

1. As per Article 246 of the Constitution of India, Census is a _____ subject
 - a. Union
 - b. State
 - c. Concurrent
 - d. Inter-State

Answer: A

As per Article 246 of the Constitution of India, Census is a **union** subject listed at 69 in the Union List in the Seventh Schedule.

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2. Who is the incumbent Director General and CEO of Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)?
 - a. Rameshwar Kumar Yadav
 - b. Mahesh Kumar Sharma
 - c. Satyendra Kumar Verma
 - d. Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh

Answer: D

Shri **Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh**, a distinguished officer of the Indian Post & Telecommunication Accounts and Finance Service (IP&TAFS), 1992 batch, has assumed charge as the new Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), which is a think tank under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. With an illustrious career spanning over three decades, Shri Singh brings with him a wealth of experience in Finance, Corporate law, Insolvency, Corporate Social Responsibility, ESG Reporting, Public Policy, E-Governance, and Capacity Building.

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3. Who is the incumbent Governor of Telangana?
 - a. C. P. Radhakrishnan
 - b. Jishnu Dev Varma
 - c. Tamilisai Soundararajan
 - d. E. S. L. Narasimhan

Answer: B

Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, Governor of Telangana, graced this commemorative event, which was attended by over 50,000 participants in person with millions from 165 countries joining virtually worldwide.

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4. The All-India Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL) and Rural Labourers (CPI-RL) is released by _____
 - a. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
 - b. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

- c. Ministry of Labour & Employment
- d. NITI Aayog

Answer: C

All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers For Agricultural And Rural Labourers – March, 2025 by
Ministry of Labour & Employment

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5. Who has been recently appointed as the Chief Justice of India?
- a. Raja S. Bhonsale
 - b. Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai
 - c. Abhay Shreeniwas Oka
 - d. Pamidighantam Sri Narasimha

Answer: B

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice **Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai**, Judge of the Supreme Court as the Chief Justice of India with effect from 14th May, 2025.

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1. The 28th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) will be held in _____
- a. Paradip
 - b. Kochi
 - c. Mangaluru
 - d. Visakhapatnam

Answer: D

The 28th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) is set to take place on the 9th and 10th of June, 2025 at Novotel, **Visakhapatnam**, Andhra Pradesh. The event is being jointly organized by, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Govt of India, and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, in collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

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2. Maharashtra Day commemorates the formation of the state of Maharashtra in India from the division of the Bombay State on 1 May_____.
- a. 1950
 - b. 1956
 - c. 1960
 - d. 1962

Answer: C

Maharashtra Day, commonly known as Maharashtra Din is a state holiday in the Indian state of Maharashtra, commemorating the formation of the state of Maharashtra in India from the division of the Bombay State on 1 **May 1960**.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2125656>

3. Sugar (Control) Order, 2025 is formulated by _____
- a. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
 - b. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
 - c. Ministry of Finance
 - d. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer: A

The Government of India has undertaken a comprehensive review of the Sugar (Control) Order, 1966, leading to the formulation of the Sugar (Control) Order, 2025. This revision aims to simplify and streamline the regulatory framework governing the sugar sector in line with current industry dynamics and technological advancements.

Sugar (Control) Order, 2025 by **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution**

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4. The Directorate of Enforcement was established in the year _____ with its Headquarters at New Delhi.
- a. 1966
 - b. 1956
 - c. 1946
 - d. 1958

Answer: B

The Directorate of Enforcement was established in the year **1956** with its Headquarters at New Delhi. It is responsible for enforcement of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) and certain provisions under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2125863>

5. Who is the incumbent Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization?
- a. Georg Bodenhausen
 - b. Árpád Bogsch
 - c. Francis Gurry
 - d. Daren Tang

Answer: D

Shri Ameet Datta, veteran lawyer, moderated the session, steering a dynamic discussion among an esteemed panel of experts and creators. The panel included Mr. **Daren Tang, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**, who offered a global perspective on policy frameworks and WIPO's efforts to strengthen protections for performers worldwide. He said that India's IP journey in last 5 decades is extraordinary and its creative economy grows tremendously.

He said that there is a need to transform global IP ecosystem as IP acts as catalyst for employment, development and innovation for all countries. Talking about WIPO's creative economy data model, he said that it is helping policy makers, economists and creators of its member states to find better metrics to measure creative economy.

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1. Who is the incumbent Governor of Kerala?
 - a. Arif Mohammad Khan
 - b. P. Sathasivam
 - c. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
 - d. P. Ramachandran

Answer: C

Governor of Kerala **Rajendra Arlekar**

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2. Prime Minister of India has recently dedicated Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport worth Rs _____ crore to the nation
 - a. 6,800
 - b. 12,800
 - c. 16,800
 - d. 8,800

Answer: D

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport **worth Rs 8,800 crore** to the nation today in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Addressing the gathering on the auspicious occasion of the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Adi Shankaracharya, the Prime Minister highlighted that three years ago, in September, he had the privilege of visiting the revered birthplace of Adi Shankaracharya. He expressed his joy that a grand statue of Adi Shankaracharya has been installed in the Vishwanath Dham complex in his parliamentary constituency, Kashi. He emphasized that this installation stands as a tribute to the immense spiritual wisdom and teachings of Adi Shankaracharya. He further highlighted that he also had the honor of unveiling the divine statue of Adi Shankaracharya at the sacred Kedarnath Dham in Uttarakhand. The Prime Minister noted that today marks another special occasion as the doors of the Kedarnath temple have been opened to devotees. Prime Minister Modi underscored that Adi Shankaracharya, originating from Kerala, established monasteries in different corners of the country, awakening the consciousness of the nation. He emphasized that his efforts laid the foundation for a unified and spiritually enlightened Bharat.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2126080>

3. In which year was the Department of Science and Technology established?
 - a. 1961

- b. 1971
- c. 1981
- d. 1955

Answer: B

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is a department within the Ministry of Science and Technology in India. It was **established in May 1971** to promote new areas of science and technology and to play the role of a nodal department for organising, coordinating and promoting scientific and technological activities in the country. It gives funds to various approved scientific projects in India. It also supports various researchers in India to attend conferences abroad and to go for experimental works.

Marking the 55th Foundation Day of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh outlined India's evolving scientific landscape, emphasizing the need for increased industry involvement to the extent of industry led innovation, changes in approach and long-term innovation to position the country among leading global players.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2126203>

4. Who released the report titled "Enhancing Competitiveness of MSMEs in India" in May 2025?
- a. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
 - b. Khadi and Village Industries Commission
 - c. Small Industries Development Bank of India
 - d. NITI Aayog

Answer: D

NITI Aayog today released the report on '**Enhancing MSMEs Competitiveness in India**', prepared by NITI Aayog in collaboration with the Institute for Competitiveness (IFC). The report presents a detailed blueprint for unlocking the immense potential of India's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through systemic reforms in financing, skilling, innovation and market access.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2126063>

5. Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir?
- a. Mehbooba Mufti
 - b. Mufti Mohammad Sayeed
 - c. Ghulam Nabi Azad
 - d. Omar Abdullah

Answer: D

The Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri **Omar Abdullah** met the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi today.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2126596>

1. Who has been elected as the Prime Minister of Australia in May 2025?
 - a. Scott Morrison
 - b. Malcolm Turnbull
 - c. Tony Abbott
 - d. Anthony Albanese

Answer: D

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today extended his congratulations to Mr. **Anthony Albanese** on his election as the Prime Minister of Australia.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2126526>

2. Which ministry has recently issued a notification prohibiting import of all goods originating in or exported from Pakistan to India?
 - a. Ministry of Finance
 - b. Ministry of External Affairs
 - c. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - d. Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: C

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, has issued a notification prohibiting import of all goods originating in or exported from Pakistan to India.

This will prohibit import of goods from Pakistan directly or through any other trade route.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2126458>

3. The Committee constituted for the Framework on Repairability Index (RI) in Mobile and Electronic Sector has submitted its Report to the Department of Consumer Affairs. Who is the chair of the said committee?
 - a. Bharat Khera
 - b. Nidhi Khare
 - c. Leena Nandan
 - d. Alkesh Kumar Sharma

Answer: A

The Committee constituted for the Framework on Repairability Index (RI) in Mobile and Electronic Sector has submitted its Report to Smt. Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India.

The committee's recommendations have been framed in alignment with the best global practices without causing any impediment to the industry with regard to innovation and ease of doing business. The Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) are required to self-declare the Repairability Index based on a standards scoring criteria provided in the framework with no additional compliance burden.

In September 2024, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA), constituted a committee under the chairmanship of **Shri Bharat Khera**, Additional Secretary for developing the framework of the Repairability Index (RI).

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2126409>

4. In 2000, WIPO's member states designated April _____ – the day on which the WIPO Convention came into force in 1970 – as World IP Day.
- a. 25
 - b. 26
 - c. 27
 - d. 28

Answer: B

In 2000, WIPO's member states designated **April 26** – the day on which the WIPO Convention came into force in 1970 – as World IP Day with the aim of increasing general understanding of IP.

Since then, World IP Day has been a unique opportunity to celebrate the contributions made by inventors and creators around the world and to explore how IP contributes to a flourishing of music and the arts and to the technological innovation that helps shape our world.

To commemorate World Intellectual Property (IP) Day 2025, the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, organized a national workshop titled “Driving Innovation with IP: Strategic Approaches to Commercialization” at the historic Faculty Hall, IISc.

Jointly supported by key institutions including IIIT Bangalore, CMTI, C-DOT, Central Silk Board, BeST Cluster, IPTel, and IISc, the event brought together over 250 in-person and 500 virtual participants from academia, research, startups, industry, PSUs, and government to deliberate on IP management and commercialization strategies.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2126460>

5. Who has been recently elected as the Prime Minister of Singapore?
- a. Lee Hsien Loong
 - b. Lawrence Wong
 - c. Goh Chok Tong

d. Lee Kuan Yew

Answer: B

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi extended his congratulations to Mr. Lawrence Wong on his victory in the elections. He emphasized the strong and multifaceted partnership, underpinned by close people-to-people ties between India and Singapore.

