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Ques: What digital solution did Punjab National Bank (PNB) recently launch?

- A) Digital loan application portal
- B) PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar NIDHI (PM SVANidhi) scheme solution
- C) Online savings account opening platform
- D) Mobile payment wallet
- E) Digital insurance service

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) launched a digital solution specifically for the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar NIDHI (PM SVANidhi) scheme, helping street vendors access benefits digitally.
- Alongside this, PNB introduced end-to-end digitisation of its staff accountability portal and rolled out a conduct risk framework for employees.
- The occasion also marked the release of the 5th Edition of 'PNB's Vigilance Manual 2025' and the September 2025 issue of 'PNB Vigil' magazine, while recognizing ethical employees as "Vigilance Warriors."

PM SVANidhi Scheme:

- Started: 1st June 2020
- Funded by: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- For providing affordable working capital loans to street vendors to resume their livelihoods that have been adversely affected due to Covid-19
- Target : 42 lakh street vendors are to be provided benefits under PM SVANidhi Scheme by December, 2024.





Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI proposed excluding Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) bonds and delisted securities from Basic Services Demat Account (BSDA) portfolio value calculation.
- Master Capital Services Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Master Trust, received in-principle approval from SEBI to set up a Mutual Fund (MF) business.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced major reforms for the Nifty Bank index and other Non-Benchmark Indices (NBI) such as BANKNIFTY (NSE), BANKEX (BSE), and FINNIFTY (NSE).
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has urged major social media platforms and internet search engines to implement stronger safeguards to prevent fraudulent investment activities.
- SEBI has proposed amendments to standardize the treatment of unclaimed amounts from non-convertible securities, aligning them with the Companies Act, 2013 and IEPF Rules.
- A SEBI-constituted working group, headed by Rama Subramaniam (R.S) Gandhi, former Deputy Governor of RBI, has proposed increasing transaction charges for clearing corporations such as NSE Clearing Limited.

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Ques: India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) in Q2FY26 stood at what percentage of GDP?

- A) 0.2%
- B) 0.8%
- C) 1.3%
- D) 1.8%
- E) 2.2%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's CAD widened sequentially to 1.3% of GDP in Q2FY26, up from 0.2% in Q1FY26.
- It remained lower than the 2.2% recorded in Q2FY25.
- Causes: weaker capital inflows, decline in NRI deposits & ECB inflows, higher primary income outflows.
- Merchandise trade deficit reduced to \$87.4 billion from \$88.5 billion YoY.
- Net services receipts rose to \$50.9 billion from \$44.5 billion.

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Ques: What recent relaxation did SEBI introduce for Investment Advisers (IAs) and Research Analysts (RAs)?

- A) Only finance graduates can register
- B) Educational norms relaxed to include graduates from any discipline
- C) Certification from foreign universities mandatory
- D) IAs cannot continue client onboarding during corporatisation
- E) Registration limited to CFA charter holders only

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SEBI relaxed educational eligibility, allowing graduates from any discipline (India or abroad) or CFA charter holders to register.
- NISM or NISM-accredited certification remains mandatory.
- Corporatisation transition (for IAs with >300 clients or >₹3 crore fees) can continue without stopping onboarding and fee collection.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **Amit Kumar Srivastava, Group Chief Risk Officer at PNB : Executive Director (ED) of PNB (3-year term)**
- **Sunil Kumar Chugh, then Chief General Managers (CGMs) at PNB : Executive Director (ED) of Canara Bank**
- **Amresh Prasad, Chief General Managers (CGMs) at PNB : Executive Director (ED) of UBI**
- **Prabhat Kiran, Chief General Managers (CGMs) from Canara Bank : Executive Director (ED) of BoM**
- **Mini T M, Chief General Managers (CGMs) at Bank of Baroda : Executive Director (ED) of Indian Bank**
- **E. Ratan Kumar, Chief General Managers (CGMs) at CBI : Executive Director (ED) of CBI**
- **Pramod Kumar Dwivedi, Chief General Managers (CGMs) at BoI : Executive Director (ED) of BoI**
- **Shri. Sunil Kumar Chugh : Executive Director of Canara Bank**





Ques: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a loan of \$846 million to India for which major initiative?

- A) Green Energy Corridor Development
- B) Rural Road Connectivity Improvement
- C) Upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)
- D) Smart City Mission Expansion
- E) National Digital Literacy Campaign

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan of \$846 million to India.
- The funding supports the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs Program.
- The programme aims to upgrade 650 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across 12 states.
- The initiative will enhance skill development, employability, and modern vocational training across the country.

