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Ques: Under the CGSMFI 2.0 scheme, NCGTC has raised the individual loan limit for large Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) to how much amount?

- A) ₹500 crore
- B) ₹750 crore
- C) ₹1,000 crore
- D) ₹1,500 crore
- E) ₹2,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd (NCGTC) has revised the loan limit for large Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) from ₹300 crore to ₹1,000 crore under CGSMFI 2.0.
- Large MFIs are defined as institutions having Assets Under Management (AUM) of ₹2,000 crore and above.
- The revised loan amount is subject to a ceiling of 20% of the institution's AUM.
- The Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions 2.0 (CGSMFI 2.0) came into effect on 20 March 2026.
- The overall guarantee issuance under the scheme has been capped at ₹20,000 crore.
- Lenders are required to allocate at least 5% of the total loan amount to small MFIs and 10% to medium-sized MFIs.
- The maximum tenure of loans under the scheme is 3 years, including a 1-year moratorium and a 2-year repayment period.

Static Part:

- NCGTC Ownership – Wholly owned by Government of India
- CGSMFI Full Form – Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions
- MFI Full Form – Microfinance Institution
- AUM Full Form – Assets Under Management





Ques: What is the total financial outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the continuation of the SARTHAK-PDS scheme?

- A) ₹15,500 crore
- B) ₹20,230 crore
- C) ₹25,530 crore
- D) ₹30,150 crore
- E) ₹35,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the continuation of the SARTHAK-PDS scheme for another five years with a central outlay of ₹25,530 crore.
- The scheme aims to transform India's ration distribution network into a technology-driven welfare platform and will run till March 31, 2030.
- It integrates foodgrain logistics, beneficiary management, and grievance redressal into a unified digital system.
- It also merges existing financial support for intra-state foodgrain movement and fair price shop dealer margins with the SMART-PDS framework.

Static Part:

- SARTHAK-PDS – Technology-driven Public Distribution System reform scheme
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) – Economic decision-making body of Government of India
- SMART-PDS – Digital reform initiative for Public Distribution System modernization





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Centre launched guidelines for the BHAVYA (Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna) scheme.
- The Government of West Bengal approved the launch of the Annapurna Bhandaar Scheme in its first Cabinet meeting.
- The three Jan Suraksha Schemes — PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY — completed 11 years on May 9, 2026.
- Under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, rooftop solar installations doubled in FY26.
- The Ministry of Mines completed the eligibility assessment under the Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Critical Mineral Recycling.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved ECLGS 5.0 (Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme).
- The “Namo Stall Scheme” was launched by Sanjay Seth in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- The Union Cabinet of India is likely to approve a ₹37,500 crore incentive scheme for coal gasification projects.





Ques: Under which initiative was Sikkim declared a fully literate state?

- A) Digital India Mission
- B) Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan
- C) ULLAS Initiative
- D) PM e-Vidya Programme
- E) Skill India Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sikkim was declared a fully literate state in the presence of President Droupadi Murmu.
- The declaration was made under the Centre's ULLAS initiative by Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang.
- ULLAS stands for "Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society."
- It is also known as the New India Literacy Programme (NILP).
- The scheme is being implemented for five years from 2022 to 2027.
- The objective is to make non-literate adults aged 15 years and above literate and promote lifelong learning and functional literacy.
- The programme aims to cover 5 crore learners between FY 2022–27, with around 1 crore learners every year.
- The vision of the scheme is "Jan Jan Saakshar Bharat."

Static Part:

- ULLAS Full Form – Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society
- ULLAS – New India Literacy Programme (NILP)
- Implementing Period – 2022–2027
- Target – 5 crore learners in India
- Objective – Adult literacy and lifelong learning promotion





Ques: At which of the following locations will the five prototypes of India's fifth-generation stealth fighter (AMCA) be developed by the selected private firm?

- A) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- B) Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh
- C) Nashik, Maharashtra
- D) Hyderabad, Telangana
- E) Pune, Maharashtra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Defence Ministry has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to Tata Advanced Systems, Larsen & Toubro (L&T), and Bharat Forge to build five prototypes of the AMCA aircraft.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has been excluded from this ₹15,000-crore programme as part of a push for greater private sector participation.
- The selected private defence company will work with the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) under DRDO.
- A greenfield facility in Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh has been identified for the development of the prototypes.
- The AMCA will be a 25-tonne twin-engine stealth fighter with internal weapons bay and advanced stealth capabilities.
- The first prototype rollout is expected by late 2026 or early 2027, with full certification targeted by 2032.

