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1. Which state government has launched the ANKUR initiative to boost urban growth?

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Jharkhand
- [D] Madhya Pradesh



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Correct Answer: B [Odisha]

Notes:

Odisha government launched ANKUR – Atal Network for Knowledge, Urbanisation and Reforms – to drive smart and citizen-friendly urban growth. The Housing and Urban Development (H&UD) Department signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with six key organisations to support this initiative.



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- ANKUR aims to build resilient, livable, and future-ready cities as Odisha's urban population is expected to triple by 2036.
- It supports four pillars – capacity building, knowledge and research, implementation support, and innovation – and aligns with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.



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2. What is the name of portal recently launched by Ministry of Ayush to boost consumer protection and regulation in traditional medicine?

- [A] National Health Portal
- [B] Ayush Suraksha Portal
- [C] Follow My Health Portal
- [D] None of the Above



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Correct Answer: B

[AyushSuraksha Portal]

Notes:

The Ministry of Ayush launched the AyushSuraksha Portal to boost consumer protection and regulation in traditional medicine. Union Minister of State Shri Prataprao Jadhav unveiled it at Ayush Bhawan, New Delhi, highlighting its role in ensuring transparency and safety.



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- The portal allows citizens and professionals to report misleading advertisements and adverse drug reactions (ADRs) in real time. Developed with support from the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), it aligns with the National Pharmacovigilance Program.



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- It connects State Licensing Authorities, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MoI&B), Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH), Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)



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3. Tral Wildlife

Sanctuary is located in
which state/UT?

- [A] Jammu and Kashmir
- [B] Uttarakhand
- [C] Delhi
- [D] Himachal Pradesh



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Correct Answer: A [Jammu and Kashmir]

Notes:



The Central Government recently declared an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) around Tral Wildlife Sanctuary in Jammu and Kashmir. Tral Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Pulwama District and plays a key role as a wildlife movement corridor. It is one of the rare places outside Dachigam National Park where the critically endangered Hangul deer is still found. The sanctuary has typical Himalayan moist temperate, sub-alpine, and alpine forest types.



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4. What is the name of the campaign launched to empower farmers by accelerating agricultural transformation in India?

- [A] Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan
- [B] Krishi Vikas Mission
- [C] Annadata Empowerment Program
- [D] None of the Above



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Correct Answer: A [Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan]

Notes:

Union Agriculture Minister launched the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA-2025) at the Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar. The campaign aims to empower over 1.5 crore farmers by accelerating agricultural transformation in India. It is led by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and coordinated by ICAR-CIFA.



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- The goal is to spread advanced technologies in agriculture and fisheries to rural areas.
- It promotes self-reliance, sustainability, and resilience in farming and aquaculture.
- The campaign supports the vision of Viksit Bharat, meaning Developed India.
- It targets over 5 crore farmers across all districts through training, demos, and farmer-scientist interactions.
- It highlights fisheries as an essential part of rural development and livelihood security.



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**5. Which day is observed as
World Milk Day every
year?**

- [A] June 1
- [B] June 2
- [C] June 3
- [D] June 4



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Correct Answer: A [June 1]

Notes:

World Milk Day is celebrated every year on June 1 to highlight the importance of milk in our lives.

- It was established in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to promote milk as a global food.
- The theme for World Milk Day 2025 is “Let’s Celebrate the Power of Dairy,” focusing on its role in nutrition, livelihoods, and the economy.



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**6. The Valley of Flowers
National Park is located in
which state?**

- [A] Uttarakhand
- [B] Himachal Pradesh
- [C] Arunachal Pradesh
- [D] Karnataka



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Correct Answer: A [Uttarakhand]

Notes:

The Valley of Flowers recently reopened to tourists for this year. The Valley of Flowers National Park is located in the Uttarakhand. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and part of the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve, along with Nanda Devi National Park. It was discovered in 1931 by British mountaineer Frank S. Smythe and his team. It is famous for its rich flora like orchids, poppies, daisies, and medicinal herbs



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7. What is the theme of World Environment Day 2025?

- [A] Our Land Our Future
- [B] Only One Earth
- [C] Putting an End to Plastic Pollution
- [D] Time for Nature



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Correct Answer: C [Putting an End to Plastic Pollution]

Notes:

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on 5 June to raise awareness about protecting the environment. It is observed in over 150 countries, making it the largest global platform for environmental action. The 2025 theme is “Putting an End to Plastic Pollution.”



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- This theme supports the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)-led campaign called #BeatPlasticPollution.
- In 2025, the event is being hosted by the Republic of Korea



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**8. Menar and Khichan wetlands,
that were recently seen in news,
are located in which state?**

[A] Karnataka

[B] Rajasthan

[C] Maharashtra

[D] Odisha



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Correct Answer: B [Rajasthan]

Notes:

The Union Ministry of Environment recently declared two new Ramsar sites in Rajasthan: Menar in Udaipur and Khichan in Phalodi. Menar is a freshwater monsoon wetland formed by Braham talab, Dhand talab, Kheroda talab, and nearby farmland that floods during monsoon. It supports water birds like the critically endangered white-rumped vulture and long-billed vulture. Khichan in the Thar Desert includes Ratri river and Vijaysagar pond, and supports 150 bird species.



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9. Who has been elected as the President of the 80th session of the UN General Assembly?

- [A] Annalena Baerbock
- [B] Paulina Kubiak
- [C] Johannes Cullmann
- [D] Audrey Azoulay



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Correct Answer: A [Annalena Baerbock]

Notes:



Former German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock was elected President of the 80th session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly on June 2. She won the secret ballot with 167 votes, while 14 countries chose to abstain. Baerbock is the first woman from the Western European group and the fifth woman overall to lead the UN General Assembly. The 80th session begins on September 9, 2025, and will focus on global crises and reforms like the UN80 initiative and choosing the next Secretary-General before 2026.



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10. What is the name of the plant recently planted by the Prime Minister on World Environment Day?

- [A] Tulsi
- [B] Neem
- [C] Sindoor
- [D] Banyan



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Correct Answer: C [Sindoor]

Notes:

Recently, the Prime Minister of India celebrated World Environment Day by planting a Sindoor sapling at his official residence, 7 Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi. The Sindoor plant, scientifically known as *Bixa orellana*, is a small tropical shrub famous for its bright red seeds. It is commonly called 'Annatto' in English and Sindoor plant in Hindi. It is generally found in tropical regions of Central America. It grows well in most soils, preferring neutral to slightly alkaline types.



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11. Where is the headquarters of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) located?

- [A] Tokyo, Japan
- [B] New Delhi, India
- [C] Beijing, China
- [D] Manila, Philippines



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Correct Answer: D [Manila, Philippines]

Notes:



The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed \$10 billion to boost India's urban development and metro expansion. It will support India's Urban Challenge Fund to increase private investment in cities. It promotes inclusive, resilient, and sustainable growth across Asia and the Pacific region. Its headquarters is in Manila, Philippines.



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12. The Sustainable Energy for All (SEfor ALL) initiative was launched by which organization?

[A] World Bank

[B] African Union (AU)

[C] United Nations (UN)

[D] Asian Development Bank (ADB)



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Correct Answer: C [United Nations (UN)]

Notes:

The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited, a state-run energy company in India, has signed an agreement with Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) to create an energy transition roadmap. Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) is a global initiative launched by the United Nations (UN) in 2011.



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It is a partnership involving governments, private companies, and civil society to promote clean and accessible energy. SEforALL is an independent organization hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)



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13) Which Indian player has been inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame 2025?

- [A] Suresh Raina
- [B] Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- [C] Virat Kohli
- [D] Rohit Sharma



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Correct Answer: B [Mahendra Singh Dhoni]

Notes:

Former Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame 2025, becoming the 11th Indian to receive this prestigious global honour. He is among seven cricketing legends, including two women players, selected in the 2025 inductee list.



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The ICC Cricket Hall of Fame recognises legendary players for their historic contributions to cricket across generations and countries. It was launched on January 2, 2009 by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in partnership with the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA).



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14. Solar Orbiter mission is a joint mission conducted by which two space organizations?

[A] European Space Agency (ESA) and NASA

[B] China National Space Administration (CNSA) and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

[C] European Space Agency (ESA) and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)

[D] China National Space Administration (CNSA) and NASA

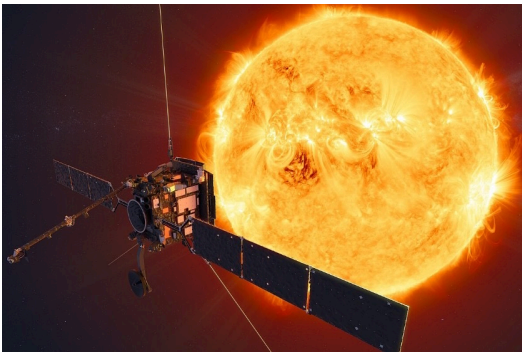


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Correct Answer: A [European Space Agency (ESA) and NASA]

Notes:

For the first time ever, scientists have captured direct images of the Sun's north and south poles. This was made possible by the Solar Orbiter mission. The Solar Orbiter mission is a collaborative effort between the European Space Agency (ESA) and NASA to study the Sun. It aims to observe the Sun's surface and the solar wind, providing valuable insights into solar activity and its effects on Earth and the solar system.



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15. What is the IUCN status of Emperor Penguin that was recently seen in news?

- [A] Endangered
- [B] Criticall Endangered
- [C] Near Threatened
- [D] Vulnerable



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Correct Answer: C [Near Threatened]

Notes:

Recently, a study highlighted that emperor penguins are facing serious threats from climate change in Antarctica. Emperor penguins are the tallest and heaviest penguin species alive today, evolved around one million years ago. They are specially adapted to survive in the extreme cold of Antarctica and are found across the continent and nearby sub-Antarctic islands.



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Their habitat mainly includes pack ice and nearby marine areas, where they live their entire lives. As per the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, they are classified as Near Threatened.



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16. Which state has emerged as the leading state in India for the 'scan and share' facility under Ayushman Bharat Mission as of June 2025?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Haryana
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Rajasthan



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Correct Answer: C [Bihar]

Notes:

Bihar has become the top state in India for using the 'Scan and Share' feature under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), with a 92% online Out-Patient Department (OPD) registration rate. As per the National Health Authority (NHA), Bihar alone accounts for 2.94 crore of the 11.38 crore total OPD registrations under ABDM since 2021. ABDM is a national initiative to build a digital health ecosystem that connects patients, doctors, and hospitals using interoperable systems.



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17. PM-WANI Scheme is associated with which sector?

- [A] Internet Services
- [B] Agriculture
- [C] Healthcare
- [D] Education



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Correct Answer: A [Internet Services]

Notes:

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) recently released the Telecommunication Tariff Order 2025 for retail broadband under the PM-WANI Scheme. PM-WANI stands for Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface and was approved by the Union Cabinet on 9 December 2020.



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It aims to expand affordable broadband access through Public Wi-Fi networks across India, supporting the National Digital Communications Policy, 2018. As of now, there are 3,33,215 PM-WANI hotspots, 205 Public Data Office (PDO) Aggregators, and 111 App Providers in India.



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18. Which tiger reserve has become the top tiger habitat in India based on ungulate population?

