

# MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

**JULY 2025**

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**100+ MCQs**



**1.The GoIStats mobile application is an initiative of which institution?**

[A] NITI Aayog

[B] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

[C] National Sample Survey Office (NSO)

[D] Ministry of Finance



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**Correct Answer: C** [National Sample Survey Office (NSO)]

**Notes:**

Recently, the National Sample Survey Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) launched the Government of India Statistics (GoIStats) mobile application on Statistics Day 2025.



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The GoIStats app aims to build a strong data ecosystem where everyone can easily access official data anytime. It has an interactive Key Trends dashboard showing important socio-economic indicators like Gross Domestic Product (GDP), inflation, and employment through dynamic visuals.



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**2. Which traditional painting was gifted by India's Defence Minister to his Chinese counterpart during the SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting?**

- [A] Warli painting
- [B] Pattachitra painting
- [C] Madhubani painting
- [D] Kalamkari painting



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**Correct Answer: C [Madhubani painting]**

**Notes:**

India's Defence Minister recently gifted a Madhubani painting to his Chinese counterpart during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting in Qingdao, China. Madhubani painting, also called Mithila painting, comes from the Madhubani district in the Mithila region of Bihar. It is traditionally made by women using fingers, twigs, nib-pens, matchsticks, and brushes with natural dyes and bright earthy colours.



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**3. Which country has launched the Synthetic Human Genome Project (SynHG), aiming to construct human DNA from scratch?**

[A] France

[B] United Kingdom

[C] Australia

[D] Japan



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**Correct Answer:** B [United Kingdom]

**Notes:**

The United Kingdom has officially launched the Synthetic Human Genome Project, a groundbreaking effort to build human DNA from scratch. This project shifts from reading DNA, like in the Human Genome Project, to writing and assembling it synthetically.



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Scientists aim to create disease-resistant cells to repair damaged organs such as the heart, liver, and immune system. It could help treat genetic and age-related diseases by studying how genes control repair and development.

Critics warn about ethical concerns like designer humans and synthetic life.



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**4. Which ministry has released the Sustainable Development Goals- National Indicator Framework Progress Report 2025?**

[A] Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

[B] Ministry of Finance

[C] Ministry of Home Affairs

[D] Ministry of Science and Technology



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**Correct Answer:** A [Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation]

**Notes:**

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) National Indicator Framework Progress Report 2025 on the 19th Statistics Day.



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The report shows India's progress on 284 indicators across 17 SDG goals. Maternal and child health, education, poverty reduction, and climate change efforts have improved since 2015–16. Social protection coverage rose to 64.3% in 2025 from 22% in 2016. Senior citizen assistance rose to 1,57,000 in 2023–24 from 23,000 in 2015. Gross Value Added (GVA) in agriculture per worker rose to ₹94,110 in 2024–25 from ₹61,247 in 2015–16.



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**5.INS Tabar, that was recently seen in news, belongs to which class of frigates?**

[A] Shivalik-class

[B] Talwar-class

[C] Nilgiri-class

[D] Brahmaputra-class



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**Correct Answer: B [Talwar-class]**

**Notes:**



Recently, the Indian Navy's Indian Naval Ship Tabar (INS Tabar) acted quickly to rescue crew members after a fire broke out on an oil vessel in the Gulf of Oman. INS Tabar (F44) is the third Talwar-class frigate of the Indian Navy. It was built in Russia. It is one of the earliest stealth frigates of the Indian Navy. It operates under the Western Fleet based in Mumbai within the



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Western Naval Command.  
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**6. Which institution has released the Financial Stability Report for June 2025?**

[A] NITI Aayog

[B] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

[C] National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

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



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**Correct Answer:** B [Reserve Bank of India (RBI)]

**Notes:**

Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the Financial Stability Report for June 2025. The Financial Stability Report is a twice-yearly report by the Reserve Bank of India. It shows the joint assessment of the Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council on risks to financial stability and the strength of the Indian financial system.



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The report highlights that India continues to drive global growth due to solid economic fundamentals and wise policies. Risks include geopolitical tensions, trade disruptions, and weather-related uncertainties.



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**7. Which group of nations  
launched the “At Sea Observer  
Mission” to boost maritime  
cooperation?**

- [A] BRICS
- [B] ASEAN
- [C] SAARC
- [D] QUAD

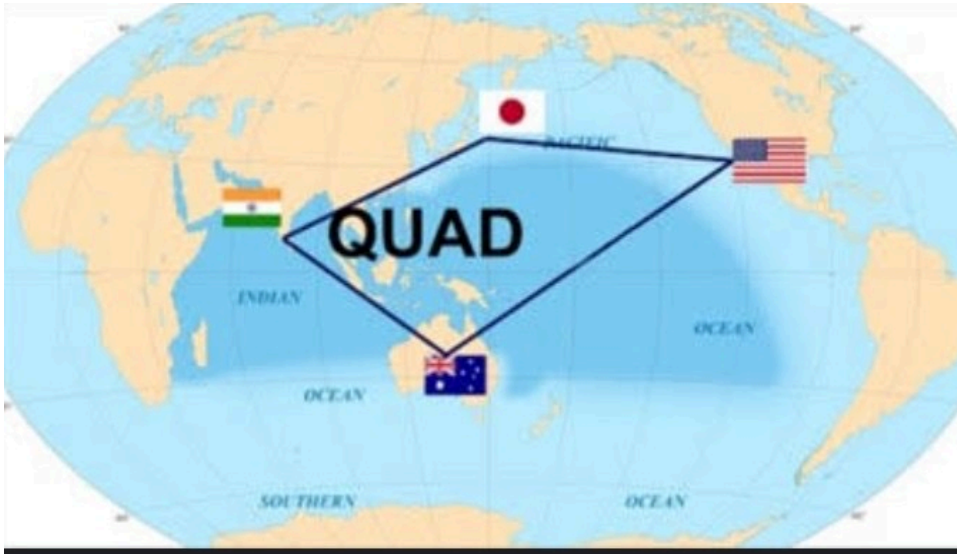


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**Correct Answer: D [QUAD]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the QUAD nations launched their first-ever At Sea Observer Mission to strengthen maritime cooperation. QUAD includes the Coast Guards of India, Japan, the United States, and Australia.



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The mission aims to boost maritime security and teamwork in the Indo-Pacific under the Wilmington Declaration. Two officers, including women, from each country have joined the United States Coast Guard Cutter Stratton, now heading to Guam.



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**8.SAKSHAM-3000 is a high-capacity switch-router developed by which organization?**

[A] Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

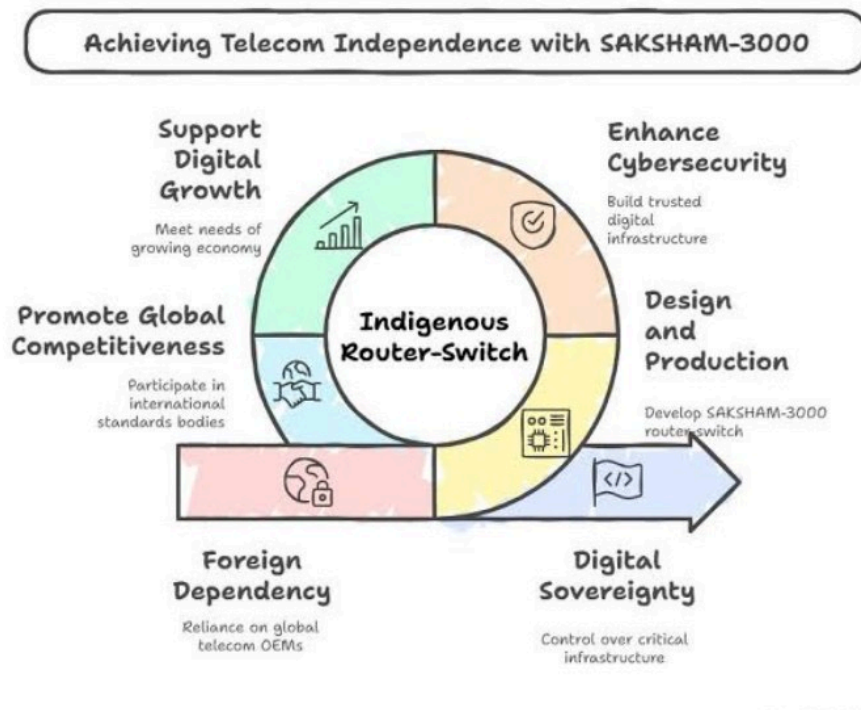
[B] Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)

[C] Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

[D] Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)



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**Correct Answer: B** [Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)]

**Notes:**

Recently, the Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development launched the high-capacity SAKSHAM-3000 to boost self-reliance and global competitiveness.



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SAKSHAM-3000 is a compact 25.6 Terabits per second (Tbps) switch-router developed by Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT). It is built for modern data centres, large enterprises, telecom operators, and hyperscale data centres. It has ultra-low latency, wire-speed processing, and uses the modular C-DOT Router Operating System (CROS)



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**9. Which country has successfully tested its Feitian 2 hypersonic vehicle?**

[A] United States

[B] China

[C] Japan

[D] India



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**Correct Answer: B [China]**

**Notes:**

Recently, China successfully tested its Feitian 2 hypersonic vehicle. Feitian 2 can switch between propulsion modes during flight for better performance. The vehicle uses a kerosene-hydrogen peroxide fuel mix. This positions China strongly in the global hypersonic technology race. Feitian 2 has potential uses in defense and civilian sectors.



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**10. Which country is the host of  
BRICS Summit 2025?**

[A] India

[B] China

[C] Brazil

[D] South Africa



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**Correct Answer: C [Brazil]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Brazil hosted the BRICS Summit 2025 in Rio de Janeiro. Leaders of BRICS gathered for a two-day summit to discuss stronger cooperation. The summit was overshadowed by new tariff policies of United States President Donald Trump. BRICS leaders presented the group as a defender of multilateralism.



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The group expressed concerns about Western dominance in global affairs. BRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. It brings together mainly developing nations to promote fair global cooperation. The summit aims to boost partnerships and address common challenges.



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**11.Charan Paduka Scheme was launched by which state government to support tendu leaf collectors?**

[A] Chhattisgarh

[B] Odisha

[C] Jharkhand

[D] Bihar



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**Correct Answer: A [Chhattisgarh]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Chhattisgarh government revived the Charan Paduka Scheme to support tendu leaf collectors. The scheme will benefit over 1.24 million tendu leaf collectors across the state. A budget of ₹40 crore has been approved for its implementation. Charan Paduka Scheme was first launched in November 2005 by the Chhattisgarh government.



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It provides one pair of footwear per year to up to two family members aged 18 years or above involved in tendu leaf collection. Initially, only one male member per family was eligible.



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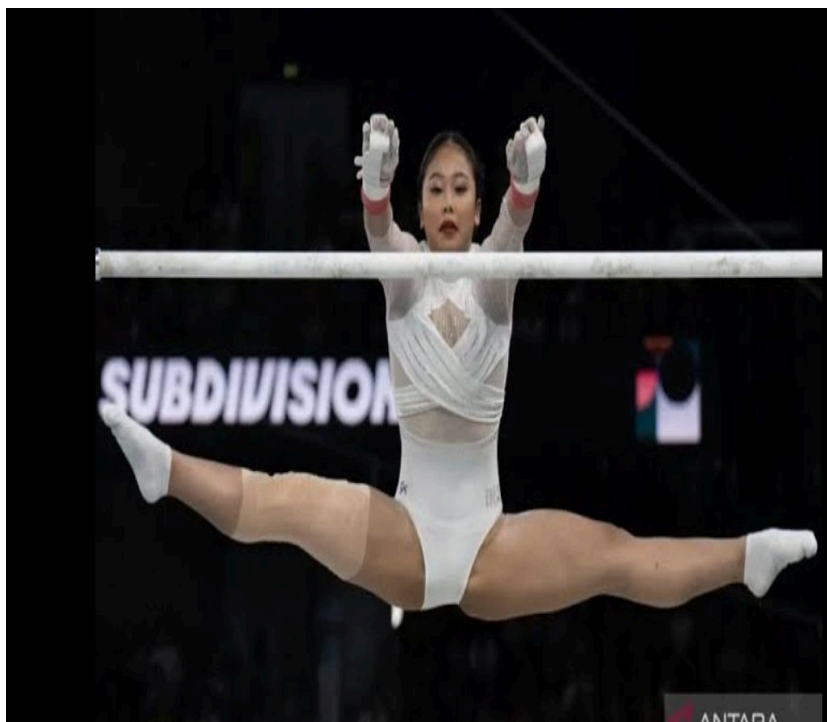
**12. Which country is the host of Artistic Gymnastics World Championships 2025?**

- [A] Singapore
- [B] Indonesia
- [C] China
- [D] Japan



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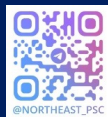




**Correct Answer: B [Indonesia]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Indonesia was announced as the host of the 2025 Artistic Gymnastics World Championships, to be held in Senayan, Jakarta from October 19 to 25. This will be the first time Indonesia or any Southeast Asian nation hosts this prestigious global event. More than 600 athletes from 86 countries will participate in the championship.



