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• **Which state is set to implement the Rythu Bharosa scheme, replacing the Rythu Bandhu scheme?**

- [A] Haryana
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Telangana
- [D] Odisha



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- **Correct Answer: C [Telangana]**

- Telangana will roll out the Rythu Bharosa scheme starting from Sankranti, replacing the existing Rythu Bandhu scheme.
- Launched in 2018-19, this initiative provides investment support for agriculture and horticulture crops.
- Farmers receive ₹5,000 per acre per season to purchase essential inputs, with no limit on land ownership.
- Eligible beneficiaries include resident farmers of Telangana with agricultural land records or a Record of Forest Rights (ROFR) document for cultivating forest land.
- However, tenant and commercial farmers are not covered under this scheme.

- **Which organization published the “Comparative Study of School Education System (SES)” report?**

[A] IIT Delhi

[B] NITI Aayog

[C] Department of Education

[D] Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)



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- **Correct Answer: D [Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)]**
- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) released a report titled *Comparative Study of School Education System (SES)*, analyzing India's education framework against global standards, including countries like the USA, UK, China, Sweden, and Australia.
- The study highlights gaps in India's education spending, which has remained stagnant at 2.7-2.9% of GDP, whereas global benchmarks suggest 5-7%.
- In contrast, developed nations like Sweden allocate 6.7-6.9% and the UK 5.3-5.6%, while developing countries like Indonesia and Thailand invest 3.7-4.3% and 4.0-4.3%, respectively.
- The report emphasizes the need for increased educational investment to enhance quality and accessibility.

**Which state has launched a dedicated Post-Matric Scholarship portal for OBC, EBC and DNT students under the PM-YASASVI Scheme?**

- [A] Haryana
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Punjab
- [D] Madhya Pradesh



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- **Correct Answer: C [Punjab]**

- The Punjab government has introduced a specialized Post-Matric Scholarship portal for students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC), Economically Backward Classes (EBC), and Denotified Tribes (DNT).

- This initiative, part of the **PM-YASASVI Scheme** for the **2024-25 academic year**, unifies previous schemes like the **Dr. Ambedkar Scholarship Scheme** into a single platform.

- The primary objective is to provide financial assistance to disadvantaged students, ensuring equal access to education.

- The scheme is administered by the **Department of Social Justice and Empowerment** under the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** to enhance educational empowerment.

• **On which date is the World Day of War Orphans observed annually?**

[A] January 7

[B] January 6

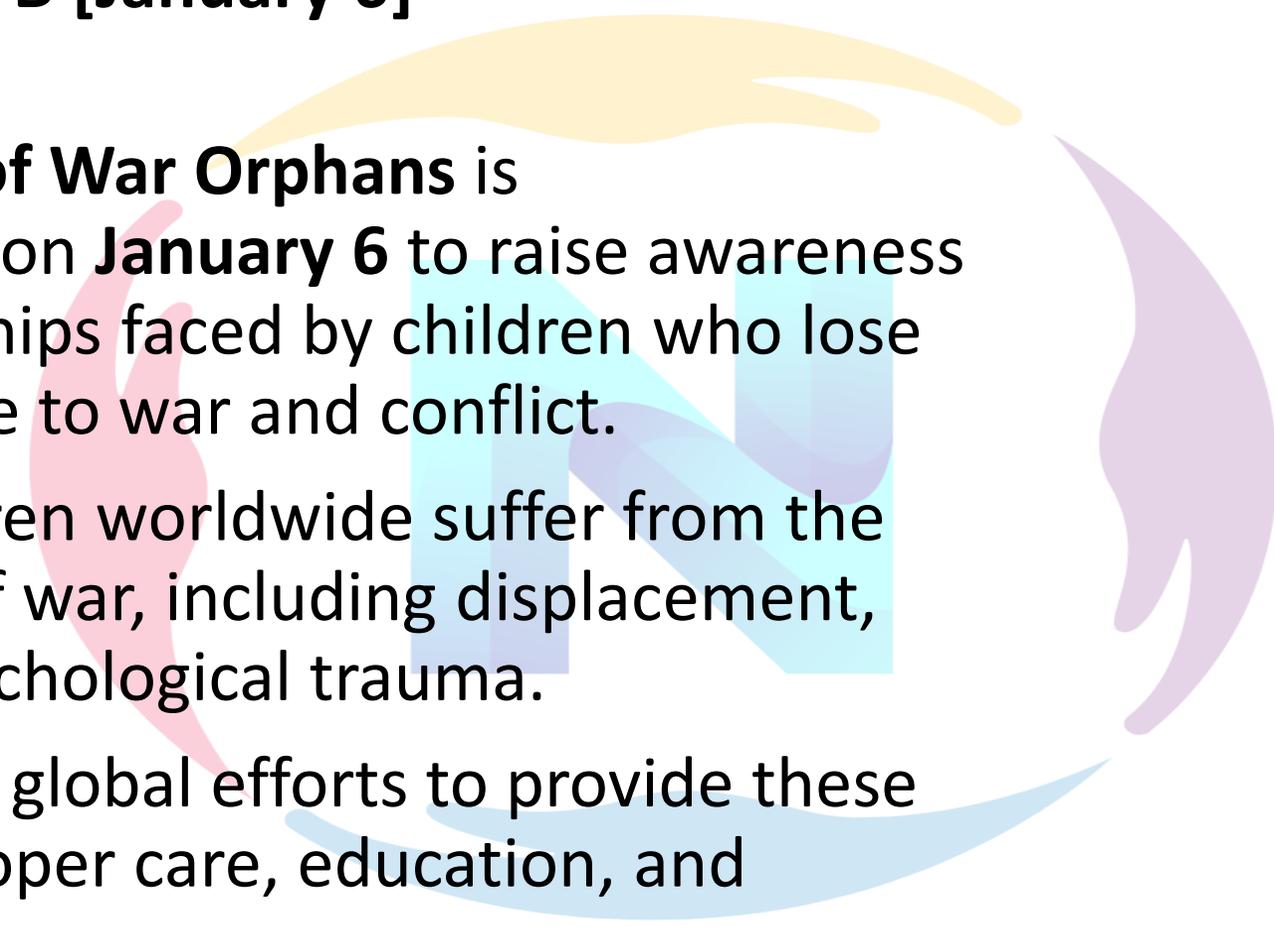
[C] January 8

[D] January 5



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- **Correct Answer: B [January 6]**
- **Explanation:**  
The **World Day of War Orphans** is commemorated on **January 6** to raise awareness about the hardships faced by children who lose their parents due to war and conflict.
- Millions of children worldwide suffer from the consequences of war, including displacement, poverty, and psychological trauma.
- This day calls for global efforts to provide these children with proper care, education, and protection.



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• **Which state has recently classified unseasonal rainfall as a natural disaster?**

[A] Jharkhand

[B] Bihar

[C] Haryana

[D] Odisha



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- **Correct Answer: C [Odisha]**

- **Explanation:**

The **Odisha government** has declared **unseasonal rainfall** as a **natural disaster** to provide financial relief to affected farmers.

- Under the **State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)**, farmers who suffer at least **33% crop loss** will receive compensation.

- Over **₹291.59 crore** will be distributed to **6,66,720 farmers**, covering **2,26,791 hectares** of damaged crops.

- The announcement was made at the **Krushik**  
**Odisha Conclave 2025** in Bhubaneswar.

• **Soapstone, recently in the news, belongs to which category of rocks?**

[A] Andesite Rocks

[B] Igneous Rocks

[C] Metamorphic Rocks

[D] Sedimentary Rocks



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- **Correct Answer: C [Metamorphic Rocks]**
- **Explanation:**  
**Soapstone**, also known as **Steatite**, is a **metamorphic rock** primarily composed of **talca**.
- It is soft, heat-resistant, and used in making countertops, sculptures, and industrial materials.
- The Uttarakhand High Court recently raised concerns about **unregulated mining** in **Bageshwar**, where over **160 mines** operate. India's largest soapstone reserves are found in **Rajasthan and Uttarakhand**. Globally, **China, Brazil, the USA, and Finland** are major producers.



- **Which country became a member of the UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics in January 2025?**

[A] India

[B] Bhutan

[C] Bangladesh

[D] Myanmar



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- **Correct Answer: A [India]**

- **Explanation:**

**India** has joined the **UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics** to enhance the use of **big data** in tracking **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

- India's participation will contribute to setting global standards in **data science for official statistics**.
- The country's initiatives, such as **the Data Innovation Lab**, and the use of **satellite imagery and machine learning**, will be highlighted at the global level.
- This aligns with India's efforts to modernize statistical processes and strengthen data-driven policymaking.

- **Which organization published the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2025 report?**

- [A] Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- [B] International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- [C] United Nations (UN)
- [D] World Bank



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- **Correct Answer: C [United Nations (UN)]**
- **Explanation:**  
The **United Nations (UN)** released the **World Economic Situation and Prospects 2025** report, projecting **India's economic growth at 6.6% in 2025 and 6.7% in 2026.**
- The report highlights **private consumption, infrastructure investments, and public sector spending** as key growth drivers.
- Strong exports, particularly in **pharmaceuticals and electronics**, and a **favorable monsoon in 2024** are expected to boost India's economic activity.