Singapore PM Lawrence Wong

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2126661>

1. K. V. Rabiya, who recently passed away, was a _____
 - a. Zoologist
 - b. Developmental professional
 - c. Social worker
 - d. Neuroscientist

Answer: C

Kariveppil Rabiya was a physically **disabled social worker** from Vellilakkadu, Malappuram, Kerala in India who rose to prominence through her role in the Kerala State Literacy Campaign in Malappuram district in 1990. Her efforts were recognised at a national level by the Government of India on multiple occasions. In 1994, the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Government of India awarded her the National Youth Award for her contributions to society. In January 2001, she was awarded the first Kannagi Sthree Sakthi Puraskar award for the year 1999 for her contribution to upliftment and empowerment of women. She was awarded India's fourth highest civilian award Padma Shri in January 2022.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127059>

2. India's "MAHASAGAR" vision focuses on collaborative efforts to ensure peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indian Ocean Region. Which of the following accurately describes MAHASAGAR?
 - a. Maritime and Humanitarian Alliance for Strategic Action and Global Regionalism
 - b. Maritime Harmony and Sustainable Growth for All Regions
 - c. Multilateral Approach for Harmonized Strategy and Global Action in Regions
 - d. Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Answer: D

In line with India's commitment towards regional cooperation, INS Sharda arrived at Maafilaafushi Atoll, Maldives, for a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise planned from 04 to 10 May 25. This deployment is a testament to the strong defence and maritime cooperation between India and the Maldives. It aligns with India's "MAHASAGAR" (**Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions**) vision, emphasising collaborative efforts to ensure peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indian Ocean Region.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2126999>

3. Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Delhi?
- a. Atishi Marlena
 - b. Sheila Dikshit
 - c. Arvind Kejriwal
 - d. Rekha Gupta

Answer: D

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah today chaired a review meeting in New Delhi with Lieutenant Governor, Vinai Kumar Saxena and **Chief Minister Smt. Rekha Gupta** to review the implementation of three new criminal laws in the national capital. The meeting reviewed the implementation and current status of various new provisions related to police, prisons, courts, prosecution, and forensics. The meeting was attended by Union Home Secretary, Chief Secretary of the National Capital Territory, Commissioner of Delhi Police, Director General of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), Director of the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB), and senior officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Delhi Government.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127124>

4. Who has assumed charge as the Managing Director of National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in May 2025?
- a. Mahesh Bhosale
 - b. Ramesh Shinde
 - c. Prakash Magdum
 - d. Suresh Patil

Answer: C

Shri **Prakash Magdum** has assumed charge as the Managing Director of National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) today.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127068>

5. Who became German Chancellor in May 2025?
- a. Olaf Scholz
 - b. Angela Merkel
 - c. Gerhard Schröder
 - d. Friedrich Merz

Answer: D

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has extended his warm congratulations to Mr. **Friedrich Merz** on assuming office as the Federal Chancellor of Germany.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127354>

1. Who became the 32nd Prime Minister of Australia?
 - a. Anthony Hughes
 - b. Anthony Mitchell
 - c. Anthony Albanese
 - d. Anthony Carter

Answer: C

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a telephone conversation with The Hon Anthony **Albanese** today and congratulated him on his historic re-election as the 32nd Prime Minister of Australia.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127230>

2. India is set to host the 12th edition of the Global Space Exploration Conference (GLEX 2025) from 7th to 9th May 2025 in _____
 - a. Bengaluru
 - b. Mumbai
 - c. New Delhi
 - d. Thiruvananthapuram

Answer: C

New Delhi, 6 May 2025 — India is set to host the 12th edition of the Global Space Exploration Conference (GLEX 2025) from 7th to 9th May 2025 in **New Delhi**.

The three-day global summit, themed “Reaching New Worlds: A Space Exploration Renaissance,” will be inaugurated by the Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127310>

3. Who is the incumbent Chairman of ISRO?
 - a. V. Narayanan
 - b. S. Somanath
 - c. A.S. Kiran Kumar
 - d. K. Radhakrishnan

Answer: A

Dr. V. Narayanan, Chairman of ISRO

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127310>

4. Which of the following is the military operation initiated by India in response to 2025 Pahalgam attack?

- a. Operation Parakram
- b. Operation Sindoor
- c. Operation Devi Shakti
- d. Operation Terror

Answer: B

“Through **Operation Sindoor**, India has used its ‘Right to Respond’ to the attack on its soil, and the Armed Forces scripted history by acting with precision, precaution & compassion to destroy the camps used to train terrorists in Pakistan and PoK,” said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh while addressing the 66th Raising Day event of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt on May 07, 2025. Raksha Mantri asserted that, as per the plan, the targets were destroyed and no civilian population was harmed. He commended the Armed Forces by giving a befitting reply under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127561>

5. Which of the following states hosts India's first AI-based data park?
- a. Kerala
 - b. Chhattisgarh
 - c. Madhya Pradesh
 - d. Odisha

Answer: B

The Chief Minister of **Chhattisgarh**, Vishnu Deo Sai, inaugurated the **Artificial Intelligence Aided Data Centre Park in Nava Raipur on May 4, 2025**. This **first-of-its-kind project in the country** has been initiated with an estimated Rs 1,000 crore in funding which will be spent over the next two years. The park covers an area of 13.5 acres, which includes a 2.7-hectare Special Economic Zone (SEZ) exclusively dedicated to AI services. This development shows that Chhattisgarh is making steps toward achieving a major milestone in India's digital sector.

<https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/raipur-to-host-indias-first-ai-based-data-park-key-details-inside-2719786-2025-05-05>

1. Sudirman Cup is related to which sport?
- a. Badminton
 - b. Tennis
 - c. Hockey
 - d. Volleyball

Answer: A

The Sudirman Cup is an international **badminton** mixed team competition contested by member countries of the Badminton World Federation, the sport's global governing body. The championship has been awarded every two years since the inaugural tournament in 1989. It used to be held at the same venue for the World Championships in the same year until the International Badminton

Federation, now the BWF, decided to split the two tournaments starting from 2003. There are five matches in every Sudirman Cup tie which consists of men and women's singles, men and women's doubles and mixed doubles. The cup is named after Sudirman, a former Indonesian badminton player.

BWF Sudirman Cup Finals 2025: **People's Republic of China defeat Republic of Korea for fourth consecutive title**

<https://www.olympics.com/en/news/bwf-sudirman-cup-finals-2025-china-clinch-fourth-consecutive-title-results>

2. Operation Hawk 2025 is an initiative of _____
- a. CBI
 - b. NIA
 - c. IB
 - d. RAW

Answer: A

Before **Operation Hawk**, the **CBI** had launched Operation Carbon in 2021 and Operation Megh Chakra in 2022 as part of its efforts for rapid response to online child sexual exploitation cases with international linkages. | Photo Credit: Getty Images/iStockphoto

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), on the basis of inputs received from Operation Hawk, launched by the US, has taken swift action to successfully dismantle the cybercrime networks involving online child sexual exploitation with international linkages.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/cbi-dismantles-child-sexual-abuse-exploitation-networks-as-part-of-operation-hawk-2025/article69509846.ece>

3. World Asthma Day is held on the first _____ in May.
- a. Monday
 - b. Tuesday
 - c. Wednesday
 - d. Thursday

Answer: B

World Asthma Day is held on the first **Tuesday** in May. Each year GINA chooses a theme and coordinates preparation and distribution of World Asthma Day materials and resources. GINA also maintains the World Asthma Day Internet Headquarters, where materials and resources are posted for downloading and a complete listing of activities around the world is constantly updated.

<https://ginasthma.org/wad-2025/>

4. What is the theme for World Asthma Day 2025?
- a. Asthma Education Empowers

- b. Closing Gaps in Asthma Care
- c. Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions
- d. Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for ALL

Answer: D

In celebration of World Asthma Day 2025, the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) has chosen the theme “**Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for ALL**”. GINA emphasizes the need to ensure that people with asthma can access inhaled medications that are essential both for controlling the underlying disease and treating attacks.

<https://ginasthma.org/wad-2025/>

5. The International Monetary Fund (IMF)’s April Outlook (2025) held that India would surpass Japan to become the _____ largest economy
- a. Third
 - b. Second
 - c. Fifth
 - d. Fourth

Answer: D

The International Monetary Fund (IMF)’s April Outlook held that India would surpass Japan to become the **fourth largest economy**. The global financial institution tasked to promote economic stability estimates India’s gross domestic product, at current prices, is expected to scale about \$4,187.02 billion in 2025. This would be marginally higher than its nearest peer Japan estimated to reach \$4,186.43 billion. **United States (with a GDP of \$30,507.22 billion), China (\$19,231.71) and GERMANY (\$4,744.8 billion)** continue being the three largest economies globally in the same order.

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/imfs-april-outlook-projects-india-to-become-fourth-largest-in-2025/article69545213.ece>

1. Which of the following is the first of the eight ASW SWCs (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft), indigenously designed and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)?
- a. Karnala
 - b. Jamnala
 - c. Arnala
 - d. Panala

Answer: C

‘**Arnala**’, the first of the eight ASW SWCs (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft), indigenously designed and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, was delivered to the Indian Navy on 08 May 25 at M/s L&T Shipyard, Kattupalli.

The warship has been designed and constructed as per the Classification Rules of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) of GRSE with M/s L&T Shipyard, thus demonstrating the success of collaborative defence manufacturing.

Arnala is named after the historic fort 'Arnala' located off Vasai, Maharashtra, a reflection of India's rich maritime heritage. The 77 m long warship, is the largest Indian Naval warship propelled by a Diesel Engine-Waterjet combination. The ship has been designed for underwater surveillance, search & rescue operations and Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO). The ship is capable of undertaking ASW operations in coastal waters, along with advanced mine laying capabilities. The induction of ASW SWC ships would significantly boost shallow water Anti-Submarine Warfare capabilities of the Indian Navy.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127729>

2. What is India's HDI ranking in the 2025 UNDP report?
 - a. 130
 - b. 125
 - c. 135
 - d. 139

Answer: A

On the other hand, India shows steady upward movement in the HDI rankings, **ranking 130** in the 2025 UNDP report. The country's HDI value rose from 0.676 in 2022 to 0.685 in 2023, placing India in the medium human development category and bringing it closer to the high human development threshold (HDI \geq 0.700).