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The total number of participants, including officials and supporters, will be around 1,500. The Artistic Gymnastics World Championships are held annually, featuring both men's and women's events.



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**13. Which state has launched the Smart Mosquito Surveillance System (SMoSS) to control mosquito-borne diseases using AI?**

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Madhya Pradesh



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**Correct Answer: C [Andhra Pradesh]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Smart Mosquito Surveillance System (SMoSS) was launched by Andhra Pradesh government to control mosquito-borne diseases using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) tools. It was initiated by the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD) Department.



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The first phase begins this month, covering 66 locations in six major municipal corporations across Andhra Pradesh. These include 16 in Greater Visakhapatnam, 28 in Vijayawada, 7 in Nellore, 6 in Kurnool, 5 in Rajamahendravaram, and 4 in Kakinada.



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**14. Which country has become  
21st member to adopt Euro as its  
official currency?**

- [A] Hungary
- [B] Poland
- [C] Sweden
- [D] Bulgaria



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**Correct Answer: D [Bulgaria]**

**Notes:**

Recently, European Union ministers approved Bulgaria to adopt the Euro from January 1, 2026, making it the 21st member of the eurozone. Bulgaria is located in southeastern Europe, occupying the eastern part of the Balkan Peninsula.



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It shares borders with Romania to the north, Turkey and Greece to the south, North Macedonia to the southwest, and Serbia to the west. It is bounded by the Black Sea on the east. The Balkan Mountains cross the central part of the country.



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**15. Which state government has declared 'Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav' as the official state festival?**

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Madhya Pradesh



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**Correct Answer: B [Maharashtra]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Maharashtra government declared 'Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav' as the official state festival. The announcement was made by Cultural Affairs Minister Ashish Shelar in the Legislative Assembly.



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Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav was started by Lokmanya Tilak in 1893 to promote social unity and nationalism. The festival symbolizes freedom, self-respect, pride in language, and cultural identity. It continues to be a powerful expression of Maharashtra's cultural heritage. The government aims to preserve, promote, and celebrate Ganeshotsav across the state and the nation.



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**16. Which police station has become the first in India to receive International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) certification?**

[A] Jhilmili Police Station,  
Chhattisgarh

[B] Kharsang Police Station,  
Arunachal Pradesh

[C] Suramangalam Police Station,  
Tamil Nadu

[D] Arthunkal Police Station, Kerala



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**Correct Answer:** D [Arthunkal Police Station, Kerala]

**Notes:**

Recently, Arthunkal Police Station in Alappuzha district, Kerala, became the first in India to receive International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) certification from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).



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The certification acknowledges top performance in crime prevention, investigation, law and order, traffic control, emergency response, judicial coordination, and public grievance redressal. All services are delivered under Indian law and government policies, with a focus on efficiency, transparency, and public satisfaction.



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**17. Where was the Trade  
Facilitation Conference 2025  
held?**

- [A] Bengaluru
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Chennai



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**Correct Answer: B [New Delhi]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary inaugurated the Trade Facilitation Conference 2025 in New Delhi. The theme of the conference was ‘Scientific Excellence for Seamless Trade’.



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The event was jointly organised by the Central Revenues Control Laboratory (CRCL) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). It is the first-of-its-kind conference focused on building a modern, efficient testing framework



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**18. Where was the BIMSTEC  
Ports Conference 2025 held?**

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Kolkata
- [C] Visakhapatnam
- [D] Chennai



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**Correct Answer: C**

**[Visakhapatnam]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the two-day BIMSTEC Ports Conference in Visakhapatnam. BIMSTEC stands for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation.



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The conference aims to strengthen maritime connectivity and cooperation among Bay of Bengal nations. It reflects India's Neighbourhood First Policy and its leadership in regional maritime development. The theme is Blue Economy, Innovation, and Sustainable Partnerships. Nations participating include Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.



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**19.The Maputo Protocol was adopted by which organization?**

[A] European Union (EU)

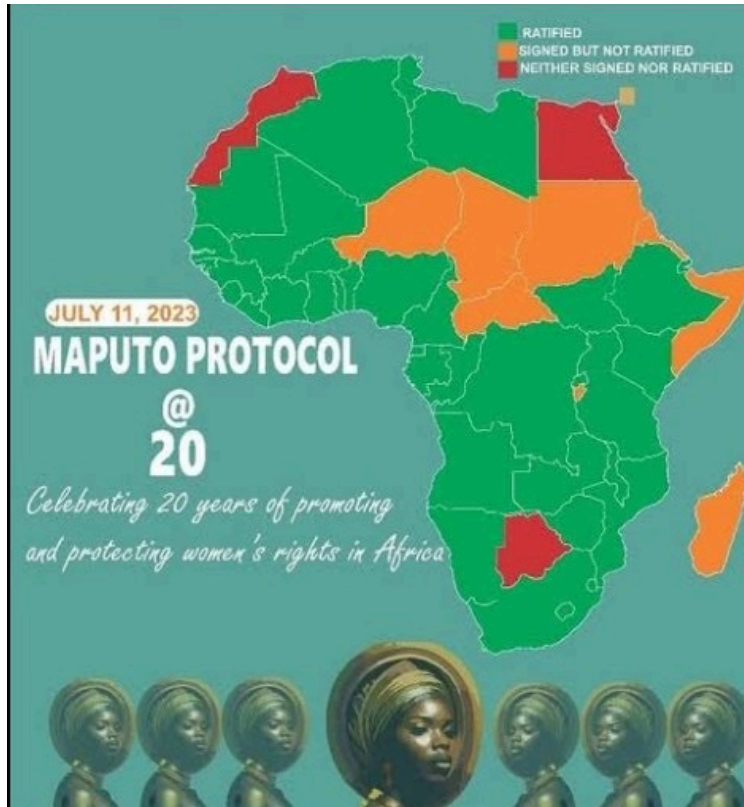
[B] African Union (EU)

[C] United Nations (UN)

[D] North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)



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**Correct Answer: B [African Union (EU)]**

**Notes:**

On July 11, 2025, the Maputo Protocol marked its 22nd anniversary, prompting calls for stronger implementation and removal of state reservations.



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Officially named the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, it was adopted by the African Union (AU) in Maputo, Mozambique on July 11, 2003. The protocol aims to protect and empower women and girls across Africa, with a focus on healthcare, legal rights, and political participation.



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**20. Where is the 75th Pradhan  
Mantri Divyasha Kendra  
inaugurated in Uttar Pradesh?**

- [A] Badaun
- [B] Kanpur
- [C] Lucknow
- [D] Varanasi



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**Correct Answer: A [Badaun]**

**Notes:**

The 75th Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) is inaugurated at Government Medical College, Badaun, Uttar Pradesh. It is launched by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.



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Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) provides integrated services like assessment, counselling, distribution, and aftercare for Divyangjan (persons with disabilities) and senior citizens. It is implemented through Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)



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**21.Tiwai Island, which has become a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located in which country?**

- [A] Kenya
- [B] Sierra Leone
- [C] Ghana
- [D] Mali



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**Correct Answer: B [Sierra Leone]**

**Notes:**

Tiwai Island in Sierra Leone has been newly added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2025. It lies in the Moa River, southeastern Sierra Leone. It forms part of the Gola-Tiwai Complex, which includes Gola Rainforest National



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Park, the country's largest tropical rainforest. Tiwai is globally known for its rich biodiversity, especially 11 species of primates, including the endangered western chimpanzee, Diana monkey, and king colobus.



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**22. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Medical Commission (NMC) in July 2025?**

[A] Dr. Jagat Ram

[B] Dr. V. K. Paul

[C] Dr. Abhijat Sheth

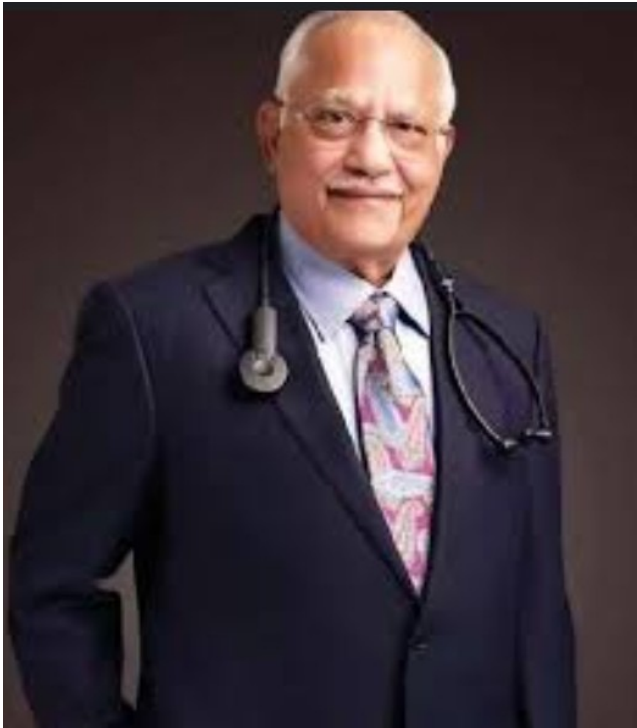
[D] Dr. Randeep Guleria



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**Correct Answer: C [Dr. Abhijat Sheth]**

**Notes:**



Dr. Abhijat Sheth has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Medical Commission (NMC) in July 2025. The appointment comes amid rising concerns over regulatory loopholes and a recent corruption probe in medical college approvals. The National Medical Commission (NMC) is India's top regulatory body for medical education and professionals.



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**23. Which country has launched  
the communication satellite,  
Dror-1?**

[A] China

[B] Israel

[C] France

[D] Germany



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**Correct Answer: B [Israel]**

**Notes:**

On July 14, 2025, Israel launched its first fully government-funded and domestically built communications satellite, Dror-1, from Cape Canaveral, Florida aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. Dror-1 is Israel's most advanced geostationary satellite, built 100% with local technologies to ensure strategic independence.



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It weighs 4.5 tonnes, spans 17.8 metres, and will serve Israel's communication needs for the next 15 years. The satellite orbits 36,000 km above Earth, maintaining constant coverage over Israel and nearby regions.



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**24. Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) is located in which state?**

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Uttarakhand

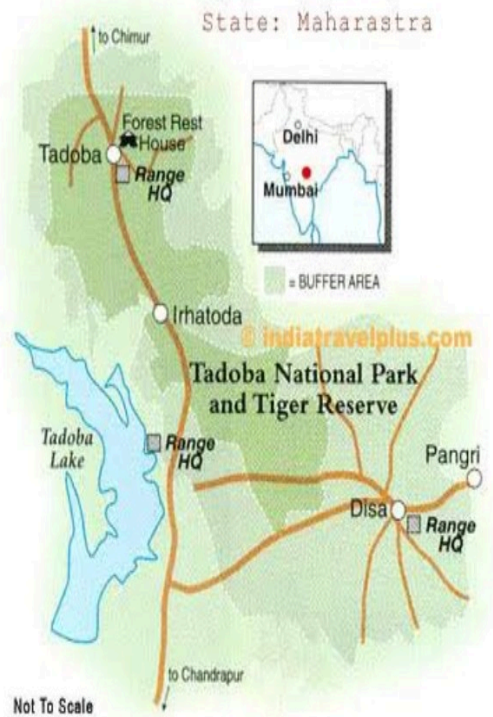


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**Correct Answer: B [Maharashtra]**

**Notes:**

Recently, an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based system with loudspeakers was installed in 20 villages near Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) to warn people about tiger movement. Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) is located in Chandrapur district, Maharashtra. It is the largest and oldest tiger reserve in Maharashtra.



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The name ‘Tadoba’ comes from the tribal god “Taru,” and ‘Andhari’ is from the Andhari River in the region. The reserve includes Tadoba National Park and Andhari Wildlife Sanctuary. It has corridor connections with Nagzira-Navegaon and Pench Tiger Reserves in Maharashtra.



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**25. Who was the recipient of the Kalinga Ratna Award-2024 presented by the President of India?**

[A] Union Home Minister Amit Shah

[B] Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal

[C] Union Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan

[D] None of the Above



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**Correct Answer: C** [Union Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan]

**Notes:**

President Droupadi Murmu paid tribute to Adikabi Sarala Das on his 600th birth anniversary. Sarala Das was a 15th-century poet and scholar of Odia literature.



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The President honored Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan with the Kalinga Ratna Award-2024. The event marked a significant celebration of Odia literary heritage. Adikabi Sarala Das is known for composing the Mahabharata in Odia, enriching Indian literature.