- **Which country has successfully developed and launched the world's first wooden satellite, LignoSat?**

- [A] USA
- [B] Japan
- [C] Russia
- [D] China



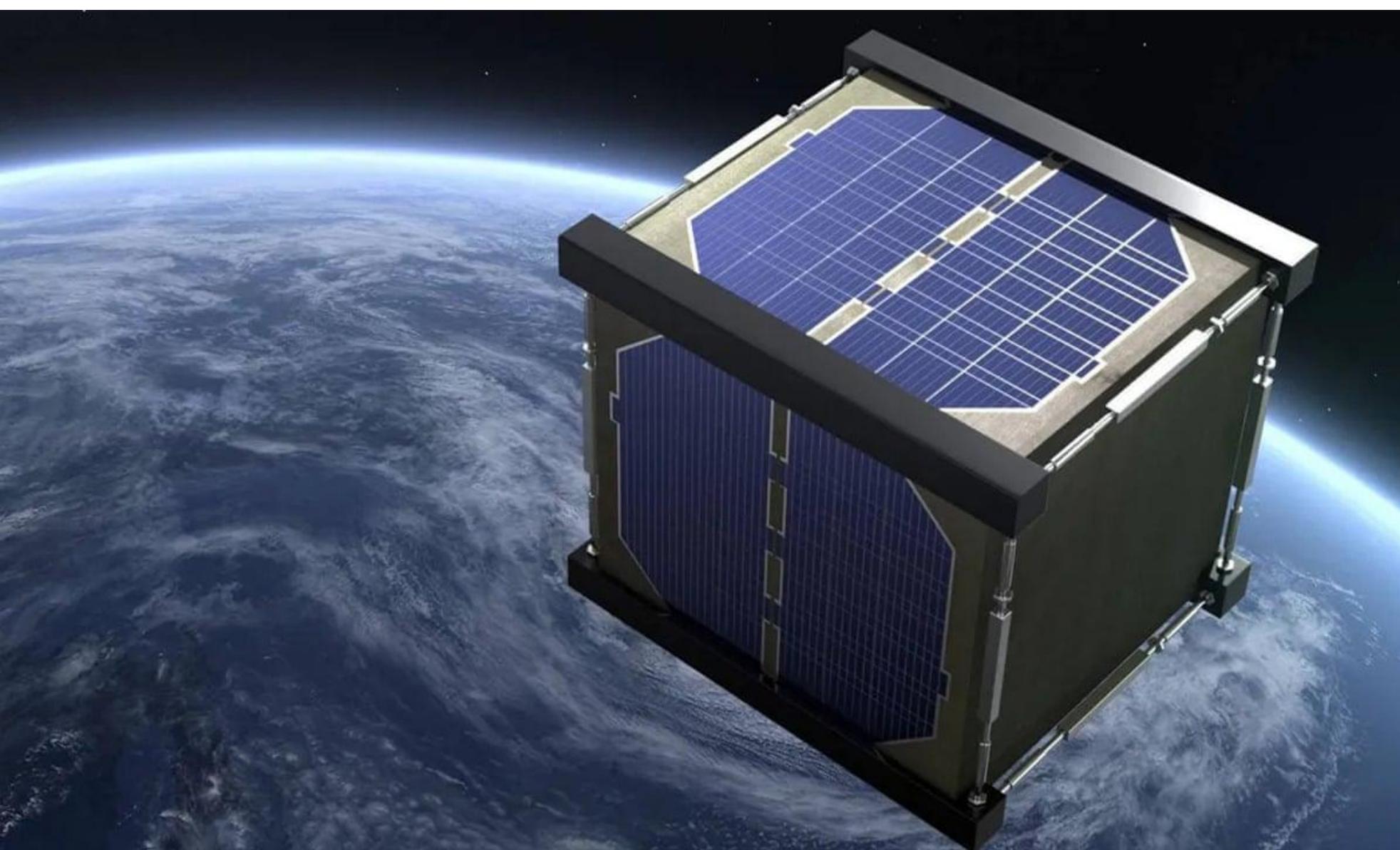
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- **Correct Answer: B [Japan]**

- **Explanation:**

**LignoSat**, the world's **first wooden satellite**, is a joint initiative by **Kyoto University** and **Sumitomo Forestry (Japan)**.

- The satellite is crafted from **honoki wood**, a type of magnolia tree, and assembled without screws or glue.
- Measuring **10 cm per side** and **weighing 900 grams**, LignoSat 1 is already in orbit, while **LignoSat 2**, a 2U CubeSat, is set for launch in 2026.
- The innovation promotes **sustainable space technology** by reducing space debris.



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• **Where is Neduntheevu Island, which was recently in the news, located?**

- [A] Myanmar
- [B] Sri Lanka
- [C] Bangladesh
- [D] Indonesia



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- **Correct Answer: B [Sri Lanka]**
- **Explanation:**  
**Neduntheevu Island, also known as Delft Island, is Sri Lanka's largest island in the Palk Strait.**
- Recently, the **Sri Lankan Navy arrested 17 Indian fishermen** for allegedly crossing into its waters.
- The **50 sq.km island** features **coral chunk forts, palm trees, and semi-arid vegetation.**
- With no streams, freshwater is collected from artificial ponds.
- The Dutch built a fort on the island during colonial rule, and today, it has a population of around **4,800 people.**



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• **Which state government introduced the Mukhyamantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana?**

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



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- **Correct Answer: B [Uttarakhand]**
- **Uttarakhand** launched the **Mukhyamantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana** in 2020 to promote **solar energy farming** and create **self-employment opportunities**.
- Recently, the state exempted **solar entrepreneurs** from **mandatory GST registration** to attract more investors.
- Under this scheme, each beneficiary is allotted a **25-kilowatt solar plant**.
- The initiative not only supports **renewable energy production** but also generates employment, particularly for **returning migrants and rural youth**.

- **What is India's rank in the QS World Future Skills Index 2025?**

- [A] Fourth
- [B] Third
- [C] First
- [D] Second

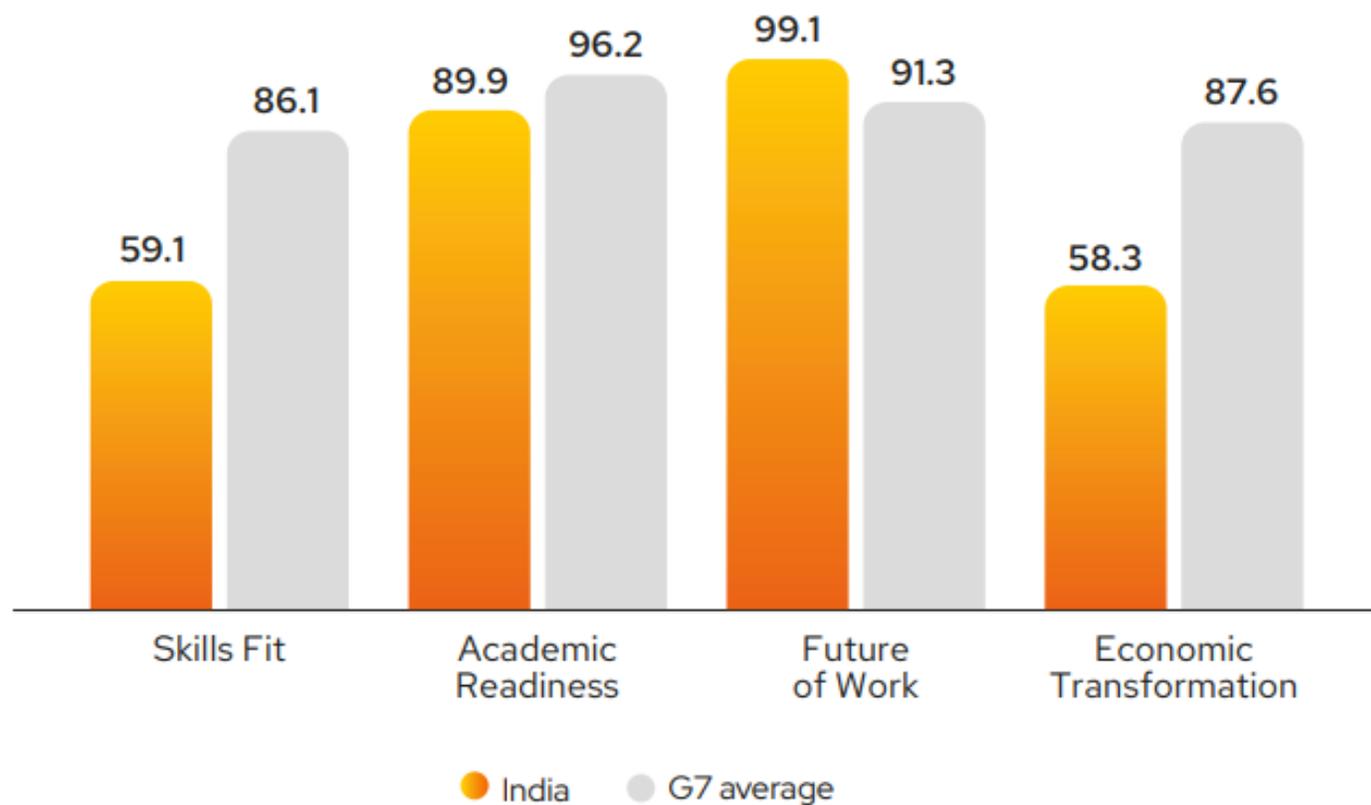


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- **Correct Answer: D [Second]**
- **Explanation:**  
**India ranks second** globally in the **QS World Future Skills Index 2025**, just behind the **United States**.
- This index evaluates **job market readiness** in AI, digital transformation, and green sectors.
- While India excels in **digital skills and future workforce adaptability**, challenges remain in **higher education alignment with industry needs**.
- India needs **stronger industry-academia collaboration** and investment in **sustainability and innovation** to maximize its potential