- [A] Rajaji Tiger Reserve
- [B] Pench Tiger Reserve
- [C] Kanha Tiger Reserve
- [D] Bandhavgarh Tiger



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Correct Answer: C [Kanha Tiger Reserve]

Notes:

Kanha Tiger Reserve has become the top tiger habitat in India based on ungulate population, as per a recent report by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun. Kanha Tiger Reserve, also known as Kanha National Park, is located in the Maikal ranges of the Satpura hills in Mandla and Balaghat districts of Madhya Pradesh. It lies in the Central Indian Highlands, which form part of India's main peninsula.



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**19. SCORES portal is launched
by which institution?**

[A] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

[B] NITI Aayog

[C] State Bank of India (SBI)

[D] Securities and Exchange
Board of India (SEBI)



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Correct Answer: D [Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)]

Notes:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) resolved 4,493 investor complaints in May 2025 through its online platform SCORES. The SCORES (Sebi Complaints Redress System) portal is an online platform launched by SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) to address investor grievances related to the securities market.



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Under the updated SCORES 2.0, complaints are sent directly to listed companies or SEBI-registered intermediaries who must respond with an Action Taken Report (ATR) within 21 days.



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**20. Who has been appointed as the
Chairman of the Economic
Advisory Council to the Prime
Minister (EAC-PM) in June 2025?**

- [A] Krishna Bharadwaj
- [B] Amit Bhaduri
- [C] Utpal Bhattacharya
- [D] S Mahendra Dev



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Correct Answer: D [S Mahendra Dev]

Notes:

Recently, economist S Mahendra Dev has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), replacing Suman Bery. He resigned as independent director from Axis Bank after his appointment.



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The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) is an independent body that advises the Prime Minister on economic and related matters. Its functions include analyzing economic issues, giving macroeconomic advice, and taking up tasks assigned by the Prime Minister.



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21. World Sickle Cell Day is observed on which day every year?

[A] 18 June

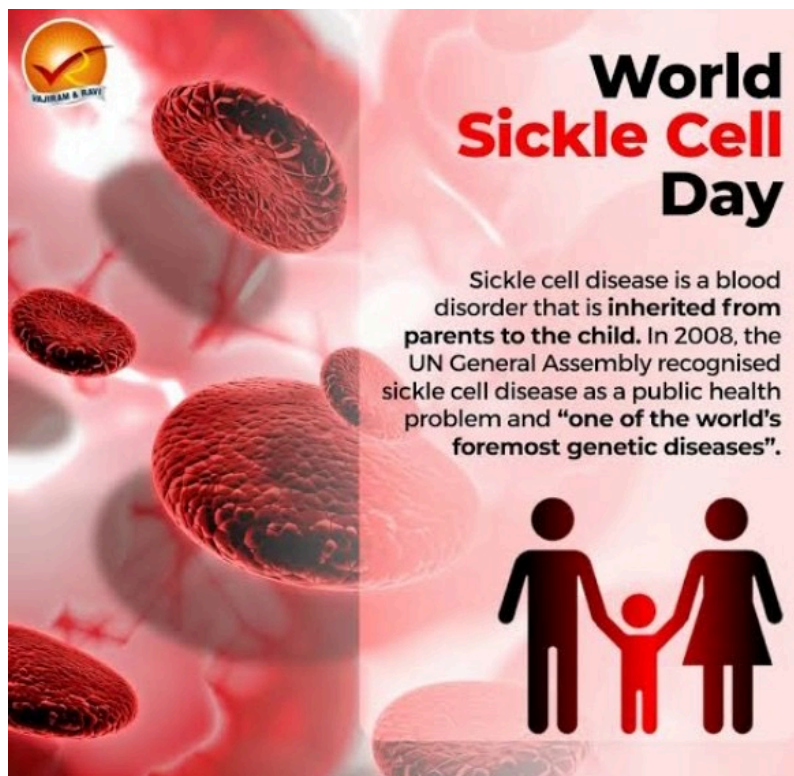
[B] 19 June

[C] 20 June

[D] 21 June



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Correct Answer: B [19 June]

Notes:

World Sickle Cell Day is observed every year on 19 June to spread awareness about sickle cell disease. It aims to educate people about early diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of this inherited blood disorder. Sickle cell disease is a common monogenic disease, with over 3,00,000 births affected each year worldwide.



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Most cases are found in low- and middle-income countries, including India, which has the world's second-highest burden. The 2025 theme is “Global Action, Local Impact: Empowering Communities for Effective Self-Advocacy.”



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**22)World Day Against Child
Labor is observed every year on
which day?**

- [A] 9 June
- [B] 10 June
- [C] 11 June
- [D] 12 June

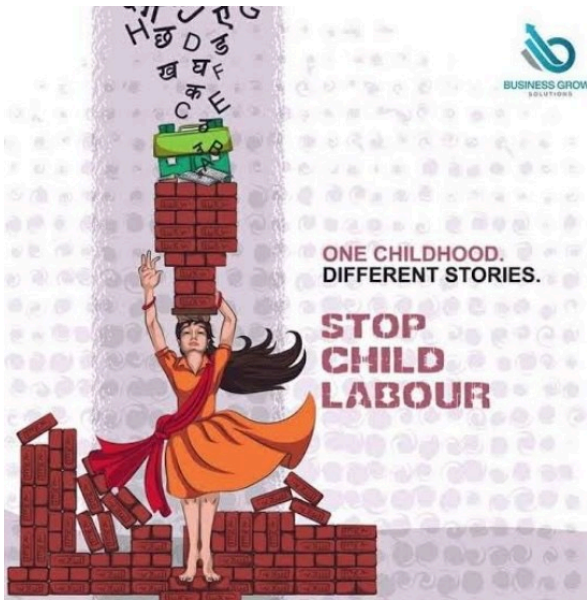


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Correct Answer: D [12 June]

Notes:

World Day Against Child Labour is observed every year on June 12 to raise awareness about the issue of child labour. The theme for World Day Against Child Labour 2025 is “Progress is clear, but there’s more to do: Let’s speed up efforts!”. This day was first launched in 2002 by the International Labour Organization (ILO), a United Nations agency promoting workers’ rights.



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23. Which state government has launched a geo-tagged 13-digit unique identification number system for all infrastructure projects?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Tamil Nadu

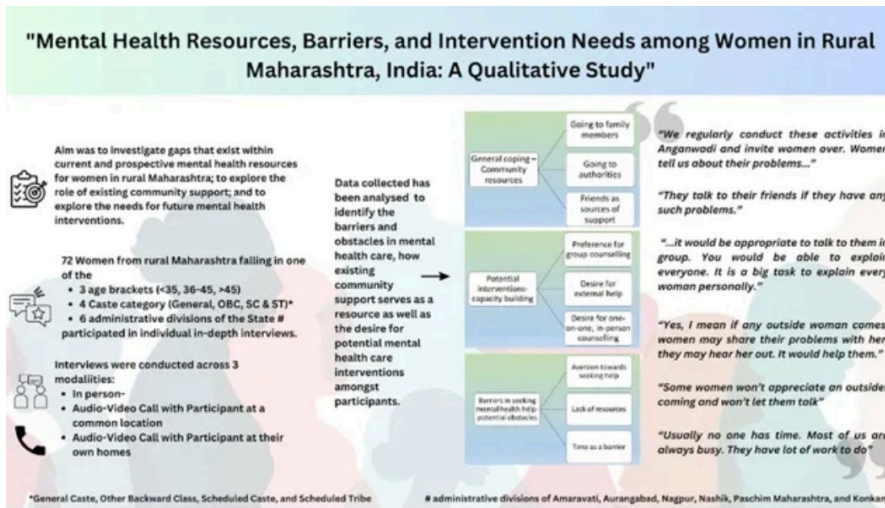


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Correct Answer: C [Maharashtra]

Notes:

The Maharashtra government has launched a new digital system to monitor infrastructure projects using a geo-tagged 13-digit unique identification number. This system is being implemented through the Infra ID portal to improve transparency, real-time tracking, and coordination among departments.



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It will help prevent duplication of projects and ensure centralized digital records for better decision-making. The system will be piloted in Wardha district first and expanded across the state by October 2025.



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24)Which state government has launched Udyog Kranti initiative in June 2025 to boost industrial growth?

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Haryana
- [D] Jharkhand



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Correct Answer: A [Punjab]

Notes:

Recently, the Punjab government launched the Punjab Udyog Kranti initiative to simplify and speed up processes for setting up industries. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal announced 12 new reforms aimed at boosting industrial growth in Punjab.



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A key highlight is the deemed approval system, where all approvals must be given within 45 days, or else automatic approval will be generated via the Fast-track Punjab Portal. The portal acts as a single window for all clearances.



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25. Which country hosted the first Assembly of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in June 2025?

[A] Bhutan

[B] Cambodia

[C] India

[D] Liberia



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Correct Answer: C [India]

Notes:

India recently hosted the first Assembly of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in New Delhi on 16 June 2025. It is a global initiative launched by the Government of India through the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in March 2024. It aims to conserve big cats by promoting global cooperation, knowledge exchange, and technical and financial support.



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The meeting was attended by ministerial delegations from nine countries including Bhutan, Cambodia, Eswatini, Guinea, India, Liberia, Suriname, Somalia, and Kazakhstan.



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26. World Crocodile Day is celebrated every year on which day?

[A] June 16

[B] June 17

[C] June 18

[D] June 19



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Correct Answer: B [June 17]

Notes:

World Crocodile Day is celebrated every year on 17 June to raise awareness about the protection and conservation of crocodiles and similar reptiles like alligators. India started its Crocodile Conservation Programme in 1975, and 2025 marks 50 years of this successful effort.



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India is home to three main crocodile species — the gharial, the saltwater crocodile (salties), and the mugger. Recently, the New Gharial Project was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to boost conservation efforts



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27)Where has India recently sent its first-ever consignment of one metric tonne of rose-scented litchis?

[A] Qatar

[B] Oman

[C] Saudi Arabia

[D] Iraq



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Correct Answer: A [Qatar]

Notes:



Recently, India sent its first-ever consignment of one metric tonne of rose-scented litchis to Qatar from Pathankot, Punjab. The Commerce Ministry called this a big achievement showing India's strength in the global fresh fruit market. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), with the Punjab Government and local farmers, supported this effort. Litchis, from the Sapindaceae family, are juicy fruits with sweet edible flesh, introduced to India from China over 300 years ago.



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**28) Which country is
the host of 2029
World Police and
Fire Games
(WPFG)?**

[A] Australia

[B] India

[C] China

[D] Japan



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Correct Answer: B [India]

Notes:



Recently, India secured the hosting rights for the 2029 World Police and Fire Games (WPFG), which will be held in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, and Ekta Nagar in Gujarat. The event will feature more than 10,000 athletes from police, fire, customs, and correctional services across more than 70 countries.



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India now joins past prestigious host nations like Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, China, and the United States of America, showing its place in the global multi-sport scene.



