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**Ques: Which company received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India to issue Prepaid Payment Instruments?**

- A) Paytm Payments Bank
- B) Junio Payments Private Limited
- C) PhonePe
- D) MobiKwik
- E) Razorpay

**Answer: Option B – Junio Payments Private Limited**

**Explanation:**

- Junio Payments Private Limited (JPPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of FirstPay Technologies Private Limited, received in-principle authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India to issue Prepaid Payment Instruments.
- The approval, granted under Section 18 read with Section 10(2) of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, allows JPPL to launch a digital wallet linked to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

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**Ques: Which regulatory body has urged social media platforms and search engines to implement stronger safeguards against fraudulent investment activities?**

- A) RBI
- B) SEBI
- C) IRDAI
- D) Ministry of Finance
- E) FSSAI

**Answer: Option B – SEBI**

**Explanation:**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has urged major social media platforms and search engines to implement stronger safeguards to curb fraudulent investment activities.
- This move aligns with the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO)'s global initiative to protect investors from online financial fraud.
- SEBI has also advised investors to verify the registration status of entities and use only validated UPI handles and authentic trading applications for transactions.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- 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.
- SEBI is collaborating with RBI and UIDAI to allow Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to complete KYC remotely without visiting India.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) raised the minimum block deal limit from ₹10 crore to ₹25 crore to enhance market liquidity and transparency.
- SEBI launched “Validated UPI Handles” and “SEBI Check” to ensure secure payments and reduce fraud in fund transactions.
- SEBI extended the deadline for the complete rollout of algorithm trading rules for retail investors to April 1, 2026.
- SEBI launched the Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant (MITRA) to help investors track and reclaim inactive or unclaimed mutual fund folios.
- SEBI barred Man Industries (India) Ltd. and three of its senior executives from accessing the securities market for two years.
- SEBI raised the minimum net worth requirement for custodians from ₹50 crore to ₹75 crore by amending the SEBI (Custodian) Regulations, 1996.
- SEBI reintroduced incentives for mutual fund distributors to increase mutual fund penetration in smaller towns and villages.





- **SEBI introduced special relaxations for Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) where the government holds 90% or more equity.**



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**Ques: What is the total corpus of the AgriSURE Fund launched by NABARD and the Union Agriculture Ministry?**

- A) ₹500 crore
- B) ₹600 crore
- C) ₹750 crore
- D) ₹800 crore
- E) ₹1000 crore

**Answer: Option C – ₹750 crore**

**Explanation:**

- The AgriSURE Fund (Agri Fund for Start-ups & Rural Enterprises) is a ₹750 crore fund jointly launched by the Union Agriculture Ministry and NABARD to support agri start-ups and rural enterprises.
- Of the total corpus, ₹250 crore each is contributed by the Government of India and NABARD, while the remaining ₹250 crore will be mobilised from private investors and institutions.
- The fund is registered with SEBI as a Category-II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF), with NABVENTURES Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of NABARD, acting as the Investment Manager.

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## Recently signed banking agreements

- City Union Bank (CUB) has partnered with the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) to launch an EPF remittance service.
- NPCI International Payments Limited (NPIL) partnered with Razorpay Curlec, a wholly owned subsidiary of Razorpay, to enable Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions in Malaysia.
- Scapia, in collaboration with Federal Bank Limited, introduced the Family Add-on Credit Card feature and launched the Scapia Store, India's first travel-focused shopping platform.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) to provide doorstep Digital Life Certificate (DLC) services to pensioners under the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995.
- PayPal partnered with OpenAI to enable a digital wallet in ChatGPT, allowing users to purchase goods and services directly through the AI chatbot.
- The Bank of Maharashtra has joined three other lenders—State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, and Bank of India—in labeling Reliance Communications' ₹488 crore loan as fraudulent, adding to the telecom company's financial troubles.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, signed an MoU with Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. to enhance financial and non-financial support for startups across India.