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**26. Mount Kilimanjaro, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?**

[A] Australia

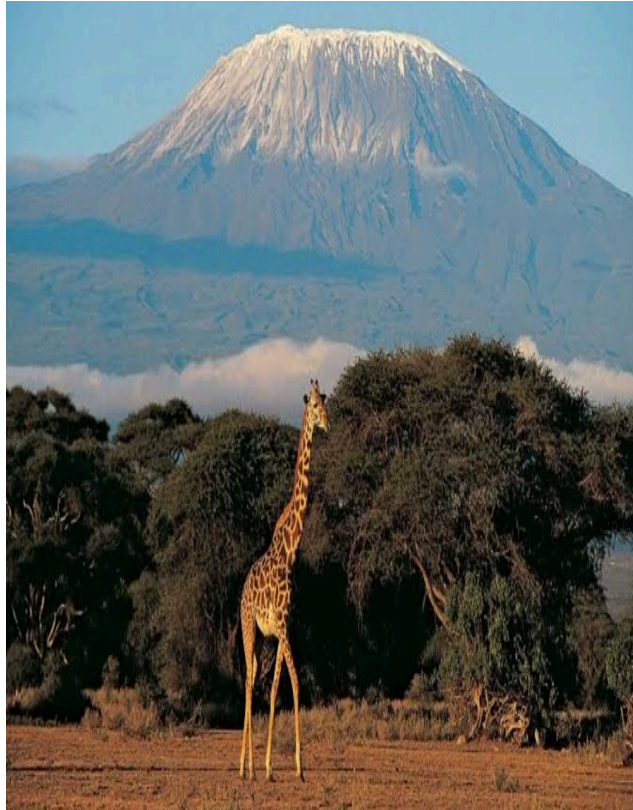
[B] Kenya

[C] Russia

[D] Tanzania



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**Correct Answer: D [Tanzania]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Defence Secretary flagged off mountaineering expeditions to Mount Everest and Mount Kilimanjaro at an event held in South Block, New Delhi. Mount Kilimanjaro is Africa's tallest mountain and the world's largest free-standing mountain.



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It is located in northeastern Tanzania near the Kenya border and stretches around 80 km east to west. Kilimanjaro is a stratovolcano made up of three cones: Kibo, Mawenzi, and Shira.

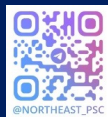


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**27.National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) was launched by which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Education
- [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technolog



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**Correct Answer:** A [Ministry of Education]

**Notes:**

From this year, the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) will give negative scores to institutions for research papers retracted in the last three years and their citations. This step aims to enhance accountability and research integrity.



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National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) is an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It was launched in 2015 to assess and rank higher education institutions.



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**28. Which state is the host of Indian Open Athletics Meet 2025?**

[A] Gujarat

[B] Uttar Pradesh

[C] Bihar

[D] Odisha

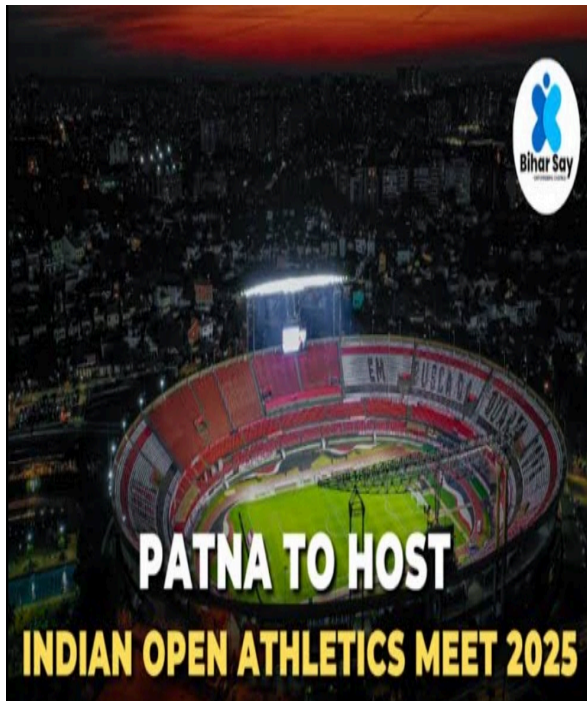


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**Correct Answer: C [Bihar]**

**Notes:**

Bihar hosted the first-ever Indian Open Athletics Meet 2025 at Patliputra Sports Complex in Patna. This is the first time Bihar has hosted such a major national athletics event. The meet was organized by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) in collaboration with the Bihar State Sports Authority. More than 400 athletes from across India participated in the one-day event.



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**29. A rare Pale-capped Pigeon was recently spotted at which national park in Assam?**

[A] Kaziranga National Park

[B] Orang National Park

[C] Manas National Park

[D] Dehing Patkai National Park



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## Dehing Patkai National Park

**Correct Answer:** D [Dehing Patkai National Park]

### **Notes:**

The Pale-capped Pigeon was recently spotted in Dehing Patkai National Park, Assam, marking a rare and important sighting for birdwatchers and conservationists. It is also called the Purple Wood Pigeon due to its dark purplish-maroon colour.



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It is found locally across parts of northern and northeastern India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. The bird lives mainly in primary or secondary evergreen forests, and also in bamboo groves and farmlands near forests.



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**30 .Which country is the host of  
FIDE Chess World Cup 2025?**

[A] Australia

[B] Japan

[C] China

[D] India



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**Correct Answer: D [India]**

**Notes:**

The Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE) confirmed that India will host the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 from October 30 to November 27. This marks the second time India is hosting the World Cup after 2002 in Hyderabad.



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The event will feature 206 players in a knockout format, competing for qualification spots in the 2026 Candidates Tournament. In 2002, Viswanathan Anand won the title when India first hosted the event.



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**31.The Saaral Vizha Festival 2025  
is celebrated in which state?**

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



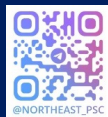
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**Correct Answer: C [Tamil Nadu]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Saaral Vizha 2025 was celebrated in Courtallam, Tamil Nadu as a monsoon festival highlighting culture, tradition, and community welfare. It was inaugurated by Revenue Minister K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran.



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The festival featured cultural performances, a flower exhibition, and various public competitions. The festival reflects Tamil Nadu's commitment to inclusive cultural growth and community participation.



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**32. Which state government has launched a 'Shaktisree programme' to ensure safety of girl students in colleges and universities?**

- [A] Uttarakhand
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Jharkhand



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**Correct Answer: B [Odisha]**

**Notes:**

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi launched the Shaktishree Programme in Bhubaneswar to ensure safety of girl students. The programme will cover 16 universities and 730 government and aided colleges under the Higher Education Department of Odisha.



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It includes 8 components such as self-defence training, legal awareness, and mental health support for undergraduate and postgraduate girls. Every institution will have a Shaktishree Empowerment Cell run by girl students (Shaktishree Saathi), guided by a woman faculty (Sanyojika), and mentored by 5 working women (Shakti Appa).



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**33. Which mobile application won the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2025 Champion Award for rural digital governance?**

- [A] UMANG
- [B] Meri Panchayat
- [C] GeoRurban
- [D] eGramSwaraj



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**Correct Answer: B [Meri Panchayat]**

**Notes:**

The Meri Panchayat mobile app recently won the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2025 Champion Award. The award was given under the category “Cultural Diversity and Identity, Linguistic Diversity and Local Content” at the WSIS+20 High-Level Event held in Geneva, Switzerland.



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Meri Panchayat App is developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The app provides real-time access to Panchayat budgets, payments, development plans, and details of elected representatives.



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**34. Which state has become the first in India to ensure that all polling stations have fewer than 1,200 electors?**

[A] Punjab

[B] Gujarat

[C] Haryana

[D] Bihar



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**Correct Answer: D [Bihar]**

**Notes:**

Bihar has become the first Indian state to ensure that all polling stations have fewer than 1,200 electors. This move is aimed at reducing overcrowding and improving voter convenience during elections. The Election Commission of India (ECI) added 12,817 new polling stations in Bihar.



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The total number of polling stations has increased from 77,895 to 90,712. This follows the State Instructional Representation (SIR) order issued on June 24, 2025. The SIR order revised the voter limit per polling station from 1,500 to 1,200. This model may serve as a guideline for other states and Union Territories.



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**35.What is the name of the eighth and last ship in the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) series launched in Kolkata?**

- [A] INS Arnala
- [B] INS Ajay
- [C] INS Abhay
- [D] INS Amrit



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**Correct Answer: B [INS Ajay]**

**Notes:**

Yard 3034 (Ajay), the eighth and final ship of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), was launched on 21 July 2025 at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata. Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) will boost Indian Navy's underwater domain awareness, anti-submarine warfare, and mine-laying capabilities.



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The ship features Hull Mounted Sonar and Low Frequency Variable Depth Sonar (LFVDS). It is armed with torpedoes, anti-submarine rockets, NSG-30 Gun, and 12.7 mm Stabilised Remote Control Gun (SRCG). The ship will enhance India's maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).



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**36. Which day is observed as National Broadcasting Day every year in India?**

[A] 21 July

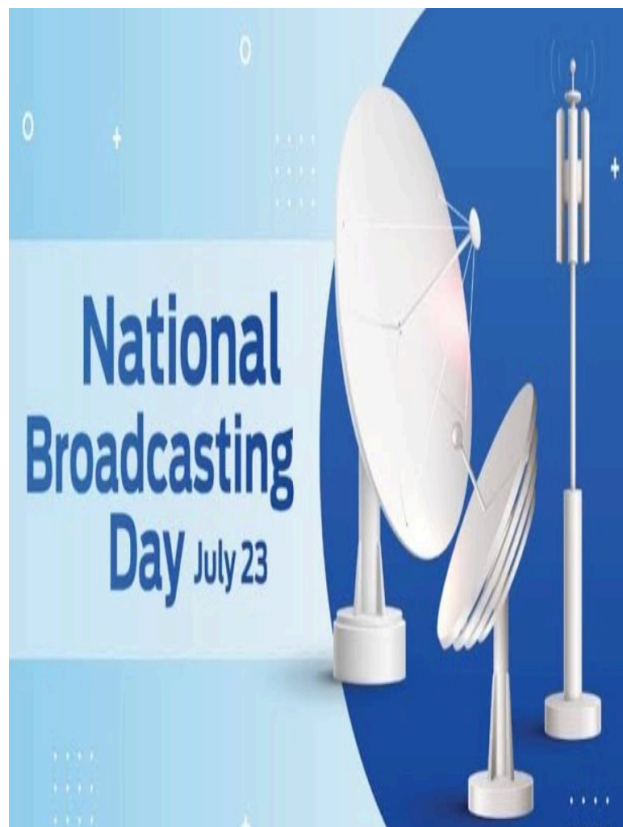
[B] 22 July

[C] 23 July

[D] 24 July



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**Correct Answer: C [23 July]**

**Notes:**

July 23 is observed as National Broadcasting Day in India. It commemorates the first radio broadcast in India on July 23, 1927 from Bombay Station under the Indian Broadcasting Company. On June 8, 1936, the Indian State Broadcasting Service was renamed All India Radio (AIR). In 1956, AIR adopted the name AKASHVANI as the National Broadcaster.



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Broadcasting played a vital role in the freedom struggle, spreading information and fostering unity. Post-independence, it supported literacy, health awareness, and agricultural education, especially in rural India.



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**37.A replica of the Ashoka  
Pillar was recently unveiled in  
which country?**

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] Bhutan
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Bangladesh



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**Correct Answer: A [Sri Lanka]**

**Notes:**

On 21st July 2025, a replica of the Ashoka Pillar was unveiled at Waskaduwa Sri Subhuthi Viharaya in Kalutara district, Southern Province, Sri Lanka. The replica was fully sponsored by H.E. Kyabje Ling Rinpoche, a top spiritual leader in Tibetan Buddhism.



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The foundation stone was laid on 28 January 2024 by Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Shri Santosh Jha and Venerable Shartse Khensur Jangchup Choeden Rinpoche, Secretary General of International Buddhist Confederation (IBC). The pillar honors Emperor Ashoka for introducing Buddhism to Sri Lanka through his children Arhat Mahinda Thero and Arhat Sangamitta Therani. The temple was chosen as it houses authentic Kapilavastu relics of Lord Buddha



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**38. Great Ruaha River, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?**

- [A] Rwanda
- [B] Tanzania
- [C] Kenya
- [D] Egypt



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**Correct Answer: B [Tanzania]**

**Notes:**

Tanzania's Vision 2050 was recently launched to address the climate crisis affecting the Great Ruaha River. The river is drying due to climate change and mismanagement, threatening agriculture, biodiversity, and livelihoods. The plan focuses on climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy, and fair land governance to restore the river's health.



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Great Ruaha River is a major river in south-central Tanzania and a vital water source. It flows northeast through the Usangu wetlands, crosses the Usangu plains important for farming and livestock, and passes through Ruaha National Park.



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**39. What is the name of the scheme that allows young Indians to live, work, or study in the UK for up to 2 years?**

[A] India-UK Graduate Exchange Programme

[B] India Young Professionals Scheme

[C] UK-India Skilled Worker Visa

[D] UK-India Tourist Visa Plus



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**Correct Answer: B [India Young Professionals Scheme]**

**Notes:**

The United Kingdom (UK) has opened its final 2025 visa ballot under the India Young Professionals Scheme for Indians aged 18–30 to live, work, or study in the UK for two years.



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The scheme was part of the India-UK Migration and Mobility Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in May 2021 and announced during the G20 summit in Bali. It was officially launched in February 2023. It allows Indian citizens aged 18–30 with a bachelor's degree or higher to live and work in the UK for up to two years.



