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Ques: What is the name of the new advertisement framework proposed by SEBI for market stakeholders?

- A) Unified Marketing Framework (UMF)
- B) Common Advertisement Code (CAC)
- C) Securities Promotion Code (SPC)
- D) Market Advertisement Framework (MAF)
- E) Investor Communication Code (ICC)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed a Common Advertisement Code (CAC).
- The CAC aims to replace multiple separate advertising regulations with a single unified framework.
- The code will apply to all SEBI-regulated market intermediaries and stakeholders.
- Entities covered include stock brokers, mutual funds, portfolio managers, investment advisers, and research analysts.
- The proposal seeks to simplify advertisement regulations and improve consistency across the securities market.
- SEBI has proposed allowing celebrity endorsements subject to prescribed conditions and mandatory disclosures.
- The new framework is expected to reduce compliance costs, particularly for smaller market entities.
- The changes will be implemented through amendments to SEBI (Intermediaries) Regulations, 2008.

Important Terms:

- CAC – Common Advertisement Code
- SEBI – Securities and Exchange Board of India
- Mutual Fund – Professionally managed investment fund





- Portfolio Manager – Client investments managed professionally
- Research Analyst – Provides investment research and recommendations

Static Part:

- SEBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- SEBI Chairman – Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- SEBI Established – 12 April 1988
- Statutory Status Granted – 30 January 1992
- Ministry Concerned – Ministry of Finance



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Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- In June 2026, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced a revised trading framework for Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs).
- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, and SEBI are organizing a day-long 'Niveshak Shivir' in Bhopal.
- SEBI has proposed a new “green-channel” framework named GARUDA for quicker launch of AIF schemes.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) discontinued the Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform with immediate effect.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) constituted a dedicated task force named “Cyber-suraksha.ai”.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has operationalised PaRRVA (Past Risk and Return Verification Agency).
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reduced the minimum investment in Social Impact Funds from ₹2 lakh to ₹1,000.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (WG-AI) formed by IRDAI?

- A) Ajay Seth
- B) Deepak Gaikwad
- C) Prof. Sandeep K. Shukla
- D) Rajesh Kumar
- E) T. Rabi Sankar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (WG-AI).
- The Working Group consists of 7 members.
- The group is chaired by Prof. Sandeep K. Shukla, Director of the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad.
- Deepak Gaikwad, General Manager (GM) and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of IRDAI, has been appointed as the Member-Convener of the group.
- The objective of WG-AI is to guide regulated entities in the insurance sector regarding the adoption, governance, and oversight of Artificial Intelligence technologies.





Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **Rajendra Kumar Saboo**, Executive Director of UCO Bank : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the UCO bank (succeeded Ashwani Kumar)
- **Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi** : Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) (succeeded Narayanan Ramaswamy)
- **Dinesh Pant**, managing director at Life Insurance Corporation of India : Whole-time member (actuary) at IRDAI
- **Girija Subramanian**, chairman-cum-managing director of The New India Assurance Company Limited : Whole-time member (distribution) at IRDAI
- **Pushan Mahapatra** : Non-Executive Part-time Chairman of DCB Bank
- **Sanjay Lohiya** : director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- **Neelkanth Mishra** : Executive Director (ED) at the World Bank (succeed Parameswaran Iyer)





Ques: Recently, RBI permitted banks to extend loans and issue SBLCs against which type of deposits?

- A) NRE Deposits
- B) NRO Deposits
- C) FCNR(B) Deposits
- D) Recurring Deposits
- E) Current Account Deposits

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted Indian banks, including their overseas branches, to extend loans against FCNR(B) deposits.
- Banks can provide loans to Non-Resident Indian (NRI) account holders against their FCNR(B) deposits.
- Banks are also allowed to issue Standby Letters of Credit (SBLC) in favour of overseas lenders.
- The facility applies to FCNR(B) deposits mobilized under RBI's new swap facility.
- RBI clarified that this permission is in addition to the existing lending provisions available to banks.
- The move aims to attract more foreign currency deposits and strengthen overseas funding sources for banks.
- RBI's swap facility helps banks reduce hedging costs associated with FCNR(B) deposits.