**Ques: Which bank has partnered with NPST to deploy UPI 123Pay, a voice-based UPI payment system for users without internet access?**

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

**Answer: Option B – Indian Overseas Bank**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has partnered with Network People Services Technologies Limited (NPST) to deploy UPI 123Pay, a voice-based UPI payment system designed for users without internet access.
- The solution targets around 850 million Indians who do not use traditional UPI apps.
- NPST is implementing this system in collaboration with MissCallPay.
- Users can make transactions by giving a missed call, receiving an IVR callback, and following voice or keypad prompts — all without internet or mobile data.
- The IVR platform supports 12 Indian languages and enables balance checks, viewing the last five transactions, raising disputes, and managing UPI PINs.

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**Ques: Which bank launched 'M' Circle, a women-focused banking proposition offering discounts on locker rentals and preferential loan rates?**

- A) AU Small Finance Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Answer: Option A – AU Small Finance Bank**

**Explanation:**

- AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) launched 'M' Circle, a specialized banking proposition designed exclusively for women.
- Under 'M' Circle, customers get 25% additional discount on locker rentals, 0.2% lower interest rates on loans, and exclusive offers from brands like Nykaa, Ajio Luxe, Kalyan Jewellers, BookMyShow, Zepto, and Swiggy.

**About AU Small Finance Bank:**

- Established: 2017
- Headquarters: Jaipur, Rajasthan
- MD & CEO: Sanjay Agarwal
- Tagline: Badlaav Humse Hai





**Ques: Which company received a USD 331 million loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support its hybrid renewable energy project in Andhra Pradesh?**

- A) Adani Green Energy Ltd
- B) ReNew Energy Global Plc
- C) Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd
- D) NTPC Green Energy Ltd
- E) JSW Energy Ltd

**Answer: Option B – ReNew Energy Global Plc**

**Explanation:**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned a USD 331 million loan to ReNew Energy Global Plc.
- The financing will support its 837 MWp hybrid renewable energy project in Andhra Pradesh, integrating wind, solar, and battery storage systems.
- This loan is part of a USD 477 million total funding package, with the remaining USD 146 million raised through co-financing from other lenders.
- The project also includes a 415 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to ensure efficient energy supply and grid stability.

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## RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- 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).
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 190 million loan for the Indore Metro Rail Project in Madhya Pradesh.
- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has invested USD 137 million (₹1,210 करोड़) to promote electric public transport in India. Out of this, USD 100 million (₹883 करोड़) will be invested in JBM Ecolife, while the remaining USD 37 million (₹327 करोड़) will go to GreenCell Mobility.
- India pledged a \$680 million special economic package for Mauritius, which includes \$25 million budgetary assistance for FY2025-26, along with grants and support for maritime security and defence preparedness.
- The World Bank has approved a \$212.64 million loan to support coastal communities in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka under the first phase of the Strengthening Coastal Resilience and the Economy (SHORE) Programme.
- ADB and the Government of India signed a \$126.42 million loan agreement to promote rural development through sustainable and climate-resilient tourism in the Tehri Lake region of Uttarakhand.





- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan of Rs. 498 करोड़ (USD 60 million) to the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) for the development of the Madhurawada Sewerage System Project



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**Ques: The “Aadi Chitra” National Tribal Painting Exhibition was inaugurated in which city under Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada?**

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Bhopal
- D) Bhubaneswar
- E) Ahmedabad

**Answer: Option B – Mumbai**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED inaugurated the “Aadi Chitra” National Tribal Painting Exhibition in Mumbai on 10th November 2025, marking the 150th Birth Anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda under Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada.
- The exhibition, held at P. L. Deshpande Kala Academy, was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Ashok Uike, Minister of Tribal Development, Maharashtra.
- It showcased over 100 tribal artworks, including Warli (Maharashtra), Gond and Bhil (Madhya Pradesh), Pithora (Gujarat), and Saura & Pattachitra (Odisha) art forms.
- The event aimed to promote India’s tribal art heritage and create livelihood opportunities for tribal artists.