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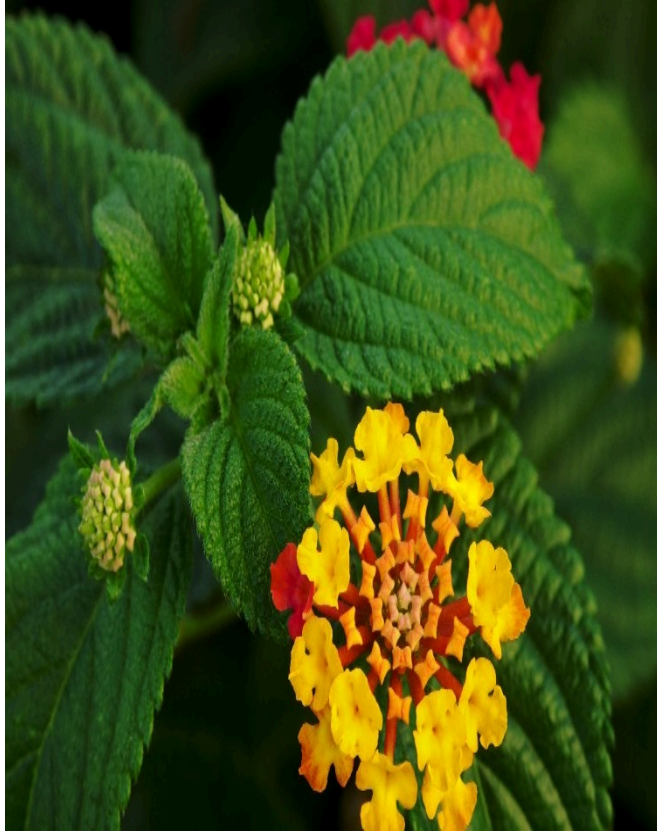
**40.Lantana camara, an invasive alien species, is native to which region?**

- [A] Central and South America
- [B] Australia
- [C] Central Africa
- [D] South East Asia



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**Correct Answer:** A [Central and South America]

**Notes:**

Lantana camara, an invasive alien species, now infests about 3,25,282 hectares of forest land in Himachal Pradesh, threatening native biodiversity. It was introduced in India in the early 18th century as an ornamental plant and is native to Central and South America.



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Lantana camara releases allelochemicals, suppressing native plants and reducing biodiversity by forming dense bushy layers. It is spreading from lower to higher altitudes, worsening its ecological impact. Its biomass can be reused for furniture, fuelwood, compost, and vermicompost, promoting organic farming and reducing reliance on inorganic manure.



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**41. Which country has launched its major naval exercise “July Storm” in July 2025?**

- [A] China
- [B] Russia
- [C] India
- [D] Israel



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**Correct Answer: B [Russia]**

**Notes:**

Russia recently launched its major naval exercise “July Storm” from July 23 to 27, 2025. The drill began with Bastion coastal defence missile launchers deployed along the Barents Sea shoreline. The exercise involves a missile battalion from the Northern Fleet’s Kola Flotilla taking firing positions to secure the Arctic region.



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“July Storm” is the largest Russian naval drill of the year, covering the Pacific, Arctic, Baltic, and Caspian Seas. The operation includes 150 warships and support vessels, 120 aircraft, 10 coastal missile batteries, and around 15,000 personnel. The drill aims to maintain operational readiness and strategic control along Russia’s Arctic frontier.



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**42. Napne Waterfall, that was recently seen in news, is located in which state?**

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Kerala



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**Correct Answer: C [Maharashtra]**

**Notes:**

Maharashtra has inaugurated its first-ever glass skywalk over the Napne Waterfall in Sindhudurg district, creating a new tourism attraction. The Napne Glass Bridge was opened under the Sindhuratna tourism scheme. Napne Waterfall is a perennial waterfall located in the Konkan region of Maharashtra. The region is surrounded by dense forests, rich in biodiversity, including hornbills and exotic birds.



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**43. World Nature Conservation Day was celebrated globally on which day?**

[A] 26 July

[B] 27 July

[C] 28 July

[D] 29 July



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**Correct Answer: C [28 July]**

**Notes:**

World Nature Conservation Day was celebrated globally on 28th July 2025 to promote awareness about protecting nature. It aims to ensure the well-being of current and future generations through conservation efforts. The focus is on sustainable use of natural resources, biodiversity conservation, and ecological balance.



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The theme for 2025 is “Connecting People and Plants: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation.” The theme highlights using digital tools and innovation to enhance wildlife and nature conservation.



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**44 .Which state government has launched the Youth Stipend Scheme in July 2025?**

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Bihar



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**Correct Answer: A [Madhya Pradesh]**

**Notes:**

The Youth Stipend Scheme was launched by the Madhya Pradesh (MP) government in 2025 as a major welfare initiative. It focuses on financial aid, industrial internships, and skill development for unemployed youth. MP has over 1.5 crore youth aged 20–30, prompting action to tackle unemployment and skill mismatch.



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The scheme replaces the earlier Yuva Swabhimani Rojgar Yojana, which gave ₹4,000 but was discontinued. Monthly stipend is ₹6,000 for women and ₹5,000 for men. It supports internships and job training in industries registered under the scheme.



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**45. Which country has launched its most powerful conventional bomb, the Gazap?**

[A] China

[B] Japan

[C] Israel

[D] Turkey



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**Correct Answer: D [Turkey]**

**Notes:**

Turkey has unveiled its most powerful conventional bomb, the Gazap, at the International Defence Industry Fair (IDEF) 2025 in Istanbul. The Gazap bomb weighs 970 kg and is designed for F-16 fighter jets. It disperses 10.16 fragment explosions per metre, up from the earlier standard of 3 metres. It is developed by the National Defence Ministry's R&D centre, it increases Turkey's airstrike power.



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**46. International Tiger Day is observed every year on which day?**

[A] 26 July

[B] 27 July

[C] 28 July

[D] 29 July



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**Correct Answer: D [29 July]**

**Notes:**

International Tiger Day is observed every year on July 29 to raise awareness about tiger conservation. The day was first established in 2010 during the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit.



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Thirteen tiger-range countries participated in the summit, including India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Malaysia, and Russia. The summit launched the “Tx2” program, aiming to double the global tiger population by 2022. World Wildlife Fund (WWF) reports that tiger numbers have dropped from 100,000 a century ago to around 4,000 today. The day highlights the urgent need to protect tiger habitats and support conservation globally.



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**47. e-SHRAM portal was launched by which ministry?**

[A] Ministry of Labour and Employment

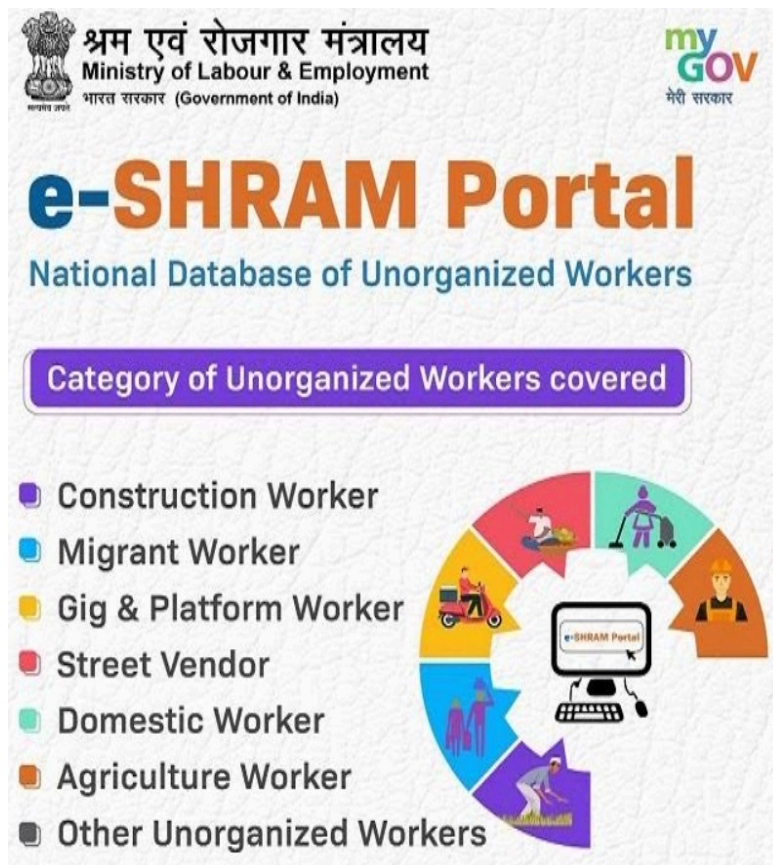
[B] Ministry of Science and Technology

[C] Ministry of Finance

[D] Ministry of Law and Justice



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**Correct Answer:** A [Ministry of Labour and Employment]

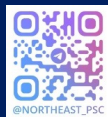
**Notes:**

As of 22nd July 2025, over 30.95 crore unorganised workers have registered on the e-SHRAM portal. e-SHRAM stands for Electronic Shramik Registration and Management. It was launched on 26th August 2021 by the Ministry of Labour and Employment to create a National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW) seeded with Aadhaar.



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It aims to build a National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW). It covers migrant workers, construction workers, gig and platform workers, and more. The portal now supports 22 languages through the Bhashini project by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY).



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**48. What is the name of the initiative recently launched by the Government of India to digitise ancient manuscripts?**

[A] Bharat Gyan Samvardhan Yojana

[B] Manuscript India Digitisation Scheme

[C] Digital Heritage India Mission

[D] Gyan Bharatam Mission



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**Correct Answer: D** [Gyan Bharatam Mission]

**Notes:**

In the 124th episode of Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Gyan Bharatam Mission on July 28, 2025. The mission aims to digitise over one crore ancient manuscripts scattered across India.



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A National Digital Repository will be created to make these manuscripts accessible to students, teachers, and researchers worldwide. The initiative was announced in the Union Budget 2025, with funding increased from ₹3.5 crore to ₹60 crore. The mission preserves India's intellectual heritage and supports the Viksit Bharat (Developed India) vision.



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**49. Where was India's first  
Artificial Intelligence (AI)-  
powered Anganwadi  
inaugurated?**

[A] Punjab

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Gujarat

[D] Haryana



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**Correct Answer: B [Maharashtra]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered Anganwadi in Waddhamna village, Nagpur district, Maharashtra.



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The center is a pilot project under Mission Bal Bharari and uses AI dashboards, Virtual Reality (VR) headsets, and interactive content. It offers immersive learning in poems, songs, and early education, making learning joyful and engaging for rural children. This AI Anganwadi brings tech-rich education to rural areas, bridging the digital divide between rural and urban children.



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**50.The Environment Protection  
(Management of Contaminated  
Sites) Rules, 2025 are issued  
under which law?**

[A] Forest Conservation Act 1980

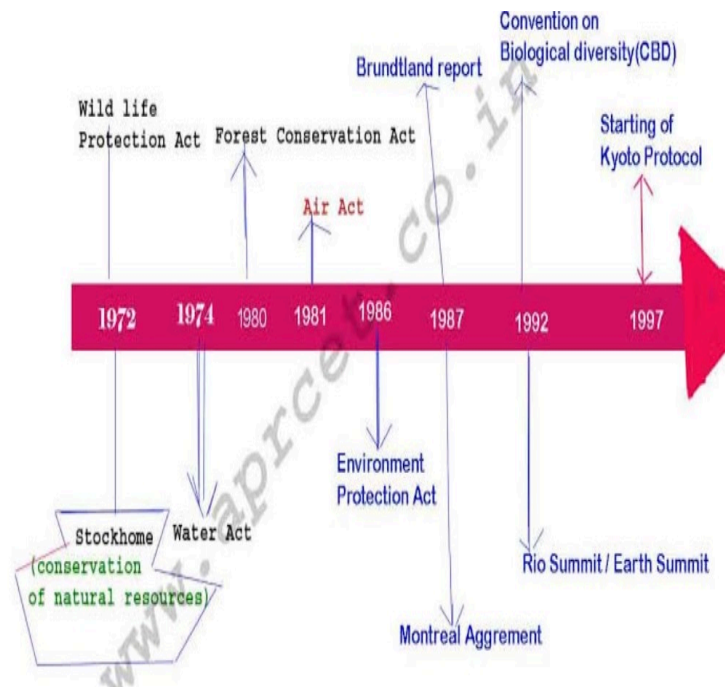
[B] Environment Protection Act  
1986

[C] Wildlife Protection Act 1972

[D] None of the Above



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**Correct Answer: B**

[Environment Protection Act 1986]

**Notes:**

Recently on July 25 2025 the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change notified the Environment Protection Management of Contaminated Sites Rules 2025. These rules are issued under the Environment Protection Act 1986.