Overall score: **76.6/100**

**QS World Future Skills Index**  
India performance vs G7 average



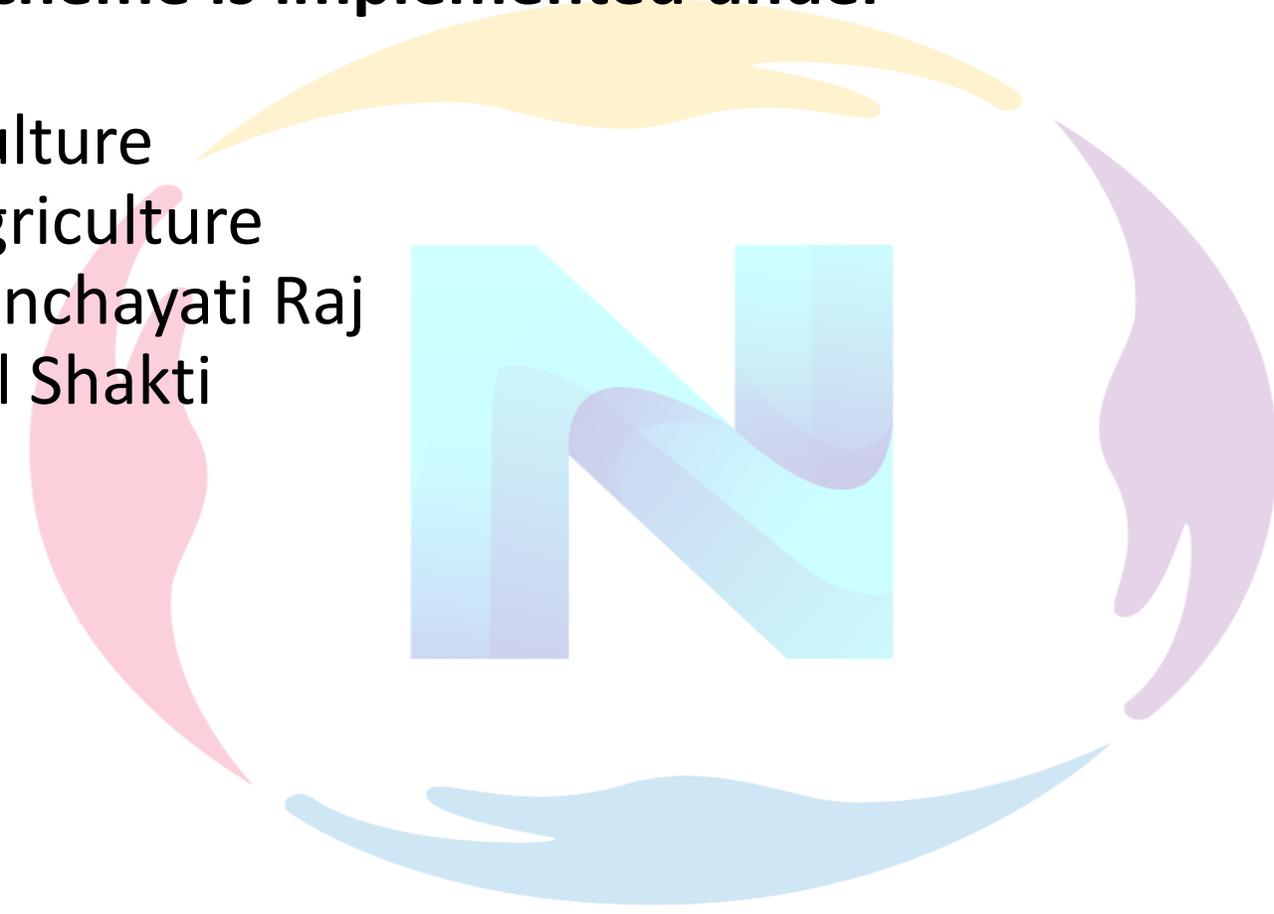
• **The SVAMITVA scheme is implemented under which ministry?**

[A] Ministry of Culture

[B] Ministry of Agriculture

[C] Ministry of Panchayati Raj

[D] Ministry of Jal Shakti



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- **Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Panchayati Raj]**
- **Explanation:**  
The **SVAMITVA Scheme**, launched on **April 24, 2020**, is a **Central Sector Scheme** under the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**.
- It aims to provide **legal property ownership records** to **rural residents** through **Property Cards**.
- By using **drone technology** and **GIS mapping**, the scheme ensures **accurate land demarcation**, reducing disputes.
- Recently, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed SVAMITVA Property Cards** on **January 18, 2025**, further strengthening rural governance and financial inclusion.



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Ministry of Panchayati Raj  
Government of India



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# SVAMITVA scheme



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• In which city was the 27th International Congress on Glass (ICG) 2025 conference organized?

[A] Chennai

[B] Bhopal

[C] New Delhi

[D] Kolkata



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- **Correct Answer: D [Kolkata]**

- The 27th International Congress on Glass (ICG) 2025 took place at the Biswa Bangla Convention Center in Kolkata from January 20–24, 2025.
- The event was inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology.
- Organized by CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute (CSIR-CGCRI), the conference revolved around the theme “**Glass: A Smart and Indispensable Material for Sustainable Society.**”
- The discussions highlighted the importance of glass in industries like space and defense, with participation from over 550 delegates, including 150 international experts.

• **What position did India secure in the Global Firepower Index 2025?**

**[A] Third**

**[B] Fourth**

**[C] Second**

**[D] First**



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- **Correct Answer: B [Fourth]**
- India ranked **4th** in the **Global Firepower Index 2025**, maintaining its position from the previous year.
- The top three most powerful militaries remain the **United States, Russia, and China.**
- Pakistan dropped to **12th** place from **9th**, while Bhutan ranked the lowest at **145th.**
- The Global Firepower Index evaluates **145 countries** based on their military strength, excluding nuclear capabilities, by analyzing factors such as defense budget, active personnel and technological advancements.

- Which paramilitary force recently launched the “OPS Alert” exercise for heightened security?  
[A] Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)  
[B] Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)  
[C] Border Security Force (BSF)  
[D] Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)



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- **Correct Answer: C [Border Security Force (BSF)]**
- **The Border Security Force (BSF) conducted a 10-day "OPS Alert" exercise from January 22 to 31, 2025, along the India-Bangladesh border to enhance security during Republic Day celebrations.**
- **The exercise focused on patrolling, securing unfenced border gaps, riverine areas and coordination with border populations.**



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- **Who emerged as the champion of the 9th Johor International Open chess tournament in Malaysia?**

**[A] Nihal Sarin**

**[B] Vidit Gujrathi**

**[C] Iniyan Panneerselvam**

**[D] Surya Shekhar Ganguly**



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- **Correct Answer: C [Iniyan Panneerselvam]**
  - Indian Grandmaster **Iniyan Panneerselvam** won the **9th Johor International Open Chess Tournament** in Malaysia on **January 24, 2025**.
  - He scored **8.5 points in nine rounds**, securing victory with a final-round win against **Vietnamese Grandmaster Nguyen Van Huy**.

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• Which country recently prohibited the introduction of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)?

