination notes into smaller notes and coins.
- The initiative addresses the persistent shortage of small notes during daily cash transactions, even with the growth of digital payments.

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Ques: Which entity received in-principle approval for Payment Service Provider authorisation from IFSCA at GIFT-IFSC?

- A) Buyforex
- B) Eraaya Lifespaces Limited
- C) EbixCash World Money
- D) Ebix Forex Services
- E) GIFT City Payments Ltd

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Buyforex, a wholly owned entity of EbixCash World Money (subsidiary of Eraaya Lifespaces Limited), received in-principle approval from the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) for Payment Service Provider authorisation.
- The approval was granted at GIFT-IFSC (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City – International Financial Services Centre).
- Buyforex is now the first Authorised Dealer Category-II (AD-II) licensed group entity to achieve this milestone.

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Ques: RBI signed a MoU with which organisation to resolve long-standing bond clearing disputes?

- A) World Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C) European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)
- D) Bank for International Settlements (BIS)
- E) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) for cooperation and information exchange related to Central Counterparties (CCPs).
- The MoU aims to resolve long-standing bond clearing disputes between Indian and EU regulators.
- Under the agreement, ESMA recognised the Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL) as a valid clearing party for EU banks.
- This allows European banks to process bond and derivatives transactions seamlessly through CCIL.
- The dispute began in October 2022 when ESMA sought direct supervisory access to Indian clearing firms, which RBI opposed.
- The new MoU replaces the earlier agreement of February 2017.
- The agreement supports smoother cross-border bond market operations and enhances financial stability.



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- A) Jal Jeevan Mission Haryana
- B) Jal Sanrakshit Haryana Project
- C) Namami Gange Haryana Extension
- D) Atal Bhujal Yojana Haryana
- E) Har Khet Ko Pani Scheme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The World Bank approved a loan of ₹5,700 crore for the Jal Sanrakshit Haryana Project.
- The project aims to make Haryana self-reliant in water resources.
- The loan will be disbursed in phases between 2026 and 2032.

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Ques: According to Swiss Re, which country is projected to be the fastest-growing major insurance market globally during 2026–2030?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Swiss Re projects India's insurance premiums to grow at a real annual rate of 6.9% during 2026–2030, making it the fastest-growing major insurance market globally.
- India's growth rate surpasses China ($\approx 4\%$) and the US ($\approx 2\%$).
- Life insurance in India is expected to grow 6.8% annually, while health insurance is projected to grow 7.2% per year during this period.

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Ques: Where was Asia's largest civil aviation event, Wings India 2026, inaugurated to boost India's aviation manufacturing ecosystem?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Wings India 2026 was inaugurated in Hyderabad by Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu.
- The event aims to strengthen India's aviation manufacturing ecosystem through policy reforms, infrastructure expansion, and indigenous aircraft production under the Make in India initiative.
- The government plans to construct around 350 airports to enhance regional connectivity and access to air travel.
- Wings India 2026 is Asia's largest civil aviation event, expected to host over 3,000 business delegates from 20 countries.

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- E) Maharashtra

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- C) Dr. Katie Brooker
- D) Prof. Deborah Esan
- E) Dr. Maria Elena Indelicato

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya won the Wiley Research Heroes Prize 2025 in the “Impact Beyond Academia” category.
- He is a former staff member of the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- He is the first and only Indian to receive this prestigious award.
- Selected from over 2,000 global nominations, he was one of five winners worldwide.
- The prize carries a cash award of USD 2,000.
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- The agreement supports national initiatives such as Digital India, Make in India and Ease of Doing Business.
- The MoU was signed in the presence of Union AYUSH Minister Prataprao Jadhav, AYUSHEXCIL Chairman Anurag Sharma and Zepto CEO Kaivalya Vohra.





Ques: Which two organisations signed an MoU to strengthen digital access of AYUSH products in India?

- A) Amazon & Ministry of AYUSH
- B) Flipkart & AYUSHEXCIL
- C) Zepto & AYUSHEXCIL
- D) Meesho & NITI Aayog
- E) Swiggy & FSSAI

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- AYUSHEXCIL (Ayush Export Promotion Council) and Zepto Limited signed an MoU to enhance structured digital access to AYUSH medicines and wellness products across India.
- A dedicated AYUSH storefront will be created on the Zepto platform for easy access to verified AYUSH products.
- The initiative promotes compliance with the AYUSH Quality Mark (AQM) to ensure product quality, safety, and authenticity.
- AYUSHEXCIL will identify eligible AYUSH manufacturers, especially MSMEs, and facilitate their onboarding on digital platforms.
- Joint initiatives under the MoU will focus on consumer awareness and responsible use of AYUSH products.

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Ques: By which year does India aim to develop 3-nanometre semiconductor chips?