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It is the first time India has created formal procedures to manage chemically polluted sites. The rules aim to identify assess and clean up sites where hazardous chemicals have polluted soil groundwater or surface water. Such contamination poses long term risks to public health and ecosystems. As per Central Pollution Control Board CPCB contaminated sites include old industrial landfills chemical spill sites and abandoned chemical facilities



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**51. In July 2025, India's annual retail inflation dropped to what level, marking its lowest in eight years?**

- a) 0.95%
- b) 1.55%
- c) 2.10%
- d) 3.00%



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## India's July retail inflation hits 8-year low of 1.55%, second-lowest ever

At 1.55%, India's CPI inflation in July has fallen below the lower-bound of the RBI's 2-6% flexible inflation target range for the first time since January 2019.

Written by Siddharth Upasani

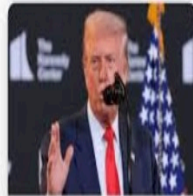
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Ahead of his high-stakes summit with Vladimir Putin Friday, US president Donald Trump suggested that his tariffs on India "essentially took them out of buying oil from Russia," and may

**Answer:** b) 1.55%

### **Explanation:**

Inflation slowed sharply to 1.55%, the lowest since June 2017, driven by falling food prices. Food inflation even turned negative, significantly impacting farmers. Though easing inflation eases consumer worry, analysts expect a rebound by early 2026



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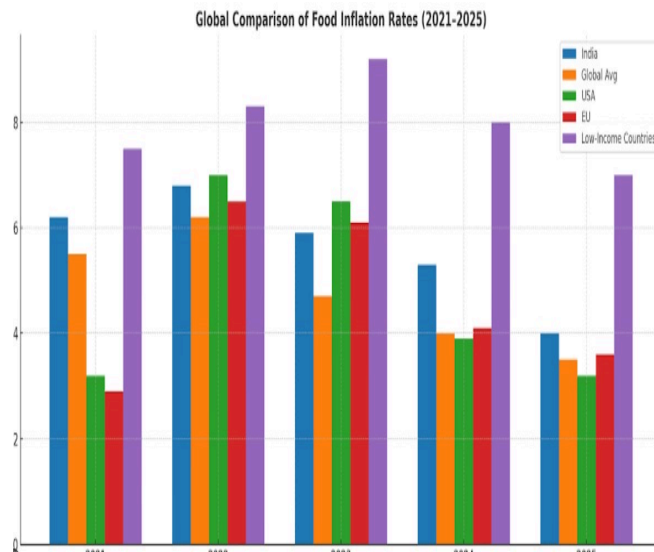
**52. Which of the following food items saw the steepest decline contributing to the inflation drop in July 2025?**

- a) Pulses (−13.76%)
- b) Vegetables (−20.69%)
- c) Rice (−15%)
- d) Milk (−10%)

**Answer:** b) Vegetables (−20.69%)



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**Answer:** c) Fivefold increase in Demat accounts

**Explanation:**

Retail investor participation expanded significantly, with demat accounts growing five times over five years. Monthly SIP contributions hit record highs, reducing reliance on volatile foreign capital. This shift underpinned market resilience.



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**53. In late July 2025, which country imposed a 25% tariff on Indian exports?**

- a) China
- b) European Union
- c) United States
- d) Japan



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**Answer:** c) United States

**Explanation:**

The US imposed 25% import tariffs on Indian goods, largely responding to India's oil purchases from Russia. This raised trade tensions and may affect India's economic growth.



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**54. On World Mangrove Day (July 26, 2025), whose legacy in mangrove conservation was highlighted?**

- a) Salim Ali
- b) M.S. Swaminathan
- c) R.K. Pachauri
- d) Rajendra Singh



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Architect of Global  
Mangrove Conservation  
and Climate Resilience

**Answer:** b) M.S. Swaminathan

**Explanation:**

M.S. Swaminathan's efforts reframed mangroves as vital for climate resilience and disaster risk reduction. His legacy helped elevate mangrove ecosystems in global environmental priorities.



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**55. Which architectural transformation in Delhi was described as symbolizing a nationalist vision and expanded legislative capacity?**

- a) New Hyderabad Administrative Complex
- b) Central Vista redevelopment
- c) Smart City Bengaluru project
- d) New Parliament in Mumbai



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**Answer:** b) Central Vista redevelopment

**Explanation:**

Delhi's Central Vista was revamped, renaming Rajpath to Kartavya Path and Mughal Gardens to Amrit Udyan, and constructing a new triangular Parliament to accommodate a growing population. The design includes national motifs



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**56. Which university was selected to host one of four incubation centres in the Northeast in July 2025?**

- a) Gauhati University
- b) Manipur University
- c) Nagaland University
- d) Tripura University



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**Answer: c) Nagaland University**

**Explanation:**

Nagaland University was chosen to host one incubation centre under a GoI initiative to promote entrepreneurship across the Northeast, benefiting 44 beneficiaries from multiple states.



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**57.What is the expected completion year of the Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge over the Brahmaputra?**

- a) 2025
- b) 2026
- c) 2028
- d) 2030



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**Answer: c) 2028**

**Explanation:**

This 19.3 km extradosed cable-stay bridge between Assam and Meghalaya is under construction. By April 2025, 59% was completed, with full opening slated for 2028.



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**58.What's the length of the proposed Arunachal Frontier Highway along the China border?**

- a) 900 km
- b) 1,200 km
- c) 1,748 km
- d) 2,000 km



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**Answer: c) 1,748 km**

**Explanation:**

NH-913, the Arunachal Frontier Highway, will stretch 1,748 km alongside the LAC, to be completed by March 2027. It enhances strategic connectivity in border areas.



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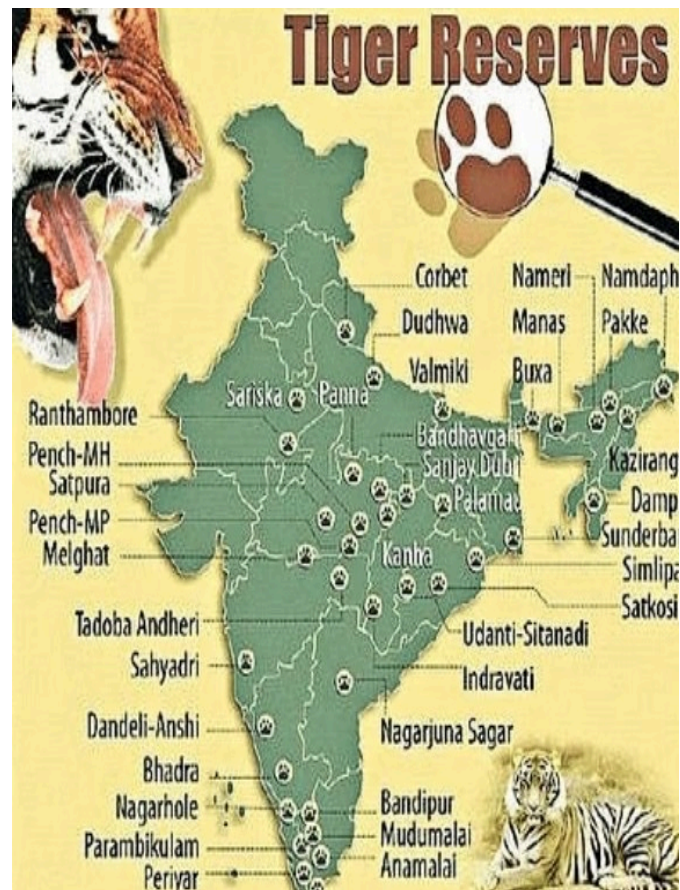
**59. Which animal survey was mentioned in late July 2025 as part of India's conservation efforts?**

- a) Tiger migration study
- b) Small-cat status in tiger landscapes
- c) Elephant corridor analysis
- d) Rhino population distribution



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**Answer:** b) Small-cat status in tiger landscapes

**Explanation:**

India initiated assessments of small cats inhabiting tiger conservation landscapes, broadening biodiversity monitoring beyond flagship species.



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**60. In July 2025, India and Brazil signed multiple agreements. In which areas were they?**

- a) Defence only
- b) Space exploration only
- c) Shared Multilateral Platforms
- d) Cybersecurity only



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## **Answer c**

### **Explanation:**

In July 2025, India and Brazil strengthened ties through cooperation on shared multilateral platforms, including BRICS, G20, G4, IBSA, and ISA. This partnership aimed at amplifying the voice of the Global South in shaping global governance. The agreements focused on coordinated diplomacy, economic cooperation, and sustainable development goals.



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**61.India Energy Stack is an initiative of which ministry?**

[A] Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

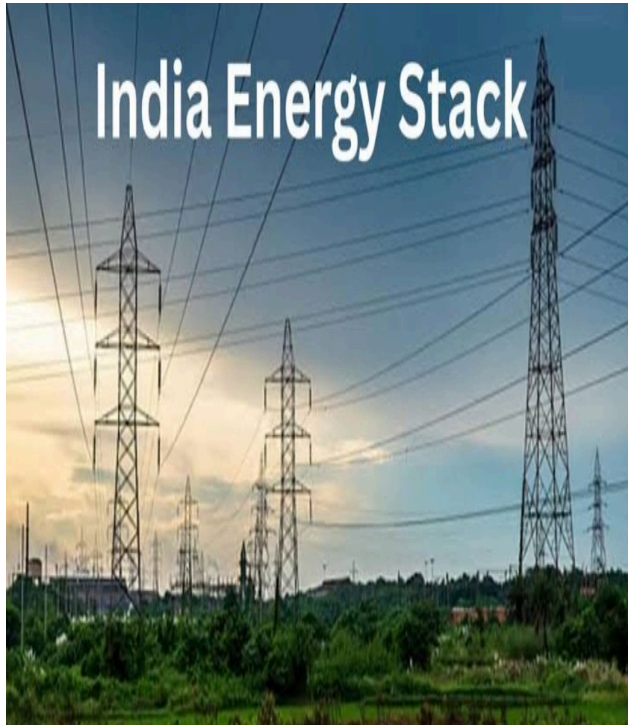
[B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

[C] Ministry of Power

[D] Ministry of Science and Technology



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**Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Power]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Ministry of Power announced a task force to develop the India Energy Stack, a new digital platform for the energy sector. The India Energy Stack is a Digital Public Infrastructure to create a secure, standard, and open system for managing and innovating across the electricity sector.



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It will give unique identification numbers for consumers, assets, and transactions. It will allow real-time, consent-based data sharing and use open Application Programming Interfaces for smooth integration.



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**62.What is the name of the operation under which Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) busted the darknet drug racket?**

[A] Operation APPLE

[B] Operation MELON

[C] Operation TIGER

[D] Operation STORM



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**Correct Answer: B [Operation MELON]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Narcotics Control Bureau busted a huge international drug racket through the darknet under Operation MELON. Operation MELON led to the recovery of LSD blots, Ketamine, and cryptocurrency.



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LSD stands for Lysergic Acid Diethylamide, and Ketamine are highly potent hallucinogenic drugs. Hallucinogens are psychedelic substances that change how people see, hear, taste, smell, or feel, and can also affect mood and thoughts. Ketamine is not an opioid but acts as a N-Methyl-D-Aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonist in the brain. Officials also found TAILS Operating System, a system designed for accessing darknet markets.



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**63. Which ministry has released the report titled “Value of Output from Agriculture and Allied Sectors”?**

[A] Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

[B] Ministry of Agriculture

[C] Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

[D] Ministry of Finance



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**Correct Answer: C** [Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation]

**Notes:**

Recently, the National Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, released the “Statistical Report on Value of Output from Agriculture and Allied Sectors (2011–12 to 2023–24)” on its website.



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The report covers Crop, Livestock, Forestry and Logging, Fishing and Aquaculture data at current and constant prices. Gross Value Added of agriculture rose by 225% from ₹1,502 thousand crore in 2011-12 to ₹4,878 thousand crore in 2023-24. Gross Value of Output grew 54.6% at constant prices from ₹1,908 thousand crore to ₹2,949 thousand crore in this period. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Telangana, and Haryana contributed 53% of cereals GVO.



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**64. Apache AH-64E Attack  
Helicopter was developed by  
which country?**

- [A] Russia
- [B] China
- [C] India
- [D] United States



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**Correct Answer:** D [United States]

**Notes:**

The Indian Army will soon get the first batch of Apache AH-64E attack helicopters from the United States. The Apache AH-64E, also called the Apache Guardian, is the world's most advanced multi-role combat helicopter.



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It is made by Boeing in the United States and used by many countries, including India, Egypt, Greece, and Japan. It can fly up to 300 kilometres per hour and has a range of 500 kilometres. It has advanced systems for communication, navigation, sensors, and weapons.