[A] France

[B] Indonesia

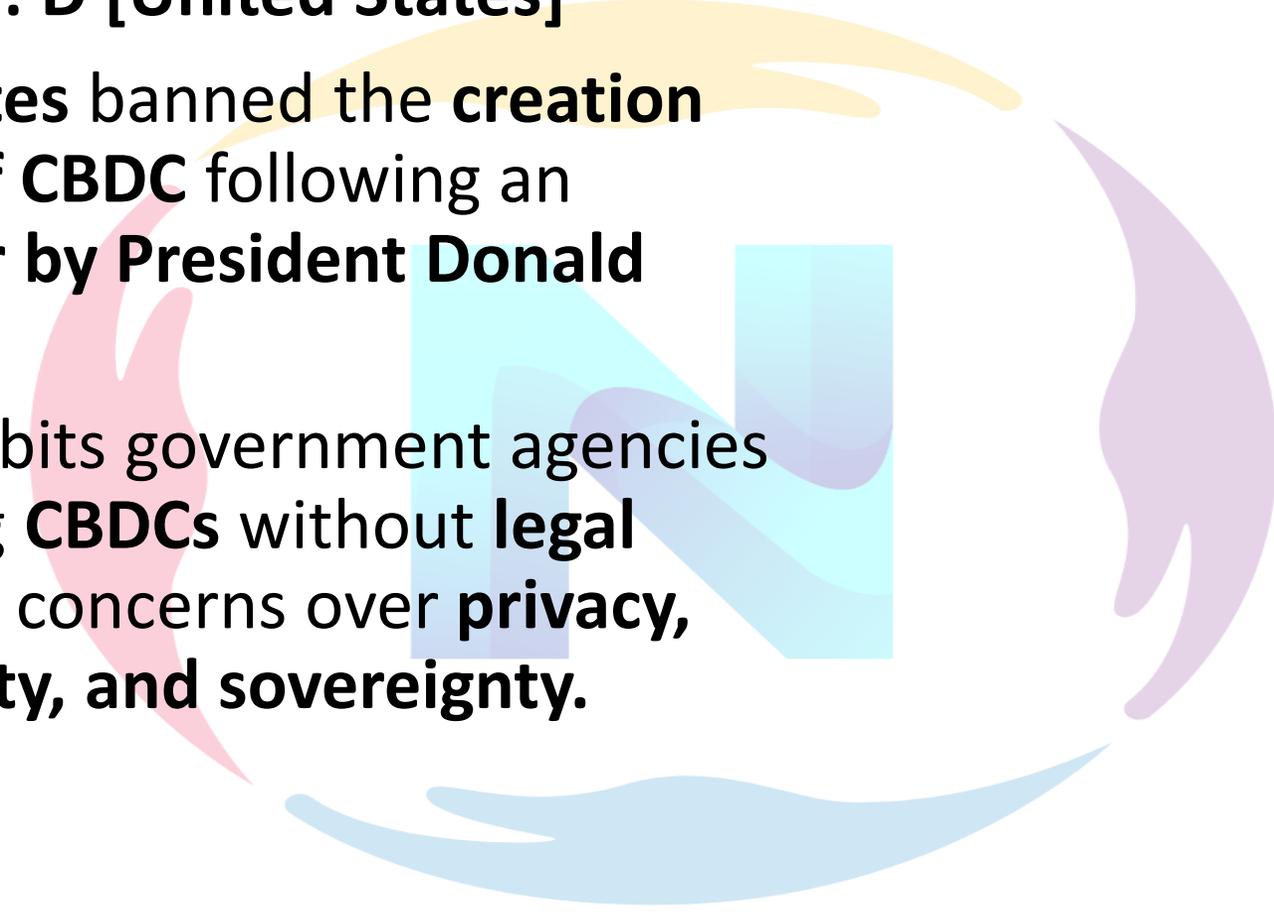
[C] Russia

[D] United States



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- **Correct Answer: D [United States]**
- The **United States** banned the **creation and issuance of CBDC** following an **executive order by President Donald Trump**.
- The order prohibits government agencies from promoting **CBDCs** without **legal approval**, citing concerns over **privacy, financial stability, and sovereignty**.



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- Nagoba Jatara Festival, a major tribal celebration, is observed in which Indian state?

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



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- **Correct Answer: C [Telangana]**
- **Nagoba Jatara** is an **eight-day festival** celebrated by the **Mesram clan of the Gond tribe** in **Keslapur village, Adilabad district, Telangana**.
- It is India's **second-largest tribal festival**, after **Sammakka Saralamma Jatara**.
- The festival honors **Nagoba (Sri Shek – Cobra)**, with rituals such as **Bheting (bride introduction ceremony)** and the **Gusadi tribal dance**.



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- On which date does India commemorate Martyrs' Day every year?

[A] January 28

[B] January 30

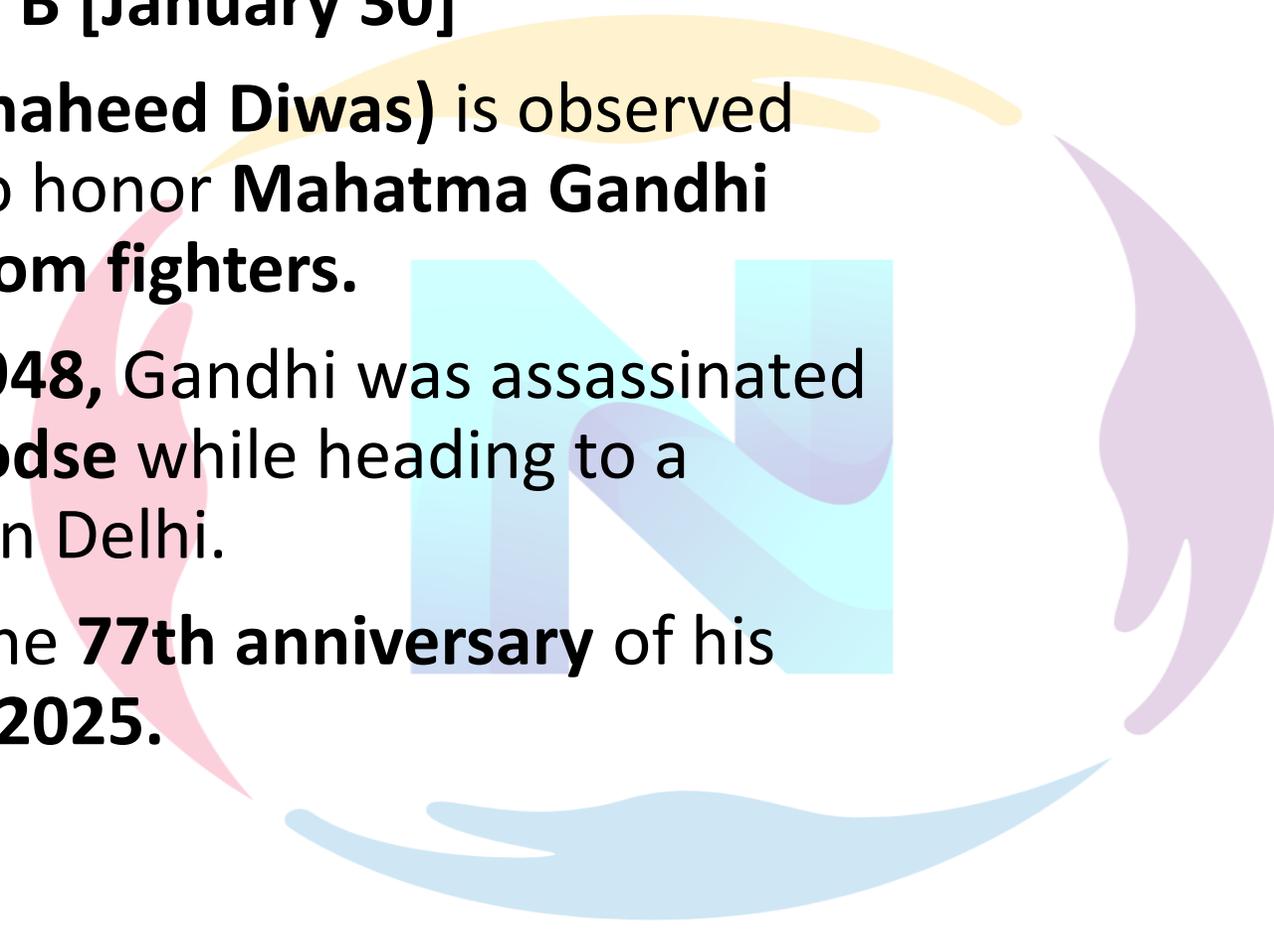
[C] January 31

[D] January 29



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- **Correct Answer: B [January 30]**
- **Martyrs' Day (Shaheed Diwas)** is observed on **January 30** to honor **Mahatma Gandhi and other freedom fighters**.
- On this day in **1948**, Gandhi was assassinated by **Nathuram Godse** while heading to a prayer meeting in Delhi.
- The day marks the **77th anniversary** of his assassination in **2025**.



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- **What was the name of the official mascot for the 23rd National Para Athletics Championship 2025?**

- [A] Veerbhadra
- [B] Gajaveeran
- [C] Mahabali
- [D] Vajra



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- **Correct Answer: B [Gajaveeran]**
- The official mascot for the **23rd National Para Athletics Championship 2025** is "**Gajaveeran**", symbolizing the **resilience and determination** of para-athletes.
- The mascot and logo were unveiled at a **press conference in Chennai, India**.
- The event, scheduled from **February 17 to 20**, will feature **over 1,700 para-athletes** from across India.
- The Tamil Nadu Para Sports Association and **Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)** are supporting the championship.

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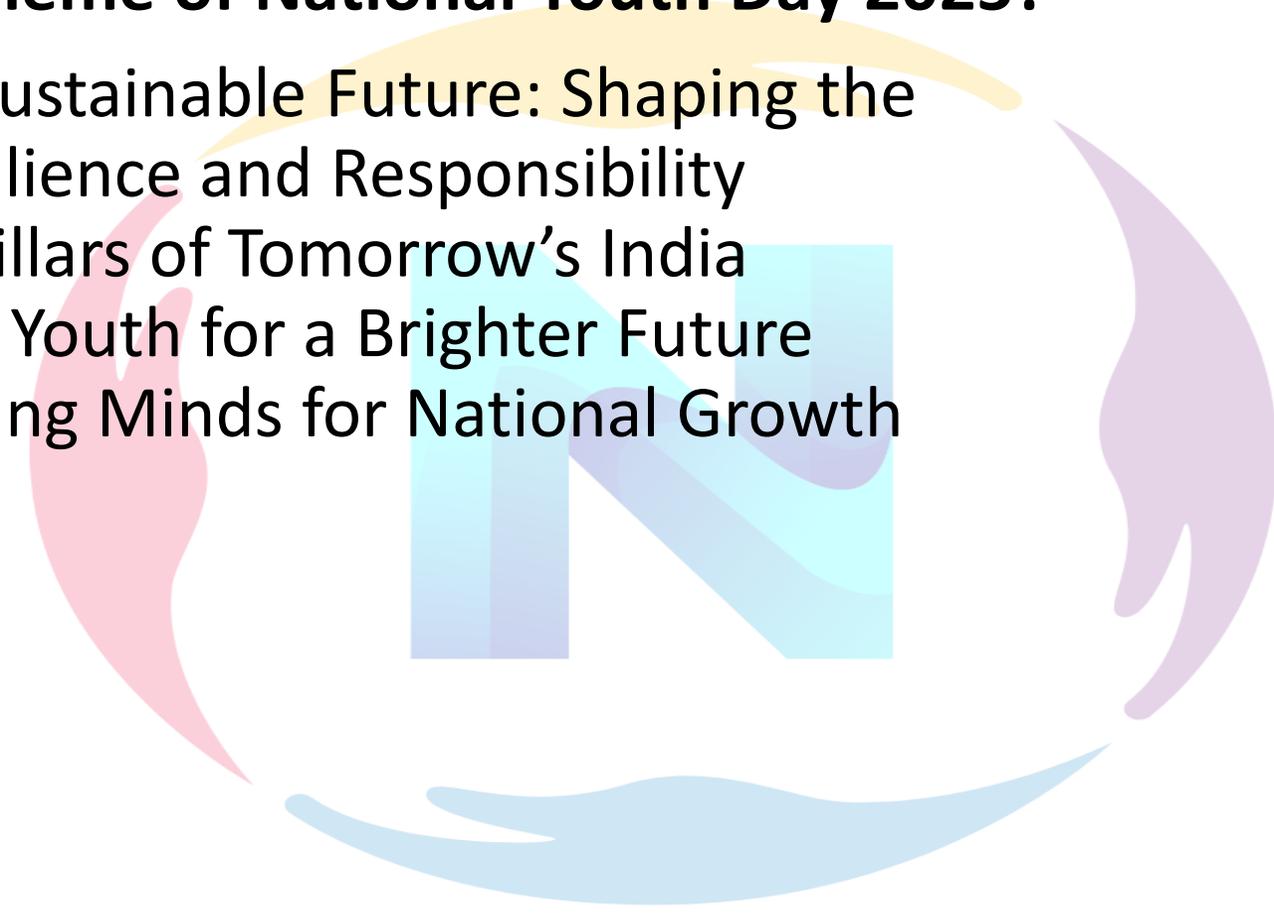