<https://indianexpress.com/article/trending/undp-human-development-index-hdi-2025-top-10-highest-lowest-india-rank-9990114/#:~:text=Where%20does%20India%20stand%3F,in%20the%202025%20UNDP%20report.>

3. Which country is ranked first in the HDI ranking of the 2025 UNDP report?
 - a. Norway
 - b. Switzerland
 - c. Denmark
 - d. Iceland

Answer: D

Rank 1>> Iceland (0.972 HDI)

<https://indianexpress.com/article/trending/undp-human-development-index-hdi-2025-top-10-highest-lowest-india-rank-9990114/#:~:text=Where%20does%20India%20stand%3F,in%20the%202025%20UNDP%20report.>

4. Who among the following was referred to as the "Bard of Bengal", and was known by the sobriquets Gurudeb, Kobiguru, and Biswokobi?
- Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
 - Satyendra Nath Bose
 - Bidhan Chandra Roy
 - Rabindranath Tagore

Answer: D

Rabindranath Tagore was a British Indian polymath who worked as a poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer, and painter of the Bengal Renaissance. He reshaped Bengali literature and music as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was the author of the "profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful" poetry of Gitanjali. In 1913, Tagore became the first non-European to win a Nobel Prize in any category, and also the first lyricist to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. Tagore's poetic songs were viewed as spiritual and mercurial; where his elegant prose and magical poetry were widely popular in the Indian subcontinent. He was a fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society. Referred to as "the **Bard of Bengal**", **Tagore was known by the sobriquets Gurudeb, Kobiguru, and Biswokobi.**

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127863>

5. Who is the incumbent head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State?
- Pope Leo XV
 - Pope Leo XIV
 - Pope Leo XVI
 - Pope Leo XIII

Answer: B

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has extended his heartfelt felicitations and best wishes to His Holiness **Pope Leo XIV** on behalf of the people of India. Shri Modi lauded the Pope's leadership of the Catholic Church, noting its profound significance in promoting global peace, harmony, solidarity, and service.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127859>

1. International Thalassaemia Day is celebrated on _____ of May
- 6th
 - 7th
 - 8th
 - 9th

Answer: C

Celebrated on **the 8th of May, the International Thalassaemia** Day is devoted to raising awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about thalassaemia, promoting and strengthening

the lifelong and difficult struggle of patients against this severe blood disease, and commemorating all the people who are no longer with us, while renewing our promise to keep fighting until the final cure for thalassaemia is found.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127897>

2. What is the theme for the World Thalassaemia Day 2025?
 - a. Together For Thalassaemia: Uniting Communities, Prioritizing Patients
 - b. Addressing Health Inequalities Across The Global Thalassaemia Community
 - c. The Dawning Of A New Era For Thalassaemia: Time For A Global Effort To Make Novel Therapies Accessible And Affordable To Patients
 - d. Universal Access To Quality Thalassaemia Healthcare Services: Building Bridges With And For Patients

Answer: A

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, organized various awareness programmes on World Thalassaemia Day 2025, through its subordinate national institutions and Comprehensive Regional Centres (CRCs) across the country. This year's theme **was 'Together for Thalassaemia: Uniting Communities, Prioritizing Patients'**. The day is dedicated to spreading awareness about serious genetic blood disorders like thalassaemia and supporting people affected by it.

Thalassaemia is a genetic autosomal recessive disorder, which is inherited from one or both parents. It affects red blood cells due to a genetic mutation, which leads to a reduction in the alpha or beta globin chains of haemoglobin. This results in reduced production of red blood cells and reduced supply of oxygenated blood to the body parts (anaemia).

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127897>

3. Which of the following global sovereign credit rating agencies has recently upgraded India's Long-Term Foreign and Local Currency – Issuer Ratings from BBB (low) to BBB with a Stable trend?
 - a. Morningstar DBRS
 - b. CBR Rating Agency
 - c. Brickwork Ratings
 - d. ARC Ratings

Answer: A

The global sovereign credit rating agency, **Morningstar DBRS**, upgraded India's Long-Term Foreign and Local Currency – Issuer Ratings from BBB (low) to BBB with a Stable trend.

India's Short-Term Foreign and Local Currency Issuer Ratings were also upgraded to R-2 (high) from R-2 (middle) with a Stable trend.

Key drivers for the upgrade include India's structural reforms through infrastructure investments, digitalisation etc., all of which facilitated fiscal consolidation (declining debt and deficit) and sustained high growth (clocking an average GDP growth of 8.2% during FY22-25) with macroeconomic stability (stabilised inflation, range bound exchange rate and sound external balance). A resilient banking system featuring well-capitalised banks with a high capital adequacy ratio and a 13-year low non-performing loans was another significant driver for the upgrade.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127922>

4. India has recently participated in the 20th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF20), held in _____
- Geneva
 - London
 - New York
 - Rome

Answer: C

India participated in the 20th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF20), held at the United Nations Headquarters in **New York** from May 5 to 9, 2025.

India highlighted its significant progress in forest conservation and sustainable forest management, reaffirming its commitment to achieving the Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs) under the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030. India reported a consistent increase in forest and tree cover, now encompassing 25.17% of its geographical area as per the latest India State of Forest Report as a result of key national initiatives like the restoration of land under the Aravalli Green Wall, a 7.86% increase in mangrove cover over the past decade, afforestation of over 1.55 lakh hectares under the Green India Mission, and plantation of 1.4 billion seedlings under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam (Plant4Mother) campaign.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2127828>

5. What is the official theme for National Technology Day 2025?
- From Schools to Startups: Igniting Young Minds to Innovate
 - Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for Sustainable Future
 - Rebooting the Economy through Science, Technology and Research Translations (RESTART)
 - YANTRA – Yugantar for Advancing New Technology, Research and Acceleration

Answer: D

The Technology Development Board (TDB), under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, today unveiled the official theme for National Technology Day 2025 — **“YANTRA – Yugantar for Advancing New Technology, Research & Acceleration.”**

The word YANTRA, deeply rooted in India's scientific and cultural heritage, represents not just mechanical ingenuity but also symbolic power — of systems, synergy, and scalable solutions.

Yugantar, meaning an epochal shift, is emblematic of the country's momentum in transitioning from technology adaptation to global technology leadership.

National Technology Day commemorates the momentous events of 11th May 1998, when India conducted successful nuclear tests under Operation Shakti, and saw the maiden flight of the indigenously developed Hansa-3 aircraft. In recognition of these achievements, then Prime Minister Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared 11th May as National Technology Day.

Over the years, National Technology Day has evolved into a flagship occasion for honouring scientific excellence, showcasing industrial innovations, and reinforcing the partnership between science, society, and industry. This year's celebrations will be held on 11th May 2025 under the aegis of TDB-DST. The event will bring together policymakers, scientists, technocrats, industry leaders, academic institutions, and startup founders to deliberate on accelerating India's technological journey through deep-tech, precision engineering, and transformative R&D.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2128090>

1. Global Methane Tracker 2025 is released by _____
 - a. Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
 - b. International Renewable Energy Agency
 - c. World Energy Council
 - d. International Energy Agency

Answer: D

Released by **International Energy Agency**

<https://www.iea.org/reports/global-methane-tracker-2025>

2. Songar drones originate from which of the following countries?
 - a. Turkey
 - b. Pakistan
 - c. Russia
 - d. Israel

Answer: A

Songar is a low-altitude, quadrotor, unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UAEV) that was developed by Asisguard for the **Turkish Armed Forces**.

<https://www.telegraphindia.com/world/harop-vs-songar-drones-how-india-outsmarted-pakistan-in-battle-of-the-skies-on-may-8-photogallery/cid/2099694>

3. 'Vruthi' campaign is an initiative of _____

- a. Goa
- b. Kerala
- c. Tamil Nadu
- d. Karnataka

Answer: B

Kerala has consistently set an example for the world in terms of social progress, excelling in health, education, food security, and lifestyle. However, pollution and waste management remain among the most pressing global challenges. To address these issues, the Government of Kerala is driving continuous awareness campaigns, policy interventions, and scientific waste management solutions. As part of this mission, "Vruthi 2025: The Clean Kerala Conclave" will take place from April 9-13, 2025, at Kanakakkunnu Palace, Thiruvananthapuram. This five-day international conclave will bring together global experts, policymakers, startups, investors, administrators, media professionals, and the general public to explore sustainable waste management, circular economy solutions, and climate resilience.

<https://vruthi.in/>

4. *Musa indandamanensis* is a species of _____
- a. Rice
 - b. Wheat
 - c. Banana
 - d. Areca nut

Answer: C

An infructescence of about 4.2 metres has been recorded in a species of wild banana from Andaman and Nicobar islands, making it the longest infructescence recorded in **bananas** across the world. The details of the discovery were published in an international peer reviewed science journal Botany Letters earlier this year.

The infructescence was recorded in an endemic species of wild banana, the *Musa indandamanensis*, that was first recorded from a remote tropical forest near Krishna Nala reserve forest in the Andaman and Nicobar islands in 2012 and found mention in a science journal in 2014.

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/worlds-longest-banana-infructescence-discovered-in-andamans/article69564675.ece>

5. Which of the following is a type of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) that causes swelling and irritation of the tissues, called inflammation, in the digestive tract?
- a. Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome
 - b. Fields' Syndrome
 - c. Harlequin Ichthyosis
 - d. Crohn's Disease

Answer: D

Crohn's disease is a type of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) that causes swelling and irritation of the tissues, called inflammation, in the digestive tract. This can lead to belly pain, severe diarrhea, fatigue, weight loss and malnutrition.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/us-news/who-is-douglas-altshuler-man-with-crohns-disease-sues-elon-musk-s-spacex-heres-why-101746897551523.html>

1. Raika tribe is mainly associated with which State?
 - a. Rajasthan
 - b. Odisha
 - c. Telangana
 - d. Tamil Nadu

Answer: A

In the rugged landscapes of Kumbhalgarh, nestled in **Rajasthan's** Rajsamand district, the Raika tribe continues to practise a centuries-old tradition that is rapidly disappearing — camel herding.