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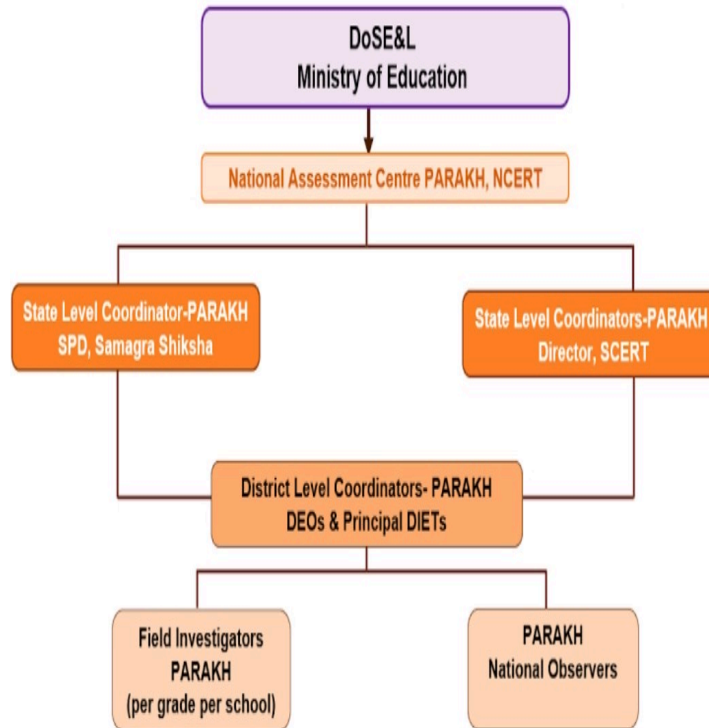
**65. What is the name of the recently launched portal that provides open access to National and State-level data on student performance?**

- [A] Vidya Samiksha Portal
- [B] PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan Dissemination Portal
- [C] Shiksha Setu Portal
- [D] Samarth Bharat Portal



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Team structure for efficient administration of survey across 36 States/UTs



**Correct Answer: B** [PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan Dissemination Portal]

**Notes:**

Recently, the PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan Dissemination Portal was launched to share open data on student performance at National and State levels. It will help States and Union Territories design plans to improve learning outcomes and close skill gaps.



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PARAKH stands for Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development. It was set up under National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). It aims to set norms, standards, and guidelines for student assessments as per National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. It brings all State and Union Territory school boards onto a common platform.



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**66.What is “Garciniakusumae”  
that was recently mentioned in  
news?**

- [A] Tree species
- [B] Traditional medicine
- [C] Spider
- [D] Frog



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**Correct Answer:** A [Tree species]

**Notes:**

Recently, botanists discovered a new species in Assam called *Garciniakusumae*. *Garciniakusumae* belongs to the *Garcinia* genus, known as thoikora in Assamese. It is a dioecious evergreen tree growing up to 18 metres tall.



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The tree flowers from February to April and bears fruit from May to June. The fruit is used culturally and medicinally in Assam. Its sun-dried pulp is made into a sherbet to prevent heat stroke and quench thirst.



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**67. Which country has become the first to formally recognise the Taliban government in Afghanistan?**

- [A] Russia
- [B] China
- [C] India
- [D] Ukraine



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**Correct Answer: A [Russia]**

**Notes:**

Recently, on 3rd July 2025, Russia became the first country to formally recognise the Taliban government in Afghanistan since it took power in 2021. Russia removed the Taliban from its list of outlawed organisations.



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The Russian Foreign Ministry accepted credentials from Afghanistan's newly appointed Ambassador Gul Hassan Hassan. Russia stated that this recognition will support productive bilateral cooperation between the two countries. Afghanistan's Foreign Ministry called the move historic and hoped it would encourage other countries to follow.



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**68. Thiyam Suryamukhi Devi,  
who recently passed away, was  
related to which classical dance?**

- [A] Kathakali
- [B] Odissi
- [C] Manipuri
- [D] Mohiniyattam



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**Correct Answer: C [Manipuri]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Manipuri classical dancer and Padma Shri awardee Thiyam Suryamukhi Devi passed away at age 85 after prolonged illness at her home in Keishampat, Imphal West. She was one of the 113 Padma Shri recipients this year.



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She joined Aryan Theatre as a child artist and performed in the Soviet Union in 1954. Later, she performed in China, Japan, South Korea, and other countries. She trained under Padma Meishnam Amubi and joined Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy (JNMDA).



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**69. Which state/UT has become the first in India to include screening for tuberculosis (TB) patients under the initiative of “Family Adoption Program”?**

[A] Puducherry

[B] Bihar

[C] Jammu and Kashmir

[D] Uttarakhand



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**Correct Answer: A [Puducherry]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Puducherry became the first state to include tuberculosis (TB) screening under the “Family Adoption Program” where medical students adopt families for community outreach. Medical students screen all family members for TB and help with diagnosis and treatment if symptoms are found.



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The National Medical Commission made it mandatory for students to adopt 3–5 families and follow them for three years. Puducherry also uses Verbal Autopsy to study TB deaths and find reasons behind late treatment.



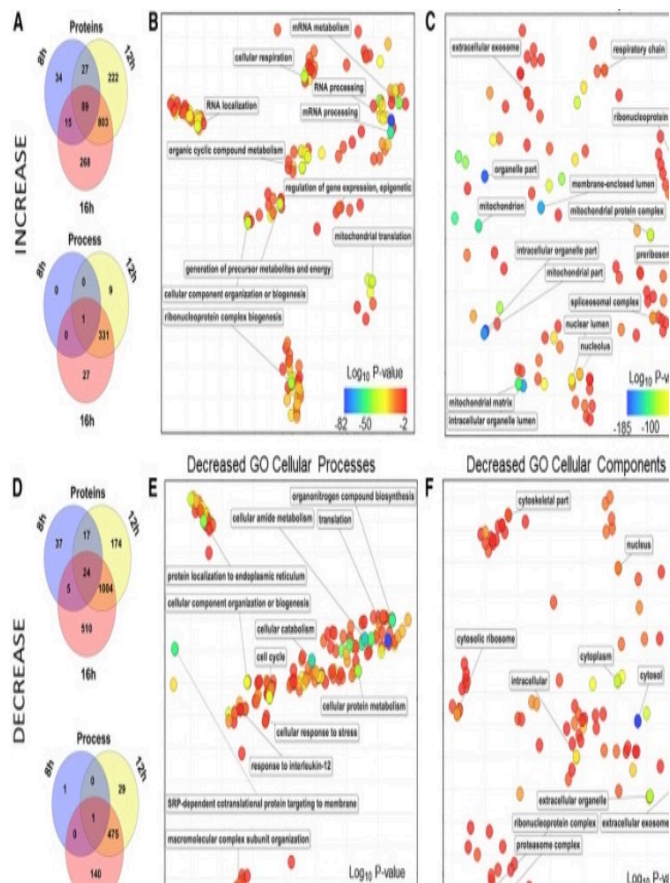
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**70. Which species is the natural host of “Nipah Virus” that was recently reported in Kerala?**

- [A] Ant
- [B] Fruit bat
- [C] Mosquito
- [D] Housefly



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**Correct Answer: B [Fruit bat]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Kerala Health Minister confirmed 425 people are on the Nipah virus contact list across the state.

Nipah Virus (NiV) is an emerging zoonotic virus spreading from animals to humans. It can also spread through contaminated food or directly from person to person.



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Fruit bats from the Pteropodidae family are its natural hosts. NiV infection can be without symptoms, mild, or cause serious breathing illness and deadly brain swelling.



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**71. What was the key environmental significance of the Grassland Bird Survey released from Kaziranga in July 2025?**

- A. It documented tiger migration patterns across Brahmaputra floodplains
- B. It assessed grassland-dependent bird biodiversity in Brahmaputra floodplains
- C. It studied the impact of hydropower dams on Kaziranga wetlands
- D. It forecasted monsoon flooding in northeastern India



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**Answer:** B. It assessed grassland-dependent bird biodiversity in Brahmaputra floodplains.

**Explanation:** The survey, conducted from March 18 to May 25, focused on grassland-dependent bird species in the Brahmaputra floodplains. It provides vital data on avian biodiversity critical for conservation and habitat management in northeastern India.



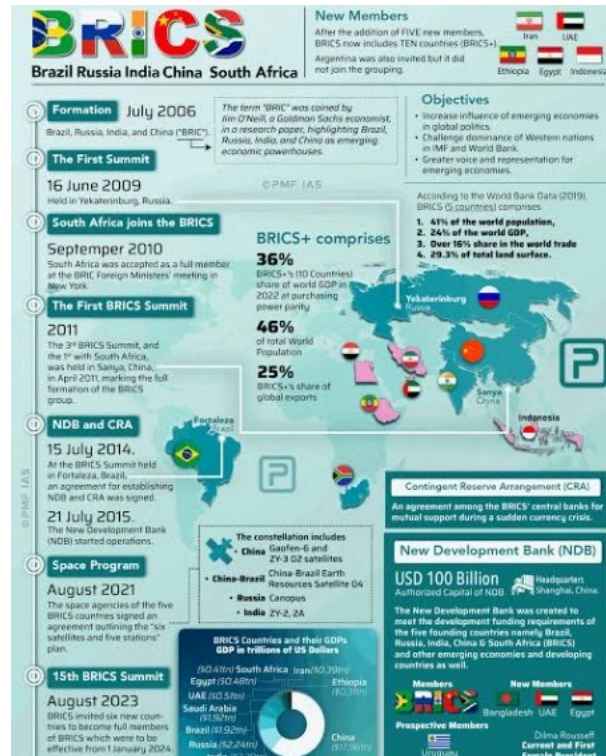
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**72. What was a major theme of the 17th BRICS Leaders' Summit in July 2025?**

- A. Strengthening Global South cooperation and inclusive global governance
- B. Launching a BRICS-wide digital currency
- C. Establishing military alliances among member states
- D. Initiating border demarcation policies



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**Answer:** A. Strengthening Global South cooperation and inclusive global governance.

**Explanation:** The summit's theme focused on global health, development finance, AI governance, climate change response, and reforming global security architecture under the wider idea of inclusive global governance among Global South nations.



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**73. What key feature defined the India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) signed in July 2025?**

- A. 100% tariff on UK goods entering India
- B. Zero-duty access on 99% of Indian exports to the UK
- C. Exclusive visa privileges for Indian workers without reciprocity
- D. Suspension of trade in services for five years



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**Answer:** B. Zero-duty access on 99% of Indian exports to the UK.  
**Explanation:** Under CETA, Indian goods enjoy zero-duty access on 99% of tariff lines, benefiting textiles, gems, leather, toys, processed foods, while sensitive sectors like dairy remain excluded. It covers goods, services, investment, mobility, and social security via DCC.



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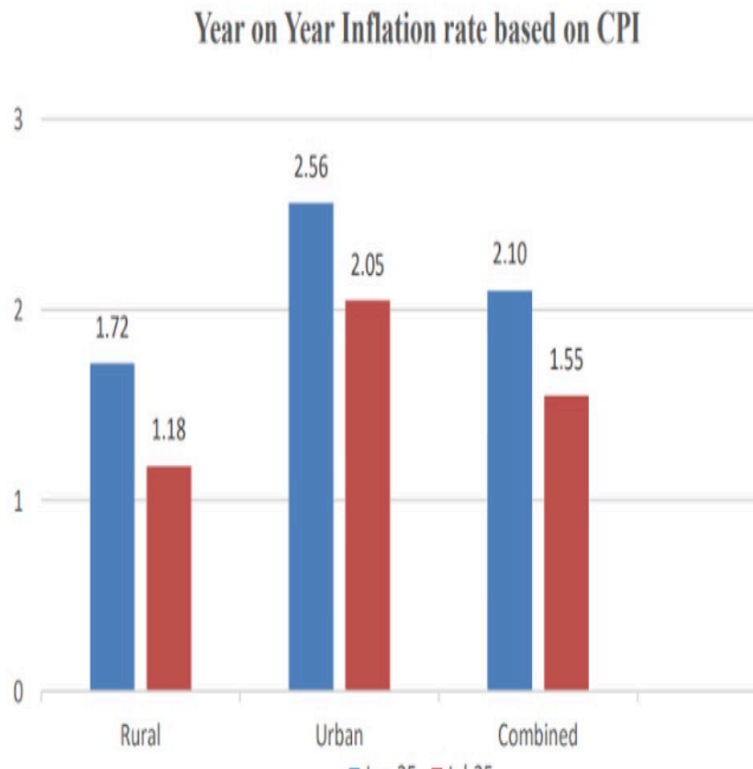


**74.What was the recorded retail inflation rate in India in July 2025?**

- A. 6.0%
- B. 3.5%
- C. 1.55%
- D. 0.5%



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**Answer:** C. 1.55%.

**Explanation:** CPI inflation dropped to 1.55%, the lowest since June 2017, driven by falling prices in food items like vegetables and pulses. The RBI maintained interest rates and anticipated inflation to rebound later.



