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**Ques: Which foreign corporate entity became the first to list Green Bonds on NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT IFSC, Gujarat?**

- A. Sampath Bank
- B. HSBC Holdings
- C. Standard Chartered Bank
- D. Hatton National Bank
- E. DFCC Bank PLC

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- DFCC Bank PLC, based in Colombo, Sri Lanka, became the first foreign corporate entity to list Green Bonds worth LKR 2.5 billion on the National Stock Exchange – International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT IFSC, Gujarat.
- The raised funds will be used to finance solar energy projects in Sri Lanka, including ground and rooftop installations.
- DFCC Bank PLC was established in 1955 and is headquartered in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- The current Chairman of DFCC Bank is Jegatheesan Durairatnam.

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**Ques: According to NSO, retail inflation in May 2025 fell to what percentage – the lowest in 75 months?**

- A. 2.82%
- B. 2.99%
- C. 3.16%
- D. 1.78%
- E. 0.99%

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation :**

- According to the National Statistical Office (NSO), retail inflation (CPI) in May 2025 dropped to 2.82%, the lowest level in 75 months. In April, the rate was 3.16%.
- The primary reason for this dip was the sharp fall in food prices, especially vegetables and pulses.
- The Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) also declined to 0.99% in May, compared to 1.78% in April, making it the lowest since October 2021.
- HDFC Bank has cautioned that due to heavy rains, some vegetable prices may rise again in select regions.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank observed that downward trends in pulses and cereals are continuing.
- Inflation could remain below the RBI's FY26 forecast of 3.7%.
- The RBI is not expected to cut the repo rate before September 2025, though rate cuts may follow if inflation remains controlled.

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**Ques: What is the minimum outstanding amount required for a State Government Security (SGS) to be eligible for STRIPS as per RBI?**

- A. Rs.500 crore
- B. Rs.1,000 crore
- C. Rs.2,000 crore
- D. Rs.750 crore
- E. Rs.1,500 crore

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed STRIPS (Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities) for State Government Securities (SGS).
- This facility was previously only applicable to Government of India (GoI) bonds.
- Now extended to bonds issued by states and union territories.
- To be eligible for STRIPS, an SGS must have Minimum outstanding amount of Rs.1,000 crore, and Residual maturity of up to 14 years.
- STRIPS separate the interest (coupon) and principal components of a bond into individual zero-coupon securities, which are Traded at a discount, and Redeemed at face value.
- Its objective is to Enhance liquidity in the primary and secondary markets and promote overall bond market development.

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**Ques: How much stake did PhonePe sell in CE Info Systems (MapmyIndia's parent) in June 2025?**

- A. 3%
- B. 5%
- C. 6.5%
- D. 8%
- E. 4.25%

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- In June 2025, PhonePe sold a 5% stake in CE Info Systems, the parent company of MapmyIndia, via an open market transaction.
- The deal involved the sale of 27.21 lakh shares at an average price of Rs.1,786.22 per share, amounting to a total value of Rs.486 crore.
- Following this transaction, PhonePe's total stake in CE Info Systems dropped from 18.74% to 13.74%.
- After the stake sale, CE Info Systems' stock price fell 9.39%, closing at Rs.1,768.75.
- PhonePe is a subsidiary of Flipkart, which is owned by Walmart.

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**Ques: Where is the new cancer care block being constructed by Tata Memorial Centre and ICICI Bank?**

- A. Navi Mumbai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Visakhapatnam
- E. Bhubaneswar

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) and ICICI Bank have initiated construction of an advanced cancer care block at Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (HBCHRC) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Rs.550 crore facility is part of ICICI Bank's larger Rs.1,800 crore CSR initiative.
- It will provide care for 3,000 paediatric and blood cancer patients and include 215 beds, bone marrow transplant, and immunotherapy services.
- The total campus capacity after this expansion will be 555 beds across 10.7 lakh sq. ft. with 19 LINACs for radiotherapy.

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**Ques: What is the extended deadline for low-risk customers to update their KYC as per RBI?**

- A. December 2025
- B. January 2026
- C. June 2026
- D. March 2025
- E. April 2026

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the deadline for low-risk individual customers to update their KYC (Know Your Customer) details.
- The new deadline is 30 June 2026 or within one year from the due date, whichever is later.
- This move comes in response to a large backlog, especially in accounts opened under DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer), Scholarship schemes and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)
- RBI has also authorized Business Correspondents (BCs) – including NGOs, SHGs, MFIs, and local kirana shopkeepers – to collect self-declarations from customers if there are no changes or only address changes in KYC.
- Banks are mandated to send three advance notices, including one by letter, and conduct awareness camps to ensure smoother KYC completion.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Axis Max Life Insurance in 2025?**

- A. Prashant Tripathy
- B. Sumit Madan
- C. Amitabh Chaudhry
- D. Rajesh Sud
- E. Sandeep Bakhshi

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Sumit Madan has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Max Life Insurance in 2025.
- He replaces Prashant Tripathy, who took early retirement.
- Axis Max Life Insurance is a joint venture between Max Financial Services and Axis Bank, providing life insurance and related financial products in India.

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**Ques: As per Bank of Baroda, how much cumulative FDI did India receive via direct equity flows till March 2025?**

- A. \$500 billion
- B. \$890 billion
- C. \$729 billion
- D. \$643 billion
- E. \$111 billion

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- According to Bank of Baroda Economic Research, India received \$729 billion in cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through equity flows from 2000 to March 2025.
- Over 85% of this FDI came from just 12 countries, including Mauritius, Singapore, the US, the UK, and the Netherlands.
- Singapore's share increased significantly from 13% in 2024 to 24% by March 2025, while Mauritius' share declined from 35.2% to 24.7%.
- FDI in the IT software & hardware sector rose dramatically from \$15 billion (2015) to \$111 billion (2025).
- The services sector also grew from \$43 billion to \$118 billion during the same period.
- However, sectors like pharmaceuticals (5.3% → 3.2%) and construction (9.7% → 3.7%) saw declines due to price competition and inventory/land issues, respectively.
- FDI in non-conventional energy (renewables) increased from 1.5% to 3%, and trading sector FDI nearly doubled from 3.2% to 6.5%, thanks to liberalized FDI policies.





**Ques: What was the Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) achieved by GeM in the first 10 months of FY 2024-25?**

- A. Rs.4 lakh crore
- B. Rs.5 lakh crore
- C. Rs.6 lakh crore
- D. Rs.7 lakh crore
- E. Rs.8 lakh crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) crossed Rs.6 lakh crore GMV by January 23, 2025, in FY 2024-25, reflecting a 50% increase over the previous year's figure of Rs.4 lakh crore.
- Out of this 62% (Rs.2.54 lakh crore) came from the services segment and 38% (Rs.1.55 lakh crore) from product sales
- GeM has become a key e-procurement platform with 1.6 lakh government buyers and 22.5 lakh sellers/service providers.
- Since launch in 2016, it has processed 2.59 crore+ orders with cumulative GMV of over Rs.11.64 lakh crore.

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**Ques : What is the new basic customs duty on crude edible oils as per recent announcement by the Centre?**

- A. 20%
- B. 15%
- C. 10%
- D. 5%
- E. 12.5%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Central Government has reduced the basic customs duty on crude edible oils like sunflower, soybean, and palm oil from 20% to 10%.

This move:

- Increases the duty gap between crude and refined oils to 19.25% (from 8.75%)
- Aims to reduce retail prices of edible oils
- Helps in curbing inflation
- Encourages domestic refining
- Provides relief to consumers and fair returns to farmers

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**Ques: Which organization recently unveiled the official logo of the Shooting League of India (SLI)?**

- A. Indian Olympic Association
- B. Sports Authority of India
- C. National Rifle Association of India
- D. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- E. Indian Shooting Federation

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) officially unveiled the logo of the Shooting League of India (SLI) at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi.
- The logo was designed by Chennai-based Sportwalk, a renowned sports media and marketing agency.
- The design symbolizes precision, intensity, and tradition in Indian shooting sports.
- SLI will host mixed team events in Pistol (10m, 25m), Rifle (10m, 50m 3 Positions), and Shotgun (Trap & Skeet)
- Colors used in the logo:
  - Deep Navy Blue: Focus, determination, legacy
  - Vibrant Orange: Energy, passion
  - Fiery Red Pink: Explosive precision and excitement

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**Ques: What is the objective of the 'Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana' scheme launched by the Assam Government?**

- A. Promoting tourism in Assam
- B. Supporting entrepreneurs
- C. Providing financial aid to research scholars
- D. Offering skill training to youth
- E. Granting subsidies for agriculture

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The 'Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana' scheme was launched by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- The scheme aims to provide one-time financial assistance to research scholars, especially Divyang (specially-abled) scholars, to promote research and development in Assam.
- Benefits given are Rs.25,000 for full-time research scholars and Rs.40,000 for Divyang research scholars
- Eligibility: Permanent residents of Assam studying in state or central public institutions.
- Additionally, the CM also launched the Swagata Satirtha Portal, aimed at simplifying and making the transfer process for government employees more transparent and time-bound.





**Ques: What is the name of the agentic AI assistant launched by Ola's Krutrim?**

- A. Akruti
- B. Kruti
- C. Krish
- D. Krutika
- E. KrutAI

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Ola's AI company Krutrim launched Kruti, claimed to be India's first agentic AI assistant, which goes beyond traditional chatbot functions.
- Kruti can proactively perform tasks like cab booking, food ordering, bill payment, image generation, and deep research.
- It is built on the Krutrim V2 LLM and open-source models, offering advanced reasoning and personalized assistance.
- Unlike passive chatbots, Kruti understands voice and text input, remembers past interactions, and adapts to user behavior over time.
- It supports communication in 13 Indian languages and can adjust responses based on tone, length, and context.
- Ola Founder Bhavish Aggarwal described Kruti as a "task-getting AI assistant" that simplifies everyday life, not just a conversational bot.
- Kruti's advanced AI features, such as image creation and research, are available free of cost.





**Ques: What is India's rank in the Global Gender Gap Index 2025 out of 148 countries?**

- A. 125
- B. 128
- C. 131
- D. 135
- E. 127

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Global Gender Gap Report Edition 19th Published by World Economic Forum (WEF)
- India ranks 131st out of 148 countries in the Global Gender Gap Index 2025, slipping in position compared to previous years.
- It lags behind neighbouring countries like Bangladesh (24th), Bhutan (119th), Nepal (125th), and Sri Lanka (130th).
- The World Economic Forum (WEF), headquartered in Cologny, Switzerland, publishes this index annually.
- India's overall gender parity score is 64.4%, a slight improvement of +0.3 points over 2024.
- The Economic Participation and Opportunity subindex improved to 40.7%, but Political Empowerment declined, with women's representation in Parliament at only 13.8%.

**Rank of top 5 Countries with scores on Global Gender Gap Index 2025 :**

- 1 Iceland (16th Time) : 0.926
- 2 Finland : 0.879
- 3 Norway : 0.863
- 4 United Kingdom (UK) : 0.838
- 5 New Zealand : 0.827
- 131 India : 0.644
- 148 Pakistan : 0.567







**Ques: In June 2025, Reliance Industries sold 3.6% stake in which company for Rs.7,703 crore?**

- A. Berger Paints
- B. CE Info Systems
- C. Asian Paints
- D. Aditya Birla Paints
- E. JSW Paints

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- In June 2025, Reliance Industries (RIL) sold its 3.6% stake (3.5 crore shares) in Asian Paints through block deals, executed by its subsidiary Siddhant Commercials.
- The stake was sold at a price of Rs.2,201 per share, amounting to a total of Rs.7,703 crore.
- SBI Mutual Fund acquired the entire stake sold by RIL.
- RIL originally invested ₹500 crore in Asian Paints in January 2008, making this exit a 15x return deal.
- Even after this transaction, RIL continues to hold 87 lakh shares in Asian Paints.
- Asian Paints' market share declined from around 60% to 50% in FY25.

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**Ques: Which Indian city was recently declared the country's 'Leopard Capital' after a 2024–2025 camera-trap survey?**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Nagpur
- D. Dehradun
- E. Bhopal

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Bengaluru (Karnataka) was declared India's 'Leopard Capital' after a year-long camera-trap survey (2024–2025) conducted by the Holématti Nature Foundation (HNF).
- The survey estimated 80–85 leopards in the forests and scrublands around Bengaluru, surpassing Mumbai's 54 leopards documented inside Sanjay Gandhi National Park.
- It was conducted over an area of 282 sq km, using more than 250 camera traps.
- Key habitats surveyed included Turahalli, B.M. Kaval, U.M. Kaval, Roerich Estate, and Bannerghatta National Park (BNP).
- Among these, 54 leopards were found inside BNP, and 30+ in other forested areas on Bengaluru's outskirts.

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**Ques: What is the primary purpose of the Indian Air Force's upcoming I-STAR aircraft project worth Rs.10,000 crore?**

- A. Transporting troops during emergency operations
- B. Conducting aerial refueling missions
- C. Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance
- D. Training pilots for international competitions
- E. Launching satellite payloads

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to acquire I-STAR aircraft under a Rs.10,000 crore project, which is expected to be cleared soon by the government.
- I-STAR stands for Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition, and Reconnaissance.
- These aircraft will be capable of detecting, tracking, and targeting enemy infrastructure like radar stations, mobile air defense units, and command hubs — all without entering hostile airspace.
- India plans to procure three aircraft from global aviation companies such as Boeing and Bombardier, which will then be fitted with indigenous sensor and electronic systems developed by DRDO's Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS).