Revered for their unique bond with camels, the Raikas are not just herders; they are custodians of an ancient pastoral knowledge system shaped by the rhythms of the desert and the resilience of its people.

For generations, the Raikas have been the primary breeders and caretakers of Rajasthan's indigenous camel breeds, especially the hardy Marwari camel, known for its strength, endurance, and adaptability to desert climates.

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/wildlife-biodiversity/raika-tribe-and-the-vanishing-craft-of-camel-herding>

2. Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project is a run-of-the-river power project on the _____ River.
 - a. Saraswati
 - b. Chenab
 - c. Sarayu
 - d. Kumarika

Answer: B

Baglihar Dam, also known as Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project, is a run-of-the-river power project on the **Chenab River** in Baglihar road in the Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir, India. It is located just 50 km from Ramban town, the district headquarters.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/india-opens-one-gate-at-baglihar-dam-built-on-the-chenab-river-in-ramban-to-regulate-rising-water-levels/articleshow/121073842.cms?from=mdr>

3. Yala Glacier is a glacier in Rasuwa District, _____
- India
 - Nepal
 - China
 - Bhutan

Answer: B

Yala Glacier is a glacier in Rasuwa District, **Nepal**. 'Yala' means 'high peak' in the local Langtang valley language.

Glaciologists and local communities mourned the loss of Nepal's Yala glacier, believed to be the first Nepalese glacier to be declared "dead".

Locals and glaciologists from four countries — Nepal, India, China and Bhutan — in the Hindu Kush Himalayas (HKH) gathered to mark the accelerating disappearance of Nepal's Yala Glacier in Langtang, Nepal on Monday according to a statement by Kathmandu based International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/glaciologists-local-communities-mourn-loss-of-nepal-s-yala-glacier-101747072348171.html>

4. World Press Freedom Day is celebrated on _____ May
- 3
 - 5
 - 9
 - 13

Answer: A

World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference. Since then, **3 May**, the anniversary of the **Declaration of Windhoek** is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/press-freedom-day>

5. What is the theme for the World Press Freedom Day 2025?
- A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face of the Environmental Crisis
 - Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights
 - Journalism under Digital Siege
 - Reporting in the Brave New World – The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Press Freedom and the Media

Answer: D

This year the World Press Freedom Day global commemoration will focus on the profound influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on journalism and media under the theme: **Reporting in the Brave New World – The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Press Freedom and the Media.**

<https://www.unesco.org/en/days/press-freedom>

1. The Government of India has recently designated _____ September as the date for celebrating Ayurveda Day each year.
 - a. 22nd
 - b. 13th
 - c. 23rd
 - d. 17th

Answer: C

In a landmark decision aimed at enhancing global visibility and consistency in observance, the Government of India has designated **23rd September** as the date for celebrating Ayurveda Day each year. This change, notified through a Gazette Notification dated 23rd March 2025, marks a significant shift from the earlier practice of observing Ayurveda Day on Dhanteras, which follows a variable lunar calendar.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2128442>

2. Dhanatrayodashi, also known as Dhanteras, is the first day that marks the festival of _____
 - a. Dussehra
 - b. Diwali
 - c. Holi
 - d. Navratri

Answer: B

Dhanatrayodashi, also known as Dhanteras, is the first day that marks the festival of **Diwali** or Tihar in most of India and Nepal

Ayurveda Day has been commemorated annually to promote Ayurveda as a scientific, evidence-based, and holistic system of medicine that plays a pivotal role in preventive healthcare and wellness. Until now, Ayurveda Day coincided with Dhanteras, a festival observed in the Hindu month of Kartik (usually October or November). However, as the date of Dhanteras fluctuates each year, the observance of Ayurveda Day lacked a fixed annual date.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2128442>

3. Where is Northern Region Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute (NRFMTTI) located?
 - a. Rohtak

- b. Ajmer
- c. Gwalior
- d. Hisar

Answer: D

Northern Region Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute (NRFMTTI), Hasar (HARYANA) achieves “CMVR Testing Approval for Agricultural Tractors” and “NABL Accreditation for CMVR Testing of Agricultural Tractors and Combine Harvesters”.

NRFMTTI, TTC, **Hisar**, a leading name in Training & Testing of Agricultural Machinery, becomes an approved agency to conduct CMVR (Central Motor Vehicle Rules) testing for agricultural tractors in addition to Combine Harvesters.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2128728>

4. Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) is marked annually on the third _____ of May.
- a. Friday
 - b. Thursday
 - c. Wednesday
 - d. Tuesday

Answer: B

Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) is a consciousness-raising awareness day focusing on digital access and inclusion for the more than one billion people alive today who live with disabilities or impairments. It is marked annually on the third **Thursday of May**.

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, will organize the ‘Inclusive India Summit’ on the occasion of Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) on May 15, 2025. GAAD is dedicated to raising awareness around digital access and inclusion for persons with disabilities across the globe. This day is observed annually on the third Thursday of May.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2128700>

5. The M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System is a light multiple rocket launcher developed by _____
- a. USA
 - b. Canada
 - c. Australia
 - d. UK

Answer: A

The M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System is a light multiple rocket launcher developed in the late 1990s for the **United States Army** and mounted on a standard U.S. Army Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV) M1140 truck frame.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/taiwan-holds-first-live-fire-of-us-high-tech-rocket-systems/article69568065.ece>

1. Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir?
 - a. Upendra Dwivedi
 - b. Manoj Sinha
 - c. Omar Abdullah
 - d. Rajnath Singh

Answer: C

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Shri Manoj Sinha, J&K Chief Minister Shri **Omar** Abdullah, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi and other senior officials of the Indian Army were present on the occasion.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2128840>

2. Who has recently assumed charge as Chairman, Union Public Service Commission?
 - a. Raj Shukla
 - b. Ajay Kumar
 - c. Sanjay Mitra
 - d. R.K. Mathur

Answer: B

Dr. **Ajay Kumar**, Former Secretary, Ministry of Defence took the Oath of Office and Secrecy as **Chairman, Union Public Service Commission** today. The Oath was administered by Lt.Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.), the senior most Member of the Commission.

Having pursued a B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, Dr. Ajay Kumar has done his M.S. in Applied Economics from the University of Minnesota, USA and Ph.D in Business Administration from Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, USA. He was also conferred an Hon. Doctor of Philosophy by Amity University in 2019.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2128817>

3. Dr. Balram Singh v/s Union of India judgement 2023 is related to _____
 - a. Manual Scavenging
 - b. Climate Change
 - c. LGBT Rights
 - d. Preventive Detention

Answer: A

In view of the continued practice of manual cleaning of hazardous waste, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India, in a letter to all the Chief Secretaries and Administrators of States and Union Territories, has asked to ensure the immediate implementation of the 14 directives issued by the Supreme Court in its landmark 2023 judgment (Dr. Balram Singh v/s Union of India, 2023 INSC 950), aimed at eradicating the inhuman and caste-based practice of **manual scavenging** and hazardous sewer cleaning. The Commission has noted that the practice constitutes a grave violation of human rights, especially the right to life with dignity and equality before the law.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2128885>

4. Centralised Information Management System (CIMS) portal is developed by _____
- a. SEBI
 - b. RBI
 - c. IREDA
 - d. CCI

Answer: B

Regulated entities (REs) will now be required to report details of their digital lending apps (DLAs) through the centralised information management system (CIMS) portal of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the regulator said in a circular.

According to the circular, the portal will be operational for reporting from May 13, and entities will have time till June 15 to upload their initial data.

https://www.business-standard.com/finance/news/rbi-asks-regulated-entities-to-report-digital-lending-apps-on-cims-125050901500_1.html

5. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has recently unveiled India's first 3nm chip design centres in _____
- a. Gurugram and Hyderabad
 - b. Pune and Chandigarh
 - c. Indore and Kochi
 - d. Noida and Bengaluru

Answer: D

Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Railways, and Information & Broadcasting, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw today inaugurated two new state-of-the-art design facilities of Renesas Electronics India Private Limited, located in **Noida and Bengaluru**. Highlighting the uniqueness of the new facility, Shri Vaishnaw informed that this is India's first design center to work on cutting-edge 3 nanometer chip design, a milestone that places India firmly in the global league of semiconductor innovation. "Designing at 3nm is truly next-generation. We've done 7nm and 5nm earlier, but this marks a new frontier," he said.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2128468>

1. The President of India has recently conferred the 58th Jnanpith Award on _____
- Rambhadracharya
 - K.S. Ramaswami Sastri
 - Satya Vrat Shastri
 - Vamadev Shastri

Answer: A

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu conferred the 58th Jnanpith Award on Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru **Rambhadracharya** Ji at a function held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi today (May 16, 2025).

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129148>

2. Gulzar is an Indian poet of which language?
- Punjabi
 - Assamese
 - Urdu
 - Dogri

Answer: C

Gulzar is an Indian **Urdu** poet, lyricist, author, screenwriter, and film director known for his works in Hindi cinema

Speaking on the occasion, the President congratulated Jagadguru Rambhadracharya. She also congratulated Gulzar for the Jnanpith Award who could not attend the Award ceremony. She wished that Gulzar Ji soon become fully healthy and active and continue to contribute to art, literature, society, and the country.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129148>

3. Sikkim Statehood Day is on May _____
- 13
 - 14
 - 15
 - 16

Answer: D

Tamang on Saturday extended gratitude to all who sent their greetings on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Statehood Day on **May 16**, and said the celebration was a reflection of a “shared identity and collective pride”.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129001>

4. The Department of Posts has recently released a commemorative postage stamp celebrating _____ years of the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory (KSO).