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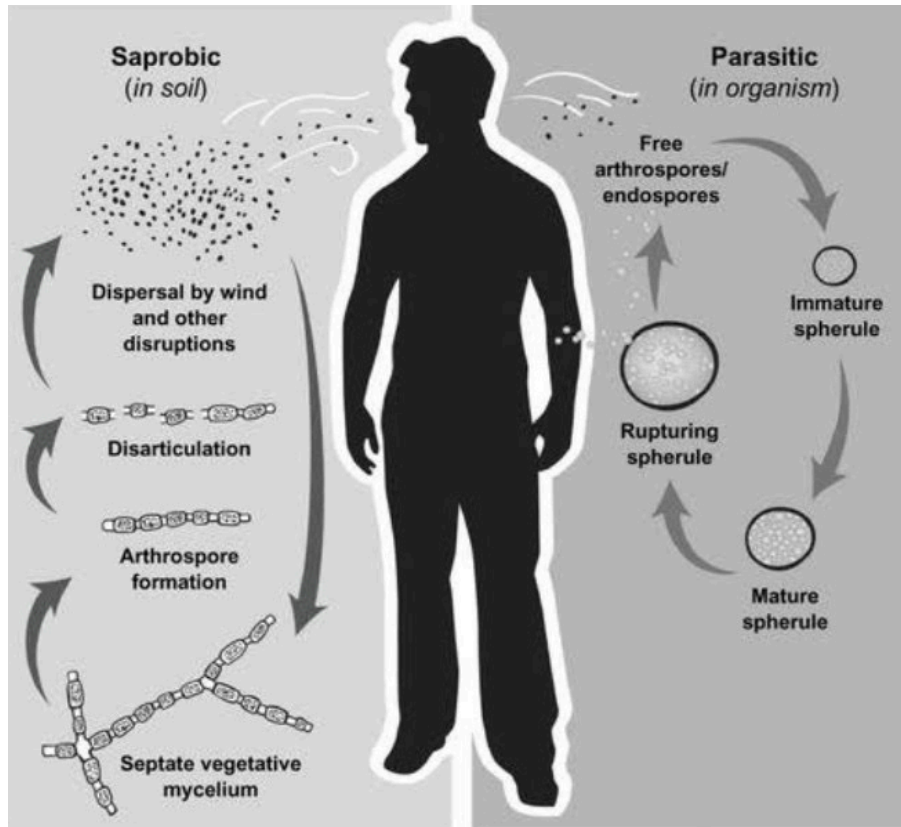
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29. What kind of disease is “Valley Fever” that was recently seen in news?

- [A] Viral infection
- [B] Bacterial infection
- [C] Fungal infection
- [D] Parasitic infection



Correct Answer: C [Fungal infection]

Notes:

A new study highlights that dogs may help detect the early spread of Valley Fever, offering a new tool for public health. Valley Fever, or acute coccidioidomycosis, is a fungal infection caused by *Coccidioides* organisms found in soil.



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The fungi are common in the Pacific Northwest, southwestern United States, Mexico, Central America, and South America. The infection spreads when soil is disturbed and people or animals breathe in the fungal spores. Symptoms may be absent or resemble flu or pneumonia, and appear 5 to 21 days after exposure.



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**30) What is “TOI-6894b”
that was recently
mentioned in news?**

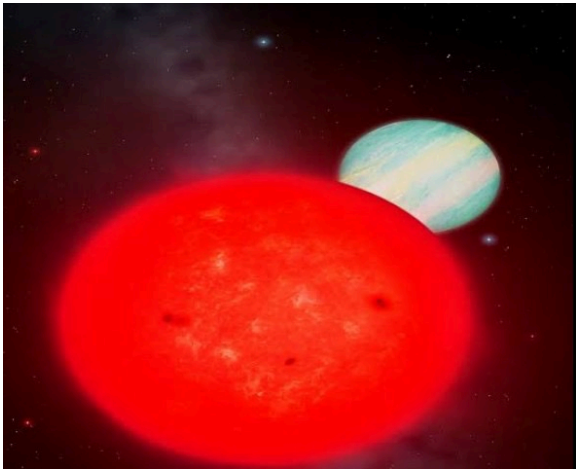
- [A] Giant planet
- [B] Asteroid
- [C] New species of Frog
- [D] New type of virus



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Correct Answer: A [Giant planet]

Notes:



Scientists have recently discovered a giant planet named TOI-6894b orbiting a very small red dwarf star, which challenges existing theories. TOI-6894b is a gas giant, around 1.07 times the diameter of Saturn but with just over half its mass. This makes it extremely low in density, like a beach ball. It was found about 241 light-years away in the constellation Leo. The planet orbits very close to its host star and completes one full orbit in less than three Earth days.



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**31)Where was the NATO
Summit 2025 held?**

[A] Austria

[B] France

[C] Netherlands

[D] Canada



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Correct Answer: C [Netherlands]

Notes:

Recently, from 24 to 25 June 2025, the Netherlands hosted the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Summit at the World Forum in The Hague. NATO allies agreed on a historic decision to invest 5% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in defence, replacing the earlier 2% benchmark.



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The new commitment includes 3.5% of GDP for core defence needs and 1.5% for infrastructure and defence-related industries. The next NATO Summit is scheduled to be held in Türkiye in 2026.



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**32)Where is the headquarters
of National Turmeric Board
located?**

- [A] Telangana
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Tamil Nadu



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Correct Answer: A [Telangana]

Notes:



Recently, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the headquarters of the National Turmeric Board in Nizamabad, Telangana. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi fulfilled a 40-year-old demand of turmeric farmers, especially in Telangana, by creating the National Turmeric Board.



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The National Turmeric Board will help Nizamabad's turmeric reach many countries in 3-4 years. It will remove middlemen and build a full chain for turmeric packaging, branding, marketing, and export. Turmeric is called a wonder drug for its anti-viral, anti-cancer, and anti-inflammatory qualities.



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33)The Archaeological Survey of India recently discovered a Neolithic rock groove in which district of Tamil Nadu?

- [A] Kanniyakumari
- [B] Coimbatore
- [C] Krishnagiri
- [D] Madurai



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Correct Answer: A [Kanniyakumari]

Notes:

The Archaeological Survey of India recently found one of the earliest rock grooves in Kanniyakumari district, made during the Neolithic Age to sharpen weapons. The Neolithic Age, also known as the New Stone Age, was the last phase of prehistoric human development. It marked the shift from hunting and gathering to farming and animal domestication.



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This period began around 10,000 BCE during the Holocene Epoch. The Neolithic Revolution started in the Fertile Crescent in the Middle East and later spread to India and other regions.



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**34).Where was the South
Asia's largest Battery
Energy Storage System
(BESS) launched?**

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Telangana
- [C] Delhi
- [D] Kerala



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Correct Answer: C [Delhi]

Notes:

Recently, the Delhi Power Minister inaugurated a 20-Megawatt (MW) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Kilokari in South Delhi. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are large-scale batteries that store energy from sources like solar and wind for later use.



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They help make green energy more dependable by storing power and feeding extra electricity back to the main grid. This Delhi BESS is South Asia's largest utility-scale system and India's first commercially approved energy storage system. It has a total storage capacity of 40 Megawatt-hours (MWh). It uses Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) technology, which is safe, stable, and works well in Delhi's climate



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35. Who won the Javelin Throw title at the Ostrava Golden Spike 2025 meet held in the Czech Republic?

- [A] Neeraj Chopra
- [B] Douw Smit
- [C] Anderson Peters
- [D] Julian Weber



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Correct Answer: A [Neeraj Chopra]

Notes:

Recently, Indian athlete Neeraj Chopra won the Javelin Throw title at the Ostrava Golden Spike 2025 meet held in the Czech Republic. The 27-year-old two-time Olympic medallist secured the gold medal with a best throw of 85.29 metres.



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Douw Smit from South Africa finished second with 84.12 metres, and Anderson Peters from Grenada came third with 83.63 metres. This was Neeraj's second straight victory after winning the Paris Diamond League, where he crossed 90 metres for the first time with a throw of 90.23 metres.



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36. Which ministry has launched the Honorary Rank Promotion Scheme for retiring personnel of CAPFs and Assam Rifles?

- [A] Ministry of Defence
- [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension



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Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Home Affairs]

Notes:

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has launched the Honorary Rank Promotion Scheme for retiring personnel of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles. This scheme, led by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, grants a one-rank honorary promotion from Constable up to Sub-Inspector.



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It is given on the retirement day to boost morale, pride, and self-respect of the personnel. The promotion is symbolic and does not involve any financial or pension benefits. It applies only if the higher rank exists within the service's structure. The promotion does not affect the seniority of personnel. This move recognises dedicated service and aims to honour commitment with dignity.



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- [B] Telangana
- [C] Delhi
- [D] Kerala



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Correct Answer: C [Delhi]

Notes:

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38. Which ministry launched the Krishi Nivesh Portal?

- [A] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- [B] Ministry of Rural Development
- [C] Ministry of Finance
- [D] Ministry of Jal Shakti



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Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare]

Notes:

In a bid to boost and expedite investments in agriculture, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched the Krishi Nivesh Portal. The portal acts as a one-stop platform for farmers, entrepreneurs and industries.



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It provides easy access to Central and State Government schemes in the agriculture sector. Currently, it gives information on 17 key schemes like Agriculture Infrastructure Fund and Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund.



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39. NAKSHA programme is implemented under which government initiative?

- [A] Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP)
- [B] Smart Cities Mission
- [C] Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)
- [D] National Urban Livelihoods Mission



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Correct Answer: A [Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP)]

Notes:

The Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Ministry of Rural Development, will conduct the second phase of capacity-building under the NAKSHA programme starting 2nd June 2025.



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The National geospatial Knowledge-based land Survey of urban Habitations (NAKSHA) programme is a city survey initiative under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP). It is led by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) under the Ministry of Rural Development. The programme prepares detailed maps of towns and cities to improve land records.



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40. What is the name of the mock drill conducted near India's western border to test readiness against external threats?

- [A] Operation Chanakya
- [B] Operation Shield
- [C] Operation Surya
- [D] Operation Vijay



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Correct Answer: B [Operation Shield]

Notes:

Mock drills were recently held in states and Union Territories near India's western border under Operation SHIELD. The main goal is to check and improve India's readiness against external threats.



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The drills simulate emergencies like enemy air raids, drone attacks, missile strikes, and mass evacuations. It includes silent and general recall of civil defence volunteers to test quick response. This helps authorities prepare better for real security situations along the border



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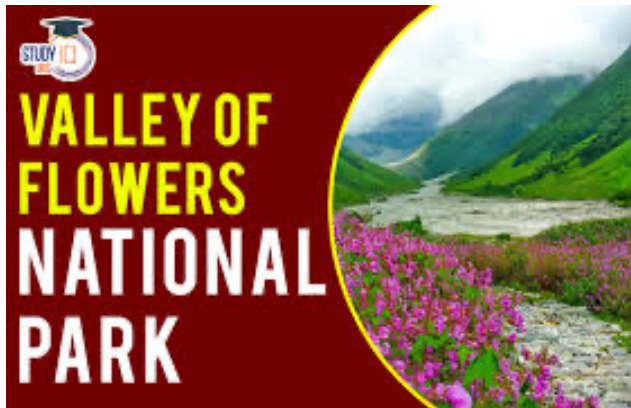
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**41. The Valley of Flowers
National Park is located in
which state?**

- [A] Uttarakhand
- [B] Himachal Pradesh
- [C] Arunachal Pradesh
- [D] Karnataka



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Correct Answer: A [Uttarakhand]

Notes:

The Valley of Flowers recently reopened to tourists for this year. The Valley of Flowers National Park is located in the Uttarakhand. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and part of the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve, along with Nanda Devi National Park. It was discovered in 1931 by British mountaineer Frank S. Smythe and his team. It is famous for its rich flora like orchids, poppies, daisies, and medicinal herbs.