- A) 2028
- B) 2029
- C) 2030
- D) 2032
- E) 2035

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India aims to develop advanced 3-nanometre semiconductor chips by 2032 for smartphones, computers, and other electronic devices.
- The announcement was made by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- Development will be supported under Phase-2 of the Design-Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme.
- Six chip categories have been identified: Compute, RF (Radio Frequency), Networking, Power, Sensor, and Memory.
- The goal is for Indian companies to control 70–75% of technology product development.
- Startups and companies under the DLI scheme have attracted ₹430 crore in venture capital funding.
- Overall focus is on building a self-reliant semiconductor design ecosystem, with strong chip manufacturing and design capabilities targeted by 2029.

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Ques: What ambitious bilateral trade target did India and the UAE set during the UAE President's visit to India?

- A) USD 150 billion by 2030
- B) USD 180 billion by 2035
- C) USD 200 billion by 2030
- D) USD 200 billion by 2032
- E) USD 300 billion by 2040

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- During UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan's one-day visit to India, India and the UAE agreed to strengthen their Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- The two countries set an ambitious target to double bilateral trade to over USD 200 billion by 2032.
- Collaborative initiatives include C-DAC (under MeitY) and UAE's Group 42 (G-42) working together to establish a supercomputing cluster under the India AI Mission.
- Both sides agreed to partner in advanced nuclear technologies, including large nuclear reactors, Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), nuclear safety, and operations & maintenance.
- First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB) will open a branch at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, to promote trade and investment.
- The leaders agreed to explore setting up Digital Embassies under mutually recognised sovereignty arrangements.
- It was agreed in principle to establish a cultural centre 'House of India' in Abu Dhabi, including a museum of Indian art, heritage and archaeology.
- A Letter of Intent was signed between the Government of Gujarat and the UAE Ministry of Investment for Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR).
- An Lol was also signed between INSPACe (DoS) and the UAE Space Agency.
- HPCL and ADNOC Gas signed a 10-year Sales & Purchase Agreement for supply of 0.5 MTPA LNG from 2028.
- India and the UAE established diplomatic relations in 1972 and cooperate closely in platforms like BRICS, I2U2 and the UAE–France–India trilateral.
- India–UAE bilateral trade, after signing CEPA in 2022, reached USD 100 billion in FY 2024–25.





Ques: In which phase of Census 2027 will caste enumeration be conducted?

- A) First Phase – House Listing & Housing Census
- B) Second Phase – Population Census
- C) Pilot Phase
- D) Digital Enumeration Phase
- E) Post-Census Survey Phase

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Caste enumeration in Census 2027 will take place during the second phase – Population Census, starting February 2027 in most of India.
- In snowbound or non-synchronous regions like Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, the census will be conducted earlier, in September 2026.
- Census 2027 is conducted in two phases:
 1. First Phase – House Listing & Housing Census
 2. Second Phase – Population Census (includes caste enumeration)
 3. A self-enumeration facility will allow citizens to submit census details in 16 languages.
- Constitution.
- Census is conducted under the Census Act, 1948 and is organized every 10 years by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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Ques: Who has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award 2026 in the individual category?

- A) Major General Bipin Bakshi
- B) Lt Col Sita Ashok Shelke
- C) Anil Trigunayat
- D) Rajesh Kumar
- E) None of the Above

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Lieutenant Colonel Sita Ashok Shelke was selected in the individual category for the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award 2026.
- The award is announced annually on 23 January, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary.
- Nominations for the 2026 award were invited from 1 May 2025, with 271 nominations received.
- The award carries a cash prize of ₹5 lakh for individuals along with a certificate.
- Lt Col Shelke led large-scale Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations during the 2024 floods and landslides in Wayanad, Kerala.
- In the institutional category, Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority was selected.

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Ques: What major announcement was made by singer Arijit Singh recently?

- A) He is retiring from music completely
- B) He is shifting to acting
- C) He will stop live concerts
- D) He will not take new playback singing assignments
- E) He is leaving the music industry

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Arijit Singh announced that he will not take any new playback singing assignments.
- He shared this update on his social media platforms.
- The decision comes at the peak of his career, while he remains one of the most sought-after voices in Hindi cinema.
- He will continue independent music and honour all existing commitments.
- Singh emphasized that he is not quitting music entirely, only stepping away from playback singing.
- He is currently 38 years old.

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Ques: Who were the Chief Guests at the Republic Day Parade (RDP) 2026?