- a. 115
- b. 125
- c. 135
- d. 150

Answer: B

The Department of Posts is proud to release a commemorative postage stamp celebrating 125 years of the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory (KSO). Recognising the legacy of the KSO through this special stamp is a fitting tribute to one of India's most significant scientific institutions and highlights the nation's long-standing contribution to global science.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129198>

5. How many postal circles are there in India?
- a. 20
 - b. 25
 - c. 23
 - d. 28

Answer: C

For providing postal services, the whole country has been divided into **23 postal circles**. Each Circle is co-terminus with a State except for Gujarat Circle (which also administers the Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli), Kerala Circle (which includes the Union Territory of Lakshadweep), Maharashtra Circle (which has within its jurisdiction the State of Goa), North East Circle (which comprises six North Eastern States - Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura), Punjab Circle (which has within its administrative jurisdiction, the Union Territory of Chandigarh), Tamil Nadu Circle (which also administers the Union Territory of Pondicherry) and West Bengal Circle (which also administers the state of Sikkim and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands). Each of these Circles is headed by a Chief Postmaster General. Each Circle is further divided into Regions comprising field units, called Divisions (Postal / RMS Divisions). Each Region is headed by a Postmaster General. In the Circles and Regions there are other functional units like Circle Stamp Depots, Postal Stores Depots and Mail Motor Service etc. Besides these 23 Circles, there is another Circle, called Base Circle, to cater to the postal communication needs of the Armed Forces. The Base Circle is headed by an Additional Director General, Army Postal Service in the rank of a Major General. The officer cadre of the Army Postal Service comprises officers on deputation from the Civil Posts. Seventy five percent of the other ranks of the Army Postal Service are also drawn from the Department of Posts and the remaining personnel are recruited by the Army.

<https://www.indiapost.gov.in/VAS/Pages/AboutUs/Organisation.aspx>

1. Ek Desh Ek Dhadkan is an initiative of _____
- a. Ministry of Culture
 - b. Ministry of Defence
 - c. Ministry of Home Affairs
 - d. NITI Aayog

Answer: A

In a heartfelt tribute to the undying spirit of patriotism and to honour the bravehearts of the nation, the **Ministry of Culture** has launched a powerful and binding initiative “Ek Desh Ek Dhadkan” (One Nation, One Heartbeat).

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129209>

2. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has recently completed the conservation work of Rajon ki Baoli, a 16th- century stepwell, located in Mehrauli Archaeological Park, _____
- a. Mumbai
 - b. Chennai
 - c. Bengaluru
 - d. New Delhi

Answer: D

In a significant step toward protecting India’s cultural and environmental heritage, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), in collaboration with the World Monuments Fund India (WMFI) and the TCS Foundation, has successfully completed the conservation work of Rajon ki Baoli, a 16th-century stepwell, located in Mehrauli Archaeological Park, **New Delhi**.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129120>

3. The PM E-Drive initiative aims to augment city bus operations with _____ electric buses.
- a. 4,028
 - b. 24,028
 - c. 14,028
 - d. 34,028

Answer: C

The PM E-Drive initiative, launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, aims to augment city bus operations **with 14,028 electric** buses. The scheme has an outlay of ₹10,900 crore over a period of two years from 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2026.

The Ministry of Heavy Industries remains committed to delivering on this transformative mission in collaboration with all state governments and stakeholders.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129050>

4. Multi Agency Centre (MAC) comes under _____
- a. Ministry of Home Affairs
 - b. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 - c. Ministry of Defence
 - d. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

Answer: A

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah inaugurates the new Multi Agency Centre (MAC) at North Block in New Delhi, today. On this occasion, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said that Operation Sindoor is a unique symbol of the firm political will of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, accurate information of intelligence agencies and the infallible strike capability of our three armed forces. He said that India is proud of its three armed forces, Border Security Force and all security agencies.

As India's foremost intelligence fusion centre, the Multi Agency Centre (MAC) has been in existence since 2001 and the **Union Home Minister** has been actively guiding the technological upgradation of MAC continuously. Housed with the Intelligence Bureau, new MAC has connected all the intelligence, security, law enforcement and investigative agencies. Executed at a cost of over 500 Crores, the new MAC network has undergone both qualitative and quantitative transformation. The new MAC network spanning the length and breadth of the country, has weaved-in country's Island territories, insurgency affected areas and mountainous high altitude terrain ensuring last mile connectivity down to the level of district SP's in the remotest areas with a fast and standalone secure network.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129141>

5. Which is India's fully indigenous, automated Air Defence Control and Reporting System, that intercepted and neutralised every inbound projectile in 2025 India–Pakistan conflict?
- a. Agniteer
 - b. Vayushakti
 - c. Chandrashool
 - d. Akashteer

Answer: D

In the dark skies, a new kind of warrior awakened. It did not roar like a fighter jet or flash like a missile. It listened. It calculated. It struck. This **invisible shield, Akashteer**, is no longer a concept confined to defence journals. It is the sharp edge of India's air defence, the unseen wall that stopped a barrage of missiles and drones on the night of May 9th and 10th, when Pakistan launched its deadliest attack on Indian military and civilian areas. Akashteer is India's fully indigenous, automated Air Defence Control and Reporting System, that intercepted and neutralised every inbound projectile.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129132>

1. Where is 17th edition of Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 2025) being held?
 - a. Indonesia
 - b. Philippines
 - c. Singapore
 - d. Malaysia

Answer: D

Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth will lead an Indian delegation at the 17th edition of Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 2025), being held at Langkawi, **Malaysia** from May 20 to 24, 2025. An Indian Pavilion is set up in LIMA 2025, which will be inaugurated by Raksha Rajya Mantri.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129394>

2. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, with all the Secretaries of the Ministry of Defence unanimously decided to observe _____ as the 'Year of Reforms' in the MoD
 - a. 2026
 - b. 2025
 - c. 2024
 - d. 2023

Answer: B

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, with all the Secretaries of the Ministry of Defence unanimously decided to observe **2025** as the 'Year of Reforms' in the MoD. This would aim at transforming the Armed Forces into a technologically-advanced combat-ready force capable of multi-domain integrated operations. The broad areas identified for focussed intervention in 2025 include:

Reforms should aim to further bolster Jointness & Integration initiatives and facilitate establishment of the Integrated Theatre Commands.

Develop a shared understanding of operational requirements and joint operational capabilities through inter-service cooperation & training.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129453>

3. The IMO International Day for Women in Maritime is observed on _____ May every year.
 - a. 15
 - b. 16
 - c. 17
 - d. 18

Answer: D

The IMO International Day for Women in Maritime is observed **on 18 May every year**.

The day celebrates women in the industry and is intended to promote the recruitment, retention and sustained employment of women in the maritime sector, raise the profile of women in maritime, strengthen IMO's commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5 (gender equality) and support work to address the current gender imbalance in maritime.

<https://www.imo.org/en/About/Events/Pages/International-Day-for-Women-in-Maritime-2025.aspx>

4. Established in _____ through the consolidation of the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) and the Directorate General of Safeguards, DGTR serves as India's unified authority for trade remedy investigations
- 2016
 - 2020
 - 2018
 - 2021

Answer: C

The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) commemorated its 8th Foundation Day today, celebrating seven years of dedicated service in protecting Indian industry from unfair trade practices and sudden surges in imports. On this occasion, the Director General of DGTR applauded the commitment and tireless efforts of the organization's officers and staff in upholding the integrity of India's trade remedy ecosystem.

Established in 2018 through the consolidation of the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) and the Directorate General of Safeguards, DGTR serves as India's unified authority for trade remedy investigations. DGTR is responsible for imposing anti-dumping, countervailing, and safeguard measures to ensure a level playing field for domestic producers.

As DGTR enters its eighth year, it remains steadfast in its mission to uphold fair trade, support the domestic industry against unfair trade practices, and respond proactively to the evolving challenges of global commerce.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129294>

5. Who is the incumbent Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Government e Marketplace?
- T. V. Somanathan
 - Mihir Kumar
 - Prashant Kumar Singh
 - Ajay Kumar Bhalla

Answer: B

Shri **Mihir Kumar**, a distinguished officer of the 1996 batch of the Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS), has been appointed by the Government of India as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Government e Marketplace (GeM). Prior to joining GeM, Shri Mihir Kumar served as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129647>

1. 'Operation Olivia' is a mission of _____
 - a. Directorate General of Shipping
 - b. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau
 - c. Indian Coast Guard
 - d. National Biodiversity Authority

Answer: C

In a major boost to marine conservation, the Indian Coast Guard's (ICG) annual mission 'Operation Olivia' helped protect a record of over 6.98 lakh Olive Ridley turtles nested at the Rushikulya river mouth in Odisha during February 2025. Conducted annually from November to May, Operation Olivia is an important initiative of the ICG aimed at ensuring safe nesting grounds for Olive Ridley turtles particularly at Gahirmatha Beach and surrounding coastal areas of Odisha, which see the arrival of over eight lakh turtles each year. The record mass nesting at the Rushikulya river mouth in Odisha stands as a testament to the ICG's sustained efforts in safeguarding the endangered species through rigorous patrolling, aerial surveillance, and community engagement.

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2. Who has recently amended the Rule 8 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules (SCRR), 1957 to give regulatory clarity to enhance ease of doing business for brokers?
 - a. Department of Expenditure
 - b. Department of Financial Services
 - c. Department of Revenue
 - d. Department of Economic Affairs

Answer: D

The **Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)**, Ministry of Finance, amended Rule 8 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules (SCRR), 1957, via Gazette Notification G.S.R. 318(E). The amendment gives regulatory clarity to enhance ease of doing business for brokers.