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42. Who defeated World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen in a classical game at the Norway Chess 2025 tournament?

[A] R Praggnanandhaa

[B] D Gukesh

[C] Arjun Erigaisi

[D] Vidit Gujrathi



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Correct Answer: B [D Gukesh]

Notes:



World Champion Dommaraju Gukesh achieved his first-ever classical chess win against former World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen in Round 6 of the Norway Chess 2025 tournament. The 19-year-old Indian grandmaster turned the game from a losing position into a remarkable victory on Sunday.



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With this win, Gukesh became only the second Indian after Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa to defeat Carlsen in classical chess. Gukesh now holds the third spot on the Norway Chess 2025 points table with 8.5 points, just one point behind Carlsen and Fabiano Caruana.



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43. Where was the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC) 2025 held?

[A] Switzerland

[B] Peru

[C] France

[D] India



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Correct Answer: C [France]

Notes:

Earth Sciences Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh leads Indian delegation to United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC) in France. The UN Ocean Conference 2025 is scheduled to take place in Nice, France, from June 9 to 13, 2025. It is co-hosted by France and Costa Rica. The international meet will bring together global leaders, scientists, and policymakers to discuss sustainable ocean governance.



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44. Thitu Island, that was recently seen in news, is located in which region?

- [A] South China Sea
- [B] Red Sea
- [C] Arabian Sea
- [D] Black Sea



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Correct Answer: A [South China Sea]

Notes:



A Chinese ship recently ran aground due to severe weather near Thitu Island, raising alert levels among Filipino soldiers in the disputed South China Sea. Thitu Island, also called Pag-asa Island in the Philippines, lies within the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea. The Spratly Islands are claimed entirely by China, Taiwan, and Vietnam, and partially by Malaysia and the Philippines. Thitu is the second largest natural island in the Spratlys and the biggest of the nine occupied by the Philippines.



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45. World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated annually on which day?

[A] June 8

[B] June 9

[C] June 10

[D] June 11



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Correct Answer: B [June 9]

Notes:

World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated annually on June 9. World Accreditation Day (WAD) 2025 was celebrated by the Quality Council of India (QCI) at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. QCI is India's national body for accreditation and works through National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) and National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)

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It partners with global bodies like International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and International Accreditation Forum (IAF) to meet global quality standards. The 2025 theme was “Accreditation: Empowering Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)”.



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46. Which ministry hosted the 5th Stakeholder Consultation on AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (AI RAM) with UNESCO?

- [A] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [B] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [C] Ministry of External Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Finance



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Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology]

Notes:

Recently, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) hosted the 5th Stakeholder Consultation on Artificial Intelligence Readiness Assessment Methodology (AI RAM) in India.



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Government of India



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AI RAM stands for Artificial Intelligence Readiness Assessment Methodology. It is a framework to measure how prepared India is for adopting and using Artificial Intelligence (AI). RAM, or Readiness Assessment Methodology, uses both numbers and expert opinions to evaluate the strength of a country's AI ecosystem. It works as a diagnostic tool to improve laws, policies, and institutions supporting AI developmen



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47. Ozzo Feni, which has recently received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, belongs to which state?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Telangana
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Goa



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Correct Answer: D [Goa]

Notes:

Ozzo Feni, a traditional liquor from Goa made from cashew apples, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, marking a historic recognition. It is produced by Cazcar Distillery in Nanora village near Panaji, protecting its identity and boosting its market value.



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Feni is a strong Indian spirit made by fermenting and double distilling cashew apple juice or coconut sap. The Portuguese introduced cashew trees and distillation methods to Goa in the 1600s, later adopted by locals called bhatikars.



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48. Which state received the highest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in FY 2025?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Kerala



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Correct Answer: A [Maharashtra]

Notes:

According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Maharashtra and Karnataka together accounted for 51% of India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in 2024–25. Maharashtra received the highest FDI at \$19.6 billion, which is 31% of the national total. Karnataka came next with \$6.62 billion in overseas investment.



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They were followed by Delhi (\$6 billion), Gujarat (\$5.71 billion), Tamil Nadu (\$3.68 billion), Haryana (\$3.14 billion), and Telangana (\$3 billion). Total FDI inflow rose 14% to \$81.04 billion in 2024–25, the highest in three years.



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49) Which two countries launched the Blue Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Challenge at the third UN Ocean Conference?

- [A] India and France
- [B] Brazil and India
- [C] France and Brazil
- [D] Australia and Kenya



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Correct Answer: C [France and Brazil]

Notes:

On the first day of the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), France and Brazil launched the Blue Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Challenge. This new global initiative urges countries to put oceans at the center of their climate strategies ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) to be held in Brazil in November 2025.



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The initiative aims to scale up ocean-focused climate action to limit global warming and build resilience. Countries like Australia, Fiji, Kenya, Mexico, Palau, and Seychelles have already joined the challenge.



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50)Which ministry hosted the 5th Stakeholder Consultation on AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (AI RAM) with UNESCO?

[A] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

[B] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

[C] Ministry of External Affairs

[D] Ministry of Finance



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Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology]

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51. Mouse deer, which was seen in news, is endemic to which region?

- [A] Indian Subcontinent
- [B] African Savannah
- [C] Amazon Rainforest
- [D] Australia



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Correct Answer: A [Indian Subcontinent]

Notes:

The Indira Gandhi Zoological Park (IGZP) recently announced the successful birth of a mouse deer, highlighting its conservation and breeding success. The mouse deer, also called the Indian Chevrotain, is the smallest deer species and is known for its shy and elusive behavior.



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It is endemic to the Indian Subcontinent, mainly found in peninsular India, with some old records from Nepal, and a separate species in Sri Lanka. In India, it is seen in Western Ghats, Eastern Ghats up to Odisha, and central Indian forests.



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52. Fattah hypersonic ballistic missile is developed by which country?

- [A] Israel
- [B] Russia
- [C] Iran
- [D] Iraq



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Correct Answer: C [Iran]

Notes:

Iran recently used its Fattah hypersonic missile in strikes on Israel, raising global security concerns by bypassing defence systems like Iron Dome. Fattah is a medium-range hypersonic ballistic missile developed by the Aerospace Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) of Iran. It was unveiled in November 2022 on the death anniversary of Hassan Tehrani Moghaddam, the father of Iran's missile program, and inducted in 2023



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53. Where has Google opened its first Safety Engineering Centre in the Asia-Pacific region?

- [A] Hyderabad
- [B] Chennai
- [C] Bengaluru
- [D] Mumbai



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Correct Answer: A [Hyderabad]

Notes:

Google opened its first Safety Engineering Centre in the Asia-Pacific region and fourth globally in Hyderabad on June 19, 2025. Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy officially inaugurated the Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC).



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The launch follows Google's "Safety Charter for India's AI-led Transformation" unveiled in Delhi on June 17. GSEC will work on protecting users from online fraud and securing enterprise and government systems. It will act as a strategic hub for responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) and safety solutions.



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54. Cook Islands are located in which ocean?

- [A] Atlantic Ocean
- [B] South Pacific Ocean
- [C] Indian Ocean
- [D] Arctic Ocean



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Correct Answer: B [South Pacific Ocean]

Notes:

New Zealand has recently suspended millions of dollars in budget funding to the Cook Islands due to growing tensions over the island group's closer ties with China. The Cook Islands are a group of 15 small islands spread over 2 million square kilometres in the South Pacific Ocean. They lie in the centre of the Polynesian Triangle, about halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand. Geographically, they are east of Niue, Tonga, and Samoa; northeast of New Zealand; south of Kiribati; and west of French Polynesia.



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**55 .Which country is the host of
ICC Women's Cricket T20 World
Cup 2026?**

- [A] India
- [B] New Zealand
- [C] England
- [D] Australia



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Correct Answer: C [England]

Notes:

England will host the largest-ever ICC Women's T20 Cricket World Cup in 2026, featuring 12 teams playing 33 matches across seven venues from June 12 to July 5. The tournament will open with England facing Sri Lanka at Edgbaston and end with the final at the iconic Lord's stadium.



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The league stage is divided into two groups. Group 1 includes Australia, South Africa, India, Pakistan, and two teams from the Global Qualifier. Group 2 includes hosts England, defending champions New Zealand, Sri Lanka, West Indies, and two qualifier teams.



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**56. Sharavathi Lion Tailed
Macaque Wildlife
Sanctuary is located in
which state?**

- [A] Karnataka**
- [B] Kerala**
- [C] Tamil Nadu**
- [D] Telangana**



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Correct Answer: A [Karnataka]

Notes:

Tension has increased after farmers were arrested and later granted bail for entering the Sharavathi Lion Tailed Macaque Wildlife Sanctuary in Sagar taluk with country-made weapons. The sanctuary is located in the Sharavathi River Valley in Shivamogga district, Karnataka.



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It is part of the Western Ghats, which is a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site. It was formed by merging the Sharavathi Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Aghanashini Lion-Tailed Macaque Conservation Reserve, and nearby reserve forest areas.



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57. BHASHINI is an artificial intelligence-powered language translation platform developed by which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [B] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [C] Ministry of Defence
- [D] Ministry of Home Affairs



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Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology]

Notes:

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj recently signed an agreement with Bhashini under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to remove language barriers and promote inclusion across Indian states. BHASHINI stands for BHASHa INterface for India.



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It is an artificial intelligence-powered language translation platform developed under the National Language Translation Mission by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. It builds a National Public Digital Platform for language-based services using artificial intelligence and emerging technologies.



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58. Which airport is the first in India to deploy Runway Rubber Removal Machine (RRM)?

- [A] Cochin International Airport
- [B] Chennai International Airport
- [C] Noida International Airport
- [D] Jaipur International Airport



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Correct Answer: C [Noida International Airport]

Notes:

Recently, Noida International Airport (NIA) partnered with Anlon Technology Solutions to introduce India's first indigenously developed Runway Rubber Removal Machine (RRM) named Cleanjet RRM. This eco-friendly machine is designed to enhance runway safety by removing rubber deposits and other contaminants using ultra-high-pressure water jets without abrasive chemicals



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59. Which state has declared the years 2025-35 as “Decade of Hydro Power”?

[A] Arunachal Pradesh

[B] Sikkim

[C] Odisha

[D] Madhya Pradesh



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Correct Answer: A [Arunachal Pradesh]

Notes:

Recently, Arunachal Pradesh declared the years 2025–2035 as the Decade of Hydro Power to harness its hydropower potential of 58,000 megawatts (MW). The government will promote mega, large, and small hydroelectric projects and build a strong policy and regulatory framework. About 19 gigawatts (GW) of hydropower projects worth over ₹2 lakh crore are under development, with expected annual revenue of ₹4,525 crore from 2035 through free power share.