Banking Terms:

- FCNR(B) – Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) Deposit
- SBLC – Standby Letter of Credit
- Hedging – Protection against exchange rate fluctuations
- Swap Facility – Exchange of currencies between RBI and banks at agreed terms

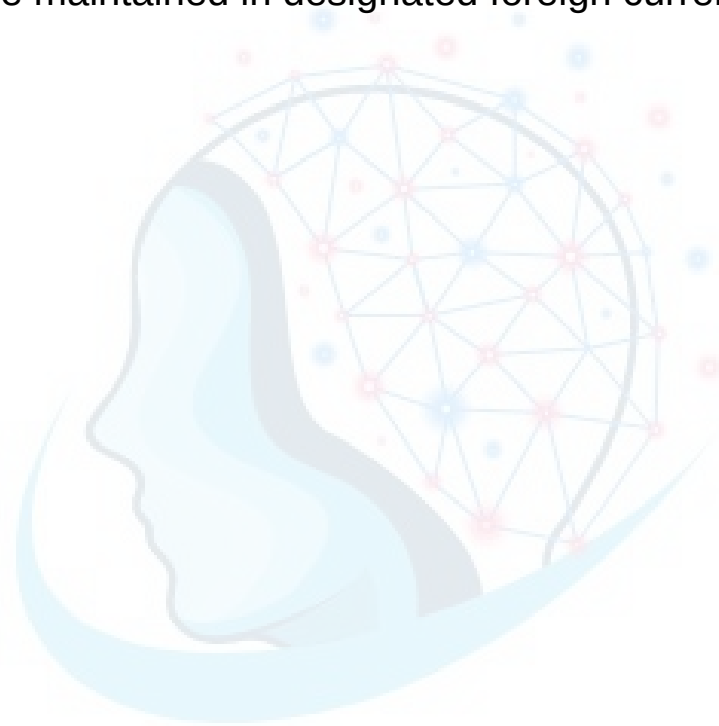
Static Part:

- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai





- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Nationalised – 1 January 1949
- FEMA – Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999
- Currency Issued by RBI – Indian Rupee
- FCNR(B) Accounts are maintained in designated foreign currencies and are fully repatriable.



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Ques: Which bank partnered with Zagggle Prepaid Ocean Services Limited to launch the 'PNB-Zagggle Co-branded Twin Credit Cards'?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Zagggle Prepaid Ocean Services Limited launched the 'PNB-Zagggle Co-branded Twin Credit Cards'.
- The co-branded cards are issued on both Visa and RuPay payment networks.
- The partnership between PNB and Zagggle is for a period of five years.
- Customers can access and apply for these cards through the zagg.money mobile application.
- The initiative aims to provide enhanced financial solutions and digital payment benefits to customers.

Static Part:

- Punjab National Bank Established – 19 May 1894
- PNB Headquarters – New Delhi
- PNB MD & CEO – Ashok Chandra
- PNB Tagline – “The Name You Can Bank Upon”
- NPCI Established – 2008
- NPCI Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra





Recently signed banking agreements

- In June 2026, Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani and Axis Bank signed an agreement to establish the Axis Bank-BITS Industry Research, Technology and Innovation Park.
- YES Bank Limited, an Indian private sector bank, and Northern Arc Capital Limited, a Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC), formed a strategic partnership to expand formal credit access, digital lending, and investment opportunities across India.
- Bandhan Bank has partnered with Centrum Finverse Ltd to launch an integrated 3-in-1 Account.
- India and Cambodia have launched cross-border payment connectivity between their digital payment systems.
- Bajaj Finserv Limited (BFS), in partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay), announced the launch of "Bajaj Finserv Intelligence".
- The Development Bank of Japan entered into a strategic partnership with HDFC Capital Advisors Limited to invest in real estate funds focused on affordable and mid-income housing projects in India.





Ques: Which film won the Golden Conch for Best Documentary in the International Competition section at the 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2026?

- A) Maya's Song
- B) Under The Snow
- C) The Last Journey
- D) Armstrong from Angalamman Kovil Street
- E) Silver

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2026 concluded in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Maharashtra Governor Jishnu Dev Varma presided over the closing ceremony of the festival.
- MIFF is one of the world's most prestigious festivals dedicated to Documentary, Short Fiction, and Animation Films.
- The Polish documentary film "Silver" won the prestigious Golden Conch Award for Best Documentary in the International Competition section.
- "Maya's Song" received the Silver Conch Award for Best Animation Film in the International Competition section.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Global Head of WhatsApp by Meta?