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**Ques: Which Indian quantum deeptech company won the iDEX ADITI 2.0 Defence Challenge to develop a Quantum Positioning System for the Indian Navy?**

- A. Bellatrix Aerospace
- B. QuBeats
- C. Dhruva Space
- D. IdeaForge
- E. Pixel

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- QuBeats, an Indian quantum deeptech startup, won the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) – Acing Development of Innovative Technologies (ADITI) 2.0 Defence Challenge.
- The project focuses on developing an indigenous Quantum Positioning System (QPS) specifically for the Indian Navy.
- QuBeats received a grant of Rs.25 crore to develop next-generation high-precision quantum sensors.
- These quantum sensors detect Earth's unique magnetic anomaly signatures, enabling GPS-independent navigation, effective day or night, and in all conditions — a significant advancement for strategic defense operations.

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**Ques : What is the name of the solar-powered car developed by IIT Madras students for the World Solar Challenge 2025?**

- A. Suryavaan
- B. Agnirath
- C. Jalashwa
- D. Surya Rath
- E. Aagneya

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- The solar car 'Aagneya' was created by Team Agnirath from IIT Madras, under the Centre for Innovation (CFI). This student-led vehicle will represent India in the prestigious Bridgestone World Solar Challenge 2025, covering a distance of 3,000 km across Australia.
- Aagneya has a carbon fiber body for reduced weight
- Developed with 15,000+ hours of dedicated work
- A multi-disciplinary effort by 38 students, starting with just 6 in 2021

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**Ques: Who won the Men's Singles title at the 43rd edition of the Indonesia Open (Kapal Api Indonesia Open 2025)?**

- A. Anders Antonsen
- B. Viktor Axelsen
- C. Kento Momota
- D. Anthony Ginting
- E. Lakshya Sen

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation :**

- The 43rd edition of the Indonesia Open, officially titled the Kapal Api Indonesia Open 2025, was a premier badminton tournament held at Istora Gelora Bung Karno, Jakarta, Indonesia

**Winners of Indonesia Open 2025 :**

- Men's Singles : Anders Antonsen (Denmark)
- Women's Singles : An Se-young (South Korea)
- Men's Doubles : Seo Seung-jae & Kim Won-ho (South Korea)
- Women's Doubles : Liu Shengshu & Tan Ning (China)
- Mixed Doubles : Thom Gicquel & Delphine Delrue (France)





**Ques: The Boeing 787-8 aircraft involved in the Ahmedabad crash was delivered in which year?**

- A. 2011
- B. 2012
- C. 2013
- D. 2014
- E. 2015

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

- The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner that crashed in Ahmedabad was delivered in 2014, three years after the model's entry into service in 2011.
- It was heading to Gatwick Airport with 242 passengers onboard when it collided with a medical college hostel.
- The 787-8 is considered among the most advanced commercial jets, with a range of 13,530 km and passenger capacity of 248.
- Over 2,500 units of the 787 have been sold globally, including 47 to Air India.
- The crashed aircraft was powered by twin GE Aerospace engines.
- The 787 series is built using composite materials, providing 20% more fuel efficiency and enabling airlines to open new routes without relying on larger aircraft like the Boeing 747.
- Boeing had outsourced a significant portion of the aircraft's structure globally, which later led to supply chain issues, prompting the company to admit it had overextended outsourcing.





**Ques: Which two countries jointly launched the "Blue NDC Challenge" to promote ocean-focused climate action at the UN Ocean Conference 2025?**

- A. USA and Canada
- B. India and Germany
- C. France and Brazil
- D. UK and Japan
- E. China and Australia

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- At the third UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3) held in Nice, France, a significant climate initiative called the Blue Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Challenge was jointly launched by France and Brazil.
- The initiative aims to place oceans at the center of global climate strategies, especially in the lead-up to COP30, which will be hosted by Brazil in Belém in November 2025.
- The Blue NDC Challenge encourages countries to include ocean-based solutions in their revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, targeting the 1.5°C global warming limit and enhancing climate resilience.
- Australia, Fiji, Kenya, Mexico, Palau, and Seychelles have joined France and Brazil in endorsing the initiative.
- These revised NDCs represent the highest form of political commitment under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).







**Ques: IG Drones has partnered with which Belgian firm to integrate 3D perception systems into UAVs?**

- A. Skysense
- B. VoxelSensors
- C. DronePort
- D. FlyBelgium
- E. AirNetics

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- IG Drones, an Indian drone technology firm, has signed a strategic partnership with Belgium-based VoxelSensors, a deep tech company.
- The collaboration focuses on integrating next-generation 3D perception systems into Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).
- VoxelSensors is known for its SPAES (Streaming Perception for AI Enhanced Systems) technology, which provides ultra-low latency and high-precision sensing.
- This innovation enables UAVs to navigate GPS-denied environments, including dense forests, tunnels, and complex urban settings.
- These drones will feature enhanced environmental awareness, obstacle avoidance, and high-fidelity 3D mapping.
- The system is expected to improve efficiency in emergency response, infrastructure inspection, smart cities, and environmental monitoring.
- The Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) has highlighted this as a milestone in India's global collaboration in drone technology.







**Ques: Which country won the UEFA Nations League 2024–25, becoming the first to win the title twice since its inception?**

- A. Spain
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. Portugal
- E. Netherlands

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Portugal won their second UEFA Nations League title by defeating Spain 5–3 in a penalty shootout, after a 2–2 draw in the final held at the Allianz Arena, Munich, Germany.
- This was the 4th edition of the UEFA Nations League, conducted from September 2024 to June 2025.
- Portugal became the first nation to win the tournament twice since its launch in 2018–19.
- Their first title came in 2019, when they beat the Netherlands 1–0 in the final.
- Cristiano Ronaldo, at 40 years and 123 days, became the oldest male player in the world to score in an international football match, and also in a Nations League final, surpassing Luka Modrić (37 years).
- He was also the highest goal scorer of the tournament with 8 goals.

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**Ques: Marc Garneau, who recently passed away, was the first Canadian to achieve what historic milestone?**

- A. First Canadian Prime Minister of Indian origin
- B. First Canadian Nobel Peace Prize winner
- C. First Canadian astronaut in space
- D. First Canadian to serve in NATO command
- E. First Canadian to walk on the Moon

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Marc Garneau, who recently passed away, was the first Canadian astronaut in space.
- In 1984, he flew aboard the NASA Space Shuttle Challenger during the STS-41-G mission.
- He completed a total of three spaceflights STS-41-G in 1984, STS-77 in 1996 and STS-97 in 2000
- After his space career, he served in Canadian politics, holding prominent positions Minister of Transport (2015–2021) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2021) under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

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**Ques: What was the theme of World Day Against Child Labour 2025, observed on 12th June?**

- A. Children First: End Child Labour Now
- B. Act Now: End Child Labour
- C. Progress is clear, but there's more to do: let's speed up efforts!
- D. Protect Children from Work, Not from Childhood
- E. Building a Better Future Together

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- World Day Against Child Labour is observed every year on 12th June to raise awareness about the global issue of child labour.
- The 2025 theme was: "Progress is clear, but there's more to do: let's speed up efforts!"
- Child labour refers to work that is inappropriate for a child's age or harmful to their physical or mental development.
- In India, the Constitution prohibits children under 14 years from working in mines, factories, or hazardous occupations.
- As per the International Labour Organisation (ILO), individuals under 18 years should not be engaged in hazardous work.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Muhammad Waseem (UAE) and Chloe Tryon (South Africa) are the Winners of the ICC Men's and ICC Women's player of the month Respectively.

Tata Asset Management Private Limited (TAMPL), part of the Tata group, received approval from the IFSCA to operate as a Regional Fund Management Entity (FME) (Retail) at GIFT IFSC. TAMPL Established in 1994 and HQ in Mumbai.

To commemorate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 11 years in office, the Narendra Modi App or NaMo App has launched the 'Jan Man Survey.'

In the village of Udampatti in the Melur taluk, an 800-year-old Shiva temple from the later Pandya period has been discovered. Shilpa Sastram and inscriptions attest to the temple's dedication to Lord Shiva under the name Thennavanisvaram.

Nicholas Pooran, West Indies' record holder in T20s, retires from international cricket.

NASA's 2001 Mars Odyssey orbiter recently delivered a stunning new picture from Mars, capturing the colossal Arsia Mons volcano. It is one of the largest volcanoes in the solar system, with a height of over 18 kilometers (11 miles).

Tata Electronics Private Limited (TEPL) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed an agreement to produce key components such as Microcontrollers (MCUs), Systems-on-Chip (SoCs), and Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuits (MMICs) to meet current and future requirements of BEL



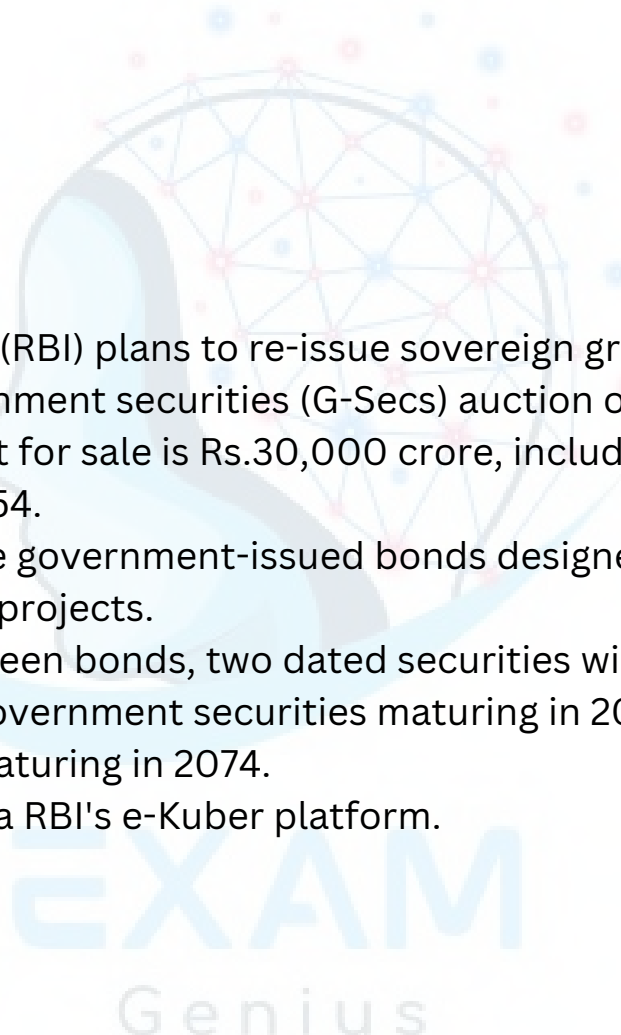
**Ques: As per RBI's announcement, how much worth of Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) maturing in 2054 will be re-issued in the G-Secs auction on June 13, 2025?**

- A. Rs.10,000 crore
- B. Rs.7,000 crore
- C. Rs.5,000 crore
- D. Rs.15,000 crore
- E. Rs.3,000 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) plans to re-issue sovereign green bonds (SGrBs) during the upcoming government securities (G-Secs) auction on June 13, 2025.
- The entire notified amount for sale is Rs.30,000 crore, including Rs.5,000 crore of 6.98% SGrB maturing in 2054.
- Sovereign green bonds are government-issued bonds designed to fund environmentally beneficial projects.
- In addition to sovereign green bonds, two dated securities will be re-issued: Rs.11,000 crore of 6.79% government securities maturing in 2031 and Rs.14,000 crore of 7.09% securities maturing in 2074.
- The auction will be held via RBI's e-Kuber platform.





**Ques: What is excluded from SEBI's new ESG debt securities framework, which came into effect on June 5, 2025?**

- A. Social Bonds
- B. Sustainability Bonds
- C. Sustainability-Linked Bonds (SLBs)
- D. Green Bonds
- E. All of the above are included

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- SEBI introduced a comprehensive framework for the issuance and listing of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) debt securities, effective June 5, 2025.
- The framework covers social bonds, sustainability bonds, and Sustainability-Linked Bonds (SLBs), but explicitly excludes green bonds, which are governed under a separate regulation.
- The framework aligns with SEBI's Sustainable Finance Roadmap (2025–2028) and mandates adherence to global ESG standards such as ICMA, CBS, ASEAN, or Indian regulatory guidelines.
- ESG-labelled bonds must finance projects that meet specific environmental or social criteria.

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**Ques: Which two institutions recently signed an MoU to enhance cybersecurity in India's digital payment ecosystem?**

- A. RBI and SEBI
- B. NPCI and IDRBT
- C. NPCI and NITI Aayog
- D. RBI and UIDAI
- E. NABARD and NPCI

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) signed an MoU to boost cybersecurity and resilience in India's digital payment ecosystem.
- The partnership focuses on enhancing security, trust, and response capabilities in digital transactions.
- IDRBT is India's premier institute for banking technology R&D, and NPCI manages key systems like UPI, RuPay, IMPS, and NACH.
- The collaboration will explore AI-ML based cybersecurity frameworks, cyber threat intelligence, and risk mitigation strategies.

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**Ques: How much amount was raised by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) through its Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP)?**

- A. Rs.2,005.90 crore
- B. Rs.2,000 crore
- C. Rs.1,500 crore
- D. Rs.1,800 crore
- E. Rs.1,650 crore

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) raised Rs.2,005.90 crore via Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP).
- A total of 12.15 crore equity shares were issued at an issue price of Rs.165.14 per share.
- The QIP was oversubscribed 1.34 times, receiving bids worth Rs.2,005.90 crore against the base issue size of Rs.1,500 crore.