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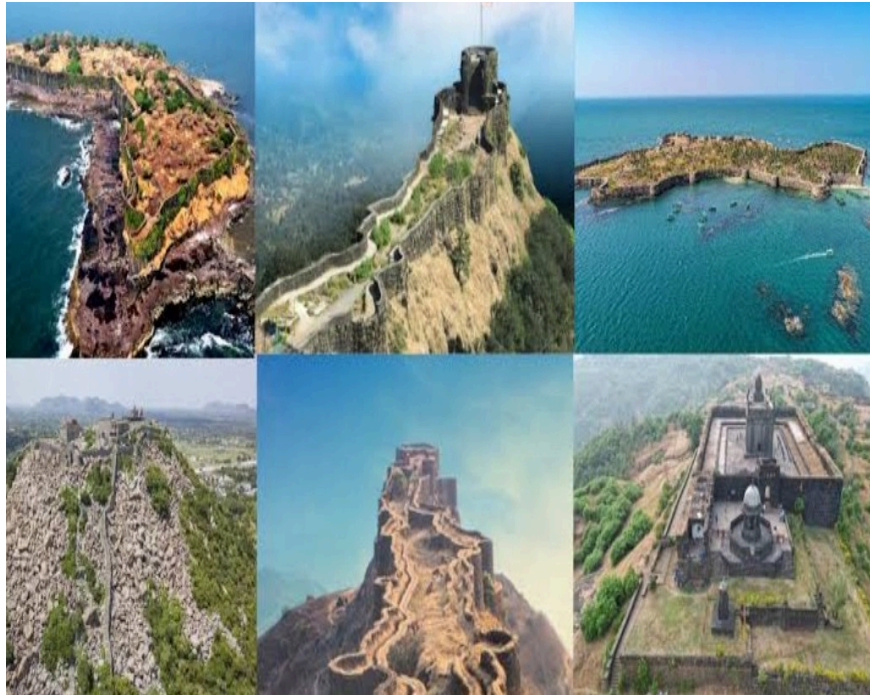


**75. What historic recognition did India receive in July 2025?**

- A. Buddhist pilgrimage sites listed as World Heritage
- B. Maratha Military Landscapes designated as World Heritage Sites
- C. Ganges floodplains declared a Biosphere Reserve
- D. Indian space centre added to UNESCO's science heritage list



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**Answer:** B. Maratha Military Landscapes designated as World Heritage Sites.

**Explanation:** On July 11, the Maratha Military Landscapes were inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage list, acknowledging the historical importance of Maratha military heritage in India's history



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**76.Which institute has developed a highly sensitive, low-cost point-of-care device for early detection of sepsis?**

[A] Indian Institute of Technology  
Bombay

[B] National Institute of Technology  
Calicut

[C] All India Institute of Medical  
Sciences, Delhi

[D] Indian Institute of Science,  
Bengaluru

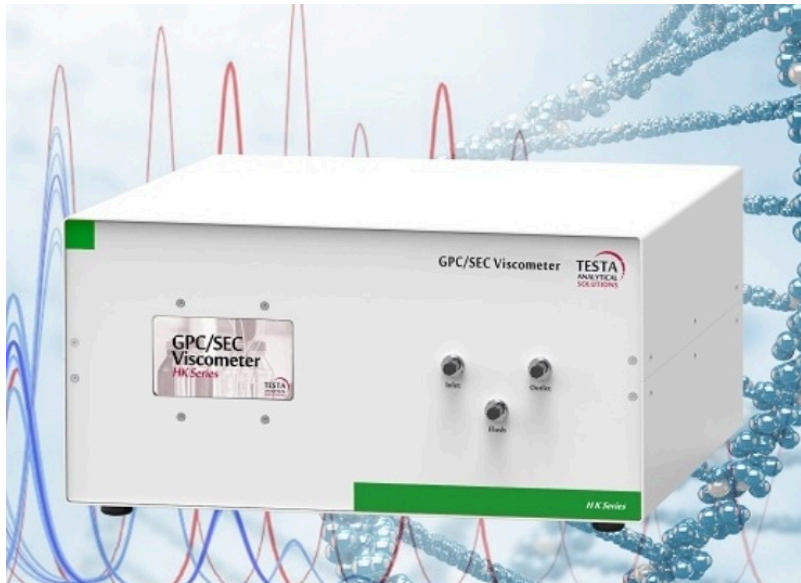


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**Correct Answer:** B [National Institute of Technology Calicut]

**Notes:**

A team at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Calicut has recently developed a low-cost, highly sensitive point-of-care device for early detection of sepsis. The device uses an electrochemical biosensor to detect endotoxins, which are key biomarkers of infection from Gram-negative bacteria.



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Sepsis is a life-threatening condition that can cause organ failure, shock, and even death if not treated early. The device can detect Lipopolysaccharide (LPS), a toxic component of bacterial membranes, within 10 minutes using blood serum.



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**77. Which state government has launched foreign language scheme named CM-FLIGHT to boost overseas employment?**

[A] Manipur

[B] Tripura

[C] Mizoram

[D] Assam



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**Correct Answer: D [Assam]**

**Notes:**



Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the Chief Minister's Foreign Language Initiative for Global Human Talent (CM-FLIGHT) to enhance youth employability abroad. The scheme will offer structured training in foreign languages, including up to Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 level.



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The project aligns with Japan's Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) visa program to facilitate paid short-term jobs in Japan. A subsidy of ₹1.5 lakh will be provided to each selected applicant for language training. This initiative aims to tackle unemployment and underemployment in Assam through international job access.



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**78. Which country has recently experienced a massive outbreak of the toxic algae *Karenia mikimotoi*?**

- [A] Japan
- [B] Indonesia
- [C] Australia
- [D] Malaysia



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**Correct Answer: C [Australia]**

**Notes:**

A massive toxic algal bloom of *Karenia mikimotoi* off South Australia, first detected in March 2025, has killed over 400 marine species and hit tourism and fishing hard. The bloom spans 4,500 square km and is worsened by a marine heatwave since 2024 with 2.5°C rise in sea temperature.



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Karenia mikimotoi is a red-tide dinoflagellate commonly found in the eastern North Atlantic and around Japan. It releases hemolytic and ichthyo toxins that cause mass deaths of fish, shellfish, crustaceans, and echinoderms. Though it does not directly harm humans, its blooms create anoxic (oxygen-depleted) waters when dead cells decay.



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**79. What is “HOPS-315” that was recently mentioned in news?**

[A] Protostar

[B] Asteroid

[C] Black hole

[D] Critical minera

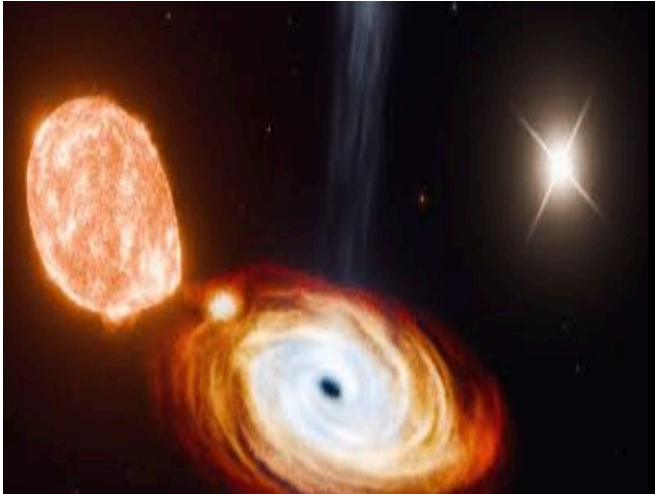


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**Correct Answer: A [Protostar]**

**Notes:**

Recently, astronomers observed rocky planet formation for the first time by detecting minerals condensing from vapor around a young star named HOPS-315. HOPS-315 is a newborn protostar located 1,300 light-years away in the Orion molecular cloud.



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It has a rotating protoplanetary disc of gas and dust, tilted in a way that allows Earth-based telescopes to view its inner region clearly. This rare view helped scientists directly witness the earliest stages of rocky planet formation. The minerals found—like forsterite and enstatite—match those in chondritic meteorites on Earth. This discovery closely mirrors how our own Solar System may have formed.



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**80. Atal Pension Yojana is regulated by which organization?**

- [A] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- [B] Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)
- [C] Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- [D] Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)



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**Correct Answer:** D [Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)]

**Notes:**

Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has crossed 8 crore enrolments in 2025, marking its 10th anniversary. 39 lakh new subscribers were added in the current financial year. APY is a government-backed pension scheme launched in 2015.



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It provides social security to workers in the unorganised sector. It is regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). The scheme guarantees fixed monthly pension after the age of 60. It promotes retirement planning for people without formal pension coverage. It supports inclusive financial security and long-term welfare for low-income workers.



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**81 .What significant counter-terrorism operation was launched in late July 2025 in Jammu & Kashmir, targeting a Lashkar-e-Taiba offshoot?**

- A. Operation Vijay
- B. Operation Cactus
- C. Operation Mahadev
- D. Operation Blue Star



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## **Answer: C. Operation Mahadev**

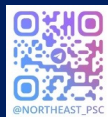
Operation Mahadev was a coordinated counter-terrorism mission in Pahalgam, involving the Indian Army, CRPF, and J&K police. It resulted in neutralizing three high-profile terrorists, including TRF mastermind "Sulieman". The operation occurred following a deadly attack on CRPF personnel and civilians. It was hailed as a major success in curbing TRF's operational capacity.



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**82. Which Northeast state did the PM and Finance Minister commend as a blueprint for a resilient, self-reliant India?**

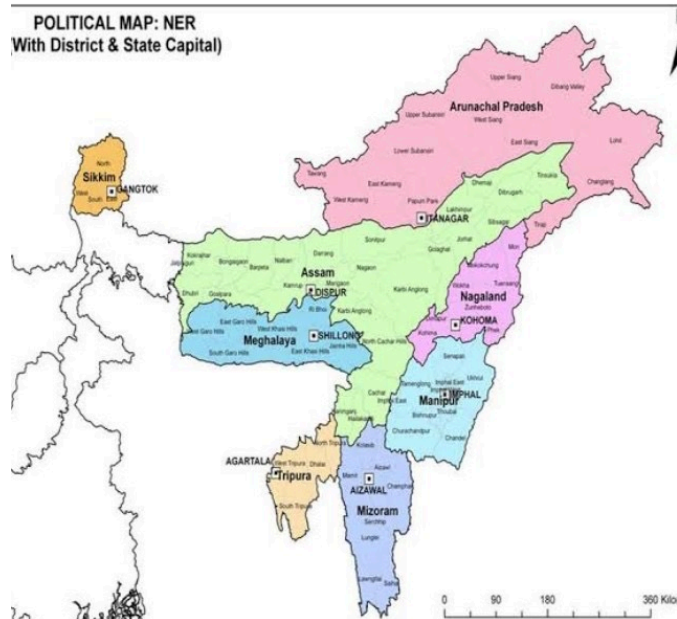
- A. Assam
- B. Manipur
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



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## Answer: C. Meghalaya

Meghalaya was praised by both the Prime Minister and Finance Minister as a model for building a resilient and self-reliant India, recognizing efforts in community-led tourism, women SHGs, and schemes like PM Suryaghar Muft Bijli and Vibrant Village.



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The remarks stem from Finance Minister Sitharaman's post and her visit between 10–13 July. The commendation highlights inclusive development under CM Conrad K Sangma



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**83. Which tournament, held in cities including Imphal and Shillong starting 23 July 2025, is known as the oldest football competition in Asia?**

- A. I-League
- B. Indian Super League
- C. Durand Cup
- D. Federation Cup



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## **Answer: C. Durand Cup**

The 134th edition of the Durand Cup, Asia's oldest football tournament, began on 23 July 2025 in venues like Imphal, Kokrajhar, Shillong, and Kolkata. It's sponsored by Indian Oil and supported by AIFF and multiple state governments. NorthEast United entered as defending champions. The tournament reinforces football's cultural footprint across Northeast India



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**84. A new gecko species, named *Cnemaspis brahmaputra*, was discovered in Assam near which river?**

- A. Lohit
- B. Barak
- C. Brahmaputra
- D. Subansiri



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### **Answer: C. Brahmaputra**

The new diurnal gecko species, *Cnemaspis brahmaputra*, was discovered near Guwahati's Dirgheswari Temple, by the Brahmaputra River. Named to honor the river, it's only the second mainland Indian representative of its clade. The discovery emphasizes Assam's biodiversity significance and the evolutionary role of major rivers in species distribution.



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**85. Which poetically themed conservation center was announced in Tamil Nadu for hornbills?**

- A. Coimbatore CoE for Hornbills
- B. Western Ghats Hornbill Sanctuary
- C. Anamalai Tiger Reserve CoE for Hornbill Conservation
- D. Tamil Nadu Bird Centre



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## **Answer: C. Anamalai Tiger Reserve CoE for Hornbill Conservation**

Tamil Nadu announced the establishment of India's first Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Hornbill Conservation at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve in Coimbatore. Funded with ₹1 crore under the Endangered Species Conservation Corpus Fund, the CoE will focus on research, habitat restoration, GPS tracking, artificial nests, and sapling propagation. It aims to protect four key hornbill species in the Western Ghats.



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**86. Which symbolically renamed location did the Central Vista redevelopment project rename to Kartavya Path?**

- A. India Gate
- B. Rajpath
- C. Mughal Gardens
- D. Parliament Road



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## **Answer: B. Rajpath**

As part of the Central Vista redevelopment, Delhi's iconic Rajpath was renamed "Kartavya Path" in July/August 2025. The broader redevelopment includes a new triangular Parliament building and renamed spaces like "Amrit Udyan" (formerly Mughal Gardens). The project reflects nationalistic symbolism and India's evolving identity.