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- **What is the name of the newly launched initiative by the Uttar Pradesh government to enhance agricultural productivity and rural enterprises?**  
**[A] Uttar Pradesh Farmer Empowerment Project (UP-FEP)**  
**[B] Uttar Pradesh Rural Economic Growth (UP-REG)**  
**[C] Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Growth and Rural Enterprise Ecosystem Strengthening (UP-AGREES)**  
**[D] Uttar Pradesh Agricultural Development Initiative (UP-ADI)**

- **Correct Answer: C [Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Growth and Rural Enterprise Ecosystem Strengthening (UP-AGREES)]**
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** launched the **UP-AGREES initiative** to **boost agricultural productivity** and **strengthen rural enterprises**.
- The program aims to increase **farmers' yields** from **10 quintals to 14-15 quintals per acre**.
- Uttar Pradesh, with **45% of India's cultivable land**, leads in **wheat, mango, potato, and vegetable production**.

- **What was the theme of National Youth Day 2025?**
- [A] Youth for a Sustainable Future: Shaping the Nation with Resilience and Responsibility
- [B] Youth: The Pillars of Tomorrow's India
- [C] Empowering Youth for a Brighter Future
- [D] Inspiring Young Minds for National Growth



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- **Correct Answer: A [Youth for a Sustainable Future: Shaping the Nation with Resilience and Responsibility]**
- **National Youth Day 2025** was celebrated on **January 12, 2025**, with the theme "**Youth for a Sustainable Future: Shaping the Nation with Resilience and Responsibility.**"
- The day is observed annually to honor **Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary**, recognizing his contributions to youth empowerment and national development.

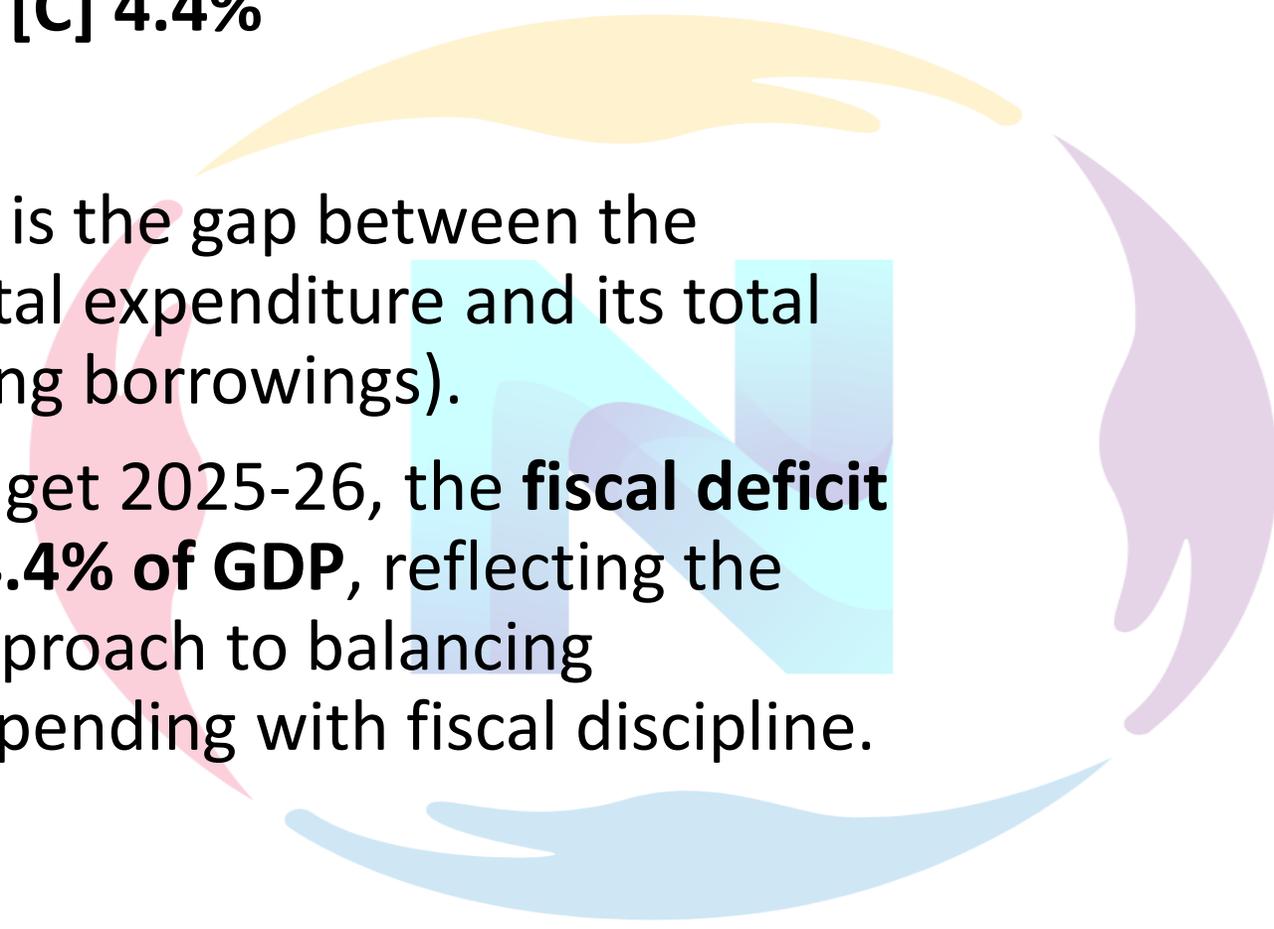
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- **As per the Official Union Budget 2025-26, what is the estimated fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP?**

- [A] **3.8%**
- [B] **4.2%**
- [C] **4.4%**
- [D] **4.6%**



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- **Correct Answer: [C] 4.4%**
  - **Explanation:**
  - The **fiscal deficit** is the gap between the government's total expenditure and its total revenue (excluding borrowings).
  - In the Union Budget 2025-26, the **fiscal deficit is estimated at 4.4% of GDP**, reflecting the government's approach to balancing developmental spending with fiscal discipline.

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- **Static Points on Fiscal Deficit:**
- **Definition:** Fiscal deficit occurs when a government's total expenditures exceed its total revenue (excluding borrowings).
- **Formula: Fiscal Deficit = Total Expenditure - Total Receipts (excluding borrowings).**
- **Impact:** A high fiscal deficit can lead to higher inflation and increased government borrowing.
- **FRBM Act:** The **Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2003** aims to reduce fiscal deficits and ensure fiscal discipline.

- **Consider the following statements regarding Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana – Developing Agri Districts Programme:**
- **It is launched in partnership with state governments to cover 100 districts.**
- **The scheme integrates only new agricultural schemes, excluding existing ones.**
- **It draws inspiration from the Aspirational Districts Program.**
- **Which of the above statements is/are correct?**
- [A] 1 and 2 only
- [B] 1 and 3 only
- [C] 2 and 3 only
- [D] 1, 2, and 3

- **Correct Answer: [B] 1 and 3 only**
- **Statement 1 is Correct:** The Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana – Developing Agri Districts Programme is being implemented in partnership with state governments to improve agricultural performance in 100 districts that have low productivity, moderate crop intensity, and below-average credit access.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect:** The scheme does not exclude existing agricultural schemes; rather, it integrates them along with specialized interventions to improve rural prosperity.
- **Statement 3 is Correct:** The program draws inspiration from the Aspirational Districts Program, which has successfully enhanced socio-economic indicators in backward districts by focusing on targeted development in health, education, and infrastructure.