After taking note of the concerns raised by various stakeholders over certain provisions in the said Rules, the DEA had released a Consultation Paper in September, 2024, (Consultation Paper for Public Comments on Rule 8 SCRR (1957)) inviting stakeholder comments.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129667>

3. Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Portal comes under _____
 - a. Ministry of External Affairs
 - b. Ministry of Home Affairs
 - c. NITI Aayog
 - d. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

Answer: B

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, launched the new Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Portal in New Delhi today. The Union Home Secretary, the Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB), and other senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) were present on the occasion.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129691>

4. Who is the incumbent Chairperson of the Inland Waterways Authority of India?
- Sunil Kumar Singh
 - Vijay Kumar
 - Ashutosh Gautam
 - Vinay Kumar Prajapati

Answer: B

VIJAY KUMAR>>Chairman

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129774>

5. Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Sikkim?
- Pawan Kumar Chamling
 - Sanchaman Limboo
 - Nar Bahadur Bhandari
 - Prem Singh Tamang

Answer: D

The Chief Minister of Sikkim, **Shri Prem Singh Tamang** met the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi today.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129979>

1. First edition of Khelo India Beach Games will be held in _____
- Pondicherry
 - Tarkarli
 - Diu
 - Kavaratti

Answer: C

ON KHELO INDIA BEACH GAMES

This is the first Beach Games conducted under the Khelo India banner. The Games are being held under the vertical of sports competition and talent development of Khelo India Scheme from May 19 to May 24, 2025 in **Diu, UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman** and Diu. This initiative aims to

promote beach sports and to enhance the reach and popularity of the Beach Games. In this edition, there are six medal sports: Beach Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Beach Sepak Takraw, Beach Kabaddi, Pencak Silat and Open water swimming. Two (non-medal) demonstration sports: Mallakhamb and Tug of war have also been included in Diu.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129778>

2. World Hydrogen Summit 2025 was held in _____
- a. Hamburg
 - b. Antwerp
 - c. Singapore
 - d. Rotterdam

Answer: D

Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Government of India, Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi today addressed the World Hydrogen Summit 2025 in **Rotterdam**, highlighting India's strategic vision and capabilities in the domain of renewable energy and green hydrogen production.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129952>

3. World Bee Day is on _____ May
- a. 18
 - b. 19
 - c. 20
 - d. 21

Answer: C

By observing World Bee Day each year, we can raise awareness on the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy, and on the many challenges they face today. We have been celebrating this day since 2018, thanks to the efforts of the Government of Slovenia with the support of Apimondia, that led the UN General Assembly to declare **20 May as World Bee Day**.

The date for this observance was chosen as it was the day Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern apiculture, was born. Janša came from a family of beekeepers in Slovenia, where beekeeping is an important agricultural activity with a long-standing tradition.

<https://www.fao.org/world-bee-day/en>

4. What is the theme for the World Bee Day 2025?
- a. Bee engaged with youth
 - b. Bee inspired by nature to nourish us all
 - c. Bee engaged in pollinator-friendly agricultural production
 - d. Bee engaged – Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems

Answer: B

Pollination is essential for agrifood systems, supporting the production of more than 75 percent of

the world's crops, including fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds. In addition to increasing crop yields, pollinators improve food quality and diversity.

More than 200 000 animal species are pollinators, the vast majority of which are wild, including butterflies, birds, bats and more than 20 000 bee species.

This year's theme for World Bee Day, "**Bee inspired by nature to nourish us all**", highlights the critical roles bees and other pollinators play in agrifood systems and the health of our planet's ecosystems. Indeed, pollinators are increasingly threatened by habitat loss, unsustainable agricultural practices, climate change and pollution. Their decline jeopardizes food production, increases costs and exacerbates food insecurity, particularly for rural communities.

<https://www.fao.org/plant-production-protection/news-and-events/events/event-detail/world-bee-day-2025/en>

5. Who has been recently appointed as the Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court?
- Kempaiah Somashekar
 - Ahanthem Bimol Singh
 - Aribam Guneshwar Sharma
 - A. Brajakumar Sharma

Answer: A

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice **Kempaiah Somashekar**, Judge of the Karnataka High Court as Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129993>

1. Which is the nodal ministry for Padma Awards?
- Ministry of Defence
 - Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
 - Ministry of Home Affairs
 - Ministry External Affairs

Answer: C

Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal ministry

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129865>

2. Who is the head of the Padma Awards Committee, which is constituted by the Prime Minister every year?
- Principal Secretary to Prime Minister

- b. Union Home Secretary
- c. Secretary to the President of India
- d. Cabinet Secretary

Answer: D

All nominations received for Padma Awards are placed before the Padma Awards Committee, which is constituted by the Prime Minister every year. The **Padma Awards Committee is headed by the Cabinet Secretary** and includes Home Secretary, Secretary to the President and four to six eminent persons as members. The recommendations of the committee are submitted to the Prime Minister and the President of India for approval.

<https://www.padmaawards.gov.in/padmaawards/AboutAwards>

3. ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram or New India Literacy Programme (NILP) is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented from _____
- a. 2021-2026
 - b. 2022-2027
 - c. 2023-2028
 - d. 2024-2029

Answer: B

ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram or New India Literacy Programme (NILP) is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented from 2022-2027. The scheme, aligned with NEP 2020, targets adults (aged 15 years and above) who couldn't go to school. The scheme has five components- Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Critical Life Skills, Basic Education, Vocational Skills and Continuing Education. The vision of the ULLAS Scheme is to make Bharat - Jan Jan Saakshar and is based on the spirit of Kartavya Bodh and is being implemented on volunteerism. Under ULLAS scheme more than 1.77 crore learners (neo literates) have appeared in the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) till now across the country. More than 2.37 crore learners and 40.84 lakh volunteer teachers have been registered on the ULLAS Mobile app. Earlier, on 24.06.2024, Ladakh became the first administrative unit to declare full literacy.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130080>

4. Which state became the first state in India to attain full literacy?
- a. Kerala
 - b. Uttarakhand
 - c. Nagaland
 - d. Mizoram

Answer: D

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Mizoram, Shri Lalduhoma on Tuesday, 20th May 2025, officially declared Mizoram a fully literate state, marking a historic milestone in the state's educational journey. With this achievement, **Mizoram becomes the first state in India to attain full literacy.**

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130080>

5. The Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, commemorated World Metrology Day 2025, marking the _____ anniversary of the historic Metre Convention signed in Paris.
- 100th
 - 200th
 - 125th
 - 150th

Answer: D

The Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, today commemorated World Metrology Day 2025, marking the **150th anniversary** of the historic Metre Convention signed in Paris on 20th May 1875.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2129915>

1. Ideas4LiFE portal is an initiative of _____
- Central Pollution Control Board
 - National Green Tribunal
 - NITI Aayog
 - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer: D

Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change today announced the 21 winning ideas under the 'Ideas4LiFE' initiative, which was conceptualised under the broader framework of Mission LiFE as envisioned by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. Out of a total of 1384 entries, 21 ideas with top 3 ideas in each of the seven themes of Mission LiFE were selected as winning ideas.

Union **Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change**, Shri Bhupender Yadav, launched the Ideas4LiFE portal on 29th July 2024 at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi for inviting innovative ideas related to products and services, which induce behavioral changes related to environment-friendly lifestyles.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130599>

2. International Day for Biological Diversity is on _____ May
- 19
 - 20
 - 21
 - 22

Answer: D

International Day for Biological Diversity: 22 May

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130587>

3. What is the theme for the International Day for Biological Diversity 2025?

- a. From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity
- b. Building a Shared Future for All Life
- c. Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development
- d. We're part of the solution #ForNature

Answer: C

To mark the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2025, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), in collaboration with National Biodiversity Authority (NAB), Rajasthan Forest Department and the Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board, organised a National-Level celebration today at Udaipur, Rajasthan. The theme for IDB 2025 is '**Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development**'.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130587>

4. India is one of the _____ mega-diverse countries in the world covering an area of 329 million hectares.
- a. 15
 - b. 17
 - c. 19
 - d. 21

Answer: B

India is one of the **17 mega-diverse countries** in the world covering an area of 329 million hectares. India is known for its rich biological diversity and accounts for more than 1,00,000 species of animals and 55,000 species of plants in ten bio-geographic regions. India is also rich in traditional and indigenous knowledge, both coded as in ancient texts of Indian systems of medicines.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130587>

5. Who is organizing a Nationwide Hackathon on CCTV Solutions for Law Enforcement in association with NCRB and CyberPeace Foundation?
- a. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy
 - b. Bureau of Police Research and Development
 - c. National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science
 - d. National Forensic Sciences University

Answer: B

The **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)**, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), is organizing a Nationwide Hackathon on CCTV Solutions for Law Enforcement in association with NCRB and CyberPeace Foundation. This Hackathon is being organised to encourage innovators, start-ups & research institutions to develop indigenous, secure, scalable and cost-effective CCTV solutions tailored to specific needs of Indian LEAs.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130608>

1. Who is the chair of the 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog?
 - a. President of India
 - b. Prime Minister of India
 - c. Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog
 - d. Cabinet Secretary

Answer; B

In line with his commitment to take all the states together as “Team India” for a Viksit Bharat, **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** will chair the 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog on May 24, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. This year's theme is ‘Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat@2047’, with the central focus on states and thereby making India a developed nation. The Governing Council Meeting will discuss the approach on Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat @2047.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130818>

2. Who is the incumbent Administrator of the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu?
 - a. Praful K Patel
 - b. D. K. Joshi
 - c. Banwarilal Purohit
 - d. Vinai Kumar Saxena

Answer: A

The Administrator of the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Shri **Praful K Patel** met the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi today.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130999>

3. Who is the current Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh?
 - a. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
 - b. Mohan Charan Majhi
 - c. Revanth Reddy
 - d. M K Stalin

Answer: A

The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Shri **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** met the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi today.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130990>

4. The Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly is being held in _____, on 19–27 May 2025.
 - a. Rome
 - b. New York
 - c. New Delhi
 - d. Geneva

Answer: D

The Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly is being held in **Geneva, Switzerland**, on 19–27 May 2025. The theme of this year's Health Assembly is: **One World for Health**.