**Ques: As per the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) report, which state has the highest elephant population in India?**

- A) Assam
- B) Kerala
- C) Karnataka
- D) Tamil Nadu
- E) Odisha

**Answer: Option C – Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

- According to the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) report titled “Status of Elephants in India: DNA-based Synchronous All-India Population Estimation of Elephants,” India has an estimated 22,466 elephants, with Karnataka having the highest population at 6,013.
- Assam ranks second with 4,159 elephants, followed by Tamil Nadu with 3,136. Together, these three states account for nearly 59.29% of India’s total elephant population.
- Other major elephant regions include the Western Ghats, Northeast Hills & Brahmaputra floodplains, Shivalik Hills & Gangetic Plains, and Central India & Eastern Ghats.

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**Ques: Who launched NexCAR19, India's first indigenously developed CAR T-cell therapy?**

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Mansukh Mandaviya
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) Amit Shah

**Answer:** Option B – Narendra Modi

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched NexCAR19, India's first indigenously developed CAR T-cell therapy, marking a significant milestone in cancer treatment and self-reliant healthcare innovation.
- CAR (Chimeric Antigen Receptor) therapy involves genetically modifying a patient's T-cells in a lab to recognize and destroy cancer cells before reinfusing them into the patient.
- The therapy was jointly developed by ImmunoACT, IIT Bombay, and Tata Memorial Hospital, with support from the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

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## Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- The Government of Maharashtra has become the first state in India to sign a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Elon Musk's Starlink Satellite Communications Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary of SpaceX, to provide satellite-based internet connectivity.
- The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, is participating at the World Travel Market (WTM) London, held at Excel London, with a delegation of around 30 stakeholders including state governments, UT administrations, inbound tour operators, and IRCTC, to showcase India's rich cultural diversity and tourism offerings.
- Sweden has officially become the world's first cashless country, with citizens relying almost entirely on mobile payments, cards, and phone taps for daily transactions.
- Google's Willow Quantum Chip achieved the world's first verifiable quantum advantage, performing a scientifically meaningful algorithm 13,000 times faster than the best classical supercomputer.
- VEER, developed by Bengaluru-based Pravaig Dynamics, is India's first electric vehicle specifically designed for defence use.
- Bajrang Setu is India's first cable suspension glass bridge, located in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.
- India's first 7-nanometer computer processor 'Shakti' is being developed by a team at IIT Madras and is expected to be ready by 2028.
- Chennai became the first city in India to fully operationalize a Real Time Flood Forecasting and Spatial Decision Support System, enhancing its flood preparedness and response capabilities.
- India has developed its first indigenously discovered antibiotic, 'Nafithromycin', which is effective against resistant respiratory infections, particularly benefiting cancer patients and those with poorly controlled diabetes.





- Google LLC, Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL), and Bharti Airtel Limited plan to establish India's largest Artificial Intelligence (AI) hub and Data Center campus in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.



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**Ques: Where is the 30th edition of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) being held?**

- A) Paris, France
- B) Dubai, UAE
- C) Belem, Brazil
- D) New York, USA
- E) Glasgow, UK

**Answer: Option C – Belem, Brazil**

**Explanation:**

- The 30th edition of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is being held in Belem, Brazil.
- The conference focuses on implementing global climate action plans, restoring trust in climate negotiations, and ensuring financial and technological support for developing nations.
- Despite decades of efforts, global emissions and temperatures continue to rise, making the 2030 emission reduction goals increasingly difficult to achieve.
- COP30 aims to strengthen global cooperation and accountability to achieve sustainable climate objectives.

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**Ques: Which institute signed an MoU with iDG10 Solutions Private Limited to establish India's first industry-anchored long-term collaboration in subsea pipeline design technology?**

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IIT Delhi
- C) IIT Ropar
- D) IIT Kharagpur
- E) IIT Bombay

**Answer: Option C – IIT Ropar**

**Explanation:**

- IIT Ropar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with iDG10 Solutions Private Limited to establish India's first industry-anchored long-term collaboration in subsea pipeline design technology.
- The partnership aims to build indigenous expertise in subsea pipeline design and reduce dependence on foreign technologies.
- This collaboration marks a major step toward advancing offshore engineering and energy infrastructure innovation in India.