**About IREDA :**

- Established : 1987
- HQ : New Delhi
- CMD : Pradip Kumar Das

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**Ques: ADB has approved a \$109.97 million loan to support which Indian state's skill development initiative?**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Gujarat
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Karnataka

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$109.97 million (Rs.927 crore) results-based loan to Gujarat.
- The loan supports the Gujarat Skills Development Programme, run by the state's Labour, Skill Development and Employment Department, in collaboration with Kaushalya: The Skill University.
- The aim is to enhance employability by providing industry-aligned, advanced skills training to the workforce.

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**Ques: Who was appointed as the Honorary Consul of Finland in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, as part of the newly inaugurated Honorary Consulate?**

- A. Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- B. Gautam Adani
- C. Sanjiv Mehta
- D. Pankaj Patel
- E. Kulin Lalbhai

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- The Ambassador of Finland to India, Kimmo Lähdevirta, inaugurated the Honorary Consulate of Finland in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Kulin Lalbhai, Vice Chairman of Arvind Limited (Ahmedabad-based), has been appointed as the Honorary Consul of Finland.
- The consulate will enhance diplomatic and commercial ties between Finland and Gujarat, and support Finnish companies investing in India.

**About Finland:**

- Capital – Helsinki
- Currency – Euro
- Prime Minister – Petteri Orpo

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**Ques: What was the objective of the global cybercrime initiative called ‘Operation Secure’ conducted from January to April 2025?**

- A. To stop digital currency fraud
- B. To dismantle infrastructure of cybercriminals using infostealer malware
- C. To monitor social media threats
- D. To develop a cybersecurity training network
- E. To promote ethical hacking

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Operation Secure was a global cybercrime crackdown led by Interpol from January to April 2025.
- It targeted over 20,000 malicious IPs and domains tied to infostealer malware.
- 26 countries participated, along with private cybersecurity firms like Group-IB, Kaspersky, and Trend Micro.
- The operation successfully eliminated 79% of the identified malicious infrastructure.
- Infostealer malware was used by criminals to steal browser credentials, passwords, and credit card details.

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**Ques : Who is the author of the recently released book “Life’s Magic Moments”?**

- A. Chetan Bhagat
- B. Amitav Ghosh
- C. Arundhati Roy
- D. Ruskin Bond
- E. Jhumpa Lahiri

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- “Life’s Magic Moments” is a new book by Ruskin Bond, one of India’s most beloved and prolific authors.
- The book celebrates life’s simple joys, childhood memories, nature, and human bonds, capturing the essence of peace and nostalgia.
- Published by Penguin Books, it blends illustrations, short reflections, and Bond’s signature style of storytelling.

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**Ques: Which Indian squash player won two awards at the PSA Awards 2024–25, including Women’s Challenger Player of the Season?**

- A. Joshna Chinappa
- B. Tanvi Khanna
- C. Anahat Singh
- D. Dipika Pallikal
- E. Sunayna Kuruvilla

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Anahat Singh, India’s top-ranked women’s squash player, won two awards at the PSA Awards 2024–25 : Women’s Challenger Player of the Season, and Women’s Young Player of the Season (shared with Amina Orfi of Egypt).
- She also won the U-17 title at the British Junior Open in January 2025.
- She played a key role in helping India secure bronze at the Asian Junior Team Championships in Hong Kong.
- Anahat is currently ranked world No. 56 in women’s squash.

**List of other 2025 PSA Award Winners :**

- PSA Challenger Male Player of the Season : Sam Todd (England)
- PSA Female Player of the Season : Nour El Sherbini (Egypt)
- PSA Male Player of the Season : Ali Farag (Egypt)
- Hall of Fame Inductees : • Jonah Barrington (UK) (6-time British Open winner) • Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) (5-time World Champion)





**Ques: Which Goan liquor recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indication Registry in Chennai?**

- A. Cashew Feni
- B. Toddy
- C. Ozzo Feni
- D. Coconut Feni
- E. Urak / उरक

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Ozzo Feni, produced by Cazcar Distillery in Nanora village, near Panaji, Goa, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indication Registry, Chennai, which functions under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Traditionally, the 'Bhatikars' prepared feni using earthen pots (bhatis) under fire.
- In modern times, copper pots and the coil distillation method are used for production.

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**Ques : Which state has declared 2025–2035 as the ‘Decade of Hydropower’?**

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Sikkim
- D. Arunachal Pradesh
- E. Assam

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu declared 2025–2035 as the ‘Decade of Hydropower’, aiming to utilize the state's potential of generating 58,000 MW of electricity.
- The plan includes implementing mega, large, and small hydro projects, securing 13% free power (12% + 1%), and developing Geku and Yingkiong as future-ready towns.
- Arunachal expects an annual revenue of Rs.4,525 crore from 2035 onwards, with a dedicated escrow account for managing free power income.

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**Ques: Where will the 8th edition of the India–France joint military exercise ‘Shakti-2025’ be held?**

- A. Umroi, Meghalaya
- B. Paris, France
- C. Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- D. La Cavalerie, France
- E. Marseille, France

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The 8th edition of Exercise Shakti 2025, a biennial bilateral military exercise between India and France, will be held at La Cavalerie, France, from June 18 to July 1, 2025.
- This exercise alternates between India and France and was first held in 2011.
- The 7th edition took place in Umroi, Meghalaya in 2024.

**Other India–France defence exercises include:**

- Varuna (Naval exercise)
- Garuda and Desert Knight (Air exercises)
- Shakti (Army exercise)







**Ques: What is the range of the Kusha M3 air defence system being developed by DRDO?**

- A. 50 km
- B. 100–200 km
- C. 200–300 km
- D. More than 400 km
- E. 300–350 km

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

- DRDO is developing three variants of the Kusha air defence system – M1, M2, and M3.
- Among them, Kusha M3 will have the longest range, capable of intercepting threats at more than 400 km.
- This indigenous system is positioned as India's answer to Russia's S-500, aimed at multi-layered air defence.
- The project supports India's vision of self-reliance (Aatmanirbharta) in defence technology.

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**Ques: What is the title of the book authored by former IRS officer R. Mohan, which explores Kerala's political and socio-cultural history?**

- A. Kerala: A Political Journey
- B. The Rise of Kerala
- C. Schisms and Isms
- D. The Soul of Kerala
- E. Monarchs and Democracy

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The book 'Story of Schisms and Isms – Kerala from the Twilight of Monarchy to the Present' was written by R. Mohan, a former IRS (Indian Revenue Service) officer.
- It explores the political and socio-cultural history of the Indian state of Kerala since its formation.
- The title reflects the various ideological and historical divisions ("schisms and isms") that have shaped Kerala's modern development.

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**Ques: Where is India's first underwater museum and artificial coral reef being developed?**

- A. Goa
- B. Lakshadweep
- C. Kochi
- D. Vengurla, Maharashtra
- E. Diu

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- India's first underwater museum and artificial coral reef is being developed around the decommissioned warship INS Guldar, near Nivati Rocks at Vengurla in Sindhudurg district, Maharashtra.
- This is part of a central government-supported initiative aimed at promoting marine biodiversity conservation and eco-tourism.
- Activities like scuba diving and submarine tours are planned to attract tourists and researchers.
- INS Guldar, the central exhibit of this underwater project, was decommissioned in January 2024.

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**Ques: What is the name of the star tracker device that Dhruva Space will launch in collaboration with France's Sodern in 2026?**

- A. Auriga
- B. HORUS
- C. Polaris
- D. Sirius
- E. Vega

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Dhruva Space, a private Indian space company, is partnering with Sodern (a subsidiary of ArianeGroup, France) to launch a star tracker named HORUS in 2026.
- HORUS will be part of Dhruva's LEAP program, designed to support small-scale space experiments.
- The device will be mounted on Dhruva's P30 small satellite, which was successfully space-tested in January 2024 during an ISRO launch.
- HORUS helps satellites accurately determine their position in space, while Auriga, another tracker from Sodern, will be used in future missions for direction and stability control.

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**Ques: What marks the beginning of Rath Yatra festivities in Puri, Odisha?**

- A. Anavasara
- B. Nabakalebara
- C. Deva Snana Purnima
- D. Chandan Yatra
- E. Netrotsava

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Deva Snana Purnima ritual, also called Snana Yatra, marks the beginning of Rath Yatra festivities in Puri.
- It is a divine bathing ceremony where the idols of Lord Jagannath (35 pots), Lord Balabhadra (33 pots), Devi Subhadra (22 pots), and Lord Sudarshan (18 pots) are bathed with 108 pots of sacred water.
- The deities are brought from the Ratna Sinhasana (main sanctum) to the Snana Mandap (bathing altar).
- The ritual is believed to have been first instituted by King Indradyumna, the legendary founder of the Puri temple.
- After the ceremonial bath, the deities are believed to fall ill and go into a 15-day quarantine period called Anasara, which lasts from Jyestha Purnima to Ashadha Amavasya, during which they are kept away from public view.





**Ques: On which date is the 648th birth anniversary of Sant Kabir Das being celebrated in 2025?**

- A. June 14
- B. May 27
- C. July 3
- D. June 11
- E. May 31

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Sant Kabir Das, a 15th-century mystic poet and saint, was born in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh to a Hindu family but raised by a Muslim weaver couple.
- His birth anniversary, known as Kabir Jayanti, is celebrated annually on Jyeshtha Purnima, according to the Hindu lunar calendar.
- In 2025, Kabir Jayanti falls on June 11, marking his 648th birth anniversary.
- Kabir was a key figure in the Bhakti movement, which emphasized devotion and love for the divine.
- He drew spiritual inspiration from Ramananda (a Hindu saint) and Sheikh Taqi (a Muslim spiritual figure), creating a syncretic philosophy.
- Kabir's writings in Brajbhasha and Awadhi influenced Indian literature and the evolution of the Hindi language.
- His followers are called Kabir Panthis, and he is revered by both Hindus and Muslims.

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**Ques: What is the theme of International Albinism Awareness Day 2025 observed on June 13?**

- A. Inclusion is Strength
- B. Shine Your Light
- C. Strength Beyond Skin
- D. Demanding our rights: Protect our skin, Preserve our lives
- E. Standing Strong in Solidarity

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

- International Albinism Awareness Day is observed every year on 13 June, as officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014.
- The theme for 2025 is "Demanding our rights: Protect our skin, Preserve our lives".
- Albinism is a genetically inherited condition that causes a lack of melanin in the skin, hair, and eyes, making individuals vulnerable to sunlight and bright light.
- It is rare, non-contagious, and currently has no cure.

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**Ques: Where was the new corporate office of the Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) inaugurated?**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Kolkata
- D. Noida
- E. World Trade Centre, New Delhi

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the new corporate office of SPMCIL at the World Trade Centre, New Delhi.
- SPMCIL (Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited) was established on 13 January 2006 in New Delhi.
- It is responsible for printing currency and banknotes for the Reserve Bank of India, producing security papers, passports, stamps, coins, medallions, security inks, and refining bullion.

**SPMCIL has 9 production units:**

- 2 Security Presses : Nashik (Maharashtra), Hyderabad (Telangana)
- 2 Currency Note Presses : Dewas (Madhya Pradesh), Nashik (Maharashtra)
- 4 Mints : Mumbai (Maharashtra), Kolkata (West Bengal), Hyderabad (Telangana), Noida (Uttar Pradesh)
- 1 Security Paper Mill : Narmadapuram (Madhya Pradesh)





**Ques: Who has been re-appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Yes Bank for a six-month extension?**

- A. Shaktikanta Das
- B. Prashant Kumar
- C. Uday Kotak
- D. Aditya Puri
- E. Chanda Kochhar

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Prashant Kumar has been given a six-month extension as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yes Bank.
- He originally took charge of Yes Bank in 2020, during a period of severe financial crisis for the bank.
- His term was extended for three years in 2022 and was initially set to end in October 2025.
- As per Section 35B of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, appointments of MD, CEO, or Chairman in Indian private banks require approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The extension will ensure continuity in leadership as the bank continues to stabilize and strengthen its operations.

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**Ques: What is the new motto adopted by the Lokpal of India in 2025?**

- A. Integrity and Justice
- B. Ma Gridhah Kasyasvid Dhanam
- C. Empower Citizens, Expose Corruption
- D. Serve Honestly, Punish Corruption
- E. Truth Alone Triumphs

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Lokpal of India has adopted a new motto in 2025: “Empower Citizens, Expose Corruption”, replacing its old Sanskrit motto “Ma Gridhah Kasyasvid Dhanam” (Do not be greedy for anyone’s wealth).
- The Lokpal is a statutory anti-corruption body established under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.
- It investigates corruption complaints against the Prime Minister, ministers, MPs, central government employees, and NGOs receiving over Rs.1 crore/year in foreign funds.
- The Lokpal was formally established on 16 January 2014, which is now observed as Lokpal Day.
- Current Chairperson: Justice A. M. Khanwilkar (2nd Lokpal Chief)
- The Lokpal has powers like summoning witnesses, sanctioning prosecution, and supervising the CBI.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the new MD and Head of Meta India with effect from July 1, 2025?**

- A. Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- B. Raghavan Srinivasan
- C. Sandhya Devanathan
- D. Arun Srinivas
- E. Prashant Singh

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Arun Srinivas has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Head of Meta India operations, effective July 1, 2025.
- He currently serves as the Director and Head of Ads Business for Meta in India.
- In his new role, he will focus on business growth, innovation, and revenue strategy, while upholding Meta's long-term commitment to India.
- His appointment follows Sandhya Devanathan's transition to an expanded role covering India and Southeast Asia.
- With nearly 30 years of experience in sales and marketing leadership, Srinivas is expected to play a pivotal role in driving Meta's expansion in India.