- A) Bhavish Aggarwal
- B) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- C) Kunal Shah
- D) Nithin Kamath
- E) Deepinder Goyal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Meta Platforms has appointed Kunal Shah, founder of CRED, as the Global Head of WhatsApp.
- Kunal Shah will succeed Will Cathcart, who previously led WhatsApp.
- He is the founder of CRED, a fintech platform that rewards users for timely credit card bill payments.
- Meta has also invested approximately \$900 million in CRED, reflecting confidence in Shah's leadership and business vision.
- India is WhatsApp's largest market, with more than 500 million active users.
- Before founding CRED, Kunal Shah established FreeCharge, which was acquired by Snapdeal in 2015.
- His appointment highlights the growing influence of Indian entrepreneurs in the global technology ecosystem.

Static Part:

- CRED Founded – 2018
- Founder of CRED – Kunal Shah
- CRED Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Meta Headquarters – Menlo Park, California, USA
- Meta CEO – Mark Zuckerberg
- WhatsApp Founded – 2009
- WhatsApp Acquired by Facebook (Meta) – 2014





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Cred founder Kunal Shah : Global CEO of WhatsApp (Replaced Will Cathcart)
- Cred के फाउंडर कुणाल शाह : WhatsApp के ग्लोबल CEO (विल कैथकार्ट की जगह ली)
- Vivek Aggarwal, currently serving as Secretary, Ministry of Culture : Vice-President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- Saibal Chattopadhyay, former director of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Calcutta, West Bengal : Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) (succeeds Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar)
- Renowned Indian jurist Bimal N. Patel : Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) for 9 year term (2026-2035)
- N. Murali : Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited (succeeds Dr. Nirmla Lakshman)
- Sanjay Rao : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Bata India Ltd
- Amit Nanda : CEO of Indian online grocery retailer Bigbasket





Ques: The Ambubachi Mela, which marks the annual menstrual cycle of Goddess Kamakhya, is celebrated at which temple?

- A) Kamakhya Temple
- B) Kalighat Temple
- C) Vaishno Devi Temple
- D) Tarapith Temple
- E) Meenakshi Temple

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The annual Ambubachi Mela is celebrated at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati.
- The festival marks the annual menstrual cycle of Goddess Kamakhya, symbolizing fertility, womanhood, and the creative power of nature.
- During this period, the temple remains closed for devotees for a few days and reopens after special rituals are completed.

About Kamakhya Temple:

- The Kamakhya Temple is situated on the Nilachal Hills in Guwahati, Assam.
- It is one of the most important Shakti Peethas in India and is dedicated to Goddess Kamakhya, a form of Goddess Shakti.





Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- Raja Parba is one of the most important and widely celebrated festivals of Odisha.
- LuLu Hypermarket partnered with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to launch the 23rd edition of the “Mango Mania” festival.
- In a vibrant celebration of Assam's rich traditions, the 114th edition of the Suwari Festival was held in Boko. It is a traditional cultural festival of Assam.
- Puthandu which is also known as Tamil New Year will be celebrated on April 14th this year. Puthandu is also called the Varusha Pirappu and it marks the start of a new year in the Tamil solar calendar
- Bisket Jatra is a major traditional festival celebrated in Nepal.
- Rongali Bihu, also known as Bohag Bihu, is celebrated across Assam. It marks the Assamese New Year and the onset of the spring season.
- Sarhul, a significant Adivasi festival Held at Jharkhand. Sarhul, meaning “worship of the Sal tree”, is one of the most sacred festivals among Adivasi communities





Ques: Which supercomputer has recently become the world's fastest according to the TOP500 ranking?