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

- Established: 19 December 1966
- Headquarters: Manila, Philippines
- Members: 69
- Chief Economist: Albert Park
- President: Masato Kanda





Ques: Usha Janakiraman has been appointed to which position in RBI?

- A) Deputy Governor
- B) Executive Director
- C) Director of Currency
- D) Chief Economist
- E) Chief General Manager

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI has appointed Usha Janakiraman as Executive Director (ED) effective from 1 December.
- Prior to this role, she served as Chief General Manager in the Department of Regulation.
- As ED, she will oversee the Department of Supervision including risk, analytics, and vulnerability assessment.
- She has over three decades of RBI experience across regulation, external investment, banking supervision, public debt management, and currency management.

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Ques: What is featured on the new NPR 100 note released by Nepal Rastra Bank?

- A) Mount Everest and national animals
- B) Nepal's revised political map including Kalapani, Lipulekh, and Limpiyadhura
- C) Famous Nepalese temples
- D) Cultural festivals of Nepal
- E) Traditional Nepalese art forms

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Nepal Rastra Bank released a new NPR 100 note featuring Nepal's revised political map, which includes disputed territories such as Kalapani, Lipulekh, and Limpiyadhura.
- The printing contract was awarded to China Banknote Printing and Minting Corporation.
- These territories are currently under India's control but claimed by Nepal.
- The revised map was adopted through a constitutional amendment on May 20, 2020, and the NPR 100 design was approved by the Nepalese Cabinet in May 2024.

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RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided a USD 400 million loan to Maharashtra to upgrade state highways and rural roads across 34 districts.
- The World Bank approved a loan of USD 776 million (around ₹6,467 crore) for two projects in India: improving education in Punjab and advancing climate-resilient agriculture in Maharashtra.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided USD 331 million in debt financing to ReNew Energy Global Plc.
- The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, has extended a USD 50 million loan to City Union Bank (CUB) for a period of 3 years.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) provided a USD 460 million loan along with a USD 40 million concessional loan from the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) for the Maharashtra Power Distribution Enhancement Program aimed at Agricultural Solarization.
- The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private-sector lending arm of the World Bank Group, provided ₹875 crore to Signature Global via a private placement of non-convertible debentures (NCDs).

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Ques: What is the main purpose of the 3-in-1 account launched by Utkarsh Small Finance Bank in partnership with Axis Securities?

- A) To provide only a savings account
- B) To offer a unified platform for banking and investing by integrating Savings, Demat, and Trading accounts
- C) To provide only a Demat account for investments
- D) To provide only trading services
- E) To offer fixed deposit schemes with high interest

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank, in partnership with Axis Securities, launched a 3-in-1 account that integrates a Savings Account, Demat Account, and Trading Account.
- It enables customers to manage banking and investment needs on a single unified platform.
- Key features include seamless fund transfers, one-stop access to investment and account services, and availability through multiple digital and branch channels.

About Utkarsh Small Finance Bank:

- Established: 2016
- Headquarters: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- CEO: Govind Singh
- Tagline: Aapki Umeed Ka Khata





Ques: What is the purpose of YES BANK's "Score Kya Hua" initiative?

- A) To provide home loans at discounted rates
- B) To promote digital banking adoption
- C) To improve credit literacy and help individuals manage their credit score
- D) To offer insurance products to young entrepreneurs
- E) To provide investment advisory services

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- "Score Kya Hua" is a nationwide CSR initiative by YES BANK focused on improving credit literacy across India.
- It helps individuals understand credit scores, manage them wisely, and make informed borrowing decisions.
- The campaign targets young entrepreneurs, new credit users, and homebuyers.
- It provides free credit score checks and simple learning modules via a dedicated microsite.
- CRIF High Mark, a credit bureau, is the knowledge partner for this initiative.

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Ques: By November 2025, what was LIC's total holding in Cipla after increasing its stake?

- A) 5.02%
- B) 6.50%
- C) 7.05%
- D) 8.10%
- E) 9.00%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- LIC acquired over 1.64 crore shares of Cipla within a little over four months starting July 2025.
- LIC's stake increased from 5.025% in mid-July to 7.055% by the end of November 2025.
- The additional ~2% stake was purchased through open-market transactions.
- Cipla is one of India's leading pharmaceutical companies.
- Cipla shares closed slightly (<1%) lower at ₹1,523.80 on BSE.