- A) Emmanuel Macron and Olaf Scholz
- B) António Costa and Ursula von der Leyen
- C) Charles Michel and Josep Borrell
- D) Angela Merkel and Jean-Claude Juncker
- E) Pedro Sánchez and Roberta Metsola

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The President of the European Council, António Costa, and the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, were the Chief Guests at RDP 2026.
- The parade featured a 21-gun salute, unfurling of the National Flag, and performances by 100 cultural artists on the theme 'Unity in Diversity'.
- Four Mi-17 1V helicopters of the 129 Helicopter Unit showered flower petals in Dhvaj Formation.
- The European Union contingent included four flag bearers carrying EU, EU Military Staff, EU Naval Force Atalanta, and EU Naval Force Aspides flags.
- The Indian Air Force displayed the 'Sindoor' formation, featuring fighter aircraft that participated in Operation Sindoor.
- The formation comprised two Rafale, two Su-30, two MiG-29 aircraft, and one Jaguar fighter aircraft.

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Ques: Which Indian state is considering a social media ban for children similar to Australia's law?

- A) Kerala
- B) Goa
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Karnataka
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Goa is considering a social media ban for children, inspired by a recent law in Australia.
- The move aims to address rising mental health concerns among young internet users.
- Goa's Infotech Minister Rohan Khaunte stated that the state is studying Australia's law to regulate minors' access to social media platforms.
- The proposal may target children below 16 years of age.
- Currently, India has no national-level restrictions on social media usage for minors.
- Companies like Meta support parental supervision laws but caution against pushing teenagers to unsafe online platforms.

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Ques: Where was the 3rd meeting of the Inland Waterways Development Council held?

- A) Kochi, Kerala
- B) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C) Kolkata, West Bengal
- D) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- E) Hyderabad, Telangana

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 3rd meeting of the Inland Waterways Development Council was held in Kochi, Kerala.
- Projects worth over ₹1,500 crore were approved, and foundation stones for projects exceeding ₹150 crore were laid, including river cruise jetties in Kerala, Gujarat, Karnataka, Odisha, and Telangana.
- India has 111 National Waterways across 23 states and 4 Union Territories; 32 are operational for cargo and passenger transport under the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), which oversees development, maintenance, and regulation.
- Cargo movement increased from 18 million tonnes (MT) in 2013-14 to 145.84 MT in 2024-25; operational waterways expanded from 3 to 32, passenger traffic reached 7.64 crore, and luxury river cruise vessels grew from 5 to 25.

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Ques: Under which scheme will the Delhi Government provide collateral-free loans up to ₹10 crore to entrepreneurs?

- A) PM Mudra Yojana
- B) Startup India Loan Scheme
- C) MSME Growth Fund Scheme
- D) Stand-Up India Scheme
- E) Viksit Delhi Credit Loan Scheme

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Delhi Government launched the Viksit Delhi Credit Loan Scheme to support MSMEs and entrepreneurs.
- It provides collateral-free loans up to ₹10 crore.
- An MoU with CGTMSE (Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises) ensures credit guarantees.
- Delhi allocated ₹50 crore, enabling loans up to ₹2,500 crore.
- The Central Government provides 75–90% credit guarantee, the rest is covered by Delhi Government.
- Covers manufacturing, services, and retail sectors, aiming to benefit around 1 lakh entrepreneurs.
- Special provisions exist for women and SC entrepreneurs, with NPA limit capped at 10% to manage financial risk.



Ques: Ajit Pawar, who died in a plane crash at Baramati Airport, was the Deputy Chief Minister of which state?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Ajit Pawar, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra and chief of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), died at the age of 66 in a Learjet 45 (VT-SSK) crash at Baramati Airport, Pune, Maharashtra.
- Born on 22 July 1959 in Deolali Pravara, Ahmednagar district, Maharashtra.
- Elected as MP from Baramati in 1991.
- Served as Deputy Chief Minister six times between 2010 and 2026 under different Chief Ministers: Prithviraj Chavan, Uddhav Thackeray, Devendra Fadnavis, and Eknath Shinde.

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Ques: Who was Inderjit Singh Bindra, who recently passed away at the age of 84?

- A) Former Secretary of BCCI
- B) Former President of BCCI and Punjab Cricket Association
- C) Former Indian cricket team coach
- D) Former ICC Chairman
- E) Former Chief Selector of Indian Cricket Team

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Inderjit Singh Bindra was the former President of the BCCI and a key architect of modern cricket marketing and administration in India.
- Served as President of Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) from 1978 to 2014, one of the longest tenures in cricket administration.
- BCCI President from 1993 to 1996, modernizing governance, operations, and commercial strategies, enhancing India's global cricket stature.
- In 2015, the PCA stadium was renamed IS Bindra Stadium in recognition of his outstanding contribution to cricket administration.

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Ques: Which day is observed as National Geographic Day?

- A) 23 January
- B) 24 January
- C) 25 January
- D) 26 January
- E) 27 January

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- National Geographic Day is observed on 27 January.
- It marks the founding of the National Geographic Society on 27 January 1888 in Washington, D.C.
- The society's mission is to increase and diffuse geographic knowledge worldwide.

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