- A) Frontier
- B) Fugaku
- C) El Capitan
- D) LineShine
- E) Summit

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- China has reclaimed the title of the world's fastest supercomputer with its new system, LineShine. (TOP500)
- LineShine was developed by the National Supercomputing Centre in Shenzhen, China. (TOP500)
- The system achieved a performance of approximately 2.2 exaflops (2.198 exaflops). (TOP500)
- An exaflop represents one quintillion (10^{18}) calculations per second. (GKToday)
- LineShine surpassed the United States' El Capitan to secure the top position in the latest TOP500 ranking. (TOP500)
- The achievement highlights China's rapid progress in high-performance computing, artificial intelligence, and advanced semiconductor technologies. (Reuters)





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- Supercomputers are widely used in artificial intelligence, climate modelling, scientific research, weather forecasting, and national security applications.

Static Part:

- China Capital – Beijing
- China President – Xi Jinping
- Shenzhen – Guangdong Province, China
- TOP500 – Global Ranking of Supercomputers
- El Capitan – Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, USA
- World's First Electronic Digital Computer – ENIAC





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- Supercomputing is used in AI, Big Data Analytics, Space Research, and Defence Applications



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Ques: Which Indian cricketer became the holder of the fastest half-century in List A cricket by reaching fifty in just 11 balls?

- A) Ayush Mhatre
- B) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
- C) Yashasvi Jaiswal
- D) Shubman Gill
- E) Prithvi Shaw

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi created history by smashing the fastest half-century in List A cricket.
- The 15-year-old reached his fifty in just 11 balls during the Tri-Nation Series Final against Sri Lanka A at Dambulla.
- He broke the previous record of 12 balls held by Sri Lankan cricketer Kusal Weeraratne since the 2005–06 season.
- This achievement made Vaibhav Sooryavanshi the new record holder for the fastest fifty in List A cricket history.

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Ques: Which product from Madhya Pradesh has recently been awarded a Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

- A) Ratlami Sev
- B) Khurasani Imli
- C) Chanderi Saree
- D) Bagh Print
- E) Maheshwari Saree

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Khurasani Imli from the historic town of Mandu in Madhya Pradesh has officially received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The GI tag recognizes the unique identity, quality, and geographical origin of Khurasani Imli.
- Mandu is known for its rich historical heritage and unique agricultural products.
- The recognition will help protect the product from imitation, misuse, and unauthorized commercial use.
- Geographical Indication (GI) is an Intellectual Property Right granted to products that possess specific qualities and reputation linked to a particular geographical region.
- The GI tag is expected to improve the market value of Khurasani Imli and benefit local farmers and producers.

Important Recent GI Tags:

- Khurasani Imli – Mandu, Madhya Pradesh
- Jaggery of Muzaffarnagar – Uttar Pradesh
- Banaras Tabla – Uttar Pradesh
- Banaras Shehnai – Uttar Pradesh
- Banaras Wall Hanging – Uttar Pradesh
- Matabari Pera – Tripura
- Majuli Masks – Assam





- Gamosa – Assam
- Kaji Nemu – Assam
- Basohli Pashmina – Jammu & Kashmir

Static Part:

- GI Registry Headquarters – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- GI Act in India – Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999
- Madhya Pradesh Governor – Mangubhai C. Patel
- Mandu (Mandu Fort) – Dhar District, Madhya Pradesh



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Ques: Who won the 2025 Wolf Prize in Physics, becoming the first person of Indian origin to receive the award?

- A) C. N. R. Rao
- B) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan
- C) Subir Sachdev
- D) Ashoke Sen
- E) Jainendra K. Jain

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indian-origin physicist Jainendra K. Jain won the 2025 Wolf Prize in Physics.
- He was honoured for the discovery of Composite Fermions, a groundbreaking concept in quantum physics.
- The discovery of Composite Fermions dates back to 1989.
- The award was presented by Isaac Herzog, President of Israel, in Jerusalem.
- Jainendra K. Jain became the first person of Indian origin to receive the Wolf Prize since its inception in 1978.
- The Wolf Prize is considered one of the world's most prestigious scientific awards and is often regarded as a precursor to the Nobel Prize.

Static Part:

- Wolf Prize Established – 1978
- Awarding Organization – Wolf Foundation
- Wolf Prize Country – Israel
- Capital of Israel – Jerusalem
- President of Israel – Isaac Herzog
- Jainendra K. Jain is a renowned theoretical physicist known for his contributions to Condensed Matter Physics.