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**Ques: Which regulation designates English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti, and Purgi as the official languages of the Union Territory of Ladakh?**

- A. Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Regulation, 2025
- B. Ladakh Official Languages Regulation, 2025
- C. Ladakh Cultural Promotion Act, 2025
- D. Ladakh Autonomous Hill Councils Act, 2025
- E. UT Language Policy Notification, 2025

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Ministry of Law and Justice announced that the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, has promulgated 'The Ladakh Official Languages Regulation, 2025'.
- It designates English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti, and Purgi as official languages of Ladakh.
- The Regulation states that English will continue to be used for all official purposes as before.
- It also mandates the establishment of an Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages and institutional mechanisms to promote indigenous Ladakhi languages such as Shina (Dardic), Brokskat (Dardic), Balti, and Ladakhi.

**The 2025 Regulation on Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) :**

- Offers Ladakh inhabitants an 85% quota in public jobs; this amount does not include the 10% reservation currently held by Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), making the overall reservation 95%.
- Women will have a one-third (1/3) reserve of seats on the Kargil Autonomous Hill Development Council and the Leh Autonomous Hill Development Council. These seats will be rotated according to serial numbers given by official gazette announcement.



**Ques: What is the primary objective of the Ministry of Ayush's 'Y-Break' initiative?**

- A. Promote yoga in schools
- B. Offer 30-minute yoga classes
- C. Encourage 5-minute workplace wellness breaks
- D. Train yoga instructors for rural areas
- E. Provide yoga therapy for chronic diseases

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Y-Break is a 5-minute guided yoga module created by the Ministry of Ayush to promote well-being and productivity in workplace environments.
- It is specifically designed for working professionals to help them de-stress, refresh, and refocus during office hours.
- The module includes basic asana and pranayama practices such as Nadi Shodhana, Tadasana, Skandha Chakra, Utkatasana, and Bhramari Pranayama.
- The initiative fosters mental clarity, posture correction, and spinal mobility within a short break period, making it practical for everyday work settings.

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**Ques: What is the main purpose of a black box in aircraft?**

- A. To reduce engine noise
- B. To guide air traffic
- C. To record flight data and cockpit conversations
- D. To store passenger information
- E. To assist in fueling

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The black box in aircraft refers to two critical devices: the Flight Data Recorder (FDR) and the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR).
- The FDR stores important technical data such as airspeed, altitude, and engine performance, while the CVR records audio from the cockpit, including conversations and alarms.
- Despite being called "black boxes," these devices are actually painted bright orange to make them easier to locate after a crash.
- They are constructed from durable materials like titanium to survive high-impact crashes, fires, and deep-sea pressure.
- Over time, black boxes have evolved from metal foils to magnetic tapes and now to solid-state memory chips for better durability and data retention.
- In India, the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation is responsible for retrieving and analyzing black boxes after aviation accidents.







**Ques : Who is the author of the book “Will India Get Rich Before it Turns 100?”**

- A. Gurcharan Das
- B. Ruchir Sharma
- C. Prosenjit Datta
- D. Kaushik Basu
- E. Arvind Subramanian

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- “Will India Get Rich Before it Turns 100?” is authored by Prosenjit Datta and published by Aleph Book Company.
- The book analytically explores India’s current economic landscape, policy challenges, and growth potential ahead of its centenary in 2047.
- Prosenjit Datta, a seasoned business journalist, delves into key factors that could determine whether India becomes a wealthy nation by its 100th birthday.

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**Ques: What is the name of the first-ever joint military exercise between the Special Forces of the Indian and US Air Forces held in 2025?**

- A. Vajra Prahar
- B. Sangam
- C. Tiger Claw
- D. Garuda Strike
- E. Air Dagger

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Tiger Claw is the first-ever joint exercise between the Special Forces of the Indian Air Force (Garud) and the United States Air Force Special Forces.
- It was conducted from 26 May to 10 June 2025 across North India, concluding at the Garud Regimental Training Centre.
- The Indian Army and Navy have separate joint drills with the US:
  - Vajra Prahar with the Indian Army Special Forces
  - Sangam with the Indian Navy MARCOs and US Navy SEALs

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**Ques: Which team won the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Season 6 title in 2025?**

- A. Chennai Lions
- B. Bengaluru Smashers
- C. Jaipur Patriots
- D. U Mumba
- E. Dabang Delhi TTC

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- U Mumba defeated Jaipur Patriots 8-4 in Ahmedabad to win the Ultimate Table Tennis Season 6 title.
- Despite an early lead by Jaipur's Kanak Jha, U Mumba bounced back with Lilian Bardet and captain Bernadette Szocs playing pivotal roles.
- Szocs not only defeated the unbeaten Sreeja Akula in singles but also partnered with Akash Pal to win the mixed doubles in straight games.
- This all-round performance helped U Mumba seal the championship in style.

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**Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was recently awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III by which country?**

- A. Greece
- B. Portugal
- C. Cyprus
- D. France
- E. Germany

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III is the highest civilian honour bestowed by the Republic of Cyprus.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi received this award in recognition of his contributions to strengthening India–Cyprus relations, especially in economic and investment sectors.
- During the visit, Cyprus and India signed multiple agreements, including:
  - An MoU between Cyprus Stock Exchange and NSE International Exchange (GIFT City) for cooperation in financial services.
  - An agreement between NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) and Eurobank Cyprus to enable UPI-based cross-border digital payments, benefitting tourists and traders.
- PM Modi also welcomed the formation of the India–Greece–Cyprus (IGC) Business and Investment Council, aimed at boosting trilateral cooperation in logistics, renewable energy, aviation, digital services, and more.





**Ques: What is the objective of the recently launched CROPIC initiative by the Ministry of Agriculture?**

- A. Promote organic farming
- B. Monitor crop health and assess crop loss using AI
- C. Distribute free seeds to farmers
- D. Increase irrigation facilities
- E. Implement drone-based spraying

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched CROPIC – Collection of Real Time Observations & Photo of Crops.
- It is a mobile app-based initiative that uses AI-powered image recognition to analyse photographs of standing crops.
- The goal is to monitor crop health and automate crop loss assessment, helping improve the effectiveness of government schemes like crop insurance.
- The pilot project will be implemented during Kharif 2025 and Rabi 2025–26 in 50 selected districts.

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**Ques: Which team won the ICC World Test Championship Final 2025, defeating Australia at Lord's?**

- A. South Africa
- B. India
- C. England
- D. New Zealand
- E. Pakistan

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- South Africa clinched the ICC World Test Championship 2025 title by defeating defending champions Australia in the final held at Lord's, London.
- They chased down a target of 282 runs with five wickets in hand, marking their first major ICC title in 27 years.
- Aiden Markram's century (136 runs) and a 147-run partnership with Pat Cummins played a pivotal role in the win.
- Kagiso Rabada was instrumental, taking 10 wickets in the match.
- South Africa was awarded \$3.6 million, while Australia received \$2.16 million as runners-up.

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**Ques: What is the name of the Israeli air operation launched on 13th June 2025 targeting Iran's nuclear and military facilities?**

- A. Operation Desert Storm
- B. Operation Iron Sword
- C. Operation Rising Lion
- D. Operation Thunder Shield
- E. Operation Sky Hammer

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Israel launched an air operation named 'Operation Rising Lion' on 13th June 2025, targeting Iran's nuclear and military infrastructure.
- The operation was authorized by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu amid rising tensions with Iran.
- Following the strike, Israel declared a state of emergency anticipating possible Iranian retaliation.
- Meanwhile, the United States confirmed a sixth round of negotiations between American and Iranian delegates regarding Iran's nuclear enrichment program, scheduled for 15 June 2025 in Oman.

**About Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) :**

- Signed : 1968, Came into force 5 March 1970
- Usage : Under the NPT, only five countries - China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States of America can keep nuclear weapons. Other signatories of the NPT can use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, but cannot use it for military purposes
- India, Pakistan and Israel are not members of the NPT







**Ques: Who was recently conferred the Srimanta Sankardeva Award by the Government of Assam?**

- A. Mallika Sarabhai
- B. Padma Subrahmanyam
- C. Dr. Sonal Mansingh
- D. Alarmel Valli
- E. Rukmini Devi Arundale

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Government of Assam presented the Srimanta Sankardeva Award to Dr. Sonal Mansingh, a renowned Indian classical dancer and cultural icon.
- The award is named after Srimanta Sankardev (1449–1568)—a 15th-century saint, scholar, reformer, and poet who had a profound influence on Assamese religion, culture, literature, and performing arts.
- He is revered with the title “Gurujona”, meaning “Venerable Guru” in Assamese.
- Srimanta Sankardev was the founder of the Ekasarana Dharma, a monotheistic Bhakti movement in Assam.
- He introduced several artistic traditions, including Borgeet (devotional songs), Ankia Naats (one-act plays) and Sattriya (a classical dance form recognized among India’s classical dance styles)
- Awards Started in 1986 and A gold medallion, a citation and a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh given to winner.





**Ques: Where was the earliest known reference to the term “Telangana” recently found?**

- A. Warangal
- B. Nizamabad
- C. Tellapur
- D. Karimnagar
- E. Adilabad

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- A stone inscription dated 1418 CE found in Tellapur, near Hyderabad, contains what is believed to be the earliest known reference to the term “Telangana.”
- The inscription was discovered near a temple and a graveyard associated with Habeeb Hasan Habshi, hinting at the historical presence of people of African origin in the Deccan.
- The inscription records the digging of a well for village water supply, a common practice at the time.
- Sibghat Khan of the Deccan Archive suggests it may be the first epigraphical use of “Telangana.”
- The stone also mentions Nagoju, a goldsmith who served the Bahmani Sultanate, and was inscribed by Rudroju Sirigiroju.

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**Ques: Who is the author of the book "The Man Who Became Cinema: Dilip Kumar"?**

- A. Nasreen Munni Kabir
- B. Ashok Chopra
- C. Bhawana Somaaya
- D. Yasir Usman
- E. Anupama Chopra

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- "The Man Who Became Cinema: Dilip Kumar" is authored by Ashok Chopra and published by Ebury Press.
- The book presents an insightful chronicle of Dilip Kumar's legendary cinematic journey.
- It offers an in-depth analysis of his craft, his artistic influence, and his transformative impact on Indian cinema.
- This work is an essential read for film lovers, cinema scholars, and students who want to understand the evolution of Indian cinema through Dilip Kumar's legacy.

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**Ques: What is the name of the world's first unified global checklist of bird species launched in 2025?**

- A. BirdMap
- B. AviList
- C. GlobalBirds
- D. OrniCheck
- E. UniBird

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- AviList is the world's first unified global checklist of bird species, officially launched to standardize bird taxonomy globally.
- It recognizes 11,131 bird species in 252 families.
- It was developed by the Working Group on Avian Checklists under the International Ornithologists' Union.
- Major partners include: Cornell Lab of Ornithology, BirdLife International, American Ornithological Society, and Avibase.
- It replaces previously inconsistent systems to enhance global conservation and biodiversity research.

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**Ques: Nepal began exporting 40 MW electricity to Bangladesh through which country's power grid?**

- A. Bhutan
- B. India
- C. China
- D. Myanmar
- E. Sri Lanka

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- On June 15, 2025, Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) began exporting 40 MW of electricity to Bangladesh using India's power grid.
- This is the first trilateral power cooperation among Nepal, India, and Bangladesh, marking a new milestone in South Asian energy collaboration.
- The electricity is transmitted via India's 400-kV Muzaffarpur–Baharampur–Bheramara transmission line.
- As per the October 3, 2024 agreement, Nepal will continue the export from June 15 to November 15 each year.
- Nepal's Energy Minister Dipak Khadka emphasized that this step marks Nepal's entry into the international energy market, while also exporting 80 MW to Bihar, India.
- Nepal aims to access a 5,000 MW regional market through such partnerships, demonstrating its energy surplus and commitment to regional energy security.





**Ques: What is the name of the newly developed mango variety named after Union Minister Rajnath Singh by Padma Shri awardee Haji Kalimullah Khan?**

- A. Rajnath Kesari
- B. Malihabadi Singh
- C. Raksha Aam
- D. Kalim Raj Mango
- E. Rajnath Aam

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Haji Kalimullah Khan, a renowned Indian horticulturist and Padma Shri awardee, popularly known as the 'Mango Man of India', has named a newly developed mango variety 'Rajnath Aam' after Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- This mango was created using his signature grafting technique at his orchard in Malihabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- Khan has earlier named mango varieties after several famous Indian personalities such as Sachin Tendulkar, Aishwarya Rai, Akhilesh Yadav, Sonia Gandhi, Narendra Modi and Amit Shah
- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2008 for his contribution in developing over 300 mango varieties.