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Ques: What was the main objective of the National Level GI-Tagged Tribal Art Workshop & Exhibition conducted by NESTS?

- A) To promote modern art among tribal students
- B) To provide tribal students exposure to India's GI-tagged tribal and traditional art forms
- C) To train students for national sports competitions
- D) To conduct a music competition for tribal schools
- E) To develop digital literacy among tribal students

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The event aimed to provide tribal students hands-on exposure to India's GI-tagged tribal and traditional art forms.
- It brought together 139 EMRS students, 34 Art & Music teachers, and 10 nationally recognised master artisans from across India.
- Master artisans conducted live demonstrations and hands-on sessions to guide students in various traditional and GI-tagged art forms.

- Gond Art : Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh
- Warli Painting : Maharashtra
- Madhubani (Mithila) Painting : Bihar
- Kalamkari (Machilipatnam) : Andhra Pradesh
- Kalamkari (Srikalahasti) : Andhra Pradesh
- Pithora Painting : Gujarat & Rajasthan (Bhil Tribe)
- Cheriyal Scroll Painting : Telangana
- Rogan Painting : Gujarat (Kutch)
- Bastar Dhokra / Dhokra Craft : Chhattisgarh
- Kachchhi (Kutch) Embroidery : Gujarat
- Pichwai Painting : Rajasthan (Nathdwara)
- Aipan Art : Uttarakhand
- Rangwali Pichhora : Uttarakhand
- Kangra Painting : Himachal Pradesh
- Basohli (Basholi) Painting : Jammu & Kashmir (Kathua district)
- Mysore Painting : Karnataka



Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- The Tele MANAS App, launched by Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, now supports 10 regional languages in addition to English and Hindi to expand mental health access across India.
- The NIELIT Digital University (NDU) platform was inaugurated by Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi to offer industry-oriented programs in technologies such as AI, Cyber Security, Data Science, Semiconductors, and allied fields.
- The homegrown messaging app 'Arattai', developed by Zoho Corporation, has topped India's app store charts, surpassing WhatsApp and Telegram.
- MY Bharat app was launched by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) and Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E), as part of the online youth leadership and social engagement initiative of the Department of Youth Affairs.
- FSSAI launched a dedicated window in the Food Safety Compliance System portal for licensing and registration of Ayurveda Aahara products.
- The Portal Logistics Data Bank (LDB) 2.0 was launched by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal.

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Ques: Which Indian institute developed the country's first Indigenous Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) for ports?

- A) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- B) Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- C) National Institute of Technology, Trichy
- D) CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography
- E) IIT Kharagpur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- IIT Madras developed and deployed India's first Indigenous Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) for ports.
- It is operational at Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited (VISL) in Kerala since its inauguration by PM Narendra Modi in May 2025.
- The system was developed through the R&D centre, the National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC).

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Ques: What is the Oxford Word of the Year 2025?

- A) Brain Rot
- B) Click Trap
- C) Rage Bait
- D) Viral Hook
- E) None of the Above

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Oxford Dictionary selected “Rage bait” as the Word of the Year 2025.
- “Rage bait” refers to online content intentionally created to provoke anger or outrage.
- The term highlights the rising trend of provocative and emotionally triggering content on the internet.
- It is often linked to monetization — more reactions and views lead to higher earnings on platforms like X (formerly Twitter).
- Rage bait includes fabricated stories, political posts, conspiracy theories, and offensive content designed to spark public reaction.
- The selection was based on over 30,000 public votes and expert linguistic analysis.
- The choice reflects how online culture is increasingly driven by hostility and reaction-based engagement.

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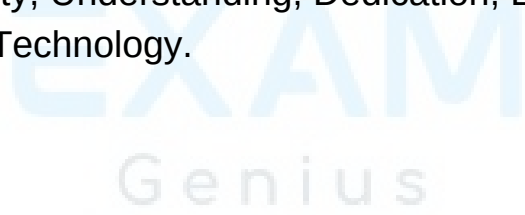
Ques: What is the purpose of the CBDT's second NUDGE campaign launched for FY 2024-25?