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## Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana

Developing Agri Districts Programme

*Scheme to cover 100 districts with low productivity, moderate crop intensity and below-average credit parameters*

- To enhance agricultural productivity
- To adopt crop diversification and sustainable agriculture practices
- To augment post-harvest storage at Panchayat and Block levels
- Improve irrigation facilities
- Improve credit availability



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- **With reference to pulse production in India, consider the following statements:**
- **Rabi pulses account for more than 60% of total pulse production in India.**
- **Madhya Pradesh is the largest pulse-producing state in India.**
- **India has been a net exporter of pulses in recent years.**
- **Which of the statements given above are correct?**
- **[A] 1 and 2 only**
- **[B] 2 and 3 only**
- **[C] 1 and 3 only**
- **[D] 1, 2, and 3**

- **Correct Answer: [A] 1 and 2 only**

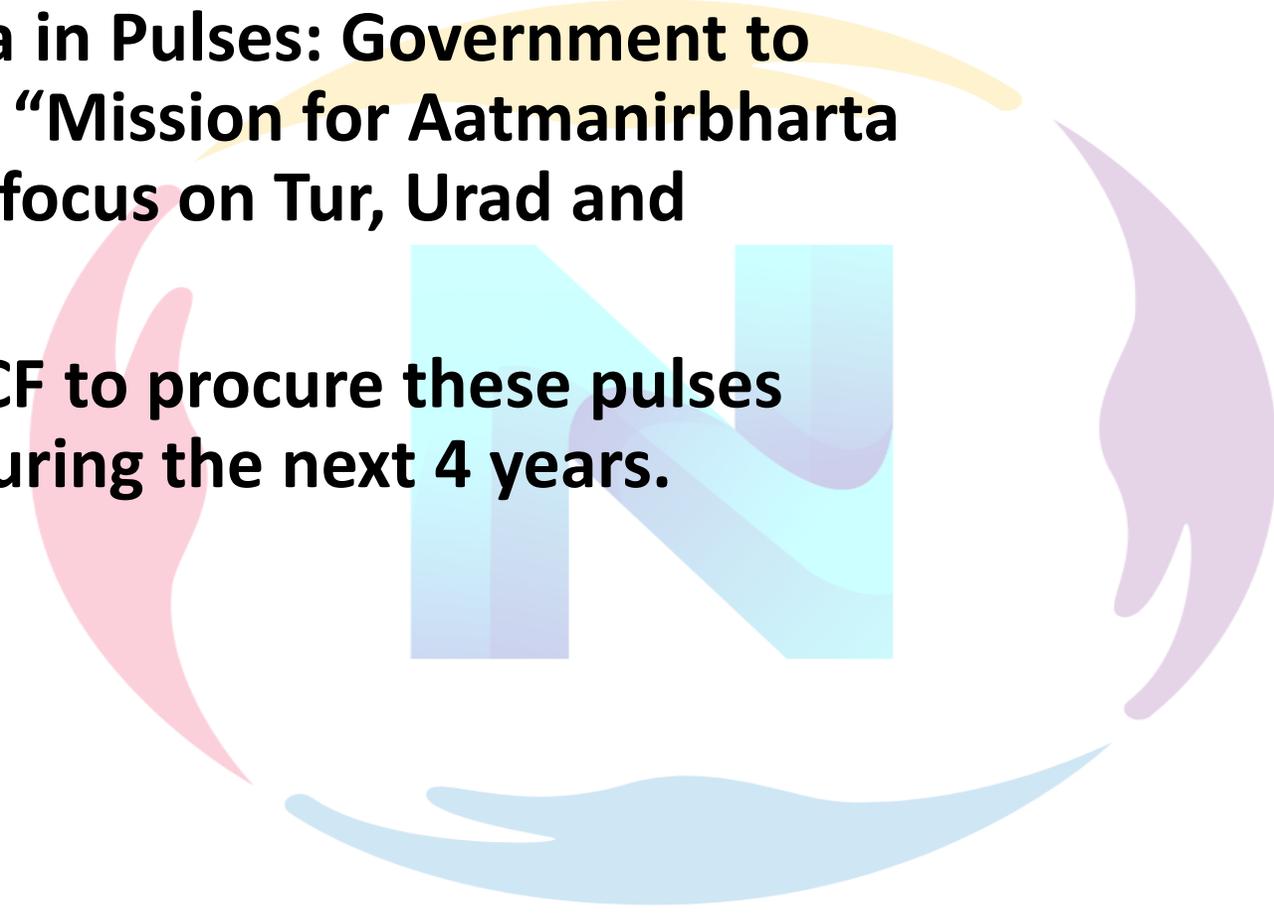
- **Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is Correct:** Pulses are grown in all three agricultural seasons (Kharif, Rabi, and Zaid), but **Rabi pulses contribute more than 60%** of total pulse production.

- **Statement 2 is Correct: Madhya Pradesh (22%)** is the largest pulse-producing state, followed by Maharashtra (16%) and Rajasthan (16%).

- **Statement 3 is Incorrect:** India is a **net importer** of pulses. In **April-November 2024**, India's pulse imports were valued at **\$3.28 billion**, a 56.6% increase from the previous year.

- **Aatmanirbharta in Pulses: Government to launch a 6-year “Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses” with focus on Tur, Urad and Masoor.**
- **NAFED and NCCF to procure these pulses from farmers during the next 4 years.**



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- **Which state has recently been allocated INR 1 billion for the establishment of the “Makhana Board” to enhance production and productivity?**
- **[A] West Bengal**
- **[B] Uttar Pradesh**
- **[C] Bihar**
- **[D] Madhya Pradesh**



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- **Correct Answer: [C] Bihar**

- **Explanation:**

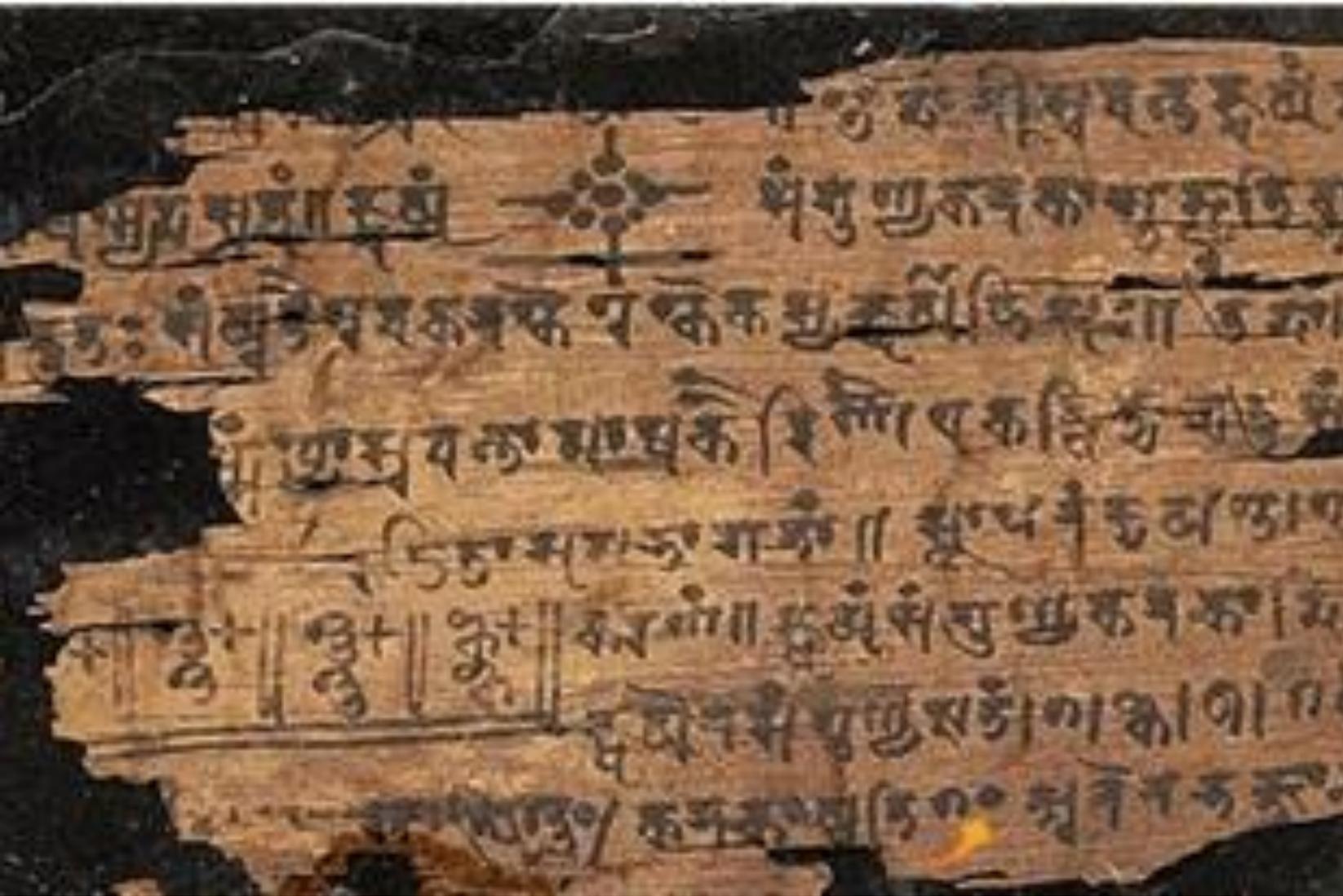
- The **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** announced the establishment of a “**Makhana Board**” in **Bihar**, with an allocated budget of **INR 1 billion (₹100 crore)**.
- The Board will focus on **enhancing makhana production and productivity** by supporting farmers with **better seed varieties and modern agricultural practices**.
- Bihar is the **largest producer of makhana** in India, especially in districts like **Darbhanga, Madhubani, and Purnia**.
- The initiative aims to improve the **quality, marketability, and export potential** of makhana, benefiting thousands of farmers in the state.