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**Ques: Who is the subject of the book Portrait of a Genius, which highlights the contributions of an Indian scientist?**

- A. Meghnad Saha
- B. C.V. Raman
- C. Hiranaya Chandra Bhuyan
- D. Homi Bhabha
- E. Vikram Sarabhai

**Answer:** Option C

Explanation:

- Portrait of a Genius is a biography written and compiled by Jayanta Bhuyan, chronicling the life and scientific contributions of Hiranaya Chandra Bhuyan (1905–1973), a physicist from Assam.
- He worked under Sir Nevill Francis Mott, who later won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1977, along with Philip Anderson and John van Vleck, for their work on the electronic structure of magnetic and disordered systems.
- Bhuyan passed away in 1973, four years before the Nobel recognition was awarded to his mentor.
- The book revives interest in Bhuyan's legacy as a pioneering Indian scientist from the northeastern region.

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**Ques: What is the theme of World Blood Donor Day 2025 observed on 14 June?**

- A. Share Life, Give Blood
- B. Give Blood and Keep the World Beating
- C. Give blood, give hope: together we save lives
- D. Safe Blood Saves Lives
- E. Be There for Someone Else

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) is observed every year on 14 June to raise awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation.
- The theme for 2025 is: "Give blood, give hope: together we save lives."
- WBDD was first celebrated in 2004 and was formally recognized as an annual global event by the World Health Assembly in 2005.
- The date marks the birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner (1868–1943), the Austrian scientist who discovered the ABO blood group system in 1901.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Bill Atkinson, Apple Pioneer Behind Graphical Interfaces, Dies at 74. was the Apple Computer designer who programmed QuickDraw and also created MacPaint.

Veteran Urdu Newsreader Salim Akhtar Passes Away at 76. Salim Akhtar was associated with the Urdu unit of the News Services Division of Akashvani for about 25 years.

Former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani, who was among the 242 passengers on board the crashed Air India flight, died in the plane crash. He served as the 16th chief minister of Gujarat from August 2016 to September 2021

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) led the 137th meeting of the Offshore Security Coordination Committee (OSCC) in New Delhi. The OSCC was constituted in 1978 to ensure the effective functioning of offshore security arrangements.

Actress Neena Gupta Appointed as Brand Ambassador for 'Cipladine - Aapka Fast Aid Expert' campaign of Cipla Health

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**Ques: Vedanta Aluminium signed an MoU with which bank to provide collateral-free financing to MSMEs and OEMs through BALCO in Korba, Chhattisgarh?**

- A. State Bank of India
- B. Bank of Baroda
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. Central Bank of India
- E. Union Bank of India

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Vedanta Aluminium signed an MoU with the Central Bank of India to provide collateral-free financing to MSMEs and OEMs through Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) in Korba, Chhattisgarh.
- This initiative is aimed at improving working capital access for downstream customers, especially those that constitute over 60% of Vedanta's customer base.
- Loans ranging from Rs.10 lakh to Rs.10 crore will be provided based on parameters like business turnover, customer history, and recommendation from BALCO, at some of the lowest interest rates in the aluminium sector.

**About Central Bank of India :**

- Established : 1911
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : M.V. Rao
- Tagline : Central to You Since 1911





**Ques: Recently, the RBI approved the extension of the term of Sandeep Batra as Executive Director of which bank?**

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. SBI
- E. Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the extension of Sandeep Batra's term as Executive Director (ED) of ICICI Bank.
- His renewed term will be effective from December 23, 2025 to December 22, 2027.
- Final shareholder approval will be obtained in due course.
- Sandeep Batra has been serving as ED since July 2018, managing vital departments like corporate communications, finance, HR, legal, customer service, and compliance.
- He also oversees risk management, internal audit, and regulatory compliance functions.

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**Ques: Which company launched the fully digital ‘Business Loan 24/7’ product for MSMEs in India?**

- A. Bajaj Finserv
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Tata Capital
- D. Muthoot Finance
- E. Poonawalla Fincorp

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Poonawalla Fincorp Limited, promoted by the Cyrus Poonawalla Group, has launched ‘Business Loan 24/7’, a first-of-its-kind fully digital loan product for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- The product enables MSMEs to apply, get approval, and receive disbursement without visiting any branch or submitting physical documents.
- It uses a digital risk assessment model integrated with India’s public digital infrastructure such as GST system, Credit Bureaus, and Account Aggregators.
- This initiative is aimed at enhancing financial accessibility and supporting the growth of MSMEs across India.

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**Ques: Recently, the Reserve Bank of India issued draft regulations for which type of derivatives?**

- A. Commodity Derivatives
- B. Currency Derivatives
- C. Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives
- D. Credit Default Swaps
- E. Equity Derivatives

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued draft guidelines for Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD) to keep the regulatory framework in line with evolving market dynamics.
- The previous IRD guidelines were issued in June 2019.
- Due to the introduction of new derivative products and increased participation of non-resident entities, an updated regulatory approach was deemed necessary.
- An Interest Rate Derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on rupee interest rates, related instruments, or indices.
- The revised norms aim to promote transparency, safety, and broader market access.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CSB Bank for a 3-year term?**

- A. Shyam Srinivasan
- B. Pralay Mondal
- C. Rajkiran Rai G
- D. Sandeep Bakhshi
- E. Atanu Chakraborty

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- Pralay Mondal has been appointed as the MD & CEO of CSB Bank Limited for a term of 3 years.
- His appointment is in accordance with Section 35B of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- He had been serving as the interim MD & CEO of CSB Bank since April 2022.
- His confirmation marks a continuation of leadership at the private sector bank, strengthening its strategic and operational direction.

**About CSB Bank Limited :**

- Established : 1920
- HQ : Thrissur, Kerala
- Tagline : "Banking on Transformation"

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**Ques: Which stock exchange received SEBI approval to launch monthly electricity futures contracts?**

- A. Bombay Stock Exchange
- B. National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange
- C. National Stock Exchange
- D. Indian Energy Exchange
- E. Multi Commodity Exchange

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) has received SEBI's approval to launch monthly electricity futures contracts.
- This is aimed at strengthening India's power markets and aligns with long-term structural reforms under the Electricity Act, 2003.
- NSE Clearing Limited will handle the clearing and settlement of these contracts.
- NSE, in collaboration with NCDEX, had earlier set up Power Exchange India Limited in 2008, India's first dedicated power exchange.
- According to NITI Aayog, achieving net-zero emissions by 2047 will require annual investments of over USD 250 billion.

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**Ques: IFC has committed \$60 million investment in which company's investment arm?**

- A. HDFC Group
- B. Motilal Oswal Group
- C. ICICI Group
- D. Axis Group
- E. Kotak Group

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, has committed a \$60 million (approximately Rs.510 crore) investment in Motilal Oswal Alternates, the private investment arm of Motilal Oswal Financial Services.
- This funding aims to support mid-market companies in India by enabling business expansion and job creation.
- The target sectors for this investment include Consumer goods, Financial services, Life sciences and Manufacturing
- The partnership aligns with IFC's broader mission to foster sustainable economic development through private sector growth.

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**Ques: What is the name of the 5th Fast Patrol Vessel launched by Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard on June 16, 2025?**

- A. Arjun
- B. Abhay
- C. Ajeya
- D. Anant
- E. Achal

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- 'Achal' is the 5th Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) in a series of 8 being constructed by Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard.
- It was launched on June 16, 2025, in Goa by Smt. Kavita Harbola, in the presence of ADG Anil Kumar Harbola, Commander (Western Seaboard).
- The vessel is 52 meters long, 8 meters wide, and weighs 320 tons, capable of reaching a top speed of 27 knots using a CPP-based propulsion system.
- It features 60% indigenous content and dual certification from the American Bureau of Shipping and the Indian Register of Shipping.
- Built at a cost of ₹473 crore, it supports MSME employment and Aatmanirbhar Bharat goals, while enhancing maritime patrol and surveillance capabilities.

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**Ques: Why has India directed IREL (India) Limited to suspend its rare earth supply agreement with Japan?**

- A. Due to environmental concerns
- B. To comply with WTO guidelines
- C. To promote private sector participation
- D. To prioritize domestic needs and reduce dependence on Chinese chains
- E. To encourage exports to Europe

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- India has instructed IREL (India) Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy, to suspend its 13-year-old rare earth supply agreement with Japan.
- The decision aims to prioritize domestic industrial needs and reduce India's dependence on Chinese rare earth processing chains.
- IREL plays a crucial role in mining, processing, and refining strategic minerals like neodymium, essential for sectors such as energy, electronics, defence, and EVs.
- This move aligns with India's strategic goal of building a self-reliant rare earth value chain to support indigenous manufacturing.

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**Ques: Recently, TRAI capped the charges for Wi-Fi hotspot operators related to which scheme?**

- A. BharatNet
- B. PM-WANI
- C. Digital India
- D. Startup India
- E. Make in India

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued an order to cap the charges that can be levied on public Wi-Fi hotspot operators.
- The move is part of the PM-WANI (Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) scheme, which seeks to expand affordable internet access via public Wi-Fi.
- TRAI observed that some Internet Service Providers (ISPs) were charging 40–80 times higher than residential broadband rates for commercial hotspot setups.
- The new rule mandates that hotspot operators be charged no more than residential users, making Wi-Fi access more feasible for small entrepreneurs and public use.
- While Broadband India Forum and Tata Communications opposed the cap citing commercial impacts, TRAI stood firm to ensure internet affordability and digital inclusion.

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**Ques: Who became the first female physique sports athlete from Arunachal Pradesh to win a gold medal at an international event?**

- A. Sangay Dema
- B. Hillang Yajik
- C. Tashi Lhamu
- D. Anshu Jamsenpa
- E. Pema Dolma

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Hillang Yajik from Arunachal Pradesh won 1 gold and 1 silver medal at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships 2025 in Thimphu, Bhutan.
- She secured 1st position in the Women's Model Physique up to 155 cm category.
- She became the first female physique sports athlete from Arunachal Pradesh to win a gold medal at an international competition.
- The event was organized by the South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation

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**Ques: What is the name of the indigenous VTOL drone recently tested by the Indian Army for precision strikes?**

- A. Garudstrike
- B. Rudrastra
- C. Agnivega
- D. Trinetra
- E. Nirbhay

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Rudrastra is an indigenously developed VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) drone tested by the Indian Army for precision strikes.
- Developed by Solar Aerospace and Defence Limited (SDAL), Rudrastra was tested at the Pokhran firing range.
- It has a range of 170 km including loitering, with an endurance of about 1.5 hours.
- It uses airburst munitions from high altitudes to neutralize targets over a wide radius.
- The drone demonstrated effective target destruction up to a range of 50 km.

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**Ques: Which of the following platforms was NOT among those launched by Amit Shah for disaster management in June 2025?**

- A. NDEM Lite 2.0
- B. Flood Hazard Zonation Atlas of Assam
- C. National Cyber Emergency Alert System
- D. Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response
- E. All were launched

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- In June 2025, Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched three key platforms to strengthen disaster management in India:
  - Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response (ICR-ER)
  - National Database for Emergency Management Lite 2.0 (NDEM Lite 2.0)
  - Flood Hazard Zonation Atlas of Assam
- These platforms were launched during the Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners and Disaster Management Authorities.
- The National Cyber Emergency Alert System was not part of this announcement.
- The launched platforms aim to boost real-time coordination, data access, and flood mitigation through satellite streaming, national disaster databases, and regional hazard mapping.

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**Ques: Which gin became the first alcohol label from Northeast India to be exported?**

- A. Kaziranga Craft Gin
- B. Shillong Dry Gin
- C. Cherrapunji Eastern Craft Gin
- D. Brahmaputra Botanical Gin
- E. Meghalaya Highland Gin

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Cherrapunji Eastern Craft Gin has become the first alcohol label from the northeastern region of India to be exported.
- Announced on World Gin Day (June 14), it is produced in small batches using traditional copper stills.
- The gin uses rainwater harvested from Sohra and Mawsynram—the wettest places on Earth.
- Its unique botanical profile includes regional ingredients like kaji nemu, Khasi mandarin, Sohmarit pepper, smoked black cardamom, and pine-smoked tea.
- The gin has received 13 international awards, including a ‘Master’ medal at the Global Spirits Masters 2023 and a silver at the World Gin Awards.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the 18th Chief of the UK's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), becoming the first woman to lead the agency?**

- A. Fiona Hill
- B. Anne Keast-Butler
- C. Blaise Metreweli
- D. Stella Rimington
- E. Cressida Dick

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Blaise Metreweli has been appointed as the 18th Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), marking a historic moment as the first woman to head the UK's foreign intelligence agency.
- She succeeds Sir Richard Moore.
- Metreweli currently serves as the Director General for Technology and Innovation at MI6, bringing extensive experience to the top role.

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**Ques: Who among the following has recently resigned from the position of India's G20 Sherpa?**

- A. Ajit Doval
- B. Amitabh Kant
- C. S. Jaishankar
- D. Rajiv Kumar
- E. Arvind Panagariya

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Amitabh Kant, a retired 1980-batch IAS officer from the Kerala cadre and former CEO of NITI Aayog, has resigned from the post of India's G20 Sherpa.
- He was appointed to this crucial diplomatic role in July 2022, just before India assumed the G20 Presidency.
- Amitabh Kant has had a distinguished career of over 45 years, serving in various significant roles across the Indian government.
- His contribution was instrumental during India's G20 Presidency year in steering policy negotiations and shaping global economic agendas.

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**Ques: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) signed a contract with which organization for building two Coastal Research Vessels (CRVs)?**

- A. Geological Survey of India
- B. DRDO
- C. Indian Navy
- D. Indian Coast Guard
- E. National Institute of Ocean Technology

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited) signed a contract with the Geological Survey of India (GSI) for the construction of two Coastal Research Vessels (CRVs).
- GSI functions under the Ministry of Mines (MoM) and is headquartered in Kolkata.
- The CRVs will be 64 meters long, 12 meters wide, with a deadweight of 450 tons, and can sustain 15 days of operation with accommodation for 35 personnel.
- GRSE was established in 1851 and is headquartered in Kolkata, with Cmde PR Hari as its CMD.