<https://www.who.int/about/governance/world-health-assembly/seventy-eighth>

5. The NAMASTE scheme is a central sector scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. Which of the following accurately describes it?
- National Action for Mechanized and Sustainable Sanitation Transformation and Empowerment
 - National Advancement Mission for Sanitation and Technical Empowerment
 - New Agenda for Mechanized and Safe Toileting Engagement
 - National Action Plan for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem

Answer: D

A special event focused on the **National Action Plan for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem** (NAMASTE) scheme, was organized through the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on May 25, 2025, in Chhatarpur (Madhya Pradesh). The aim of the scheme is to socially and economically empower the workers engaged in sanitation work, enabling them to have safe, dignified, and sustainable livelihoods.

Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and honored sanitation workers. Calling them as Cleanliness Ambassadors, the Minister reminded all the distinguished guests present that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the government is committed to walking together with everyone, ensuring the development of all, and striving for everyone's participation in a developed India.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2131186>

1. Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh?
- Mohan Yadav
 - Ameesh Yadav
 - Anand Yadav
 - Sourav Yadav

Answer: A

The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr **Mohan Yadav** met the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi today.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2131153>

2. Who is the incumbent Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports?
- Hansraj Himatsinhji
 - Ramsingh Rathore

- c. Kanshiram Kachhadiya
- d. Mansukh Mandaviya

Answer: D

Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. **Mansukh Mandaviya** congratulated Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu for hosting the first Khelo India Beach Games. The Games which started on May 19, officially concluded on Saturday. The closing ceremony was staged at the INS Khukri Memorial in Diu.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2131001>

3. The Panchayat Advancement Index has been developed as a robust, multidimensional tool to assess and monitor the progress of Gram Panchayats against _____ themes aligned with the Localized Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).
- a. 17
 - b. 15
 - c. 9
 - d. 11

Answer: C

The PAI has been developed as a robust, multidimensional tool to assess and monitor the progress of Gram Panchayats against **nine** themes aligned with the Localized Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs). These themes cover areas such as poverty alleviation, health, education, water sufficiency, clean environment, infrastructure, governance, social justice, and women's empowerment.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130937>

4. Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 is an initiative of _____
- a. NITI Aayog
 - b. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
 - c. National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR)
 - d. Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: B

The **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** is organizing a two-day National Writeshop on the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) Version 2.0 on 26th–27th May 2025 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The Writeshop marks the national roll out of PAI 2.0 for FY 2023–24 and is aimed at building capacities for data-based monitoring and planning at the Gram Panchayat level to support the achievement of holistic, inclusive, and sustainable development in rural areas through Panchayati Raj Institutions.

The inaugural session will be graced by Shri Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR); Shri Saurabh Garg, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

(MoSPI); Shri Sushil Kumar Lohani, Additional Secretary, MoPR; and Shri Rajib Kumar Sen, Senior Advisor, NITI Aayog, alongwith other senior officers and experts.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130937>

5. Madhubani art is a traditional Indian folk art form originating from the Mithila region of
-
- a. Bihar
 - b. Uttar Pradesh
 - c. Maharashtra
 - d. Chhattisgarh

ANSWER: A

The artists of Gond art of Madhya Pradesh and **Madhubani art of Bihar** are staying at Rashtrapati Bhavan from May 20 to 27, 2025 under the Artists-in-Residence programme. They are - Madhubani artists - Shanti Devi, Ambika Devi, Manisha Jha, Priti Karn, Ranjan Paswan, Shanti Devi, Urmila Devi, Shravan Paswan, Kumari Naline Shah and Moti Karn and Gond artists - Durgabai Vyam, Subhash Vyam, Nankusia Shyam, Ram Singh Urveti, Dilip Shyam, Champakali, Heeraman Urvety and Japani Shyam Dhurwey.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2131288>

1. Operated by _____, the Large Hadron Collider is the world's most powerful particle accelerator, enabling high-energy proton and heavy-ion collisions to explore the structure of matter at the smallest scales.
- a. Fermilab
 - b. DESY
 - c. CERN
 - d. NASA

Answer: C

Operated by **CERN**, the Large Hadron Collider is the world's most powerful particle accelerator, enabling high-energy proton and heavy-ion collisions to explore the structure of matter at the smallest scales.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2131339>

2. Indian scientists and researchers have played a significant role in the international collaboration for the ALICE experiments. Expand ALICE.
- a. Advanced Light Ion Collider Experiment
 - b. Atomic Level Ion Collision Experiment

- c. Accelerated Linear Ion Collision Experiment
- d. A Large Ion Collider Experiment

Answer: D

Indian scientists and researchers have played a significant role in the international collaboration for the ALICE (**A Large Ion Collider Experiment**) and the CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid) experiments. Several Indian institutes, universities, and scientists have contributed both intellectually and technically to the experiment's success. From detector development to data analysis, various teams of Indian researchers have been actively involved at every stage of the experiments, right from their inception. These contributions underscore India's commitment to global scientific collaboration and its pivotal role in the success of the LHC experiments.

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- 3. What is the theme for the 9th Edition of the India Mobile Congress 2025?
 - a. Innovate to Transform
 - b. The Future is Now
 - c. Global Digital Innovation
 - d. New Digital Universe

Answer: A

Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister for Communications and Development of North East Region, Govt. of India today unveiled '**Innovate to Transform**' as the theme for the 9th Edition of the India Mobile Congress 2025. This year's edition, to be held from 8th to 11th October 2025 at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi. promises to build on its legacy by fostering collaboration, showcasing cutting-edge advancements, and addressing the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2131498>

- 4. Sanchar Mitra Scheme is an initiative of _____
 - a. Ministry of Railways
 - b. Ministry of Communications
 - c. Ministry of Civil Aviation
 - d. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Answer: B

Sanchar Mitra Scheme—a youth-oriented initiative by the **Department of Telecommunications** aimed at harnessing the energy and potential of young students to spread awareness about safe digital behaviour. Under this scheme, student volunteers, named as Sanchar Mitra, will raise public awareness about mobile safety, telecom fraud prevention, and about government digital initiatives. They will conduct outreach in communities, schools, and public spaces to educate citizens on responsible and secure use of telecom services.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2131498>

5. Who of the following did **not** receive Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Excellence Awards 2024?
- a. Parag Naik
 - b. Niral Networks Private Limited
 - c. Chandra Ramabhadra Murthy
 - d. Neeraj Mittal

Answer: D

During this occasion, DoT announced conferment of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Excellence Awards 2024, to the following awardees for their exemplary and outstanding contributions in the areas of Telecom Innovations, Telecom Skilling, Telecom Services, Telecom Manufacturing, and Telecom Applications:

Mr. Parag Naik, Co-founder of Sankhya Labs

Niral Networks Private Limited, Bengaluru

Lekha Wireless, Bengaluru

Prof. Chandra Ramabhadra Murthy, IISc Bengaluru

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<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2131498>

1. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited comes under which Ministry?
- a. Ministry of Defence
 - b. MeitY
 - c. Ministry of Science and Technology
 - d. Ministry of Heavy Industries

ANSWER: A

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) operates under the **Ministry of Defence**, Government of India. Specifically, it falls under the administrative control of the Department of Defence Production (DDP) within the Ministry of Defence.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2131431>

2. Union Earth Sciences Minister has recently unveiled one of the world's first indigenously developed high-resolution 'Bharat Forecast System' developed by _____
- ISRO
 - Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology
 - IMD
 - National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting

Answer: B

Union Minister of Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh today dedicated one of the world's first indigenously developed high-resolution weather forecast systems — the Bharat Forecast System — at a launch ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan today.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said, as India celebrates the rise of her economy to Rank 4 and looks forward to move up to Rank 1, our forecast precision aims to supplement the economic growth by reducing potential losses and simultaneously adding potential gains.

Developed by the **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM)**, Pune, the cutting-edge system enhances India's weather prediction resolution from 12 km to 6 km, enabling every village in India to access more precise and location-specific forecasts. This advancement marks a quantum leap in India's weather services and is a significant milestone under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' initiatives.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2131392>

3. The National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) was set up in _____ as an apex-level autonomous institution under Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- 2015
 - 2016
 - 2017
 - 2014

Answer: D

The National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) was set up in **2014** by the Government of India as an apex-level autonomous institution under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

NCGG deals with a gamut of governance issues from local, state to national levels, across all sectors. The Centre is mandated to work in the areas of governance, policy reforms, capacity building and training of civil servants and technocrats of India and other developing countries. It also works as a think tank.

Since its inception, the Centre has been extensively working in areas such as primary and elementary education, decentralized planning at district and block levels, capacity building of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs), participatory models of learning and action, rural development, cooperatives, and public sector management, etc. In addition, it focuses on issues related to good governance, social accountability, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), among other sectors.

The Centre encapsulates the essence of good governance and weighs on the importance of the rule of law, bringing in transparency, working to promote public participation in governance, service delivery and reforms, as well as in developing accountable institutions, access to information, etc.

<https://www.ncgg.org.in/index.php/institutes>

4. Who chaired the 38th Meeting of the Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC)?
- Jayant Chaudhary
 - Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma
 - Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya
 - Raj Bhushan Choudhary

Answer: A

In a landmark move to make apprenticeship more rewarding and aspirational for India's youth, the 38th Meeting of the Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC), chaired by Shri **Jayant Chaudhary**, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), recommended a 36% increase in stipend provided under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS).

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2131391>

5. Who has recently released a report titled "Designing a Policy for Medium Enterprises"?
- Institute of Economic Growth
 - NITI Aayog
 - Finance Commission of India
 - Rural Development Institute

Answer: B

NITI Aayog today released a report titled "Designing a Policy for Medium Enterprises", offering a comprehensive roadmap for transforming medium enterprises into future growth engines of India's economy. The report highlights the critical, yet under-leveraged role played by medium enterprises

and outlines targeted interventions to unlock their full potential. The report was launched by Shri Suman Bery, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog in the presence of Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog and Dr. Arvind Virmani, Member, NITI Aayog.

The report delves into the structural skew in the MSME sector, which contributes approximately **29% to India's GDP**, accounts for **40% of exports**, and employs over **60% of the workforce**. Despite its critical role, the composition of the sector is disproportionately weighted: **97% of registered MSMEs are micro enterprises**, **2.7% are small**, and **only 0.3% are medium enterprises**.