Static Part:

- AMCA Full Form – Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft
- ADA Full Form – Aeronautical Development Agency
- DRDO Full Form – Defence Research and Development Organisation
- Project Type – Fifth-generation stealth fighter aircraft development
- Location – Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh





Ques: What is the main objective of the Quad's Critical Minerals Initiative launched in New Delhi?

- A) Promote space cooperation
- B) Reduce dependence on China in the critical minerals sector
- C) Develop nuclear technology
- D) Expand tourism cooperation
- E) Increase agricultural exports

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Quad countries launched the Critical Minerals Initiative during the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to reduce dependence on China in the critical minerals sector.
- It focuses on building secure, resilient, and diversified supply chains for critical minerals.
- The initiative also seeks to mobilize up to USD 20 billion through government and private sector support.
- Critical minerals are essential for clean energy, electric vehicles, semiconductors, and advanced technologies.
- The Quad grouping promotes a free, open, and resilient Indo-Pacific region through such strategic cooperation.

Static Part:

- Quad – Strategic alliance of India, USA, Japan, and Australia
- Critical Minerals – Essential minerals used in clean energy, EVs, and semiconductors
- Quad Objective – Free, open, and resilient Indo-Pacific region





Ques: Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the newly constituted high-level committee to address the challenges of demographic change in India?

- A) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- B) Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar
- C) Durga Shankar Mishra
- D) Dr. Shamika Ravi
- E) Justice DY Chandrachud

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Government has constituted a high-level committee to address challenges arising from demographic changes due to infiltration and other factors.
- Former Supreme Court Judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar has been appointed as the chairperson of the committee.
- The committee includes senior officials such as the Census Commissioner, former IAS officer Durga Shankar Mishra, former IPS officer Balaji Srivastava, and economist Dr. Shamika Ravi.
- The Joint Secretary (Foreigners-I) in the Ministry of Home Affairs will serve as the Member Secretary.
- The committee aims to study and recommend measures to manage demographic shifts in India.
- The formation of the committee was announced earlier in the Prime Minister's Independence Day address.

Static Part:

- Committee Type – High-level committee on demographic change
- Chairperson – Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar
- Ministry – Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- Purpose – Address demographic change challenges in India





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Anurag Garg** : Director General (DG) of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
- **Rajya Sabha MP Medha Vishram Kulkarni** : Chairperson of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change
- **Veteran Indian sports administrator Bharat Singh Chauhan** : Chairman of the Commonwealth Chess Association (CCA)
- **Shri Saurabh Vijay** : Chief Executive Officer of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) (Replaced Bhuvnesh Verma)
- **Sahdev Yadav** : President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation
- **Sabina Yadav** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation
- **R Mukundan, CEO of Tata Chemicals** : President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2026–27 (replaced Rajiv Memani)
- **Suchitra Ella** : President-Designate of CII





Ques: India won its first-ever Olympic gold medal in which sport at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics?

- A) Football
- B) Athletics
- C) Wrestling
- D) Field Hockey
- E) Cricket

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India won its first-ever Olympic gold medal in men's field hockey at the 1928 Amsterdam Summer Olympics.
- The team, representing British India, defeated the Netherlands in the final.
- This victory marked the beginning of India's historic dominance in Olympic hockey.
- The achievement was later highlighted in the book "India's First Olympic Gold," released by Indian Olympic Association president P. T. Usha.
- The book was written by hockey historian K. Arumugam.

Static Part:

- 1928 Summer Olympics – Held in Amsterdam, Netherlands
- India's First Olympic Gold – Field Hockey (Men's Team)
- Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President – P. T. Usha





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Gurindervir Singh won the gold medal in the men's 100m event at the 2026 Athletics Federation Cup held in Ranchi.
- United World Wrestling (UWW) postponed the 2026 Wrestling World Championships.
- Mercedes teenager Kimi Antonelli won the Canadian Grand Prix 2026, registering his Fourth consecutive Formula One victory. The race was held at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal, Canada.
- East Bengal won the Indian Super League (ISL) 2026 title by defeating Inter Kashi in the final.
- Former World No. 1 American archer Dave Cousins has been appointed as the head foreign coach for India's compound archery team.
- The Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 was held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. India secured third position in the women's team standings and fifth position in the men's team standings.





Ques: Which country recently surpassed India to become the world's fifth-largest stock market, driven by the global AI and semiconductor boom?

- A) South Korea
- B) Japan
- C) Taiwan
- D) Germany
- E) France

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Taiwan's stock market recently surpassed India to become the world's fifth-largest stock market.
- This shift was driven by the global artificial intelligence (AI) and semiconductor boom.
- Taiwan's market capitalization reached about \$4.95 trillion, slightly higher than India's \$4.92 trillion.
- The rally was largely supported by semiconductor giants such as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC).
- TSMC is one of the world's most important chip manufacturers and a key supplier for AI hardware globally.