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**Ques: Which country recently joined BRICS as its 10th partner country?**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Nigeria
- D. Vietnam
- E. Uzbekistan

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Vietnam has officially joined BRICS as a partner country, becoming the 10th partner.
- The partner country category was introduced at the 2024 BRICS Summit held in Kazan, Russia.
- Other partner countries include Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, and Uzbekistan.
- BRICS originally included Brazil, Russia, India, and China, with South Africa joining later to form BRICS.
- The bloc also established the New Development Bank (NDB), headquartered in Shanghai, to support infrastructure and sustainable development in emerging economies.

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**Ques: What is the purpose of the newly sanctioned Forest Rights Act (FRA) Cells under the Dharti Aba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan?**

- A. Conduct forest conservation surveys
- B. Implement rural employment schemes
- C. Accelerate the implementation of FRA, 2006
- D. Promote eco-tourism in tribal areas
- E. Monitor wildlife movement in forest regions

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- For the first time since the enactment of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006, the Government of India has approved 324 FRA Cells to support the implementation of the Act under the Dharti Aba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan (DAJGUA).
- These cells will be located at the district and state levels within Tribal Sub-Plan areas and aim to strengthen the administrative framework for recognizing and securing forest rights of tribal and forest-dwelling communities.
- The initiative is funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and is guided by DAJGUA operational guidelines.
- Major states with the highest sanctioned cells include Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Maharashtra, and Assam.

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**Ques: Which state launched the 'Udyog Kranti' initiative to boost industrial growth and streamline business approvals?**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Punjab
- E. Haryana

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Punjab government launched the Punjab Udyog Kranti initiative to simplify, reduce, and expedite statutory processes for setting up industries in the state.
- It unveiled 12 new industrial initiatives, including a deemed approval system that mandates all applications be processed within 45 working days.
- A new Fast-track Punjab portal enables auto-generated approvals the next day, legally valid like regular clearances.
- Punjab also became the first state in India to launch colour-coded stamp papers to assist entrepreneurs in setting up their business units.

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**Ques: Where was the 6th Governing Council meeting of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) held?**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. New Delhi
- E. Kolkata

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The 6th Governing Council meeting of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) was held in New Delhi.
- It was chaired by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who heads both the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).
- NIIF was established in 2015 and is headquartered in Mumbai.
- The current MD & CEO of NIIF is Sanjiv Aggarwal.

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**Ques: When is World Wind Day celebrated annually to highlight the role of wind energy?**

- A. 5 June
- B. 15 June
- C. 21 April
- D. 10 August
- E. 30 May

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- World Wind Day is celebrated every year on 15 June to raise awareness about the power of wind and its role in transforming global energy systems.
- The event was first organized in 2007 by the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA).
- It gained global recognition in 2009 with the support of the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC).
- The day promotes the importance of wind as a clean and sustainable energy source.

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MyGov, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, successfully hosted a one-day session titled "Think Social @ MyGov" in New Delhi. The training aimed to improve digital communication across Ministries and Departments and increase citizen involvement through platforms including YouTube, Meta, and LinkedIn.

To improve the quality and monitoring of National Highway projects, NHAI has limited consulting firms to a maximum of 10 projects per 'Engineer' for construction and maintenance.

A team of researchers has identified a new species of jumping spiders of the Spartaeinae subfamily in southern India. New species named Spartaeus karigiri known for their intelligent hunting skills and webinvasion tactics.

Union Minister of State for Rural Development Shri Kamlesh Paswan inaugurated Garuda Aerospace's new Agri-Drone Indigenization Facility in Chennai

Russia has trademarked technology for launching autonomous spacecraft from orbital stations. This will be the world's first drone platform with self-maintenance robotic systems.

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**Ques: RuPay has partnered with which international company to offer 25% cashback for in-store transactions abroad?**

- A. Visa
- B. MasterCard
- C. JCB International
- D. American Express
- E. UnionPay

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- RuPay, supported by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has partnered with Japan-based JCB International to launch a limited-time 25% cashback offer.
- This scheme applies to in-store Point-of-Sale (POS) purchases in eight Asian countries and is valid until August 31, 2025.
- Both debit and credit cardholders of RuPay-JCB co-branded cards are eligible.
- The initiative aims to boost international usage of RuPay cards and enhance overseas benefits for Indian users.

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**Ques : According to the new NPCI directives effective from June 16, 2025, what is the new time limit for UPI transactions to be processed?**

- A. 5–10 seconds
- B. 10–15 seconds
- C. 15–20 seconds
- D. 20–25 seconds
- E. 30 seconds

**Answer: B**

**Explanation :**

- As per NPCI's new norms effective June 16, 2025, UPI payments, balance checks, and reversals must now be processed in 10 to 15 seconds, improving from the earlier limit of 30 seconds.
- It used to take up to 30 seconds to send or receive money using UPI. This is reduced to 15 seconds under the new regulations.
- Additionally, the time required to verify a payee's address has been reduced from 15 to 10 seconds.
- This significantly improves user experience, making UPI transactions quicker and more reliable.
- A new limit of 50 balance checks per day via UPI apps has also been introduced.

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**Ques: Where has RBI relocated its Andhra Pradesh Regional Office recently?**

- A. Guntur
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Vijayawada
- D. Tirupati
- E. Hyderabad

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- On June 16, 2025, RBI Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar inaugurated the new Regional Office of the Reserve Bank of India in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- The office accommodates key departments such as Integrated Banking, Financial Inclusion & Development, Foreign Exchange, Supervision, Human Resources, IT Cell, and more.
- Despite the relocation, currency management for Andhra Pradesh will continue to be handled from the RBI Hyderabad Office.
- The new office is headed by Shri Attah Omar Basheer, serving as the Regional Director.

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**Ques : In May 2025, India's wholesale inflation eased to what percentage, marking a 14-month low?**

- A. 0.85%
- B. 0.49%
- C. 0.39%
- D. 0.26%
- E. 0.75%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- As per the latest government data, India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation fell to 0.39% in May 2025, down from 0.85% in April 2025.
- This is the lowest inflation rate since March 2024, when it was recorded at 0.26%.
- The decline indicates cooling price pressures at the wholesale level.

**Recent WPI-based Retail inflation in India :**

- January 2025 : 2.31%
- February 2025 : 2.38%
- March 2025 : 2.05%
- April 2025 : 0.85%

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**Ques: TRAI has launched a pilot project with RBI to digitise user consent in which sector?**

- A. Health Sector
- B. Telecom Sector
- C. E-commerce Sector
- D. Banking Sector
- E. Education Sector

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and banks, launched a pilot project to digitise legacy user consents.
- These consents were earlier given on paper by users to receive calls and messages.
- The banking sector has been prioritised in Phase 1 due to the sensitive nature of financial transactions.
- This initiative aims to curb financial fraud arising from spam communications.
- It is a step towards developing a secure digital consent system to protect user interests.

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**Ques: Which company won the \$2 million Food Planet Prize 2025 for its breakthrough in green fertilizer technology?**

- A. AgriTech Global
- B. BioFert Solutions
- C. NitroCapt
- D. EcoGrow Labs
- E. GreenAgro Tech

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Sweden-based NitroCapt won the \$2 million Food Planet Prize 2025, the world's largest environmental award, held in Stockholm, Sweden.
- NitroCapt developed a novel, energy-efficient process using plasma-produced nitrate to manufacture green fertilizer.
- This innovation has the potential to revolutionize the global nitrogen fertilizer industry by offering sustainable and accessible alternatives.
- The Food Planet Prize, established in 2019 by the Curt Bergfors Foundation, focuses on innovations that tackle the environmental impacts of current food systems.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the head of the high-level multi-disciplinary committee to investigate the Air India flight AI 171 crash in Ahmedabad?**

- A. Govind Mohan
- B. Rajiv Bansal
- C. Vumlunmang Vualnam
- D. Arun Kumar
- E. Sanjeev Kumar

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- The Government of India has established a high-level multi-disciplinary committee headed by Union Secretary Govind Mohan to probe the crash of Air India flight AI 171 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- The flight crashed just minutes after taking off from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, bound for Gatwick Airport, London.
- This incident marks the first-ever crash of a Boeing Dreamliner 747 worldwide.
- The committee functions independently of the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- The Indian Air Force's Director General of Inspection and Safety, the Director Generals of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, the Special Director of the Intelligence Bureau, the Director of the Directorate of Forensic Science Services, the Gujarat Home Department and Gujarat Disaster Response Authority, the Civil Aviation Secretary, the Additional Secretary in the Union Home Secretary, and the Police Commissioner Ahmedabad are also included.
- The committee has three months to turn in its report.





**Ques: Where has Maruti Suzuki launched India's largest in-plant railway siding?**

- A. Gurugram
- B. Sanand
- C. Manesar
- D. Palwal
- E. Faridabad

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Maruti Suzuki inaugurated India's largest in-plant railway siding at its Manesar facility, located in Haryana, with an investment of Rs.452 crore.
- The siding is part of the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC) under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.
- It spans 46 acres and includes 8.2 km of rail track, designed to enhance vehicle dispatch efficiency and support green logistics.
- The company aims to increase its rail dispatch share to 35% by FY31 and expects the project to reduce 1.75 lakh tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually.
- Since FY15, over 25 lakh vehicles have already been dispatched via Indian Railways by Maruti Suzuki.

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**Ques: As per the 2025 "Women in Politics" report by IPU and UN Women, what is India's rank in terms of women in political leadership roles?**

- A. 98th
- B. 135th
- C. 150th
- D. 174th
- E. 181st

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The “Women in Politics: 2025” report was jointly released by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN Women.
- It highlights that India ranks 174th out of 181 countries in women’s political leadership, placing it among the lowest globally.
- India’s Union Cabinet has only 9.7% women, which is the second-lowest share since 2011.
- Globally, women make up 22.9% of Cabinet Ministers, which has declined from 23.3% in 2024.
- Only 9 countries have 50% or more women Cabinet Ministers, and only 6 countries have 50%+ representation of women in parliaments (single/lower houses).
- Central and Southern Asia, including India, shows the lowest regional average, with just 9.5% women in cabinet roles.

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**Ques: Who was unanimously elected as the President of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?**

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. S.P. Yadav
- C. Bhupender Yadav
- D. Rajnath Singh
- E. Amit Shah

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The First Assembly of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was hosted by India in New Delhi, under the conservation vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav chaired the session and was unanimously elected as the President of IBCA.
- Ministerial-level delegates from 9 countries participated in the event, and S.P. Yadav was appointed as the Director General of IBCA.
- IBCA is a coalition of 95 range countries focused on the conservation of 7 big cats – Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.

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**Ques : Which city has been selected as the national host for the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) to be held on June 21, 2025?**

- A. Rishikesh
- B. Srinagar
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Visakhapatnam
- E. Ahmedabad

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh will host the 11th edition of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) on June 21, 2025.
- It marks the 10th anniversary of IDY, which was first celebrated on 21 June 2015.
- The event is organized by the Ministry of Ayush and carries the national theme “Yoga for One Earth, One Health.”
- In 2024, the main event was held at Dal Lake, Srinagar.
- Andhra Pradesh also launched the “Yogandhra” initiative to promote yoga among its citizens.
- In 2015, the Reserve Bank of India issued a 10-rupee commemorative coin to mark the International Day of Yoga.
- In April 2017, UN Postal Administration (UNPA) issued 10 stamps on Asanas on a single sheet to mark International Day of Yoga

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**Ques: Patanjali Group signed an agreement with which Malaysian firm to source oil palm seeds?**

- A. Sime Darby
- B. Felda Global Ventures
- C. Sawit Kinabalu
- D. IOI Corporation
- E. Genting Plantatins

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- In 2022, Patanjali Group signed a 5-year agreement with Malaysia-based Sawit Kinabalu to source oil palm seeds under the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) scheme.
- Sawit Kinabalu is one of Malaysia's largest integrated oil palm players with 36 estates, 7 oil mills, and 6 nurseries.
- So far, the company has supplied 1.5 million seeds out of a total 4 million seed contract.
- Patanjali is also establishing nurseries and mills in North-East India and collaborating with Godrej Agrovet in Nagaland to support oil palm cultivation.
- Oil palm is a high-income perennial crop with a 25–30 year cropping cycle, suitable for intercropping and requires minimal pesticide use.





**Ques: Where was the 53rd edition of NATO's Baltic Operations Exercise (BALTOPS 25) launched in 2025?**

- A. Germany
- B. Portugal
- C. Latvia
- D. Sweden
- E. Norway

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The 53rd edition of NATO's premier multinational maritime-focused exercise, BALTOPS 25, was launched in Latvia.
- The exercise is conducted in the Baltic Sea region, hosted by Latvia, and organized by STRIKFORNATO, which is based in Oeiras, Portugal.
- NATO is a political and military alliance of 32 countries from Europe and North America, founded on April 4, 1949, with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.
- Mark Rutte is the newly appointed Secretary General of NATO

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**Ques: Which Indian state has become the first to bring all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) under a single platform through the 'E-Nagarpalika 2.0' scheme?**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- The Urban Development and Housing Department of the Government of Madhya Pradesh has launched 'E-Nagarpalika 2.0', a web-based single platform for all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the state.
- With this, Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in India to bring all ULBs under one digital system.
- The original E-Nagarpalika project was launched in June 2015 by the Urban Administration & Development Department (UADD).
- By April 2017, the project was fully rolled out across all 407 ULBs in Madhya Pradesh.
- The upgraded E-Nagarpalika 2.0 aims to improve service delivery, transparency, and administrative efficiency through a unified digital interface.