- A) To detect domestic tax evasion only
- B) To encourage taxpayers to invest in government schemes
- C) To facilitate accurate reporting of foreign assets and income in ITRs
- D) To introduce new tax slabs for high-income taxpayers
- E) To simplify GST compliance for small businesses

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The CBDT's second NUDGE campaign focuses on taxpayers whose foreign assets may be unreported in their Income Tax Returns for AY 2025-26.
- SMS and email alerts are sent advising taxpayers to review and correct their returns by 31 December 2025 to avoid penalties.
- The campaign ensures proper disclosure of Schedule Foreign Assets (FA) and Foreign Source Income (FSI), as required under the Income-tax Act, 1961, and the Black Money Act, 2015.
- CBDT aims to improve voluntary compliance using a PRUDENT approach — Professionalism, Responsibility, Understanding, Dedication, Effective enforcement, Non-intrusive administration, and Technology.





Ques: Who has been named the World Athletes of the Year?

- A) Neeraj Chopra & Sha'Carri Richardson
- B) Armand Duplantis & Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone
- C) Jakob Ingebrigtsen & Faith Kipyegon
- D) Fred Kerley & Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce
- E) All of the Above

Answer: Option B

Explanation: • Armand 'Mondo' Duplantis (Sweden) was named the Male World Athlete of the Year.

- He retained his World Championship gold and broke his own world record four times.
- Duplantis remained undefeated in 16 competitions in the season.
- Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (USA) was named the Female World Athlete of the Year.
- She has remained undefeated for two years in both the 400m and the 400m hurdles events.
- Both athletes were honored for their exceptional performances and dominance in their respective events.

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Ques: Which Indian rum was awarded the 'Rum Brand of the Year' at The Spirits Business Awards 2025?

- A) Old Monk
- B) Camikara
- C) McDowell's No.1
- D) Hercules
- E) Radico Rum

Answer: Option B

Explanation: • Camikara was awarded the 'Rum Brand of the Year' at The Spirits Business Awards 2025 in London, becoming the first Indian rum to win a global title.
• It is produced by Piccadily Agro Industries Ltd and is India's first pure cane juice-aged rum.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **Best Feature Film (Golden Peacock) award at the 56th IFFI held in Goa : Vietnamese film Skin of Youth**
- **Lok Nayak Foundation Literary Award (LNF) : Velamala Simmanna**
- **2024 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development : Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile**
- **74th Miss Universe 2025 : Fátima Bosch from Mexico**
- **Doctor of Science (Economics) degree by The University of London : Kumar Mangalam Birla**
- **Chevalier de L'Ordre Arts et des Lettres : Thota Tharani**
- **Gopal Ratna Award (NGRA) : Aravind Yashavant Patil, a farmer from Kolhapur, Maharashtra**
- **2025 Booker Prize for Fiction : Hungarian-British author David Szalay for his sixth novel "Flesh"**
- **Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award (Lifetime Achievement Award) : Salman Rushdie**
- **2025 World Leader for Peace and Security Award : Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, founder of the Art of Living Foundation**
- **INTERPOL Medal of the Highest Order : General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior of the Kingdom of Bahrain**
- **Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite (Knight of the National Order of Merit) : Sunil Kant Munjal**





- **People First Integration Award at the National Workshop and Conference on DigiLocker 2025 : Government of Himachal Pradesh**



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Ques: What is the main purpose of the Sanchar Saathi app, which the DoT has made mandatory on all new phones?

- A) Entertainment & streaming services
- B) Cybersecurity, IMEI verification & fraud prevention
- C) Online banking
- D) Social media connectivity
- E) Mobile gaming

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has mandated that all smartphone makers pre-install the Sanchar Saathi app on devices sold from March 2026.
- The directive must be implemented within 90 days, with compliance reports submitted within 120 days.
- The app aims to strengthen cyber security, prevent IMEI tampering/spoofing, and curb frauds.
- IMEI is a unique 15–17 digit code that identifies every phone, acting like a device fingerprint.
- Sanchar Saathi is a mobile app and portal launched by DoT to protect users from fraud, identity misuse, and mobile theft.
- Mobile app launched on 17 January 2025; portal launched in May 2023.
- Available in Hindi and 21 regional languages for wider accessibility.
- Key features include: verifying IMEI to check phone authenticity, reporting and blocking lost/stolen phones, checking all mobile numbers linked to a user, reporting scam calls/messages, and viewing trusted customer-care numbers.
- Includes Chakshu platform to report suspicious calls/messages and fake customer-care numbers.
- CEIR (Central Equipment Identity Register) maintains a national IMEI database to block lost/stolen phones, prevent fake IMEIs, assist police/security agencies, and allow users to unblock recovered devices.
- As of now, over 2.48 lakh complaints have been registered on the Sanchar Saathi platform, and more than 50,000 lost/stolen phones were recovered in October 2