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**Ques: Who became the fastest Indian to reach 1,000 T20I runs, surpassing Suryakumar Yadav's record?**

- A) Shubman Gill
- B) Ruturaj Gaikwad
- C) Abhishek Sharma
- D) Ishan Kishan
- E) Sanju Samson

**Answer:** Option C – Abhishek Sharma

**Explanation:**

- Abhishek Sharma became the fastest Indian to reach 1,000 T20I runs, achieving the milestone in just 528 balls, breaking Suryakumar Yadav's record of 573 balls.
- He has amassed 1,012 runs from 28 innings in 29 T20Is at an impressive strike rate of 189.51.
- This feat highlights his explosive batting and strengthens India's dominance in power-hitting in T20 cricket.

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**Ques: Who has been reappointed as the Chairman of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)?**

- A) Justice Bansi Lal Bhat
- B) Justice Ashok Bhushan
- C) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- D) Justice A.K. Sikri
- E) Justice Hemant Gupta

**Answer: Option B – Justice Ashok Bhushan**

**Explanation:**

- Justice Ashok Bhushan, former Supreme Court Judge, has been reappointed as the Chairman of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).
- His tenure will continue until he turns 70 on 4th July 2026.
- He was first appointed on 8 November 2021, succeeding Justice Bansi Lal Bhat.
- The NCLAT, formed under Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013, hears appeals against orders of the NCLT, CCI, and NFRA.

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## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Deepak Gupta** : Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited, a Maharatna PSU (Replaced Sandeep Kumar Gupta)
- **Malolan Rangarajan** : head coach of RCB Women ahead of WPL 2026 (succeeds Luke Williams)
- **S. Sankarasubramaniam** : Chairman of the Fertilizer Association of India (FAI) (Replaced Sailesh C. Mehta)
- **Shri Sanjay Garg** : Director General of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Replaced Pramod Kumar Tiwari)
- **Jane Fraser** : Chair of the Board of Directors (BoD) of Citigroup Inc (replaced John Dugan)
- **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai** : Chairperson of the 8th Pay Commission
- **IIM Bangalore Professor Pulak Ghosh** : Member (part time) of the 8th Pay Commission
- **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Secretary Pankaj Jain** : Member-secretary of the 8th Pay Commission
- **Justice Surya Kant** : 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI) (Replacing Chief Justice Bhushan R. Gavai)
- **IIM Bangalore Professor Pulak Ghosh** : Member (part time) of the 8th Pay Commission
- **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Secretary Pankaj Jain** : Member-secretary of the 8th Pay Commission
- **Justice Surya Kant** : 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI) (Replacing Chief Justice Bhushan R. Gavai)





- **Shri Tarun Kumar Pithode** : full-time Member Secretary of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
- **Sonia Raman** : Head Coach of Seattle Storm, Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), USA
- **Abhinav Bindra** : torchbearer for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics
- **Neeraj Chopra** : Honorary Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army
- **Paul Kapur** : Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (replacing Donald Lu)

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**Ques: What is Google's 'Project Suncatcher' aimed at developing?**

- A) Solar-powered AI system in space
- B) Quantum computing for cloud data centers
- C) Autonomous electric vehicles
- D) Blockchain-based secure satellites
- E) Deep-sea AI research platform

**Answer: Option A – Solar-powered AI system in space**

**Explanation:**

- Google LLC has announced 'Project Suncatcher', a research moonshot focused on creating a space-based, solar-powered AI infrastructure using Tensor Processing Units (TPUs) aboard satellites.
- Two prototype satellites, developed with Planet Labs, are set to launch in early 2027 to test AI performance and optical communication systems in low-Earth orbit.
- The project aims to reduce Earth-based energy demands for AI computation and leverage solar energy in space for sustainable processing.