- **What is the primary objective of the Gyan Bharatam Mission, as announced in the Union Budget 2025-26?**
- **[A]** Promoting digital education in rural areas
- **[B]** Survey, documentation and conservation of manuscript heritage
- **[C]** Establishing new universities for historical studies
- **[D]** Developing a digital archive for modern literature



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- **Correct Answer: [B] Survey, documentation, and conservation of manuscript heritage**
- **Explanation:**
- The **Gyan Bharatam Mission** aims to **survey, document, and conserve India's manuscript heritage** in collaboration with **academic institutions, museums, libraries, and private collectors.**
- This initiative will cover **more than 1 crore manuscripts**, ensuring the preservation of India's **ancient knowledge systems, history, and cultural heritage.**
- The mission aligns with the **government's focus on preserving and promoting India's rich literary and historical legacy.**



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- Under the new tax regime announced in the Union Budget 2025-26, what is the income threshold up to which no personal income tax is payable?
- [A] ₹10 lakh
- [B] ₹12 lakh
- [C] ₹12.75 lakh
- [D] ₹11.5 lakh



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- **Correct Answer: [B] ₹12 lakh**
- **Explanation:**
- Under the new **income tax regime**, individuals with an **annual income of up to ₹12 lakh** (excluding special rate income like capital gains) will **not have to pay any personal income tax**.
- For **salariied taxpayers**, the exemption extends to **₹12.75 lakh** due to the inclusion of a **₹75,000 standard deduction**.
- This reform aims to **boost household savings, increase disposable income**, and promote **economic growth** by **reducing the tax burden on the middle class**.

- **Which state won the Best Tableau Award at the 76th Republic Day Parade 2025?**
- **[A]** Madhya Pradesh
- **[B]** Rajasthan
- **[C]** Uttar Pradesh
- **[D]** Maharashtra



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- **Correct Answer: C**
- **Uttar Pradesh** won the First Prize for its tableau titled "Mahakumbh 2025 - Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas."
- Indonesian **President Prabowo Subianto** was the Chief Guest at the 76th Republic Day celebration.
- Best Marching Contingent among Armed Forces - **Jammu & Kashmir Rifles Contingent** of the Indian Army.
- Best Marching Contingent among CAPFs/other auxiliary forces - **Delhi Police Marching Contingent**
- 2nd Position- **Tripura** with a theme of 'Eternal Reverence: The worship of 14 Deities in Tripura - Kharchi Puja'.
- 3rd Position- **Andhra Pradesh** with a theme of 'Etikoppaka Bommalu - Eco-Friendly Wooden Toys'.

- Consider the following statements regarding the Digital Agriculture Mission (DAM) 2025:
- It is an umbrella scheme based on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) to enhance farmers' access to technology-driven services.
- The Farmers' Registry under this mission issues Farmer IDs.
- Geo-referenced village maps and Digital Crop Surveys are not part of the mission's key components.
- The Union Budget 2025 allocated ₹2,817 crore for the Digital Agriculture Mission.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- [A] 1 and 3 only
- [B] 1, 3, and 4 only
- [C] 1, 2, and 4 only
- [D] 2 and 4 only

- **Correct Answer: [C] 1, 2, and 4 only**
- **Explanation:**
- The **Digital Agriculture Mission (DAM)** is designed to leverage **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** to streamline agricultural services and enhance farmers' access to schemes. (Statement 1 is correct)
- The **Farmers' Registry** issues 'Farmer IDs', which serve as a trusted digital identity for farmers and are maintained by the **Central Government**. (Statement 2 is correct)
- **Geo-referenced village maps and Digital Crop Surveys** are integral components of the mission, so stating that they are "not part of the mission" is incorrect. (Statement 3 is incorrect)
- The **allocated budget for DAM** is ₹2,817 crore, as mentioned in the **Union Budget 2025**. (Statement 4 is correct).

# Digital Agriculture Mission



Using Technology for Improving Farmers' Lives



Two foundational pillars



## Agri Stack

-  Farmers registry
-  Village land maps registry
-  Crop Sown Registry

## Krishi Decision Support System

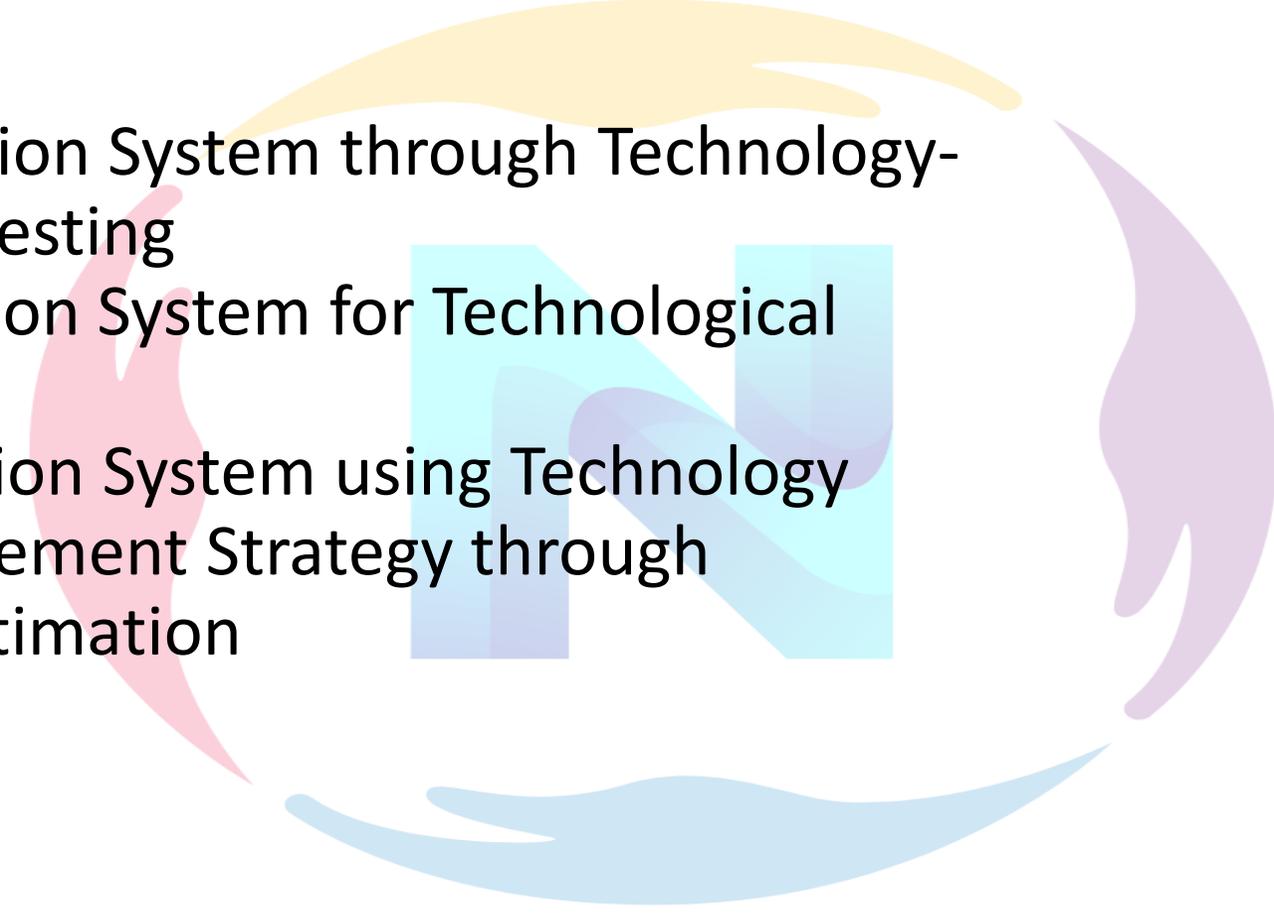
-  Geospatial data
-  Drought/flood monitoring
-  Weather/satellite data
-  Groundwater/water availability data
-  Modelling for crop yield and insurance

Mission's  
Total Outlay  
**Rs. 2,817**  
Crores



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- **Recently, YES-TECH was seen in the news. What is its full form?**
- **[A]** Yield Estimation System through Technology-based Crop Harvesting
- **[B]** Yield Evaluation System for Technological Crop Handling
- **[C]** Yield Estimation System using Technology
- **[D]** Yield Enhancement Strategy through Technological Estimation



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- **Correct Answer: [C] Yield Estimation System using Technology**
- **Explanation:**
- **YES-TECH (Yield Estimation System using Technology)** utilizes **Remote Sensing Technology** for yield estimation, making crop assessments more accurate.
- **30% weightage** is given to **technology-based estimates** in this system.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has **fully adopted** a 100% tech-based yield estimation approach.
- **9 major states**, including **Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka**, are implementing this system.
- This initiative helps in **improving agricultural planning and insurance claims accuracy.**

- **Recently, Flamingo Festival 2025 was celebrated in which state?**
- **[A]** Tamil Nadu
- **[B]** Karnataka
- **[C]** Andhra Pradesh
- **[D]** Kerala



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- **Correct Answer: [C] Andhra Pradesh**
- **The Flamingo Festival 2025** was held in **Andhra Pradesh** and concluded on **January 20, 2025**.
- The festival focused on **protecting the rich biodiversity of Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary**, which serve as crucial habitats for flamingos and other migratory birds.
- The event attracted **bird watchers and photographers**, showcasing Andhra Pradesh's **ecological diversity**.