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60. Lake Tahoe, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

[A] Australia

[B] France

[C] United States

[D] China



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Answer: [C] United States

Notes:

United Tahoe where a boat capsized, causing the death of six people and leaving two missing. Lake Tahoe is a cobalt blue freshwater lake located in the Sierra Nevada Mountains on the border of California and Nevada, United States. Lake Tahoe contains extremely pure water, with 99.994% purity.



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61. Which Indian state recently secured global recognition for organizing a “Floating Yoga” event?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Andhra Pradesh



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Correct Answer: D [Andhra Pradesh]

Notes:

Recently, Andhra Pradesh achieved global recognition for organising a unique “Floating Yoga” event on the Krishna River in Vijayawada as part of the YogAndhra 2025 campaign. The event was held on 11th June ahead of International Yoga Day and featured over a thousand yoga practitioners.



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Participants performed yoga asanas on 200 water crafts including kayaks, jet skis, punts, sand boats, and floating platforms. This innovative event showcased the state's creative approach to promoting health, cultural pride, and community participation



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62. Who has become the first Indian to complete NASA's Air and Space Program?

- [A] Jahnavi Dangeti
- [B] Shivangi Singh
- [C] Bhawna Dhami
- [D] Avani Chaturvedi



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Correct Answer: A [Jahnavi Dangeti]

Notes:

Recently, India's Jahnavi Dangeti was announced as the first Indian astronaut to join the Titans Space mission scheduled for 2029. She is a graduate of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s International Air and Space Program and has received global training.



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Jahnvi is also a strong promoter of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education among youth. The mission will be led by retired U.S. Army Colonel and veteran NASA astronaut William McArthur Jr., who is now Chief Astronaut at Titans Space



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63. Which institute has developed a modified CRISPR tool to help plants combat heat stress and bacterial infections?

[A] Indian Institute of Science (IISc),
Bengaluru

[B] Bose Institute, Kolkata

[C] National Botanical Research Institute
(NBRI), Lucknow

[D] Indian Agricultural Research Institute
(IARI), Delhi



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Correct Answer: B [Bose Institute, Kolkata]

Notes:

Recently, scientists at Bose Institute, Kolkata, developed a modified CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) tool to help plants fight heat stress and bacterial infections, boosting smart and sustainable farming. Unlike traditional CRISPR which cuts DNA, the team used a modified version called dCas9 (dead Cas9), which does not cut DNA but works like a gene switch.



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This switch stays off until the plant is stressed, such as by high temperatures. The scientists used a part of a natural tomato protein called NACMTF3, specifically its TM (Transmembrane) domain, to control the switch. Under heat stress, the TM domain releases dCas9, allowing it to enter the nucleus and turn on defense genes. This method allows plants to respond only when needed, reducing energy use and improving resilience.



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64. India's first butterfly sanctuary has been established in which state?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Karnataka



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INDIA'S FIRST BUTTERFLY SANCTUARY



Correct Answer: A [Kerala]

Notes:

Recently, Kerala's Western Ghats became home to India's first butterfly sanctuary after the Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary in Kannur was renamed as Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary on 18 June 2025 by the Kerala State Wildlife Board.



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The sanctuary covers 55 square kilometers of tropical and semi-evergreen forests and hosts over 266 species of butterflies, more than 80% of all species in Kerala. Some butterfly species found here are unique or endangered, and between October and February, the sanctuary sees a vibrant butterfly migration, especially of the Common Albatross.



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65. What is the name of the operation launched by the CBI to combat cybercrime involving mule bank accounts?

[A] Operation Cyber Shield

[B] Operation Chakra-5

[C] Operation Digital Strike

[D] Operation Safe Net



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Correct Answer: B [Operation Chakra-5]

Notes:

In a major action against cybercrime and Digital Arrest Scams, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) launched searches at 42 locations across Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh under Operation Chakra-5.



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The investigation found over 700 bank branches nationwide had opened about 8.5 lakh mule accounts without proper Know Your Customer (KYC) checks or risk assessment. Operation Chakra-V was started by the CBI. Its main aim is to counter international cybercrime networks involved in digital arrests, online financial frauds, data theft, and impersonation



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**66. What was the total
GST collection in India for
June 2025?**

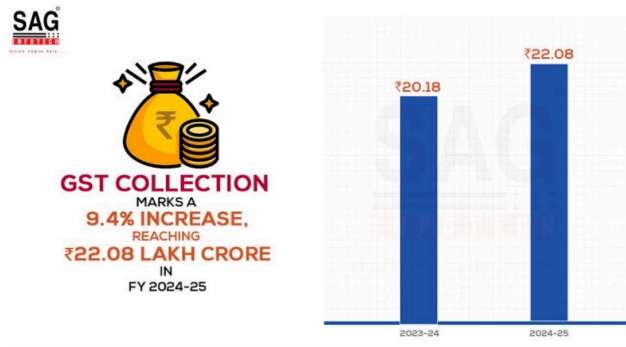
- A. ₹1.55 trillion
- B. ₹1.65 trillion
- C. ₹1.75 trillion
- D. ₹1.85 trillion



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Explanation: GST collection reached ₹1.85 trillion in June 2025, marking a 6.2% year-on-year growth

Goods and Services Tax (GST): A Brief Overview



- GST, or Goods and Services Tax, is a comprehensive indirect tax introduced in India on July 1, 2017.
- It replaced a complex system of multiple indirect taxes like VAT, service tax, and excise duty with a single, unified tax structure.



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- GST is levied on the supply of goods and services at every stage of the production process, but it is ultimately borne by the end consumer.
- In June 2025, India's GST collection reached ₹1.85 trillion, marking a 6.2% year-on-year growth.



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- This steady rise reflects the country's improving economic activity, better tax compliance, and robust digital infrastructure for tax administration.
- The consistent growth in GST collections is significant for funding government development programs, maintaining fiscal health, and boosting investor confidence in the economy.



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67. Which entity will decide whether to decode the black boxes in India or abroad?

A. NTSB

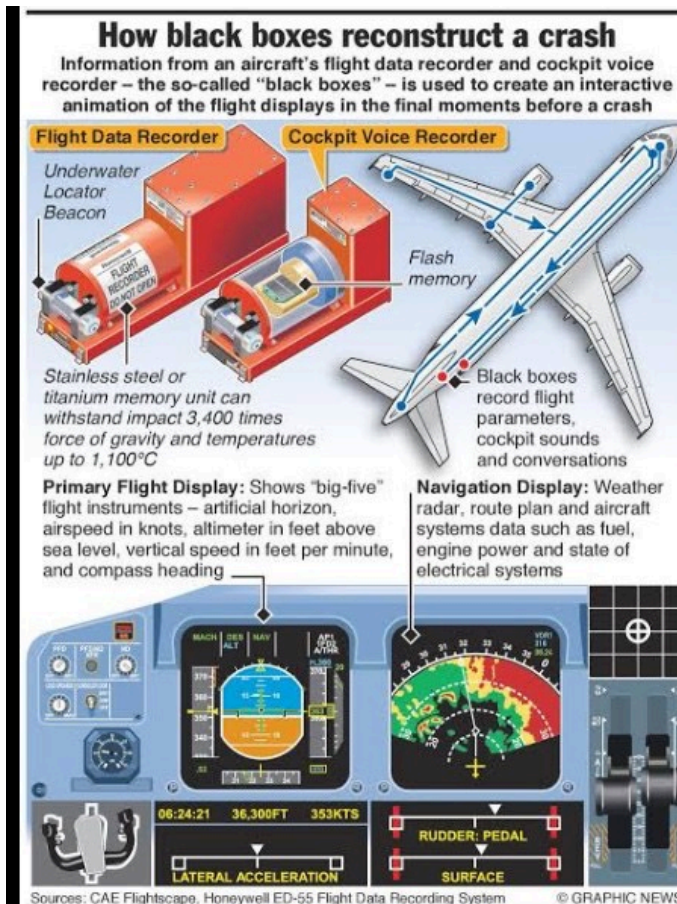
B. Directorate General of Civil Aviation

C. Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau

D. Boeing



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Explanation: The AAIB will assess and decide whether to decode the recorders at India's new lab or externally indian time

- The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) plays a critical role in ensuring air safety in India.
- When an aircraft incident occurs, flight data and cockpit voice recorders—often called "black boxes"—are key to understanding what went wrong.



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- Historically, India lacked a local facility capable of decoding this data, so the recorders had to be sent abroad, delaying investigations.
- The establishment of a new lab in India marks a significant advancement.
- Now, the AAIB can assess whether decoding should be done domestically or still outsourced, depending on complexity.
- This boosts investigation speed, self-reliance, and enhances India's aviation safety infrastructure.



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68. Which state topped the MEE rankings in ICCON 2025?

- A. Kerala
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Ladakh
- D. Delhi



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1.Explanation: ans A Kerala was among top performers; Ladakh scored low (~34.9%)

Kerala and Ladakh: History and Significance in Development

- Kerala and Ladakh, though vastly different in geography and culture, offer contrasting developmental narratives in India.
- Kerala, with a long history of progressive social reforms, high literacy rates, and strong public health systems, consistently ranks among the top performers in various development indices.



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- Its success is rooted in effective governance, community participation, and emphasis on education and healthcare.
- In contrast, Ladakh, a newly formed Union Territory since 2019, faces unique challenges due to its remote terrain, sparse population, and limited infrastructure.



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- Its low score (~34.9%) in recent performance assessments highlights the developmental gaps and the urgent need for targeted investment in health, education, and connectivity to ensure inclusive growth.
- Both regions underscore the diversity of India's development landscape and the importance of region-specific strategies.



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69. Which two new wetlands in Rajasthan were declared Ramsar sites around June 2025?

- A. Sambhar & Keoladeo
- B. Khichan & Menar
- C. Pushkar & Ranthambore
- D. Tal Chhapar & Desert



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Explanation: Khichan (Phalodi) and Menar (Udaipur) were notified, making Rajasthan's Ramsar count reach four



- Khichan (Phalodi) and Menar (Udaipur) were recently notified as Ramsar sites, bringing Rajasthan's total to four.
- These wetlands are crucial habitats for migratory birds, especially demoiselle cranes in Khichan and a wide variety of waterfowl in Menar.



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- Historically, Khichan is renowned for the local community's tradition of feeding and protecting migratory cranes, transforming the village into a global bird-watching destination.
- Menar, known as the “bird village,” showcases successful community-led conservation efforts.
- Their recognition as Ramsar sites highlights their ecological importance and the role of local communities in preserving biodiversity.



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70. What has been a significant impact of unplanned Indian urbanization noted ?