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**Ques: Which country has announced it will adopt India's DAY-NRLM scheme to combat rural poverty?**

- A) Kenya
- B) Nepal
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Sri Lanka
- E) Ethiopia

**Answer: Option E – Ethiopia**

**Explanation:**

- Ethiopia has announced it will adopt India's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) model to fight rural poverty and strengthen women-led Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- The initiative was discussed between India's Ministry of Rural Development and Ethiopia's Ministry of Women and Social Affairs to replicate India's SHG-based livelihood model for income generation and rural entrepreneurship.
- DAY-NRLM is one of India's most impactful poverty alleviation missions, focusing on financial inclusion, skill development, and self-employment.
- This step will further enhance India–Ethiopia cooperation in social and rural development.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme has been launched to promote private sector-driven research and innovation, support high-risk, high-impact research projects, and expand innovation infrastructure across India.
- The National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) is a Central Sector Scheme implemented by the National Bee Board under the Ministry of Agriculture.
- India plans to expand its rare earth magnet manufacturing incentive scheme to over ₹7,000 crore (\$788 million), nearly tripling the earlier allocation of \$290 million.
- Odisha approved the Building of Management of Aviation Assets and Network (B-MAAN) scheme, an umbrella programme for aviation sector development, with an investment worth of Rs.14,182 Crores over five years (2025-2030).
- Union Electronics and IT Minister Sh. Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the approval of the first tranche of 7 projects under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS).
- The Central Government has launched the ₹600 crore “Kapas Kranti Mission” to promote high-yield, long-staple cotton cultivation using advanced agricultural techniques and technology.
- The Union Agriculture Ministry revised the norms of the Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) scheme to give states and UTs flexibility to plan micro-level water conservation projects beyond previous funding limits
- Under the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), over 9.19 crore hospital admissions worth ₹1.29 lakh crore have been facilitated since 2018, with dialysis being the most availed treatment.
- The ‘Shraddhanjali’ scheme, launched by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, aims to ensure the dignified return of mortal remains of Assamese residents who die outside the state.





**Ques: Who addressed a special session of the Uttarakhand Assembly to mark the state's Silver Jubilee?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Yogi Adityanath
- C) Droupadi Murmu
- D) Ram Nath Kovind
- E) Rajnath Singh

**Answer: Option C – Droupadi Murmu**

**Explanation:**

- President Droupadi Murmu addressed a special session of the Uttarakhand Assembly in Dehradun to commemorate the state's Silver Jubilee.
- She also attended the 125th anniversary celebration of the Raj Bhavan in Nainital.
- Uttarakhand, formed on 9 November 2000, became India's 27th state, carved out of Uttar Pradesh to meet the region's unique geographical, cultural, and developmental needs.

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**Ques: Which country is set to join the Abraham Accords with Israel, as announced by Donald Trump?**

- A) Oman
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) Kazakhstan
- D) Egypt
- E) Jordan

**Answer: Option C – Kazakhstan**

**Explanation:**

- Former U.S. President Donald Trump announced that Kazakhstan will join the Abraham Accords with Israel, becoming the first country of his second term to do so.
- The move is largely symbolic, as Kazakhstan has maintained diplomatic relations with Israel since 1992.
- The Abraham Accords currently include Bahrain, Morocco, Sudan, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- A formal signing ceremony will soon make Kazakhstan's inclusion official.

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**Ques: Which institute has signed an MoU with C-DOT to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in telecom and cybersecurity?**

- A) IIT Gandhinagar
- B) IIT Delhi
- C) IIT Madras
- D) IIT Kanpur
- E) IISc Bengaluru

**Answer: Option A – IIT Gandhinagar**

**Explanation:**

- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), signed an MoU with IIT Gandhinagar on 8th November 2025.
- The partnership aims to set up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for research, innovation, and development of indigenous telecom and cybersecurity products.
- The CoE will focus on Mobile Communications, Cybersecurity, Quantum Communication, Advanced AI, and Telecom Applications.
- The collaboration will bring together IIT Gandhinagar's researchers, students, and C-DOT scientists to create innovative ICT and telecom solutions.

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**Ques: Who became India's 91st Chess Grandmaster after winning the 6th ASEAN Individual Chess Championship?**

- A) Ilamparthy AR
- B) Raahul VS
- C) Viswanathan Anand
- D) Pentala Harikrishna
- E) B. Adhiban

**Answer: Option B – Raahul VS**

**Explanation:**

- Raahul VS, a 21-year-old chess player from Chennai, Tamil Nadu, became India's 91st Grandmaster after winning the 6th ASEAN Individual Chess Championship held in the Philippines.
- He achieved the required 2500 FIDE rating, completing his final Grandmaster norm.
- With this, Raahul became Tamil Nadu's 36th Grandmaster and India's second GM within a week, following Ilamparthy AR.