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **Best Male Athlete of the Year at the Indian Athletics Awards 2025 : Indian javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra**
- **Lieutenant Vishal Kumar : Sword of Honour and President's Gold Medal**
- **Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026 : World-renowned Indian sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik**
- **EMBO Gold Medal 2026 : Indian-origin scientist Gautam Dey**
- **Slovakia's highest State honour, "The Order of the White Double Cross, First Class" : Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
- **Princess of Asturias Award for Sports 2026 : Lionel Messi of Argentina**
- **Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Under Category Sports Entertainment : Former England football captain David Beckham at Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles**
- **Food Planet Prize 2026 : Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF), an initiative of the Andhra Pradesh Government**





Ques: According to the latest UNCTAD report, which country emerged as the World's No. 1 Ship Recycling Nation in 2025?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) Pakistan
- C) China
- D) India
- E) Turkey

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India emerged as the World's No. 1 Ship Recycling Nation in 2025, according to the latest report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- This achievement fulfills the target of Maritime India Vision 2030 five years ahead of schedule.
- India's share in global ship recycling increased from 30.1% in 2024 to 35.4% in 2025.
- Ship recycling volume in India increased from 1.86 million gross tonnes (GT) in 2024 to 2.99 million gross tonnes (GT) in 2025.
- This represents an increase of nearly 60% in ship recycling activity.
- Ship Recycling is the process of dismantling old ships at the end of their operational life and recovering reusable materials.
- Recovered materials include steel, machinery, equipment, and other reusable components.

Static Part:

- World's No. 1 Ship Recycling Nation (2025) – India
- India's Global Share (2025) – 35.4%
- India's Global Share (2024) – 30.1%
- Report Released By – United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Maritime India Vision Target Achieved – 5 years ahead of schedule





Ques: INS Tarkash, recently seen in news, belongs to which class of warships?

- A) Kolkata-class Destroyer
- B) Shivalik-class Frigate
- C) Talwar-class Stealth Frigate
- D) Kamorta-class Corvette
- E) Nilgiri-class Frigate

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tarkash, a Talwar-class stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, departed from Port Louis, Mauritius after completing its port call.
- The ship has been deployed for further operations in the South West Indian Ocean Region.
- During the visit, INS Tarkash engaged in several professional and cooperative activities.
- The crew conducted professional training capsules for personnel of the Mauritius National Coast Guard.
- Such deployments enhance interoperability and capacity-building among friendly maritime forces.
- INS Tarkash is a Talwar-class stealth frigate commissioned into the Indian Navy in 2012.





Ques: What was the value of India's defence production in Financial Year 2025-26?

- A) ₹1.54 lakh crore
- B) ₹1.78 lakh crore
- C) ₹2.10 lakh crore
- D) ₹2.50 lakh crore
- E) ₹3.00 lakh crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's annual defence production reached ₹1.78 lakh crore in Financial Year 2025–26.
- This marked a 15.6% growth compared to ₹1.54 lakh crore recorded in the previous financial year.
- Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and other public sector units contributed around 76% of the total defence production.
- The private sector contributed nearly ₹42,000 crore, accounting for about 24% of total defence production.
- India recorded defence exports worth ₹38,424 crore during FY 2025–26.
- India has set a target of achieving ₹3 lakh crore in defence production and ₹50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029.





Ques: Who became the highest goal-scorer in FIFA World Cup history during the FIFA World Cup 2026?

- A) Miroslav Klose
- B) Cristiano Ronaldo
- C) Lionel Messi
- D) Neymar Jr.
- E) Kylian Mbappe

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Argentina defeated Austria 2–0 in their Group J match of the FIFA World Cup 2026.
- The match was played in Arlington, United States.
- With this victory, Argentina secured its place in the Round of 32.
- Lionel Messi scored both goals for Argentina in the match.
- Messi's FIFA World Cup goal tally reached 18 goals.
- He surpassed Germany's Miroslav Klose, who had scored 16 World Cup goals.
- Lionel Messi became the highest goal-scorer in FIFA World Cup history.