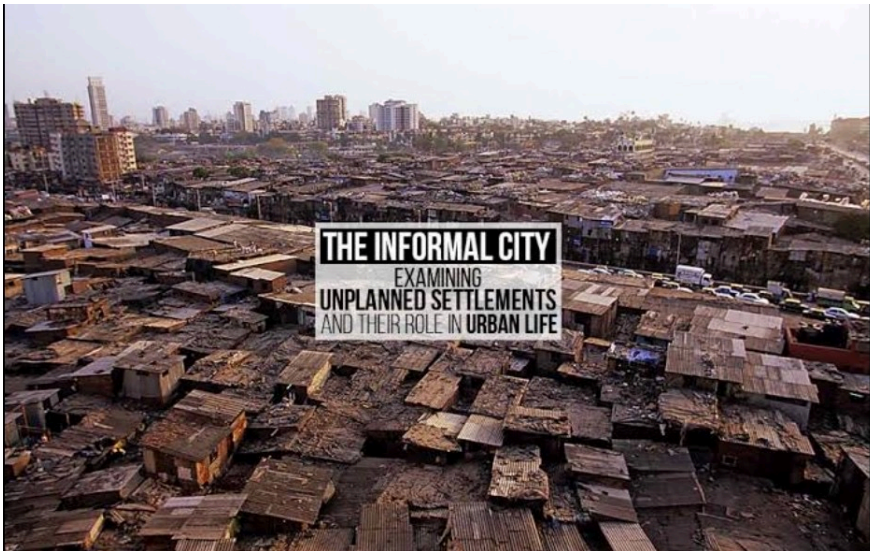
- A. Reduced rainfall
- B. Urban heat island amplified monsoons
- C. Air became cleaner
- D. Farmers migrate back to villages



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Explanation: Urban areas heat faster and intensify rainfall extremes and monsoon peaks.

- Urban areas heat up faster due to human activities, buildings, and paved surfaces that absorb and retain heat—a phenomenon known as the **urban heat island effect**.
- This warming influences local weather patterns, often making cities experience **more intense rainfall** and **stronger monsoon peaks**.



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- Historically, as cities expanded, these effects became more noticeable, especially during the monsoon season in regions like South Asia.
- The significance lies in how urbanization changes natural climate behavior, leading to **higher flood risks, disrupted ecosystems, and challenges in water management.**
- Understanding this history helps cities plan better for climate resilience and sustainable development.



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71. How many AI-enabled military surveillance satellites did India approve funding for in June 2025?

- A. 21
- B. 31
- C. 52
- D. 10



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Answer: C.

Explanation: Budget approved for 52 satellites (21 by ISRO, 31 by private firms)



- The Indian government has approved a budget for the development and launch of **52 satellites**, with **21 to be developed by ISRO** (Indian Space Research Organisation) and **31 by private firms**.
- This marks a significant shift in India's space policy by encouraging **private sector participation** in satellite development, signaling growing confidence in India's space industry.



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- Historically, ISRO has led all major satellite and launch projects.
- Now, by involving private players, the government aims to boost innovation, reduce costs, and increase India's share in the global space economy.
- This initiative also supports the **Make in India** and **Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India)** missions, strengthening national capabilities in space technology.
- ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) is India's national space agency, responsible for space research and satellite development.



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- The project under this budget includes building and launching satellites for various purposes like **communication, Earth obssatelliteservation, weather forecasting, navigation, and scientific research.**
- These satellites will support defense, agriculture, disaster management, and climate monitoring.
- The project reflects India's strategic and technological advancement in the space sector.



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72. Why did India refuse to sign the draft SCO statement in June 2025?

- A. Economic disagreements
- B. Terror acts exclusion (Pahalgam)
- C. Border disputes
- D. Currency policy conflict



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Answer: B.

Explanation: It objected to non-inclusion of the Pahalgam terror attack while including other incidents

- The omission of the Pahalgam terror attack in the historical recount of significant incidents raises concerns over selective representation.



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- While the document includes several other terror incidents for their historical and political significance, the exclusion of the Pahalgam attack—despite its impact on national security and public sentiment—suggests a lack of consistency in acknowledging all major acts of violence
- Such selective documentation undermines the comprehensive understanding of the region's conflict history and the broader implications of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.



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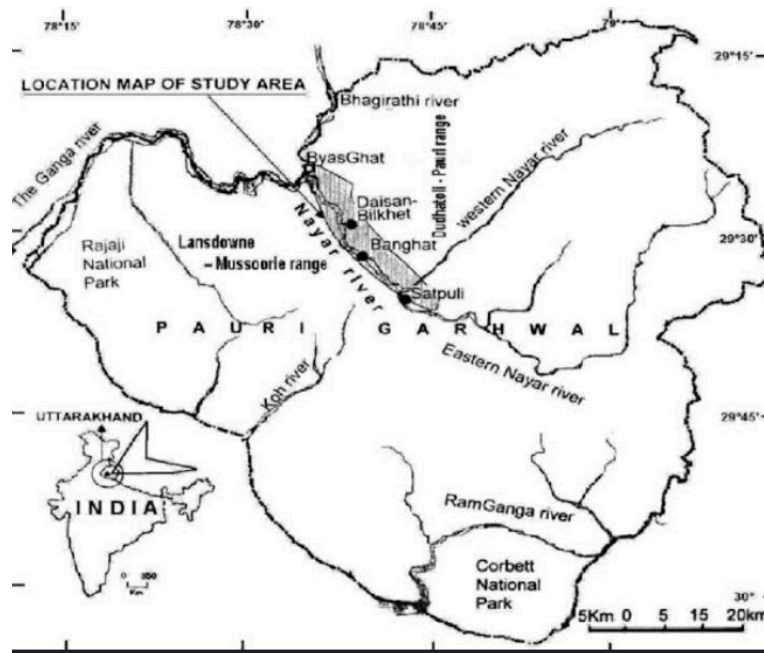
- 73. What legal action was taken in July concerning Nayar River in Uttarakhand?**
- A. Wildlife refuge declared
 - B. NGT sought responses on river depletion
 - C. Dam inaugurated
 - D. No action



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Answer: B.

Explanation: NGT called Centre and UK govt to respond under environmental laws



- The **National Green Tribunal (NGT)**, established in 2010 under the NGT Act, is a specialized judicial body in India that handles environmental disputes.
- It plays a crucial role in ensuring the enforcement of environmental laws and the protection of natural resources.



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- In a significant move, the NGT recently called upon the **Central Government of India and the UK Government** to respond to concerns raised under environmental laws, highlighting its proactive stance on international environmental accountability.
- This case underscores the growing importance of transboundary environmental issues and reinforces the NGT's role as a watchdog for ecological justice and sustainable development



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74. Which state hosted major World Environment Day events in June 2025 involving planting drives and green initiatives?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Lucknow
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Kolkata



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Answer: B

Explanation: In Lucknow, various institutions promoted sapling drives, sustainable resource use, and plastic pollution awareness .

- In Lucknow, several institutions have played a key role in promoting environmental awareness through sapling drives, sustainable resource use, and campaigns against plastic pollution.



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- These initiatives aim to combat climate change, improve air quality, and preserve the city's rich biodiversity.
- Sapling drives help restore green cover, which is vital for maintaining ecological balance.
- Promoting sustainable resource use encourages responsible consumption and conservation of water, energy, and natural materials.



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- Awareness about plastic pollution is crucial, as it helps reduce waste and protect local water bodies and soil.
- These efforts reflect a growing consciousness in Lucknow to safeguard its environment for future generations.



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75. Which study emphasized farmers' role in aquifer recharge in Nagaland?

- A) Nagaland University-led study
- B) IIT Guwahati-led study
- C) Assam Agricultural University-led study
- D) NEIST-led study



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Answer: A

- Explanations - A study by Nagaland University emphasized that the success of Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) largely depends on the involvement of farmers.
- Their participation is crucial because they have deep knowledge of local water use, soil conditions, and agricultural practices.



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- Historically, farmers have played a vital role in managing water resources, and their cooperation ensures better implementation, maintenance, and sustainability of ASR systems.
- Engaging farmers helps bridge scientific approaches with traditional practices, making ASR more effective and locally adapted.



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76. Which campaign theme was associated with World Environment Day 2025 in India?

- A) Save the Earth
- B) Beat Plastic Pollution
- C) Green Cities
- D) Afforestation for All



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Answer: B

Explanation: The UN theme was “Beat Plastic Pollution,” and India responded with drives across states including Assam

- The UN theme “Beat Plastic Pollution” highlights the urgent need to reduce plastic waste worldwide.
- In response, India launched several awareness and cleanup drives across various states, including Assam.



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- Assam, with its rich biodiversity and natural resources, is especially vulnerable to plastic pollution, which threatens rivers like the Brahmaputra and local wildlife.
- The state organized community-led cleanups, educational programs, and banned single-use plastics in key areas.
- These efforts not only supported the global call to action but also reflected India's commitment to environmental protection and sustainable living.



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**77. Which pollutant
spiked in Delhi in summer
, raising health concerns?**

- A) CO₂
- B) Sulphur dioxide
- C) Ozone
- D) PM_{2.5}

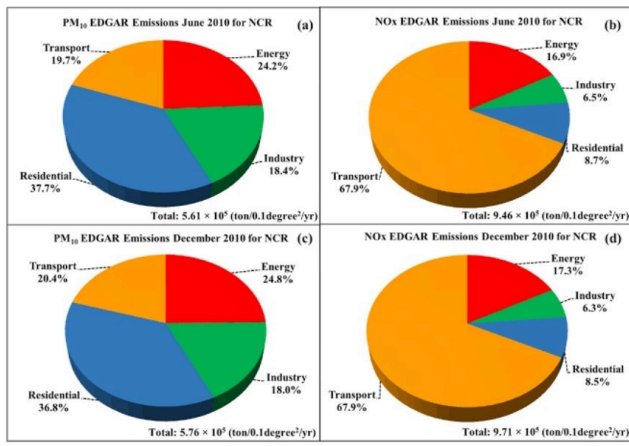


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Answer: C

Explanation: Ozone levels exceeded $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for 75 hours, prompting expert warnings

- Ozone levels exceeding $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for 75 hours mark a significant environmental concern, as such prolonged exposure can have harmful effects on human health and the environment.
- Historically, rising ground-level ozone has been linked to industrial emissions, vehicle pollution, and heatwaves, especially in urban areas.



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- This recent breach prompted expert warnings due to the potential for respiratory issues and other health risks.
- Monitoring such events is crucial as they reflect broader climate and air quality challenges that require urgent policy and public health responses.



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**78. Which region experienced
landslides halting trains
between Mupa–Dihakho?**

- A) Meghalaya
- B) Mizoram
- C) Dima Hasao, Assam
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



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Answer: C

Explanation: Persistent monsoon multiple landslides disrupted train services in Dima

- **Hasao** Dima Hasao, formerly known as North Cachar Hills, is a district in Assam known for its picturesque landscapes and rich tribal heritage.
- Historically inhabited by indigenous tribes like the Dimasa, Zeme Naga, and Hmar, the region has cultural and strategic importance due to its location and ethnic diversity.



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- The area is also a vital rail and road link connecting Assam with other northeastern states.
- However, the region's fragile terrain makes it prone to landslides, especially during the monsoon, often disrupting transport and isolating communities.
- Such events highlight the need for sustainable infrastructure and disaster preparedness in ecologically sensitive zones like Dima Hasao.



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79. What infrastructure project in Odisha launched under Van Mahotsav?

- A) Coastal cleanup
- B) 10 lakh green livelihoods
- C) River rejuvenation
- D) Urban forestry



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Answer: B

Explanation: Odisha aims to create 1 million green livelihoods via eco-tourism and forest produce



- Odisha aims to generate 1 million green livelihoods by promoting eco-tourism and the sustainable use of forest produce.
- The state is rich in biodiversity and tribal culture, making it ideal for eco-tourism initiatives that both preserve the environment and provide employment.