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## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- FIFA has created a new annual award called the FIFA Peace Prize, which will be presented for the first time during the 2026 World Cup draw in Washington.
- Indian Oil Mumbai won the 42nd edition of the Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Trophy for the 3rd consecutive year and 7th time overall by defeating Indian Railways Delhi 2-1 in the final held at Olympian Surjit Hockey Stadium, Jalandhar.
- The 3rd edition of the Asian Youth Games (AYG) 2025 was held in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, organized by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).
- India's Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, and Deepti Sharma were selected in the ICC Women's ODI World Cup Team of the Tournament based on their consistent and match-winning performances.
- The first-ever Sekhon Indian Air Force Marathon 2025 (SIM-25) was held in Delhi, bringing together over 12,000 runners from all age groups and genders.
- The centenary celebration of Indian Hockey (1925–2025) will be held on 7th November 2025 at Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium, New Delhi.
- Dabang Delhi Kabaddi Club clinched their second Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) title by defeating Puneri Paltan 31–28 in the Season 12 Final held at the Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium, New Delhi.
- The FIDE World Chess Cup trophy has been officially named the "Viswanathan Anand Trophy" in honour of India's first Grandmaster (1988) and five-time World Chess Champion.
- Lando Norris of the United Kingdom representing McLaren Racing Limited, won the Mexican Grand Prix 2025





- Ilamparthy Avalpoondurai Ravikumar from Chennai became India's 90th Chess Grandmaster by achieving his final GM norm and attaining a FIDE rating of 2518 at the Bijeljina Tournament in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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**Ques: The historic cultural festival 'Kartik Naach' is celebrated in which country?**

- A) India
- B) Nepal
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Bhutan
- E) Myanmar

**Answer: Option B – Nepal**

**Explanation:**

- 'Kartik Naach' is a 10-day traditional dance-drama festival celebrated at Patan Durbar Square, Lalitpur, Nepal, during Kartik Purnima.
- It was initiated in the 17th century by King Siddhinarasingh Malla and has been performed continuously for over 300 years.
- The festival includes classical dance, drama, and music performed by local artists and attracts devotees, residents, and tourists alike.
- During the festival, art exhibitions by international tattoo artists from China, Japan, and Germany were also held, with proceeds supporting children's welfare initiatives.

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**Ques: Which former Vice President of the United States of America recently passed away?**

- A) Joe Biden
- B) Dick Cheney
- C) Al Gore
- D) Mike Pence
- E) Dan Quayle

**Answer: Option B – Dick Cheney**

**Explanation:**

- Richard Bruce “Dick” Cheney, former Vice President of the United States, has passed away.
- He served as the 46th Vice President under President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2009.
- Cheney was a key architect of the U.S. counter-terrorism strategy after the 9/11 attacks, known as the “Cheney Doctrine,” emphasizing pre-emptive strikes and expanded executive powers.
- He also played a central role in the 2003 Iraq War, a decision later criticized due to the absence of weapons of mass destruction.

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## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

- **PHD (Progress Harmony Development) Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and the Busan Chamber of Commerce and Industry South Korea, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding) to boost bilateral trade, investment, and technology collaboration between two countries**
- **India and Ecuador Signed Pact to boost cooperation between their diplomatic training institutions**
- **Coal India Limited (CIL) & Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) signed MOU of cost Rs 21,000 crore to undertake brownfield expansion of 1,600 Megawatt(MW) capacity thermal power project at DVC's Chandrapura Thermal Power Station (TPS) in Jharkhand**
- **Government of Telangana established the Telangana Artificial Intelligence Innovation Hub (TAIH) in Hyderabad, Telangana aims to boost Artificial Intelligence research and development and position Telangana among the top 20 global AI hubs by 2035.**

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