FIFA World Cup Goal-Scoring Legends:

- Lionel Messi (Argentina) – 18 Goals
- Miroslav Klose (Germany) – 16 Goals
- Ronaldo Nazário (Brazil) – 15 Goals
- Gerd Müller (Germany) – 14 Goals
- Just Fontaine (France) – 13 Goals





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- Ronaldo Nazário (Brazil) – 15 Goals
- Gerd Müller (Germany) – 14 Goals

Static Part:

- Lionel Messi – Argentina
- Argentina Capital – Buenos Aires
- Austria Capital – Vienna
- FIFA Headquarters – Zurich, Switzerland
- FIFA President – Gianni Infantino
- FIFA World Cup 2026 Hosts – United States, Canada and Mexico

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Ques: Which organization has launched NAFEX.in, a digital auction portal for agricultural produce auctions?

- A) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- B) Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC)
- C) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)
- D) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)
- E) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah launched NAFEX.in, the digital auction portal of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED).
- The launch programme was held at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to promote transparency, efficiency, and technology-driven reforms in the cooperative sector.

Purpose of NAFEX.in:

- Digital platform for agricultural produce auctions.
- Streamlines auction-related activities.
- Enhances transparency in bidding and procurement.
- Improves operational efficiency for stakeholders.

Static Part:

- NAFED Established – 2 October 1958
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Union Minister of Cooperation – Amit Shah





Ques: INS Kavaratti, recently seen in news during its visit to Vietnam, belongs to which class of warship?

- A) Talwar-class Frigate
- B) Nilgiri-class Frigate
- C) Kamorta-class Corvette
- D) Kolkata-class Destroyer
- E) Shivalik-class Frigate

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Udaygiri and INS Kavaratti arrived at Nha Rong Port in Vietnam during their operational deployment to the South-East Asia region.
- INS Udaygiri is a stealth frigate of the Indian Navy.
- INS Kavaratti is an Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Corvette and belongs to the Kamorta-class.
- The ships received a warm ceremonial welcome from personnel of the Vietnam People's Navy.
- The visit reflects the close and longstanding naval ties between India and Vietnam.
- The deployment aims to strengthen maritime cooperation, interoperability, and regional security.
- India and Vietnam continue to enhance their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in the Indo-Pacific region.





Ques: Who has been reappointed as the Solicitor General (SG) of India for a further term of three years from 1 July 2026?

- A) R. Venkataramani
- B) Tushar Mehta
- C) K. K. Venugopal
- D) Mukul Rohatgi
- E) Harish Salve

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Government has reappointed Tushar Mehta as the Solicitor General (SG) of India for a further term of three years.
- The reappointment will come into effect from 1 July 2026.
- The decision was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- Vikramjit Banerjee, K.M. Nataraj, Suryaprakash V. Raju, N. Venkataraman, Aishwarya Bhati, and Chetan Sharma have been appointed as Additional Solicitors General (ASGs) for the Supreme Court.

About Solicitor General of India

- The Solicitor General of India is the second-highest law officer of the Government of India after the Attorney General.





Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- WT-MARUT (Wind Turbine Materials and Resources Utility Tracker) is India's first Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management Portal.
- The Union Government has launched an AI-enabled voice chatbot named 'Samadhan Didi' to help citizens register grievances online.
- India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) under MeitY launched the "Investors Support" portal.
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App.
- Union AYUSH Minister Prataprao Jadhav launched the Ayush Anudan Portal in New Delhi.
- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched JANANI (Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care).
- The Samarth Panchayat portal is being expanded across multiple states in India.





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Former Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova has been handed a 4-year ban by the International Tennis Integrity Agency. She is from the Czech Republic. World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Established in 1999 and HQ in Montreal, Canada.

World Bank has approved a loan of Rs 4,000 crore for the Haryana's ambitious 'Jal Sanrakshit Haryana' project aimed at making Haryana water-secure and self reliant. The total cost of the project is Rs 5,714 crore.

Keir Starmer Resigned as British Prime Minister. It is paving the way for Britain to have its seventh prime minister in just over a decade after mounting pressure over his government's declining popularity

Meta Platforms has appointed Kunal Shah, founder of Indian fintech startup Cred, as global head of WhatsApp, succeeding Will Cathcart. As part of the move, Meta will invest about \$900 million (Rs 8,550 crore) in Cred at a valuation of \$4.5 billion.