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- By encouraging the collection, processing, and marketing of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) like honey, medicinal herbs, and sal leaves, Odisha supports forest-dependent communities.
- These efforts are historically significant as they align with traditional tribal knowledge and practices, ensuring both environmental conservation and economic development.



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80. Why did India refuse to sign the SCO defence statement ?

- A) Objected to Kashmir language
- B) Exclusion of Pahalgam terror mention
- C) Disagreed over trade terms
- D) Border dispute with China



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Answer: B

Explanation: India wanted Pahalgam terror attack included, but Pakistan blocked it, so India didn't sign

- India chose not to sign a joint statement during a regional security summit because Pakistan blocked the inclusion of the Pahalgam terror attack in the document.
- The attack, which occurred in Jammu and Kashmir, was significant for India, and its exclusion was seen as ignoring a major act of terrorism.



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- This reflects the ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan over how terrorism is addressed in international forums.
- The incident highlights the challenges of regional cooperation on security when political differences remain unresolved.



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81. Which project announced to enhance Northeast–Myanmar trade corridors by 2027?

- A) BCIM Highway
- B) Kaladan Multimodal Transit Project
- C) Trilateral Highway
- D) Moreh–Kalay Rail



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Answer: B

Explanation: Kaladan project via Sittwe Port to be operational by 2027 under Act East



- The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project, part of India's **Act East Policy**, aims to enhance connectivity between India's northeastern states and Southeast Asia.



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- The project connects Kolkata Port to Sittwe Port in Myanmar by sea, and further to Mizoram via inland waterways and roadways.
- The Sittwe Port, a key component of this initiative, is expected to be fully operational by **2027**.



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- Historically, this project holds strategic and economic significance, as it reduces dependence on the narrow Siliguri Corridor (Chicken's Neck) and strengthens India's presence in the Indo-Pacific.
- It also reflects India's commitment to regional integration, trade facilitation, and stronger ties with ASEAN nations.



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**82. Where was the China–
Pakistan–Bangladesh
trilateral held signaling
strategic challenge?**

- A) Dhaka
- B) Islamabad
- C) Kunming
- D) Beijing



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Answer: B

Explanation: Rising Northeast Investors Summit showcased major MoUs in green energy, semiconductors and more

- The Rising Northeast Investors Summit highlighted the region's growing importance in India's development strategy by securing major Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in sectors like green energy, semiconductors, and infrastructure.



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- These agreements signal a transformative shift, positioning the Northeast as a hub for sustainable growth and technological advancement.
- The summit's historical significance lies in its effort to integrate the region more closely with national and global economic networks, boosting employment, investment, and regional development.



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**83. Who became the first
Indian astronaut in over 40
years in June 2025?**

- A) Rakesh Sharma
- B) Kalpana Chawla
- C) Shubhanshu Shukla
- D) Sunita Williams



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Answer: C

Explanation: IAF Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla flew on Axiom-4 mission to ISS

- IAF Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla made history by participating in the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS), becoming one of the first Indian Air Force officers to be part of a commercial spaceflight mission.



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- The Axiom-4 mission, operated by the private company Axiom Space, marked a significant step in India's growing presence in international space collaboration.
- His participation showcases the increasing role of Indian astronauts in global space exploration efforts and strengthens India's partnership with commercial and international space agencies.
- This milestone reflects India's commitment to advancing its human spaceflight program and inspiring future generations in aerospace and defense.



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84. Which institution built two coastal research vessels is ?

- A) Mazagon Dock
- B) Cochin Shipyard
- C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- D) GRSE



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Answer: C (GRSE)

Explanation: GRSE signed ₹491 cr deal to build CRVs with labs

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), a premier shipbuilding company under the Ministry of Defence, signed a ₹491 crore contract to build Next Generation Cadet Training Ships (CRVs) for the Indian Navy.



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This deal is significant as it strengthens India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing under the "Make in India" initiative.

Historical Significance:

➤ Founded in 1884, GRSE is one of India's oldest shipyards. It was nationalized in 1960 and has since played a vital role in building naval and coast guard vessels.



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- Over the decades, GRSE has built more than 100 warships — a record unmatched by any other Indian shipyard.
- Its contribution is crucial to India's maritime strength, indigenous warship development, and defense preparedness.



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85. What big tech initiative was launched for Indian Railways is?

- A) IoT sensors
- B) BHASHINI–CRIS AI MoU
- C) Autonomous trains
- D) 5G rollout



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Answer: B

Explanation: MoU between BHASHINI and CRIS to build multilingual AI solutions



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between BHASHINI (Bhasha Internet) and CRIS (Centre for Railway Information Systems) to develop multilingual Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions for the Indian Railways.



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- BHASHINI is a national initiative under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, aiming to build an inclusive ecosystem for language translation using AI.
- CRIS, on the other hand, develops IT systems for Indian Railways.
- This MoU is historically significant as it promotes the use of regional languages in digital railway services, ensuring better accessibility and inclusion for citizens across India.



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- By integrating BHASHINI's language AI tools with CRIS's railway platforms, services like ticket booking, inquiries, and passenger information will become available in multiple Indian languages.
- This is a major step towards digital empowerment and linguistic inclusivity in public service delivery



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**86. Which day is celebrated
as Statistics Day in India on
29 June?**

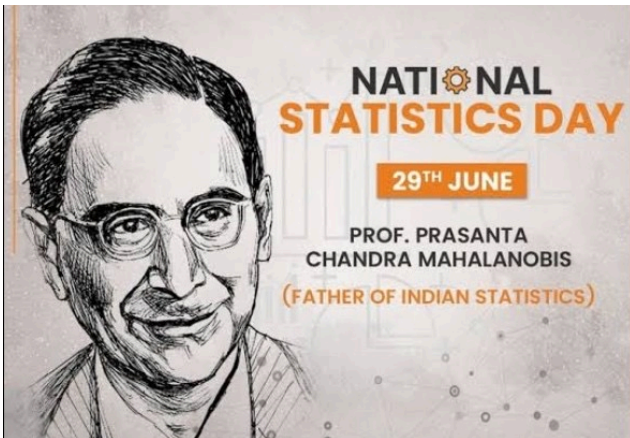
- A) VD Savarkar
- B) C. V. Raman
- C) P. C. Mahalanobis
- D) S. N. Bose



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Answer: C

Explanation: Born June 29, 1921; ISI founder honored on this day



- **Explanation:** Born on **June 29, 1921**, the founder of the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), **Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**, is honored on this day.
- His contributions to statistics, planning, and data science in India were groundbreaking.



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- He played a crucial role in setting up large-scale surveys and contributed significantly to India's Five-Year Plans. In recognition of his work, **June 29** is celebrated as **National Statistics Day** in India each year.
- **Important**
June 29 marks the birth anniversary of **Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**, a pioneer in statistics and the founder of the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI).



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- Known for the Mahalanobis distance, he greatly influenced India's data-driven planning and economic development.
- To honor his legacy and contributions to the field of statistics, **National Statistics Day** is celebrated on this date annually.



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87. Which app is linked to accessibility initiatives in June 2025?

- A) Sugamya Bharat App
- B) Aarogya Setu
- C) DigiLocker
- D) Umang



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Answer: A

Explanation:

- Accessibility in historical sites is crucial for inclusive tourism and cultural preservation.
- Recently highlighted in UPSC current affairs, the Government of India has emphasized making heritage monuments more accessible under initiatives like the *Accessible India Campaign* and *Adopt a Heritage Scheme*.



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- These efforts ensure that people with disabilities can also engage with the nation's rich history.
- Enhancing accessibility not only promotes social equity but also helps preserve and disseminate cultural knowledge to a wider audience, reinforcing the significance of heritage in building national identity.



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88. Which station in Manipur expects to open in Dec 2026?

- A) Moreh
- B) Imphal
- C) Kakching
- D) Pallel



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Answer: B

Explanation: Imphal Railway Station, under construction, to open Dec 2026

- **Imphal Railway Station**, currently under construction in Manipur, is expected to be completed by **December 2026**.
- Once operational, it will be the first major railway station in the capital city of Imphal, connecting the northeastern state of Manipur with the broader Indian railway network.



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- This project is a part of the **Jiribam–Imphal railway line**, a strategic and ambitious infrastructure initiative aimed at boosting connectivity, economic development, and national integration in the northeastern region.
- The station's completion will hold historical significance as it symbolizes progress in bridging the geographic and socio-economic gap between the Northeast and the rest of India.



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89. Which ancient plant fossil was discovered in Assam?

- A) Ginkgo
- B) Nothopegia
- C) Cycas
- D) Sequoia



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Answer: B

Explanation: 24-million-yr-old *Nothopegia* leaves found in Makum coalfield



- The discovery of 24-million-year-old *Nothopegia* leaves in the Makum coalfield of Assam is significant as it provides valuable insight into the plant history and paleoclimate of the region during the Oligocene epoch.
- These fossilized leaves suggest that tropical evergreen forests once thrived in this area, indicating a warm and humid climate in ancient times.



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➤ This finding also helps scientists trace the evolutionary lineage of the Anacardiaceae plant family, to which *Nothopegia* belongs, offering important evidence for the region's botanical and geological past.



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90. What highway is proposed along China border in Arunachal?

- A) Trans-Arunachal Highway
- B) Arunachal Frontier Highway
- C) East-West Corridor
- D) Golden Quadrilateral



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21. Answer: B

Explanation: Bomdila–Vijaynagar 1,748 km “Frontier Highway” under MoRTH

- The Bomdila–Vijaynagar Frontier Highway is a strategic 1,748 km road project being developed under MoRTH to strengthen connectivity along the India-China border in Arunachal Pradesh.



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- Historically, the region has witnessed limited infrastructure due to its difficult terrain and strategic sensitivity.
- This highway is significant as it not only boosts regional connectivity and economic development in remote tribal areas, but also enhances national security by facilitating swift movement of defense forces along the border.
- It represents a major step in India's Act East Policy and underscores the government's focus on strengthening border infrastructure.



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91. Which AI initiative maps urban heat vulnerability in buildings?

- A) HeatFinder
- B) Sunny Lives
- C) HotMap
- D) UrbanCool

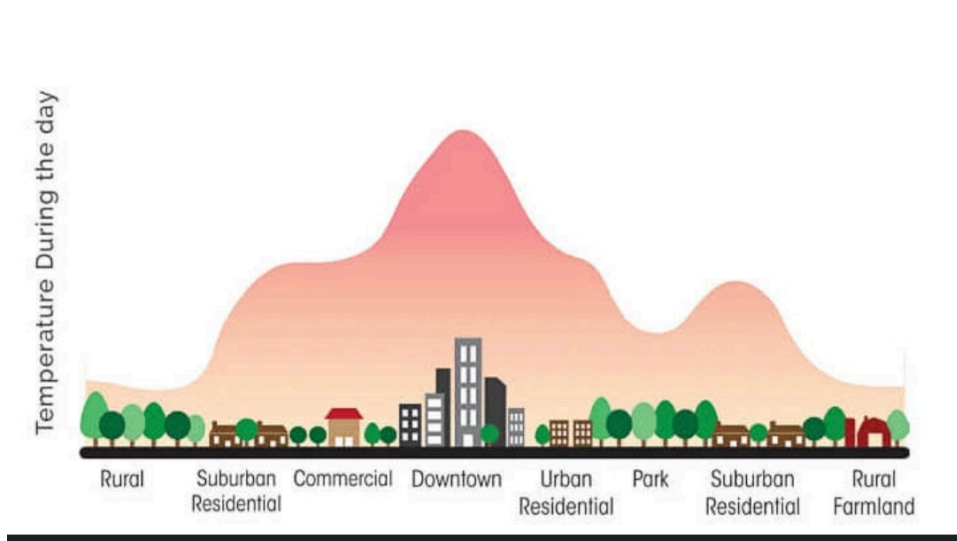


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•**Answer: B**

Explanation: Sunny Lives AI used by SEEDS and Chintan for granular heat maps

- Sunny Lives AI is an advanced tool used by environmental organizations like SEEDS and Chintan to generate granular heat maps.
- These detailed maps help identify urban heat islands by showing temperature variations at the neighborhood level.