Ques: Which city has been approved to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Birmingham
- C) Glasgow
- D) Ahmedabad
- E) Abuja

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) General Assembly approved Ahmedabad, Gujarat, to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games, defeating Abuja, Nigeria, in the bid held in Glasgow, Scotland.
- The decision was supported by delegates from 74 Commonwealth nations.
- India earlier hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2010 in New Delhi.
- The 2030 Games will mark the 100th anniversary of the Commonwealth Games, which began in 1930 in Hamilton, Canada.
- The event is expected to feature an expanded program of 15–17 sports.

Recent Commonwealth Games Venues:

- 2022 – Birmingham
- 2026 – Glasgow
- 2030 – Ahmedabad

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Ques: Who became the world's second richest person according to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List, surpassing Larry Ellison?

- A) Sergey Brin
- B) Elon Musk
- C) Jeff Bezos
- D) Warren Buffett
- E) Larry Page

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Larry Page, Co-Founder of Google, became the world's second richest person with a net worth of around USD 255 billion, surpassing Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison (USD 247.4 billion).
- He co-founded Google in 1998 with Sergey Brin and later served as CEO of Alphabet.
- In 2019, he stepped down from daily operations and currently holds around 3.2% shareholding in Alphabet.

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Ques: Which Indian production received nominations at the 53rd International Emmy Awards 2025?

- A) The Family Man
- B) Amar Singh Chamkila
- C) Sacred Games
- D) Ludwig
- E) Delhi Crime

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 53rd International Emmy Awards, held in New York City, USA, celebrate excellence in television produced outside the United States, presented by the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (IATAS).
- India received two nominations for Amar Singh Chamkila, with Diljit Dosanjh nominated for Best Actor and Best TV Movie/Mini-Series.
- British drama Ludwig and Indian film Amar Singh Chamkila received the most nominations, two each.

Other notable winners at International Emmy Awards 2025:

- Best Arts Programming: Ryuichi Sakamoto (Japan)
- Best Performance by an Actress: Anna Maxwell Martin (UK)
- Best Performance by an Actor: Oriol Pla (Spain)
- TV Movie/ Mini-Series : Lost Boys and Fairies
- Comedy : Ludwig
- Telenovela : The Good and The Bad
- Documentary : Hell Jumper
- Short Form Series : La Mediatrice (The Mediator)
- Non- Scripted Entertainment : Shaolin in Heroes (Denmark)
- Sports Documentary : It's all over: The Kiss That Changed the Spanish Football
- Current Affairs : Dispatches: Kill Zone: Inside Gaza
- Best News : Gaza, Search for Life

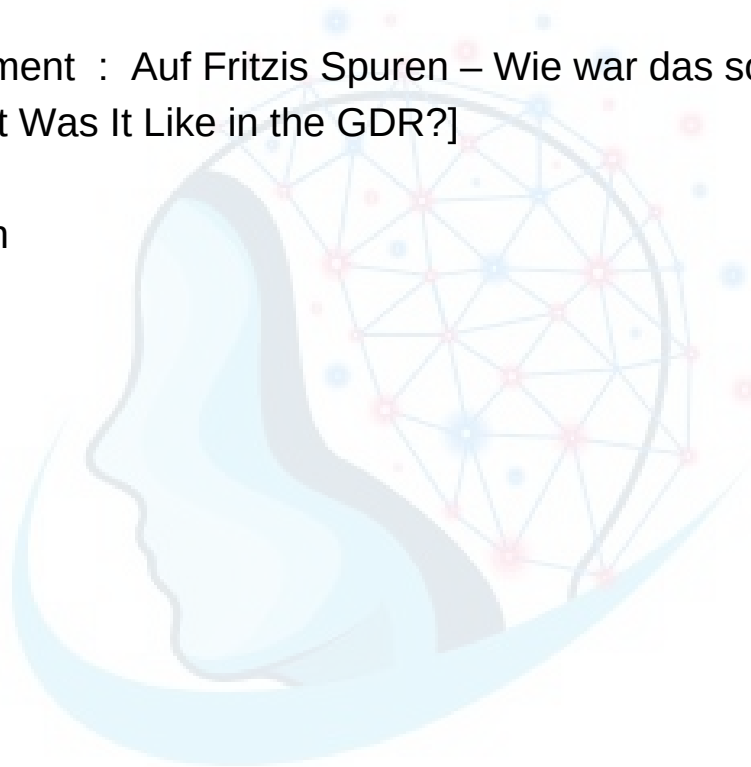




- Drama Series : Rivals
- **International Emmy Directorate Award Gaumont : João Roberto Marinho**
- **International Emmy Founder's Award : Dana Walden**