Static Part:

- Taiwan Capital – Taipei
- Taiwan Currency – New Taiwan Dollar (TWD)
- TSMC Full Form – Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company
- Key Sector – Semiconductors and electronics manufacturing





Ques: Who has been appointed as India's Chef de Mission for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow?

- A) Rohit Rajpal
- B) P. T. Usha
- C) Ravi Bengani
- D) Anil Khanna
- E) Abhinav Bindra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's Davis Cup captain Rohit Rajpal has been appointed as India's Chef de Mission for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.
- Ravi Bengani has been appointed as the Deputy Chef de Mission.
- The 2026 Commonwealth Games will be held in Glasgow, Scotland.
- It will be the 23rd edition of the Commonwealth Games.
- Scotland will host the Games for the fourth time.
- The mascot for the 2026 Games is "Finnie," a unicorn, the national animal of Scotland.
- The 2030 Commonwealth Games will be hosted in Ahmedabad, India.

Static Part:

- Commonwealth Games – International multi-sport event
- 2026 Edition – Glasgow, Scotland
- Chef de Mission – Rohit Rajpal
- Deputy Chef de Mission – Ravi Bengani





Ques: Which of the following GST rates has been upheld by the Supreme Court as constitutionally valid for online gaming firms on the full value of deposits/bets?

- A) 5%
- B) 12%
- C) 18%
- D) 28%
- E) 0%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Supreme Court upheld the retrospective imposition of 28% GST on online gaming platforms.
- The tax applies on the full value of deposits or bets placed on real-money gaming platforms.
- The Court ruled that such companies are not mere intermediaries but suppliers of actionable claims, making them liable for taxation.
- A Bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan upheld the constitutional validity of this levy.
- The ruling marks a significant setback for the online gaming industry in India.
- The Court also upheld related state laws regulating or restricting real-money gaming activities.

Static Part:

- GST Full Form – Goods and Services Tax
- GST Introduced in India – 1 July 2017
- Supreme Court of India – Highest judicial body in India
- Key Tax Slab in Question – 28% (highest GST slab)





Ques: Which organisation instituted the Sansad Ratna Awards in 2010?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Election Commission of India
- C) Prime Point Foundation
- D) PRS Legislative Research
- E) India Foundation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Sansad Ratna Awards were instituted in 2010 by the Chennai-based NGO Prime Point Foundation.
- The awards were inspired by former President Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.
- They recognise outstanding performance of Members of Parliament and Parliamentary Standing Committees.
- Selection is based on parameters such as questions asked, debates participated in, attendance, private member bills, and committee work.
- The awards aim to encourage excellence in parliamentary functioning and accountability.

Static Part:

- Sansad Ratna Awards – Parliamentary performance awards in India
- Instituted by – Prime Point Foundation
- Year of Establishment – 2010
- Inspired by – Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
- Type – Recognition for Members of Parliament and Committees





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- South Africa's highest civilian honour in recognition of their outstanding contributions toward public health : Professor Salim Abdool Karim and Professor Keertan Dheda (formally awarded the prestigious Order of Mapungubwe by President Cyril Ramaphosa at Pretoria)
- 2026 Goddard Astronautics Award : India's Chandrayaan-3 lunar mission
- United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025 : Indian Army officer Major Abhilasha Barak
- Fellow of the Royal Society, one of the world's highest honours in science : Dr. Soumya Swaminathan
- International Booker Prize 2026 for the novel Taiwan Travelogue : Taiwanese author Yáng Shuāng-zǐ
- Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit in Oslo, Norway : Prime Minister Narendra Modi





Ques: Which state has recently launched the ₹236 crore “Mission Queen Pineapple” initiative for pineapple value chain development?

- A) Assam
- B) Manipur
- C) Tripura
- D) Meghalaya
- E) Nagaland

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The ₹236 crore “Mission Queen Pineapple” initiative was launched in Tripura.
- It was inaugurated by Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia along with the Chief Minister of Tripura.
- The mission focuses on pineapple cultivation and value chain development, especially the GI-tagged Queen Pineapple of Tripura.
- It is a three-year roadmap from Q2 FY2026 to Q4 FY2028.
- The initiative is anchored by MDoNER and integrates schemes from Agriculture, Food Processing, Commerce, and MSME ministries.
- The objective is to make farmers active participants across the entire value chain—from production to exports.
- The mission aims to strengthen Tripura’s agricultural economy and boost exports.