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**Ques: Which organization has partnered with the Directorate General of Training to launch a Green Skills and Electric Vehicles training program?**

- A. Tata Motors
- B. Shell India
- C. NTPC Limited
- D. Indian Oil Corporation
- E. Mahindra Electric

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The Directorate General of Training, in collaboration with Shell India, launched a training program focused on Green Skills and Electric Vehicles (EVs).
- This program is aimed at students and faculty to prepare them with future-ready skills in green energy and e-mobility.
- Edunet Foundation, Shell's training partner, will implement the initiative across select ITIs and NSTIs in Delhi-NCR, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.
- The initiative supports India's net-zero ambitions and complements government schemes like FAME, as well as state-level EV policies.

**About Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric scheme :**

- Phase I started in : 2015
- Phase I completed in : 31st March, 2019
- Phase II started in : April, 2019
- Budget : Rs 10,000 crore (Later it was increased to Rs 11,500 crore)
- Objective : Under the FAME-II, GoI offers the incentives for e-buses, 3-wheelers and 4-wheelers to be used for public transportation or any other commercial purposes
- India has established an objective to elevate the proportion of Electric Vehicle (EV) sales to 30% in private cars, 70% in commercial vehicles, 40% in buses, and 80% in two-wheelers and three-wheelers by 2030. This ambitious objective will be 80 million EVs on Indian roads by 2030.





**Ques: What is the official reference date for the 2027 Census across most parts of India?**

- A. 1 January 2027
- B. 1 April 2026
- C. 1 March 2027
- D. 1 October 2026
- E. 15 August 2027

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has officially notified that the next Census of India will be conducted in 2027.
- The reference date for most of India is 00:00 hrs on 1st March 2027.
- However, due to snow-bound conditions, the reference date for Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand is 1st October 2026.
- This census will be conducted in two phases: House Listing Operations and Population Enumeration.
- It will include digital features like mobile apps and self-enumeration options.
- Boundary changes to districts, police stations, and tehsils will not be allowed after this notification.
- Census is a Union subject under Entry 69 of the Union List (Schedule VII) governed by Article 246 of the Constitution.

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**Ques: Reliance Defence Limited signed a Rs.10,000 crore agreement with which foreign company to produce the Vulcano 155 mm Precision-Guided Munition system in India?**

- A. Diehl Defence GmbH & Co. KG
- B. Leonardo S.p.A
- C. Rheinmetall AG
- D. BAE Systems
- E. Thales Group

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- Reliance Defence Limited has entered into a strategic cooperation agreement with Diehl Defence GmbH & Co. KG valued at Rs.10,000 crore.
- The collaboration is aimed at producing the Vulcano 155 mm Precision-Guided Munition system in India.
- Manufacturing will take place at a greenfield facility in Watad Industrial Area, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, which is part of the Dhirubhai Ambani Defence City.
- The Vulcano munition can reach targets up to 70 km away when launched from a 52-caliber artillery barrel, far exceeding the range of conventional shells.

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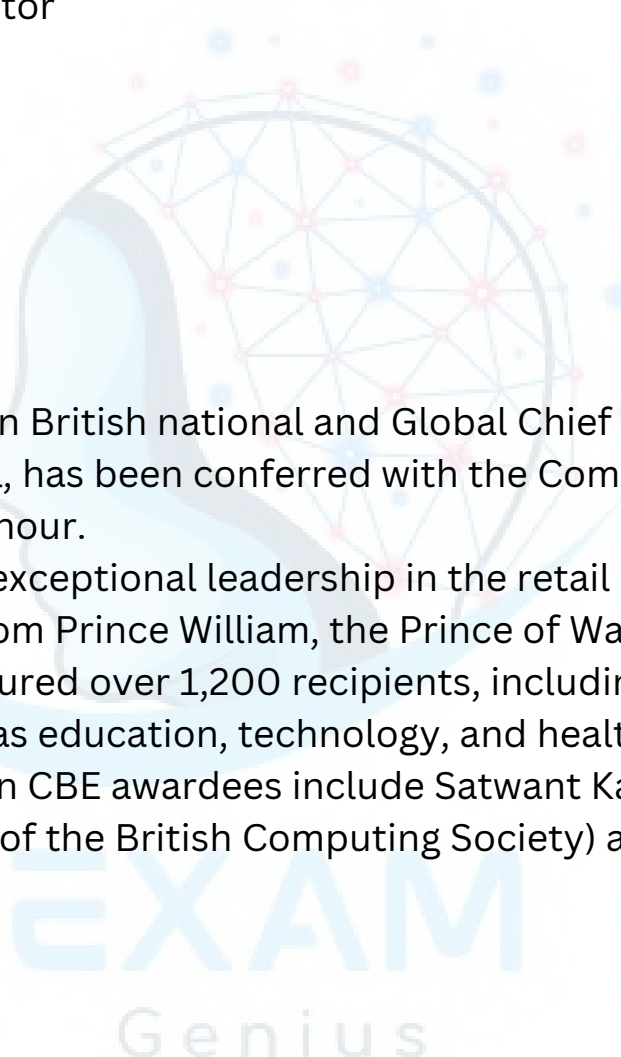
**Ques: Leena Nair, the Global CEO of Chanel, was awarded the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for her leadership in which sector?**

- A. Technology Sector
- B. Healthcare Sector
- C. Education Sector
- D. Retail and Consumer Sector
- E. Fashion Design Sector

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Leena Nair, an Indian-origin British national and Global Chief Executive Officer of French luxury brand Chanel, has been conferred with the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) honour.
- The recognition is for her exceptional leadership in the retail and consumer sector.
- She received the award from Prince William, the Prince of Wales.
- The 2025 honours list featured over 1,200 recipients, including 30 Indian-origin individuals in sectors such as education, technology, and healthcare.
- Other notable Indian-origin CBE awardees include Satwant Kaur Deol (Education), Mayank Prakash (President of the British Computing Society) and Professor Sneha Khemka (Healthcare)





**Ques : Who has been appointed as the Global Ambassador for the Esports World Cup 2025?**

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Neymar Jr.
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. Kylian Mbappé
- E. Cristiano Ronaldo

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Cristiano Ronaldo, a football legend and five-time Ballon d'Or winner, has been appointed as the Global Ambassador for the Esports World Cup 2025 by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF).
- The tournament will be hosted in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, featuring 25 titles, global teams, and record-breaking prize money.
- Ronaldo will also appear as a playable character in FATAL FURY: City of the Wolves, one of the featured games in the competition.
- This marks a major collaboration between traditional sports and esports.

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**Ques: What is the name of the mobile application showcased by DGTS MZU for international travelers to pre-file customs declarations?**

- A. SUVIDHA
- B. YATRI
- C. ATITHI
- D. NRI Connect
- E. TRAVEL SAFE

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Directorate General of Taxpayer Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit (DGTS MZU) showcased “ATITHI”, a mobile application developed for international travellers to pre-file customs declarations.
- This was part of their participation in the Inter Terminal Passenger Show 2025, held in collaboration with Indian Customs, Mumbai Airport.

**Other digital tools featured included :**

- e-Examination and e-Manifest Automated System (X-MAS) an automated solution for examination and manifest processing.
- Digital Receipt and Invoice Tracking Initiative (DRISTI) system for streamlined invoice management.
- EKAL ANUBANDH electronic system for E-bond and E-Bank Guarantee
- Electronic Bank Realisation Certificate (e-BRC) digital platform for trade documentation.





**Ques: What is the 'Trump Card' recently in news offering to wealthy foreigners?**

- A. U.S. Citizenship Test Waiver
- B. Green Card with Job Offer
- C. U.S. Residency for \$5 million
- D. Citizenship through Investment
- E. Fast-track student visa

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 'Trump Card' is a proposed visa scheme launched by former U.S. President Donald Trump, offering permanent residency in the United States to wealthy foreigners in exchange for a \$5 million fee.
- The gold-colored card features Trump's image and provides residency, work rights, and a path to citizenship.
- It is seen as an alternative to the EB-5 investor visa and has already attracted 70,000 signups.
- Trump claims the scheme could generate \$1 trillion if 200,000 cards are issued.
- However, legal experts argue that it lacks approval from the U.S. Congress and resembles a donation rather than a formal investment program.

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**Ques: Where is the headquarters of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA) located?**

- A. Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France
- B. Singapore
- C. Geneva, Switzerland
- D. New York, USA
- E. Tokyo, Japan

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- The International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA) is an intergovernmental body responsible for enhancing the safety and efficiency of navigation.
- Its headquarters is located in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France.
- India is currently serving as the Vice President of IALA, following its election in February 2025 during a session held in Singapore, where Brazil was elected President.
- India actively participated in the 2nd IALA Council Session held in Nice, France, led by T.K. Ramachandran, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways.
- India will also host the 3rd IALA General Assembly in December 2025 and the 21st IALA Conference in 2027, both scheduled to be held in Mumbai.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Iran launched Operation True Promise 3, escalating military strikes on Israel for the third consecutive day. Launched by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) under the directive of Iran's supreme military leadership

Aliawati Longkumer, currently Charge d'affaires in Paraguay Appointed as Ambassador to North Korea from India. Atul Malhari Gotsurve was the last ambassador before the 2021 closure.

The Ministry of Defense's Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and Google-backed space technology startup Pixxel have inked a second deal to create cutting-edge hyperspectral and midwave infrared payloads for the Indian Air Force.

Senior Advocate Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala, current Chairman of the All India Bar Association has authored a book titled 'Modi's Niti Shastra: The World's His Oyster

Gombojav Zandanshatar Appointed as 34th Prime Minister (PM) of Mongolia

Sangeet Natak Akademi Award-winning Kathak exponent Mangala Bhatt passed away in Hyderabad , She was 62.

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**Ques: CreditAccess Grameen recently secured a USD 100 million loan through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB). Which bank provided this loan?**

- A. HSBC
- B. Standard Chartered Bank
- C. Bank of America
- D. Barclays Bank
- E. Citi Bank

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- CreditAccess Grameen (CA Grameen), India's largest NBFC-MFI, secured a USD 100 million loan via External Commercial Borrowing (ECB).
- The loan was provided by Standard Chartered Bank (SCB).
- It is structured in dual currencies – Japanese Yen (JPY) and United States Dollar (USD) – to offer flexible funding.
- The funding will support CA Grameen's efforts in expanding microfinance services across India.

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**Ques: From which date will the revised agency commission rates for banks handling government transactions become applicable?**

- A. January 1, 2025
- B. March 31, 2025
- C. July 1, 2025
- D. June 1, 2025
- E. April 1, 2025

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the agency commission structure for banks managing government-related transactions such as revenue receipts, pension disbursements, and other payments.
- The changes include:
  - Rs.12 commission per transaction for electronic revenue receipts/payments (up from Rs.9).
  - Rs.80 per transaction for pension payments (up from Rs.75).
  - 7 paise per Rs.100 for other government payments (up from 6.5 paise).
- These new rates will be effective from April 1, 2025, aligning with the start of the new financial year.

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**Ques: Who has recently been appointed as a Member of the SEBI Board, replacing Ajay Seth?**

- A. Deepti Gaur Mukerjee
- B. Meena Agarwal
- C. Anuradha Thakur
- D. Nirmala Deshpande
- E. Neelam Singh

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Anuradha Thakur has been appointed as a Member of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), replacing Ajay Seth, the outgoing Economic Affairs Secretary.
- She is the first woman to hold the position of Economic Affairs Secretary.
- The SEBI Board includes the Chairman, four full-time members, and three part-time (ex-officio) members – the RBI Deputy Governor, Economic Affairs Secretary, and Corporate Affairs Secretary.
- A separate notification is expected soon for her induction into the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Deepti Gaur Mukerjee, the Corporate Affairs Secretary, is another current member representing the government on the SEBI Board.





**Ques: As per SEBI's new directive, what is the revised expiry day for NSE's weekly index derivatives from July 1, 2024?**

- A. Monday
- B. Tuesday
- C. Wednesday
- D. Thursday
- E. Friday

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has directed that NSE's weekly index derivatives contracts will now expire on Tuesday instead of the earlier Thursday.
- This decision is effective from July 1, 2024, and aims to reduce clustering of expiry dates in the derivatives segment and ensure smoother market functioning.
- BSE's weekly index derivatives, on the other hand, will now expire on Thursday.
- The expiry change applies to new contracts only, while existing contracts will follow the old schedule.

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**Ques: NTPC Limited recently secured a USD 750 million loan through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB). Which two banks acted as the Mandated Lead Arrangers and Underwriters for this deal?**

- A. SBI and ICICI Bank
- B. Bank of Baroda and Axis Bank
- C. ICICI Bank and Yes Bank
- D. Punjab National Bank and HDFC Bank
- E. Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- NTPC Limited secured a USD 750 million loan via External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) for financing capital expenditure and renewable energy projects.
- Bank of Baroda acted as the Mandated Lead Arranger and Underwriter for the USD 500 million portion.
- HDFC Bank Limited was the Mandated Lead Arranger and Underwriter for the greenshoe portion of USD 250 million.
- The loan has a door-to-door tenor of 10 years with an average maturity of 7 years.