Winners in Kids Category :

- Factual & Entertainment : Auf Fritzis Spuren – Wie war das so in der DDR? [On Fritz's Traces – What Was It Like in the GDR?]
- Animation : Bluey
- Live-Action : Fallen



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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- Cushman & Wakefield's 'Main Streets Across the World 2025' report, : Khan Market (24th)
- Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) was published by German watch : India (15th), St Vincent and the Grenadines (1st)
- The City Life Index 2025, published by Time Out (a UK-based media and lifestyle organization) : Mumbai, India (5th), Abu Dhabi, UAE (1st)
- 12th edition of the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025 was released by the EdelGive Foundation in partnership with Hurun India : Shiv Nadar & Family
- WJP Rule of Law Index 2025 : India (86th), Denmark (1st)
- World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) released its 2025 rankings : Indian Air Force (6th), United States Air Force (1st)
- Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI) 2025 : India (52nd), Netherlands (1st)
- Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2026 : Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (201–250), University of Oxford (United Kingdom) (1st)

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Ques: What is the main objective of the Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025?

- A) Electronics
- B) Tobacco & related products
- C) Packaged food items
- D) Luxury goods
- E) Handicrafts

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025 was introduced to restructure levies on sin goods like tobacco and pan masala.
- The Bill proposes excise duty on tobacco and related products such as cigars, cheroots, and cigarettes.
- Proposed excise duty ranges from ₹5,000–₹11,000 per 1,000 sticks depending on the length of cigars, cheroots, and cigarettes.
- Additionally, the Bill proposes 60–70% levy on unmanufactured tobacco and 100% on nicotine and inhalation products.
- These duties will be over and above the existing 40% GST on sin goods. Currently, tobacco and pan masala attract 28% GST plus compensation cess.

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Ques: What rank has India secured in the 7th edition of the Asia Power Index published by Australia's Lowy Institute?

- A) 1st
- B) 2nd
- C) 3rd
- D) 4th
- E) 5th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 7th edition of the Asia Power Index, released by the Lowy Institute of Australia, assessed 27 countries based on 131 indicators.
- India secured the 3rd rank, earning the status of a 'major power' in the region.
- The United States and China retained the top two positions as 'superpowers'.
- India improved its performance from last year—scoring 40 out of 100, compared to 38.1 previously, when it was ranked among 'middle powers'.

Ranking of top 5 Countries with score:

1. USA – 80.5
2. China – 73.7
3. India – 40
4. Japan – 38.8
5. Russia– 32.1
6. Pakistan – 14.5





Ques: On the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur, what initiatives did PM Narendra Modi unveil as a national tribute?

- A) Commemorative postage stamp
- B) Special coin
- C) Coffee table book
- D) Memorial statue
- E) All of the Above

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- On the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur, PM Narendra Modi unveiled a commemorative postage stamp, a special coin, and a coffee table book dedicated to the Ninth Sikh Guru.
- The event was held at Jyotisar, Kurukshetra, Haryana, organised by the Haryana Government.
- A special interfaith Gurbani recitation was conducted by 350 school students from Patiala, representing Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, and Christian communities, highlighting Guru Tegh Bahadur's message of religious harmony and unity.

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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

The India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2025 is themed “Advancing Internet Governance for an Inclusive and Sustainable Viksit Bharat,” focusing on inclusive digital growth and sustainable internet governance. The event is organised by the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) and NIXI and was first launched in 2021.

Railtel Corporation of India Limited (Railtel) & Nokia Corporation (Nokia) signed MOU to upgrade its National Long-Distance (NLD) and metro optical transport networks across India

India’s mythological animated film Mahavatar Narsimha was officially listed among 35 eligible films for the Best Animated Feature Film category at the 98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026), by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS). A mythological animated epic directed by Ashwin Kumar and produced by Shilpaa Dhawan under Kleem Productions and Hombale Films

The Punjab Assembly has unanimously declared Anandpur Sahib, Talwandi Sabo and the Galiara area around the Golden Temple as holy cities, enforcing a complete ban on liquor, meat, and tobacco.

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