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- Their historical significance lies in aiding city planning and climate resilience efforts by providing data-driven insights into how heat affects different communities, especially vulnerable populations.
- This supports targeted interventions, promotes environmental justice, and enhances public awareness of climate-related risks.



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92. What tech used to detect monsoon onset via topological changes?

- A) AI satellite imaging
- B) Topological Data Analysis (TDA)
- C) LSTM models
- D) Quantum sensors

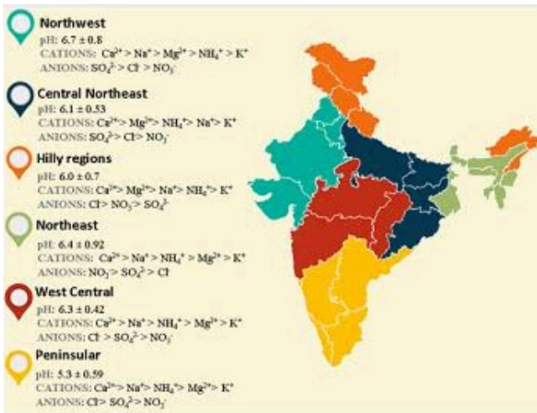


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Answer: B

Explanation: TDA spotted climatic phase transitions to detect monsoon onset

- The use of Topological Data Analysis (TDA) has allowed scientists to identify climatic phase transitions, which are crucial in detecting the onset of the monsoon.
- These transitions mark significant shifts in atmospheric patterns. By analyzing historical weather data through TDA, researchers can better understand past monsoon behaviors and improve future predictions.



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- This approach enhances the accuracy of monsoon forecasting, which is vital for agriculture, water management, and disaster preparedness in monsoon-dependent regions.



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93. What collaborative step did Assam and Meghalaya take to address urban flooding in Guwahati?

- A) Built retention tanks
- B) Installed flood sensors
- C) Employed NESAC satellite mapping
- D) Constructed sea walls



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Answer: C

Explanation: The two states engaged the North-Eastern Space Applications Centre for satellite flood-mapping, followed by IIT-Roorkee solution design .

- The two states collaborated to address recurring flood issues by first engaging the North-Eastern Space Applications Centre (NE-SAC) for satellite-based flood mapping.



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- This initiative helped in accurately identifying flood-prone areas using advanced remote sensing technology.
- Following this, a comprehensive solution was designed with the help of IIT-Roorkee, leveraging their expertise in hydrology and disaster management.
- This collaboration marks a significant step in integrating scientific research and space technology into regional disaster preparedness and mitigation efforts, showcasing a model for other states to follow.



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**94. What was unveiled by
Vera C. Rubin
Observatory on 23 June
2025?**

- A) Milky Way deep map
- B) First light images
including Virgo Cluster and
~2,000 asteroids
- C) Mars subsurface scan
- D) Exoplanet discovery



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Answer: B

Explanation: First-light release showcased deep-space targets and many asteroids



- The first-light release highlighted deep-space objects and numerous asteroids, showcasing their historical and scientific importance.
- These celestial bodies provide valuable insights into the early formation of our solar system.
- Studying them helps scientists understand planetary evolution and the origin of organic materials that may have contributed to life on Earth.



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95. What was commemorated in June marking a 51st anniversary event tied to JP Narayan?

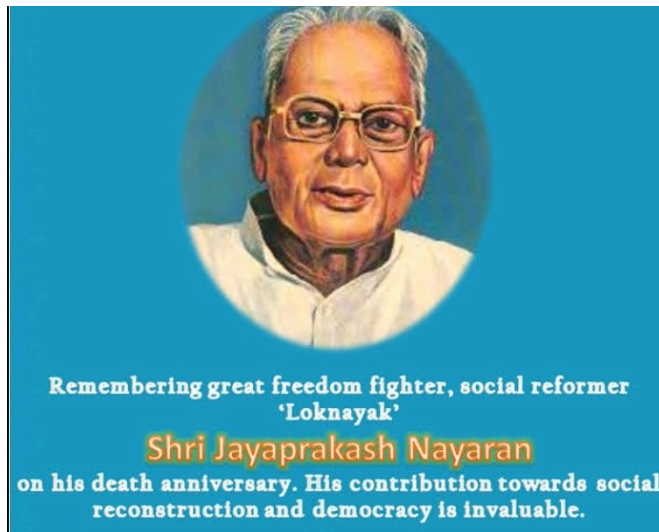
- A) Quit India Movement
- B) Total Revolution
(Sampoorna Kranti, launched 5 June 1974)
- C) Emergency Declaration
- D) Green Revolution



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Answer: B

Explanation: 5 June 2025 marked 51 years since JP's Total Revolution call



- 5 June 2025 marked the 51st anniversary of Jayaprakash Narayan's (JP) call for **Total Revolution**, a historic movement launched on 5 June 1974 in Patna.
- JP's call was aimed at transforming Indian society through peaceful and democratic means, addressing issues like corruption, social injustice, and authoritarianism.



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- The movement galvanized youth and citizens across the country and played a key role in opposing the Emergency imposed in 1975.
- Its legacy remains significant as a symbol of people's power and democratic resistance.



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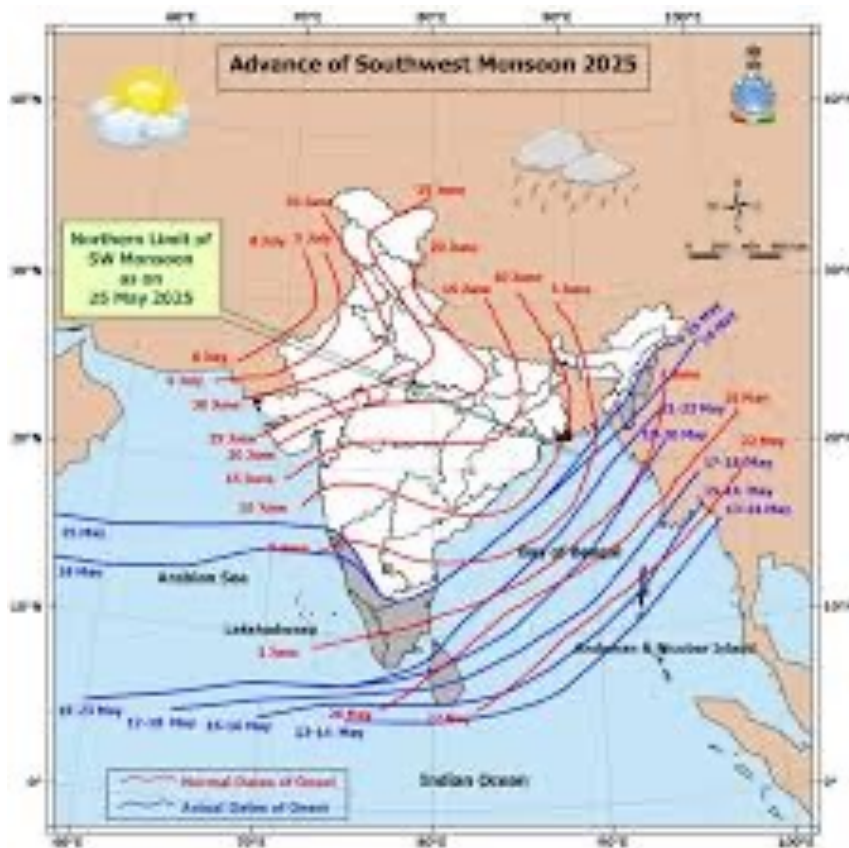
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96. What was significant about the monsoon's progress in India during June 2025?

- A. It delayed and arrived later than usual
- B. It covered the entire country more than a week earlier than usual
- C. It remained confined to coastal areas only
- D. It failed to cover northern India entirely



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Correct Answer: B

Explanation: In June 2025, India's monsoon advanced unusually quickly—covering the entire country by *June 29*, which was over a week earlier than the typical July 8 nationwide coverage. This early arrival helped accelerate sowing of crops like rice, corn, cotton, and sugarcane.



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97. What notable aviation incident occurred in June 2025, and what was the government's position on handling the black box data?

- A. A helicopter crash; black boxes sent abroad for decoding
- B. Air India AI171 crash near Ahmedabad; decision on decoding location pending based on AAIB assessment
- C. Drone strike incident; government immediately decoded black boxes domestically
- D. Aerial collision; only the Cockpit Voice Recorder was sent abroad



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Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The crash of Air India Flight AI171 near Ahmedabad on *June 12, 2025* resulted in a tragic loss of life. The government clarified that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) would evaluate whether the black-box data (CVR and DFDR) would be decoded at the newly established lab in Delhi or sent abroad if needed, not automatically sending it overseas.



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98. How did India's industrial output (IIP) perform in June 2025?

- A. It saw robust growth of 8%
- B. Growth slowed to 1.5%, the lowest in 10 months
- C. Declined by 5% due to poor monsoon
- D. Showed moderate improvement in mining and energy sectors



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Correct Answer: B

Explanation: In June 2025, India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth decelerated to *1.5%*, marking the slowest rate in 10 months. This slowdown was primarily due to contractions in mining and electricity sectors, partly attributed to the early monsoon's disruptive impact.



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99. What trend was observed in bank lending across different sectors in India during June 2025?

- A. Lending increased notably in agriculture and services
- B. Credit growth slowed to 10.2%, with sharper declines in services and agriculture
- C. Lending to retail and industry dropped below zero
- D. Non-food credit grew above 20%



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Correct Answer: B

Explanation: As of June 27, 2025, non-food credit growth moderated to *10.2% year-on-year*, lower than the 13.8% figure from the previous year. The slowdown was particularly pronounced in the services and agriculture sectors, while retail and industrial credit fared relatively better.



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100. What did a national air-quality study reveal about Mumbai's pollution levels in the first half of 2025?

A. Mumbai had the cleanest air among coastal cities

B. Deonar and Sion had worse PM2.5 levels than Chennai or Kolkata, exceeding national standards

C. All Indian cities met WHO's air-quality standards

D. Pollution was limited to northern India only



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Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A study by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) found that certain parts of Mumbai—namely Deonar, Sion, Kandivli East, and BKC—registered PM2.5 levels exceeding the national ambient air-quality standard ($40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and were significantly worse compared to other coastal cities like Chennai and Kolkata. In fact, *122 out of 239 cities* exceeded the national standard, and *all cities* exceeded the much stricter WHO guideline of $5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.



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