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**Ques: What is the name of the new AI-based agriculture policy approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet for 2025–29?**

- A. MahaFarm-AI
- B. MahaKrishi-AI
- C. MahaAgri-AI
- D. SmartAgri-MH
- E. AgriFuture-Maharashtra

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved MahaAgri-AI 2025–29, a dedicated policy aimed at transforming the agriculture sector using artificial intelligence technologies.
- The policy includes the use of generative AI, computer vision, drones, robotics, and predictive analytics to enhance productivity and sustainability.
- It integrates with major digital initiatives like AgriStack, Maha-Agritech, Mahavedh, CropSAPP, Agmarknet, and Digital Farming Schools.
- The Mahavedh project will be extended under the WINDS initiative, setting up automated weather stations at the gram panchayat level for hyper-local weather forecasting.
- The Cabinet also approved enhanced pension benefits under the Gaurav Yojana for those imprisoned during the Emergency, and allocated 29+ hectares in Nashik to build a Tribal Industrial Cluster.

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**Ques: According to the PGI 2.0 report for 2023–24, which Union Territory ranked highest in school education performance?**

- A. Delhi
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Puducherry
- D. Jammu & Kashmir
- E. Ladakh

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- According to the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 report released by the Union Ministry of Education, Chandigarh secured the highest score of 719 in the academic year 2023–24, placing it in the Prachesta-1 grade category (701–760 range).
- It is the only state/UT in this top category.
- On the contrary, Meghalaya ranked the lowest with 417 points, falling into the Akanshi-3 category.
- The PGI assesses states and UTs on 1000-point scale across key indicators such as learning outcomes, access, equity, infrastructure, governance, and teacher training.

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**Ques: What is the name of the campaign launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to promote tribal empowerment and grassroots participation?**

- A. Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana
- B. Adi Adarsh Abhiyan
- C. Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan
- D. Tribal Samagra Vikas Mission
- E. Janjatiya Gaurav Yatra

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan was launched by Union Tribal Affairs Minister Shri Jual Oram to promote tribal empowerment and public participation.
- It is a part of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh, which commemorates 150 years of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- The campaign runs from June 15 to 30, 2025, and covers 549 tribal districts and 207 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) districts across India.
- It is also linked to the PM-JANMAN initiative for tribal welfare.

**About PM-JANMAN scheme :**

- Full Form : Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan
- Launched : 2023
- Total outlay : Rs.24,104 crore (Central Share:Rs.15,336 crore and State Share: Rs.8,768 crore)
- Focus area : 11 important areas/critical interventions across 9 line Ministries
- Beneficiary : 75 communities located in 18 states and the Union Territory (UT) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands







**Ques: What is the name of the Indian operation launched to evacuate Indian nationals from Iran amid the Israel-Iran conflict?**

- A. Operation Ganga
- B. Operation Samudra Setu
- C. Operation Vijay
- D. Operation Shakti
- E. Operation Sindhu

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Operation Sindhu was launched by the Government of India in June 2025 to evacuate Indian nationals stranded in Iran due to escalating tensions with Israel.
- In the first phase, 110 students, mostly from Jammu & Kashmir, were brought to Yerevan, Armenia by road and then flown to New Delhi on a special IndiGo flight.
- The evacuation was coordinated by the Indian Embassy in Tehran with assistance from Iranian authorities.
- Some students had been injured or displaced after Israeli airstrikes hit their dormitories.
- Additional pilgrims, particularly from Uttar Pradesh, were still awaiting evacuation at the time of the report.

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**Ques : What is the name of the water conservation initiative launched by the Madhya Pradesh government from March 30 to June 30?**

- A. Jal Jeevan Mission
- B. Nadi Shodh Abhiyan
- C. Jal Ganga Sanvardhan Abhiyan
- D. Namami Gange Mission
- E. River Revival Yatra

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Jal Ganga Sanvardhan Abhiyan is a significant water conservation initiative by the Madhya Pradesh government.
- Started under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's direction, the campaign is being carried out from March 30 to June 30 with the aim of preserving and revitalizing rivers, water sources, and wetlands.
- In Khandwa district, the Ghoda Pachhad River, a tributary of the Narmada, has been restored with the help of the local populace and the government.

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**Ques : What is the title of the recently released book documenting Girish Karnad's cinematic journey?**

- A. Karnad Chronicles
- B. Kaleidoscope of Cinema
- C. Karnad Kaleidoscope
- D. Karnad Reflections
- E. Glimpses of Karnad

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The book "Karnad Kaleidoscope" is written by Muralidhara Khajane, edited by M.K. Shankar, and published by the Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy.
- It offers insights into the creative journey of Girish Karnad, an iconic Indian actor, playwright, and filmmaker.
- This is the author's second book, following Random Reflections, co-authored with Subrahmanyam Vishwanath.

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**Ques: As of June 2025, what percentage of India's national income is projected to come from the digital economy for the year 2024–25?**

- A. 11.74%
- B. 12.50%
- C. 13.42%
- D. 14.80%
- E. 15.25%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- As part of the 11-year celebration of Digital India, the Government of India highlighted key digital milestones.
- The digital economy, which contributed 11.74% to national income in 2022–23, is projected to contribute 13.42% in 2024–25, due to rapid progress in AI, cloud computing, and digital infrastructure.
- Additionally, telephone connections rose from 93.3 crore (2014) to 120+ crore (2025), and internet connections grew by over 285% between 2014 and 2024.

**About Digital India:**

- Launched : July 1, 2015
- Coordinated by : Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- Aim : to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy





**Ques: From which date will the FASTag-based annual pass for private vehicles become effective?**

- A. July 1, 2025
- B. August 15, 2025
- C. October 2, 2025
- D. January 26, 2026
- E. June 30, 2025

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) will launch a FASTag-based annual pass for private, non-commercial vehicles (cars, jeeps, vans) starting August 15, 2025.
- This pass, priced at Rs.3,000, will be valid for 1 year or up to 200 toll trips, whichever is earlier.
- Its objective is to promote faster, smoother, and more cost-effective tolling. The average toll per trip under this scheme will be Rs.15, and it can be activated via the Rajmarg Yatra app and official NHAI/MoRTH websites.

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**Ques: Indian tennis player Ankita Raina recently clinched her 32nd career doubles title at which ITF tournament?**

- A. ITF Valencia
- B. ITF Madrid
- C. ITF Porto
- D. ITF Lisbon
- E. ITF Guimaraes

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Ankita Raina, partnering with France's Alice Robbe, won the doubles title at the ITF \$40,000 tournament in Guimaraes, Portugal.
- They defeated the third-seeded Japanese pair Hiromi Abe and Kanako Morisaki in the final with a scoreline of 1-6, 6-4, [10-8].
- This was Ankita's third doubles title of the 2025 season and the 32nd doubles title of her career.
- She has also claimed 11 singles titles on the professional circuit, marking a successful tennis career for the 32-year-old Indian player.

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**Ques: According to SIPRI's 2025 Yearbook, how many nuclear warheads does India possess as of January 2025?**

- A. 150
- B. 170
- C. 180
- D. 200
- E. 165

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), in its 2025 Yearbook on Armaments, Disarmament and International Security, reported that India possesses an estimated 180 nuclear warheads as of January 2025, an increase from 172 in 2024.
- In comparison, Pakistan has approximately 170 nuclear warheads, while China is adding around 100 warheads annually since 2023.
- Globally, the nine nuclear-armed states collectively hold around 12,241 nuclear weapons, with 9,614 in military stockpiles.
- The SIPRI report also highlighted a 2.8% rise in arms revenues among the top 100 arms-producing companies, with USA-based firms accounting for \$317 billion.

**About SIPRI :**

- Established : 1966
- HQ : Solna, Sweden
- Director : Dan Smith

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**Ques: How many houses have been approved under the latest PMAY-U 2.0 announcement by the Central Government?**

- A. 2.35 lakh
- B. 2.00 lakh
- C. 1.85 lakh
- D. 3.00 lakh
- E. 7.09 lakh

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- In the third meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) chaired by Srinivas Katikithala, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Central Government approved 2,34,864 houses under PMAY-Urban 2.0.
- These houses will be constructed in 9 states — Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.
- With this latest approval, the total number of sanctioned houses under PMAY-U 2.0 now stands at 7,09,979.
- The initiative supports affordable housing for urban poor and aligns with the government's mission to provide "Housing for All."

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**Ques: What year has the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared as the International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF)?**

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2027
- E. 2028

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2025, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF).
- This declaration was based on insights from a six-month-long symposia held in India, jointly organised by the Royal Norwegian Embassy, UN World Food Programme (UN-WFP), and the Government of India.
- The UNGA, established in 1945, is headquartered in New York, USA, and its current president is Philémon Yang.

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**Ques : Which Indian institute has recently been designated as a Category A Rinderpest Holding Facility (RHF) by WOA and FAO?**

- A. ICAR-IVRI, Bareilly
- B. ICAR-NDRI, Karnal
- C. ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal
- D. ICAR-CARI, Izatnagar
- E. ICAR-CIRG, Mathura

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- India's ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal, was recognized as a Category A Rinderpest Holding Facility by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and FAO during the 92nd WOAH General Session in Paris.
- Rinderpest, or Cattle Plague, was a deadly viral disease affecting ruminants, now eradicated, but sensitive material is still securely stored in designated facilities.
- It belongs to the Morbillivirus genus, related to measles and canine distemper viruses. The disease had 100% morbidity and up to 90% mortality, making it a major livestock killer historically.
- Spread via direct contact, contaminated water, and aerosols from infected animals. No insect vector and transmission is strictly animal-to-animal.

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**Ques: On which river is the Shongtong Karcham Hydroelectric Project being constructed in Himachal Pradesh?**

- A. Beas
- B. Chenab
- C. Yamuna
- D. Satluj
- E. Ravi

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Shongtong-Karcham Hydroelectric Project is being constructed on the Satluj River in the Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh.
- It is a run-of-the-river type hydropower project, which utilizes the natural flow of the river without large reservoir storage.
- The project features  $3 \times 150$  MW Francis turbines, with a total installed capacity of 450 MW, and will generate approximately 1,594 million units (GWh) annually.
- The gross head and net head are 128.57 m and 126.58 m respectively, and there will be three penstocks with a length of 5.1 meters each to channel water to the turbines.
- The Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister has set a November 2026 deadline for the project's completion.

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**Ques: What is India's rank in the Energy Transition Index 2025 released by the World Economic Forum?**

- A. 63rd
- B. 51st
- C. 88th
- D. 71st
- E. 101st

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- In the Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2025 published by the World Economic Forum (WEF), India ranked 71st out of 118 countries, slipping from the 63rd position in 2024.
- While India has improved in areas like energy efficiency, methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) emissions reduction, and energy regulations, it still lags behind in sustainability and equity aspects of energy systems.
- Sweden topped the index, followed by Finland, Denmark, Norway, and Switzerland. India's performance reflects progress but also the persistent challenges in its energy transition journey

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**Ques : The UN General Assembly has declared which date as the International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures?**

- A. October 24
- B. November 14
- C. December 4
- D. September 10
- E. January 26

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The UN General Assembly passed a resolution declaring December 4 as the International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures.
- The resolution was adopted with 116 votes in favour, 51 against, and 6 abstentions.
- It emphasizes the need for all countries to refrain from using unilateral economic, financial, or trade measures that go against international law or the UN Charter.

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**Ques : What is the theme of Sustainable Gastronomy Week 2025 observed from June 16 to 22?**

- A. Eat Green, Live Clean
- B. Heritage on the Plate
- C. Local Seeds, Local Eats
- D. Smart Farming, Smart Eating
- E. Culture on the Table

**Answer: C**

**Explanation :**

- Sustainable Gastronomy Day is celebrated annually on 18 June, as designated by the UN General Assembly in 2016.
- The 2025 edition of Sustainable Gastronomy Week is observed from 16–22 June.
- The UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) promotes cooperation among cities in fields like gastronomy, literature, music, and more.
- 56 cities are designated as Creative Cities of Gastronomy as of 2025.
- Lucknow has submitted its nomination to be recognized as a UNESCO City of Gastronomy

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**Ques: When is World Sickle Cell Awareness Day observed every year?**

- A. 15 June
- B. 16 June
- C. 17 June
- D. 18 June
- E. 19 June

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is observed every year on 19th June to raise awareness about Sickle Cell Disease (SCD).
- The theme for 2025 is "Global Action, Local Impact: Empowering Communities for Effective Self-Advocacy."
- SCD is a genetic blood disorder caused by abnormal hemoglobin S, which causes red blood cells to become sickle-shaped and obstruct blood flow.
- It can lead to serious health issues, but bone marrow transplants, symptom-relief therapies, and gene therapy (recently approved in the UK) offer hope for treatment and cure.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KeSCPCR) will launch Radio Nellikka, an exclusive internet radio station for children.

In Nagaland, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched a five-year Vision Document titled “Income Generation from Banana Cultivation in Wokha District” under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative

Armand Duplantis broke the men's pole vault world record for a 12th time with a clearance of 6.28m at the Diamond League meeting in Stockholm.

University of Aberdeen has become the first Scottish university to receive the approval for setting up a branch campus in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

To bolster the country's cyber resilience, especially in the defence domain, a comprehensive Cyber Security Exercise code-named ‘Cyber Suraksha’ was launched. The Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff under the Union Ministry of Defence organised the Cyber Suraksha Exercise.

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