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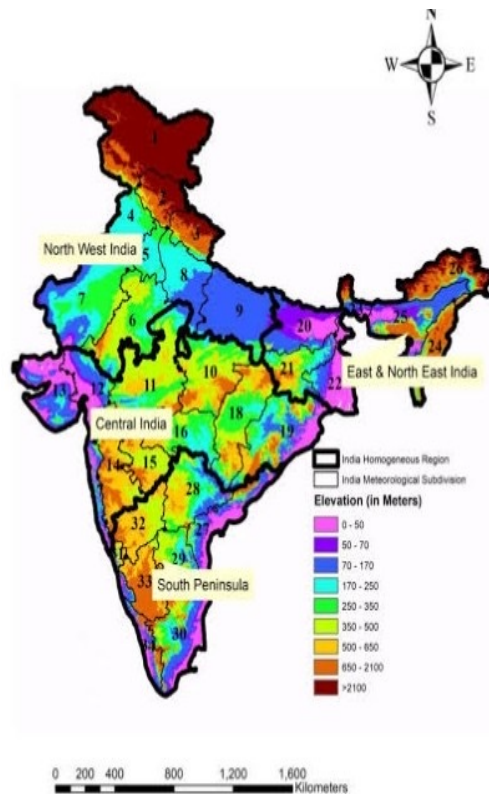


**87. Which Indian state advised to monitor rainfall and prepare for localized droughts despite heavy monsoon rains in July 2025?**

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh



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## Answer: A. Kerala

Despite heavy monsoon activity, the Centre issued a warning to Kerala in July 2025 about potential localized droughts. States were urged to monitor rainfall using gauges, prepare for crop stress, deploy resilient seeds, and activate agromet services. Fodder shortages also prompted recommendations for mixed cropping and fodder procurement.



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**88. What unfortunate discovery was made in Churachandpur, Manipur, relating to a missing Assam labourer in late July?**

- A. Found alive in wild
- B. Body recovered in dense forest
- C. Went missing in Mizoram
- D. Relocated to Guwahati



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## **Answer: B. Body recovered in dense forest**

The body of Dugdha Hazarika, a 37-year-old Assam labourer missing since 28 July, was found in a dense forest between Suahzahau and Zabellei in Churachandpur, around 17 km from Singngat police station. Local residents alerted authorities, and the body was taken for post-mortem procedures at RIMS, Imphal.



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**89. Which butterfly-related event in Northeast India recorded over 107 species ?**

- A. Meghalaya Butterfly Festival
- B. Assam Lepidoptera Summit
- C. Manipur Butterfly Count
- D. Mechukha Butterfly & Biodiversity Meet



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## **Answer: D. Mechukha Butterfly & Biodiversity Meet**

The High-Altitude Mechukha Butterfly & Biodiversity Meet held from 19–20 July 2025 recorded over 107 butterfly species. This highlights Northeast India's rich biodiversity and the ecological importance of high-altitude habitats in Arunachal Pradesh.



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**90. Which platform in July 2025 was endorsed to support MSME digital trade finance through a partnership involving KredX and Canara Bank?**

- A. MSME Finance Portal
- B. KredXTrade
- C. DTX (Digital Trade Exchange)
- D. SME Digital Hub



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## **Answer: C. DTX (Digital Trade Exchange)**

In July 2025, KredX partnered with Canara Bank to enhance MSME digital trade finance via a platform called DTX (Digital Trade Exchange). This initiative aims to streamline trade finance using digital channels for small and medium enterprises. It reflects growing digitisation in India's financial services.



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**91. Which organization has released the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Report 2025?**

[A] United Nations (UN)

[B] World Bank

[C] European Union (EU)

[D] World Health Organization (WHO)



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The Sustainable Development Goals Report  
2025



**Correct Answer:** A [United Nations (UN)]

**Notes:**

The United Nations has released the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Report 2025. Five key goals — SDG2 (Zero Hunger), SDG4 (Quality Education), SDG6 (Clean Water), SDG8 (Decent Work), and SDG10 (Reduced Inequalities) — are worst hit, with 50–57% of targets off-track.



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Global hunger affects 713–757 million people, worsened by conflict, climate change, and economic shocks. Food insecurity affected 2.33 billion people in 2023 — 383 million more than in 2019. SDG8 sees half of its indicators declining, with 57.8% of global workforce in informal jobs and youth unemployment at 12.9%. SDG14 (Life Below Water) is least funded and shows 40% decline in key targets. SDG3 (Good Health) shows stagnation in maternal health and universal coverage, with post-COVID strain persisting.



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**92.What is Chronic Venous Insufficiency (CVI), that was recently seen in news?**

[A] A condition that affects the lung

[B] A condition where veins in the legs cannot properly send blood back to the heart

[C] A condition that affects the lungs

[D] A kidney malfunction affects Blood pressure



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**Correct Answer:** B [A condition where veins in the legs cannot properly send blood back to the heart]

**Notes:**

Former U.S. President Donald Trump was recently diagnosed with Chronic Venous Insufficiency (CVI). CVI is a condition where leg veins cannot efficiently return blood to the heart, causing blood to pool in the legs. Normally, vein valves help blood flow upward, but in CVI, these valves don't function properly.



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It can lead to symptoms like leg pain, swelling, cramps, skin changes, varicose veins, and leg ulcers. CVI is more common in people who are overweight, pregnant, have a family history, or had leg injuries, surgery, or blood clots.



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**93. Which type of missile is “Akash Prime” that was recently seen in news?**

- [A] Air-to-Surface missile
- [B] Air-to-Air missile
- [C] Surface-to-Air missile
- [D] Surface-to-Surface missile



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**Correct Answer: C** [Surface-to-Air missile]

**Notes:**

Recently, India successfully destroyed two Aerial High-Speed Unmanned targets in Ladakh using Akash Prime missile. Akash Prime is an upgraded version of the Akash surface-to-air missile system designed for high-altitude use.



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It is a medium-range missile meant to defend mobile, semi-mobile, and static military assets from aerial threats. It features an indigenous Radio Frequency seeker for precise target tracking in the final flight phase. It can target threats at a range of 25 to 30 kilometers.



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**94. What kind of vessel is “INS Sandhayak” that was recently mentioned in news?**

- [A] Hydrographic Survey Ship
- [B] Amphibious Warfare Ship
- [C] Aircraft Carrier
- [D] Missile Destroyer



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**Correct Answer: A**  
[Hydrographic Survey Ship]

**Notes:**

Recently, Indian Navy's INS Sandhayak made its maiden port call at Port Klang, Malaysia for hydrographic cooperation. INS Sandhayak is the first indigenously designed and built Sandhayak-class hydrographic survey ship.



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It was commissioned in February 2024. The ship was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata. It is capable of full-scale coastal and deep-water hydrographic surveys and oceanographic data collection.



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**95. *Lyriothemis abrahami*, that was recently seen in news, belongs to which species?**

[A] Spider

[B] Frog

[C] Dragonfly

[D] Ant



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**Correct Answer: C [Dragonfly]**

**Notes:**

Recently, a new species of dragonfly named *Lyriothemis abrahami* was officially discovered in Kerala, India. It was earlier misidentified as *Lyriothemis flava* due to similar appearance. It breeds in small water pools inside tree holes, highlighting its forest-dependent nature.



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It is found in lowland rainforests to mid-elevation evergreen and deciduous forests between 50 m to 1,100 m altitude. This discovery raised Kerala's total odonate (dragonfly and damselfly) species count to 191, including 78 endemic species. It serves as an indicator of forest health, supporting the need for habitat conservation.



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**96. Which country has emerged as the global leader in fast payments, according to the International Monetary Fund?**

- [A] India
- [B] China
- [C] Japan
- [D] Bangladesh



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**Correct Answer: A [India]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recognized India as a global leader in fast payments through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). In June 2025, UPI processed ₹24.03 lakh crore via 18.39 billion transactions, marking a 32% year-on-year growth from 13.88 billion transactions in June 2024.



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UPI now accounts for 85% of all digital transactions in India and nearly 50% of global real-time digital payments. It handles over 640 million transactions daily, surpassing Visa's 639 million transactions per day. This scale was achieved in just 9 years, since UPI's launch in 2016 by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).



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**97. Which country has created an in vitro biotransformation (ivBT) system that can make sucrose from methanol?**

[A] China

[B] India

[C] Japan

[D] Israel

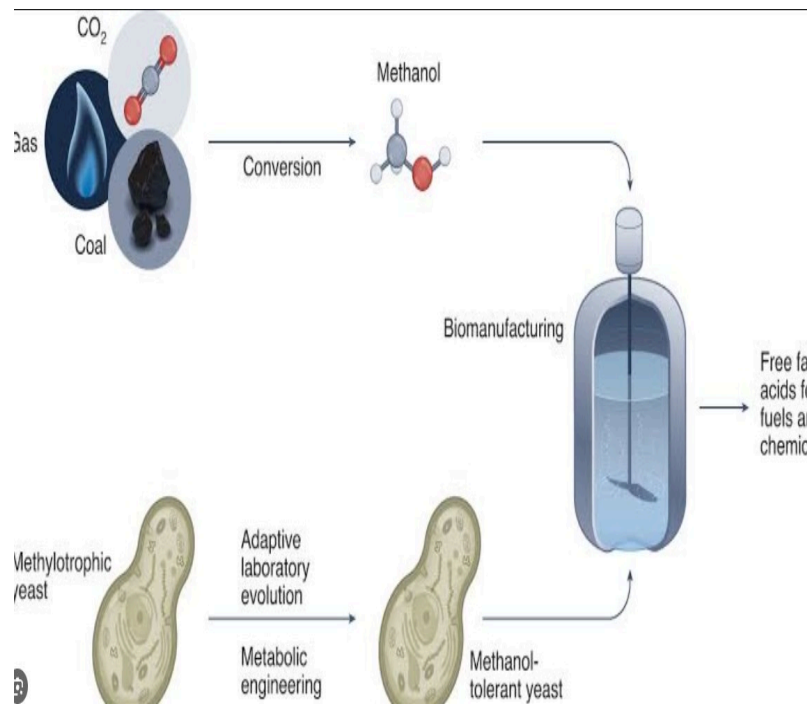


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**Correct Answer: A [China]**

**Notes:**

Chinese researchers recently created an in vitro biotransformation (ivBT) system that can make sucrose from methanol. Methanol used in the process is produced from industrial waste or carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).



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This method shows a new way to convert CO<sub>2</sub> into food and useful chemicals. It helps in solving environmental problems and food shortages caused by growing population. Biotransformation means changing a substance using biological agents like enzymes. When this change happens outside the living body, it is called in vitro biotransformation (ivBT). The system uses isolated enzymes or cells for the chemical change.



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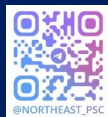
**98.AdFalciVax Vaccine, that was recently seen in news, is related to which disease?**

[A] Malaria

[B] Polio

[C] Measles

[D] Trachoma



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**Correct Answer: A [Malaria]**

**Notes:**

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is developing a new malaria vaccine called AdFalcivax to fight *Plasmodium falciparum*. This was recently highlighted due to its unique chimeric and recombinant design.



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AdFalciVax is being developed with Regional Medical Research Centre Bhubaneswar (RMRCBB), National Institute of Malaria Research (NIMR), and Department of Biotechnology – National Institute of Immunology (DBT-NII). It uses *Lactococcus lactis*, a safe food-grade bacterium, for production. The vaccine targets both the pre-erythrocytic and sexual stages of the malaria parasite. This dual-target approach offers both personal protection and reduction of mosquito transmission.



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**99.The Hatti tribe is primarily found in which region?**

[A] Ladakh

[B] Western Ghats

[C] Chotanagpur plateau

[D] Himachal Pradesh-Uttarakhand border



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**Correct Answer:** D [Himachal Pradesh-Uttarakhand border]

**Notes:**

In July 2025, polyandry came into focus when two Hatti tribe brothers from Shillai, Sirmour district, Himachal Pradesh, married the same woman. Polyandry is an age-old tribal tradition in Himachal Pradesh, mainly in Kinnaur and Sirmour districts, used to keep landholdings undivided and families intact.



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It is locally called “Jodidara” and is recognised under Himachal Pradesh revenue laws and sections 494 and 495 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The Hatti tribe primarily resides in Himachal-Uttarakhand border in the Giri and Tons river basins.



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**100. Which institution leads the WiFEX (Winter Fog Experiment) project?**

[A] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

[B] National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI)

[C] Indian Institute of Science (IISc)

[D] Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM)



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**Correct Answer: D** [Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM)]

**Notes:**

The Winter Fog Experiment (WiFEX) has recently completed 10 successful years of research on North India's dense winter fog. It was launched in winter 2015 at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), New Delhi.



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WiFEX is led by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). It is supported by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF). WiFEX is one of the few long-term open-field experiments in the world focused exclusively on fog. The network now covers Jewar Airport (Noida) and Hisar (Haryana) along key aviation corridors.



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