Static Part:

- Mission Queen Pineapple – Value chain development initiative
- State – Tripura
- Funding – ₹236 crore
- Focus Crop – Queen Pineapple (GI-tagged)
- Implementing Ministry – MDoNER (Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region)





Ques: Which organisation is managing the development of the new space manufacturing hubs in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) NSIL
- D) HAL
- E) IN-SPACE

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India's new space manufacturing hubs in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu are being developed under IN-SPACE.
- Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACE) is the nodal agency for promoting private participation in India's space sector.
- The hubs aim to support private companies and startups in building rockets, satellites, and related systems.
- Gujarat's Khoraj Space Manufacturing Park focuses on satellite and spacecraft manufacturing.
- Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi cluster focuses on rocket manufacturing, testing, and integration.

Static Part:

- IN-SPACE Full Form – Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre
- Department of Space works under the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)





Ques: Who has been appointed as the 27th Governor of Odisha?

- A) Raghubar Das
- B) Mohan Charan Majhi
- C) Hari Babu Kambhampati
- D) Chakradhari Sharan Singh
- E) Arif Mohammed Khan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hari Babu Kambhampati has been appointed as the 27th Governor of Odisha.
- The oath of office was administered by Orissa High Court Chief Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh.
- He replaced former Governor Raghubar Das.
- Article 153 of the Indian Constitution provides for a Governor for each state.
- Under Article 155, Governors are appointed by the President of India.

Static Part:

- Odisha Capital – Bhubaneswar
- Chief Minister of Odisha – Mohan Charan Majhi
- Governor of Odisha – Hari Babu Kambhampati





Ques: What is the name of India's first indigenous commercial super-pressure stratospheric balloon recently launched by Red Balloon Aerospace?

- A) GAGAN
- B) VISTA
- C) SANA
- D) VIKRAM
- E) DRISHTI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Red Balloon Aerospace, based in Vijayawada, launched India's first indigenous commercial super-pressure stratospheric balloon named "VISTA".
- The platform reached an altitude of nearly 25 km above Earth.
- It was part of "Mission SANA".
- The balloon carried scientific and commercial payloads from multiple partners.
- The project demonstrated near-space applications for telecom and disaster monitoring as a low-cost alternative to satellites.

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Ques: Which Romanian director became the 10th filmmaker to win the Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'Or twice?

- A) Andrey Zvyagintsev
- B) Park Chan-wook
- C) Cristian Mungiu
- D) Lars von Trier
- E) Paolo Sorrentino

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Romanian director Cristian Mungiu became the 10th filmmaker to win the Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'Or twice.
- He won for the Norwegian drama "Fjord."
- His first Palme d'Or was in 2007 for "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days."
- Park Chan-wook served as the jury president of the Cannes Film Festival that year.
- The Grand Prix was awarded to "Minotaur," directed by Andrey Zvyagintsev.

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Ques: Legendary sports administrator Raja Randhir Singh, who passed away recently, was the first Indian shooter to win a gold medal at which of the following events?

- A) Olympic Games
- B) Commonwealth Games
- C) Asian Games
- D) ISSF World Cup
- E) National Games

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Raja Randhir Singh was the first Indian shooter to win a gold medal at the Asian Games.
- He achieved this feat in the 1978 Bangkok Asian Games in the men's trap shooting event.
- He was a five-time Olympian, representing India from 1964 to 1984.
- He received the Arjuna Award in 1979 for his performance in shooting.
- He also served as the Secretary-General of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) from 1987 to 2010.





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has organized India's largest biomedical innovation and technology transfer event in the national capital. The biggest highlight of the event was the transfer of 41 public health technologies from the ICMR institutes and innovators to industry players.

Railways Ministry has approved the introduction of a 10-car Hydrogen Fuel Cellbased DEMU trainset on the Jind-Sonipat section of Northern Railway. Hydrogen Fuel Cell-based DPRS 1200 KW DEMU coach will have a maximum operational speed of 75 kmph on the dedicated Jind-Sonipat route.

Ayush Export Promotion Council (AYUSHEXCIL) and the Spices Board of India signed MOU to strengthen India's traditional wellness and natural products sector. AYUSHEXCIL is an Export Promotion Council supported by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of Ayush, and was incorporated as a Section 8 company in 2022.

Indian shooter Esha Singh broke the world record in the Women's 25 metre pistol event at the ISSF World Cup in Munich. Esha earned 43 points from a possible 50 in the final to surpass the previous record of 42 points held by South Korea's Kim Yeji and claimed the gold medal.