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1. The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) is a training and research organization based in Govandi, _____
 - a. Mumbai
 - b. Bengaluru
 - c. New Delhi
 - d. Kolkata

Answer: A

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) is a training and research organization based in Govandi, **Mumbai**. It focuses on population studies for the ESCAP region and operates under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. IIPS is responsible to conduct key studies including the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), the evaluation of the National Rural Health Mission, and the Global Adult Tobacco Survey.

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2. Who chairs PRAGATI meeting, the ICT-based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Centre and State governments?
 - a. President of India
 - b. Prime Minister of India
 - c. Union Home Minister
 - d. Cabinet Secretary

Answer: B

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the PRAGATI meeting, the ICT-based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Centre and State governments, earlier today.

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3. N. T. Rama Rao was a former Chief Minister of _____

- a. Andhra Pradesh
- b. Telangana
- c. Karnataka
- d. Maharashtra

Answer: A

Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, often referred to by his initials NTR, was an Indian actor, film director, film producer, screenwriter, film editor, philanthropist, and politician who served as the **Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh** for seven years over four terms. He is regarded as one of the most influential actors of Indian cinema. He starred in over 300 films, predominantly in Telugu cinema, and was referred to as "Viswa Vikhyatha Nata Sarvabhouma" (transl. Universally-renowned star of acting). He was one of the earliest method actors of Indian cinema. In 2013, Rao was voted as "Greatest Indian Actor of All Time" in a CNN-IBN national poll conducted on the occasion of the Centenary of Indian Cinema.

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4. The Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme is a credit scheme introduced in August _____ by Indian public sector banks.
- a. 1999
 - b. 2014
 - c. 2008
 - d. 1998

Answer: D

The Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme is a credit scheme introduced in August 1998 by Indian public sector banks.

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5. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence is the apex anti-smuggling agency of India which comes under _____
- a. Ministry of Home Affairs
 - b. CBI
 - c. Ministry of Finance
 - d. NIA

Answer: C

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence is the apex anti-smuggling agency of India, working under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, **Ministry of Finance**, Government of India. It is tasked with detecting and curbing smuggling of contraband, including drug trafficking and illicit international trade in wildlife and environmentally sensitive items, as well as combating commercial frauds related to international trade and evasion of Customs duty.

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1. The National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation NMDFC was incorporated on 30th September _____, as a company not for profit, under Section 25 of the Companies Act 1956.
 - a. 1996
 - b. 1992
 - c. 1990
 - d. 1994

Answer: D

The National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation NMDFC was incorporated on 30th September **1994**, as a company not for profit, under Section 25 of the Companies Act 1956 (now Section-8 of Companies Act, 2013). It is a National Level Apex Body for the benefit of Minorities as defined under the National Commission for Minorities Act 1992.

The prime mandate of NMDFC is to provide concessional finance to the Minorities for self employment/ income generation activities. As per the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, the notified Minorities are Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists & Parsis. Subsequently, Jain community was also added into the list of notified Minority Communities in January 2014. Under NMDFC programme, preference is given to Artisans & Women.

https://www.nmdfc.org/about_nmdfc

2. Who launched an online platform 'Anubhav' in March 2015 for sharing the experiences of retiring/retired government employees while working with the Government?
 - a. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
 - b. UPSC
 - c. SSC
 - d. NITI Aayog

Answer: A

On the directions of the Prime Minister of India, **Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare** had launched an online platform 'Anubhav' in March 2015 for sharing the experiences of retiring/retired government employees while working with the Government.

Thereafter, an Annual Awards Scheme, to incentivize and encourage retiring/retired employees to submit their experience through write-ups, was introduced. So far 59 Anubhav Awards and 19 Jury Certificates have been conferred.

National Anubhav Awards Scheme, 2025 was notified and it was unique as for the first time, apart from the employees of Central Government, employees of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and Public Sector Banks (PSBs) were also covered under the scheme to acknowledge their

contribution in the nation building. The write-ups published from 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2025 were considered in the scheme.

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3. Bhukhi River is a river in _____
- a. Maharashtra
 - b. Karnataka
 - c. Gujarat
 - d. Andhra Pradesh

Answer: C

Bhukhi River is a river in western India in **Gujarat** whose origin is Near Angia village. Its basin has a maximum length of 28 km. The total catchment area of the basin is 56 km².

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4. Who is ex-officio President of the Governing Council of Bureau of Indian Standards?
- a. Narendra Modi
 - b. Nitin Jairam Gadkari
 - c. Shivraj Singh Chouhan
 - d. Pralhad Joshi

Answer: D

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy, Shri **Pralhad Joshi** presided over the 9th meeting of Governing Council of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in New Delhi. He is ex-officio President of the Governing Council of BIS.

During his presidential address, the Union Minister said BIS has brought 371 districts in the country under mandatory hallmarking scheme of jewellery thereby, providing quality assurance to consumers. He directed that more districts be also added in the coming year. He laid special emphasis on making industry and other stakeholders more aware of BIS initiatives.

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5. Keezhadi excavation site is in _____
- a. Tamil Nadu
 - b. Kerala
 - c. Telangana
 - d. Andhra Pradesh

Answer: A

Keezhadi, or Keeladi, is a Sangam period settlement site, where excavation are carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology. This site

is located near the town of Keezhadi in **Sivaganga district, Tamil Nadu**, about 12 km southeast of Madurai. The settlement lies on the bank of the Vaigai River and it reflects the ancient culture of Tamil Nadu. Epigraphist V. Vedachalam, who served as a domain expert for the excavation, dated the excavated remains between 6th century BCE and 3rd century BCE. However, the claimed dating of Tamil-Brahmi potsherd inscriptions to pre-3rd century BCE has been questioned due to lack of detailed information in the published reports, and because of disturbances in the stratigraphy of the site — with many potsherds retrieved from mixed contexts of an ancient rubbish-dump cut as a large pit into deeper, older layers — making it doubtful whether any Tamil-Brahmi findings were from the same age as the dated charcoal samples, and the site remained occupied till the 1st century CE.

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1. Which of the following is called 17th edition of India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise?
 - a. Steppe Eagle
 - b. Gobi Wolf
 - c. Khaan Quest
 - d. Nomadic Elephant

Answer: D

The Indian Army contingent departed today, for 17th edition of India- Mongolia Joint Military Exercise **NOMADIC ELEPHANT**. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 31st May to 13th June 2025. Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT is an annual event conducted alternatively in India and Mongolia. Last edition of the same exercise was conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya in July 2024.

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2. 22nd edition of the Shangri-La Dialogue, hosted annually by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, will be held in _____
 - a. India
 - b. Singapore
 - c. Japan
 - d. South Korea

Answer: B

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan will visit **Singapore** from May 30, 2025 to June 01, 2025 to attend the 22nd edition of the Shangri-La Dialogue, hosted annually by the International Institute for Strategic Studies. During the visit, General Anil Chauhan will hold bilateral meetings with Chiefs of Defence Forces and senior military leadership from several foreign countries including those from Australia, European Union, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, UK and USA.

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3. Raksha Mantri has recently approved the grant of "Miniratna" status Category-I to three Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs). Which of the following is **not** one of them?
- Munitions India Limited (MIL)
 - Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL)
 - India Optel Limited (IOL)
 - Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWEIL)

Answer: D

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has approved the grant of "Miniratna" status Category-I for **Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL) & India Optel Limited (IOL)**. Congratulating these DPSUs for their transformation from a government organization to a profit making corporate entity in a short span of three years, Raksha Mantri expressed his satisfaction over the initiatives taken by the management of MIL, AVNL and IOL to increase the turnover of the company, maximize indigenisation and meet other performance parameters for grant of Miniratna (Category-I) status.

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4. Which of the following is the world's largest startup campus?
- Station E
 - Station G
 - Station S
 - Station F

Answer: D

In a major stride towards advancing India's AI capabilities globally, the IndiaAI Mission, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), announced the selection of 10 cutting-edge Indian AI startups for the IndiaAI Startups Global Initiative, a prestigious international acceleration program in partnership with Station F, Paris and HEC Paris.

These 10 startups have been chosen through a rigorous multi-stage selection process and will represent India's dynamic AI innovation ecosystem at Station F the world's largest startup campus, for a four-month program designed to support their global scale-up, market access and cross-border collaboration. The program includes a one-month online preparation module followed by a three-month immersive residency in Paris, France.

Station F is the world's largest startup campus in Paris, France. It serves as a hub for innovation, entrepreneurship, and collaboration, offering resources and support to startups and tech companies at all stages of growth. HEC Paris is one of Europe's top business schools, developing acceleration programs and creating a premier ecosystem for startups, entrepreneurs, and innovators, offering unparalleled support by connecting them with experts, professors, students, investors, decision-makers, tech specialists, and journalists. STATION F and HEC Paris jointly offer and operate a four-month acceleration program aimed at helping international startups to explore the French and European markets before thinking of a long-term implementation.

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5. In March 2024, the Government of India approved the IndiaAI Mission with the aim of building a precise and cohesive strategy for bridging the gaps in the existing AI ecosystem. How many pillars does the IndiaAI Mission comprise?
- a. 5
 - b. 6
 - c. 7
 - d. 8

Answer: C

In March 2024, the Government of India approved the IndiaAI Mission with the aim of building a precise and cohesive strategy for bridging the gaps in the existing AI ecosystem. The IndiaAI mission will establish a comprehensive ecosystem catalyzing AI innovation through strategic programs and partnerships across the public and private sectors. By democratizing computing access, improving data quality, developing indigenous AI capabilities, attracting top AI talent, enabling industry collaboration, providing startup risk capital, ensuring socially impactful AI projects and bolstering ethical AI, it will drive responsible, inclusive growth of India's AI ecosystem.

The **IndiaAI Mission comprises 7 pillars, namely-** IndiaAI Compute, IndiaAI Innovation Centre, IndiaAI Dataset platform, IndiaAI Application development initiatives, IndiaAI FutureSkills, IndiaAI Startup Financing, and Safe & Trusted AI.

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