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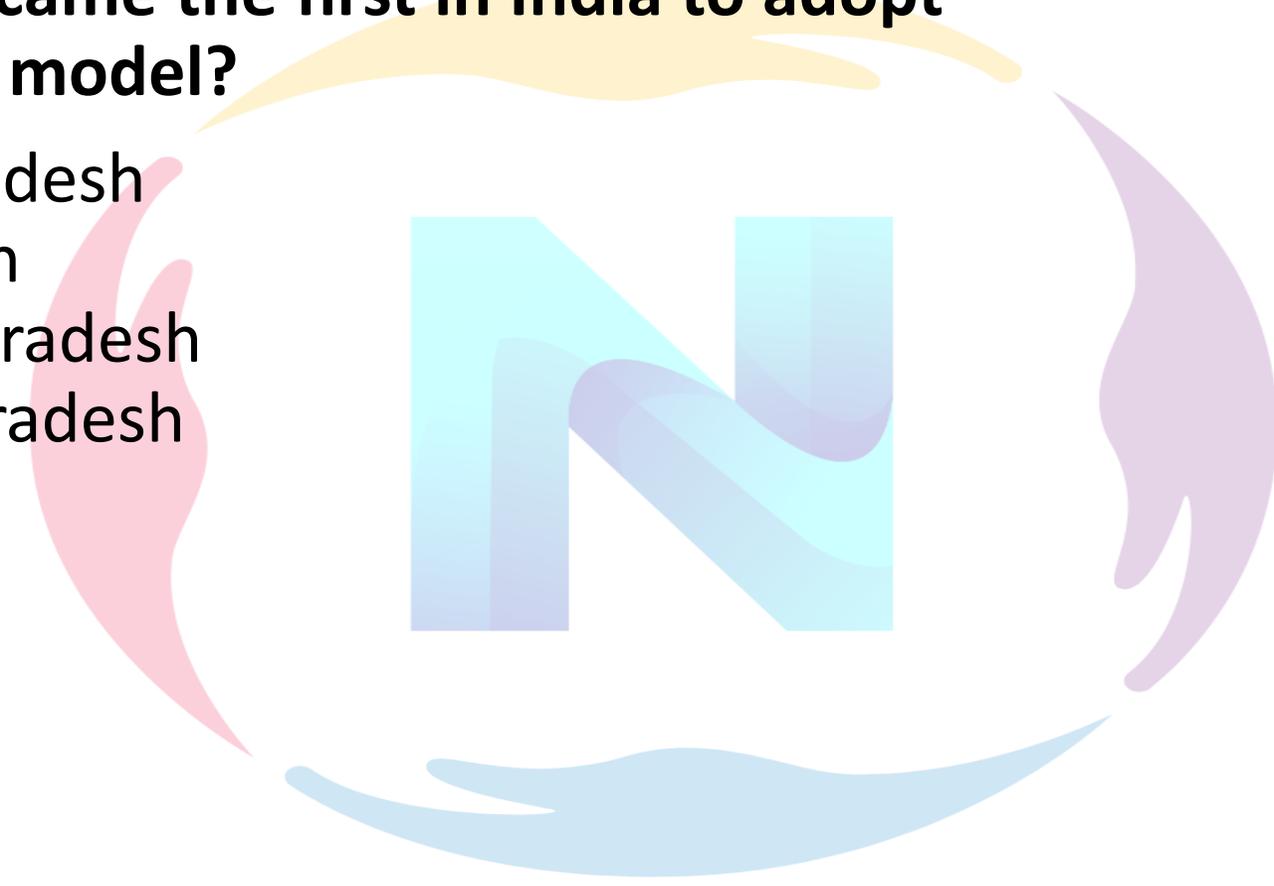
- **Recently, Gunotsav 2025 was seen in the news. Which state launched this initiative?**
- **[A] West Bengal**
- **[B] Assam**
- **[C] Odisha**
- **[D] Jharkhand**



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- **Correct Answer: [B] Assam**
- **Explanation:**
- **Gunotsav 2025** is an **education evaluation program** launched by the **Assam government** to improve **learning outcomes** among students.
- The program targets **14.11 lakh students** across **16,056 schools** in the state.
- The theme for **Gunotsav 2025** is "**Ensuring Quality Education.**"
- It will be conducted in **three phases**, with **Phase 1 (January 6-9, 2025)** covering **11 districts**, including **Barpeta, Kamrup, and Nagaon.**
- The initiative involves **external evaluators** to assess and improve the quality of education in Assam.

- **Which state became the first in India to adopt the Green GDP model?**
- **[A]** Madhya Pradesh
- **[B]** Chhattisgarh
- **[C]** Arunachal Pradesh
- **[D]** Himachal Pradesh



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- **Correct Answer: [B] Chhattisgarh**
- **Explanation:**
- **Chhattisgarh** has become the **first Indian state** to adopt the **Green GDP model**, incorporating **ecological services of forests** into its economic framework.
- This model recognizes environmental contributions such as **clean air, water conservation, and biodiversity**, linking them to **economic growth** for **sustainable development**.
- **Green GDP** accounts for **environmental costs**, providing a **holistic measure of economic health** beyond just financial metrics.
- The initiative aims to **improve budget planning, support sustainable policies, and acknowledge the economic value of forests**, ensuring **eco-friendly governance**.

- **With reference to Blue Flag beaches in India, consider the following statements:**
- **The Blue Flag Certification is awarded only to coastal beaches and does not apply to lakes or marinas.**
- **Recently, Kappad Beach (Kozhikode) and Chal Beach (Kannur) in Kerala were awarded the prestigious Blue Flag Certification.**
- **The certification is issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India.**
- **Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**
- **[A] 1 and 2 only**
- **[B] 2 only**
- **[C] 1 and 3 only**
- **[D] 1, 2, and 3**

- **Correct Answer: [B] 2 only**
- **Explanation:**
- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The **Blue Flag Certification** is not limited to coastal beaches. It is awarded to beaches, marinas, and sustainable boating tourism operators, including lakes.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Recently, **Kappad Beach (Kozhikode)** and **Chal Beach (Kannur)** in Kerala received the **Blue Flag Certification** for meeting international eco-tourism standards.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The certification is issued by the **Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)** and evaluated by an **international jury**, not by the **Indian Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC)**.

# BLUE FLAG BEACHES OF INDIA



COASTAL REGIONS OF INDIA

SHRUTI  
SHATHA  
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- **Which state became the first in Northeast India to distribute property cards under the SVAMITVA scheme?**
- **[A] Assam**
- **[B] Manipur**
- **[C] Mizoram**
- **[D] Nagaland**



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- **Correct Answer: [C] Mizoram**
- **Mizoram became the first state in Northeast India to distribute property cards under the Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) scheme.**
- **On January 18, 2025, Governor Gen (Dr) VK Singh virtually participated in the distribution event from Raj Bhavan, Aizawl.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed over 65 lakh property cards across 10 states and two Union Territories.**
- **In Mizoram, 1,754 property cardholders from 18 villages received their property cards under the scheme.**

- **Consider the following statements with respect to “Jallikattu”:**

**1.It is a traditional sport that is popular in the Andhra Pradesh.**

**2.It is celebrated during the Pongal festival.**

**3.It is a sport in which men compete with one another to maintain control of the humps of agitated bulls that are released in an open arena.**

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- **[A] 1 and 2 only**
- **[B] 2 only**
- **[C] 2 and 3 only**
- **[D] 3 only**

- **Answer: C**
- Statement 1 is incorrect. Jallikattu is a traditional sport that is popular in the Tamil Nadu.
- Statement 2 and 3 are correct. Jallikattu is celebrated during the Pongal festival. It is a sport in which men compete with one another to maintain control of the humps of agitated bulls that are released in an open arena.
- Recently, The first **Jallikattu** event of **2025** took place on **January 4** at **Thatchankurichi village, Pudukkottai district**. Over **600 bulls** and **350 bull-tamers** participated.



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- **Q. With reference to the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), consider the following statements:  
1.The Uniform Civil Code, mentioned in the Indian Constitution, is part of Fundamental Duties.  
2.It aims to have uniform laws for all religious communities in matters of personal law.  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:**
- **[A] 1 only**
- **[B] 2 only**
- **[C] Both 1 and 2**
- **[D] Neither 1 nor 2**

- **Answer: B**
- **Statement 1** is incorrect. The Uniform Civil Code is mentioned in the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP), not Fundamental Duties. DPSPs offer guidelines for the state but are not directly enforceable by courts.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The central idea of the UCC is to replace varied personal laws (based on religion) governing marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption, etc., with a uniform set of laws for all citizens.
- Recently,
- **Uttarakhand** become the **first state in India to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC)**, as the **state government has approved the UCC rules manual.**



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- **India's first organic fisheries cluster was launched in which state?**
- A) Assam
- B) Sikkim
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



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- **Answer:** B) Sikkim
- **Explanation:** India's first organic fisheries cluster was launched in **Soreng District, Sikkim** by Union Animal Husbandry Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh.
- This initiative promotes **sustainable, antibiotic-free, chemical-free, and pesticide-free fish farming** to support eco-friendly aquaculture.
- Sikkim, already recognized as **India's first organic state**.
- It aims to expand its organic approach to the fisheries sector, ensuring high-quality produce for global markets.

- **Which state became the first northeastern state to sign an MoU with the Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) of MeitY?**
- A) Meghalaya
- B) Nagaland
- C) Tripura
- D) Manipur

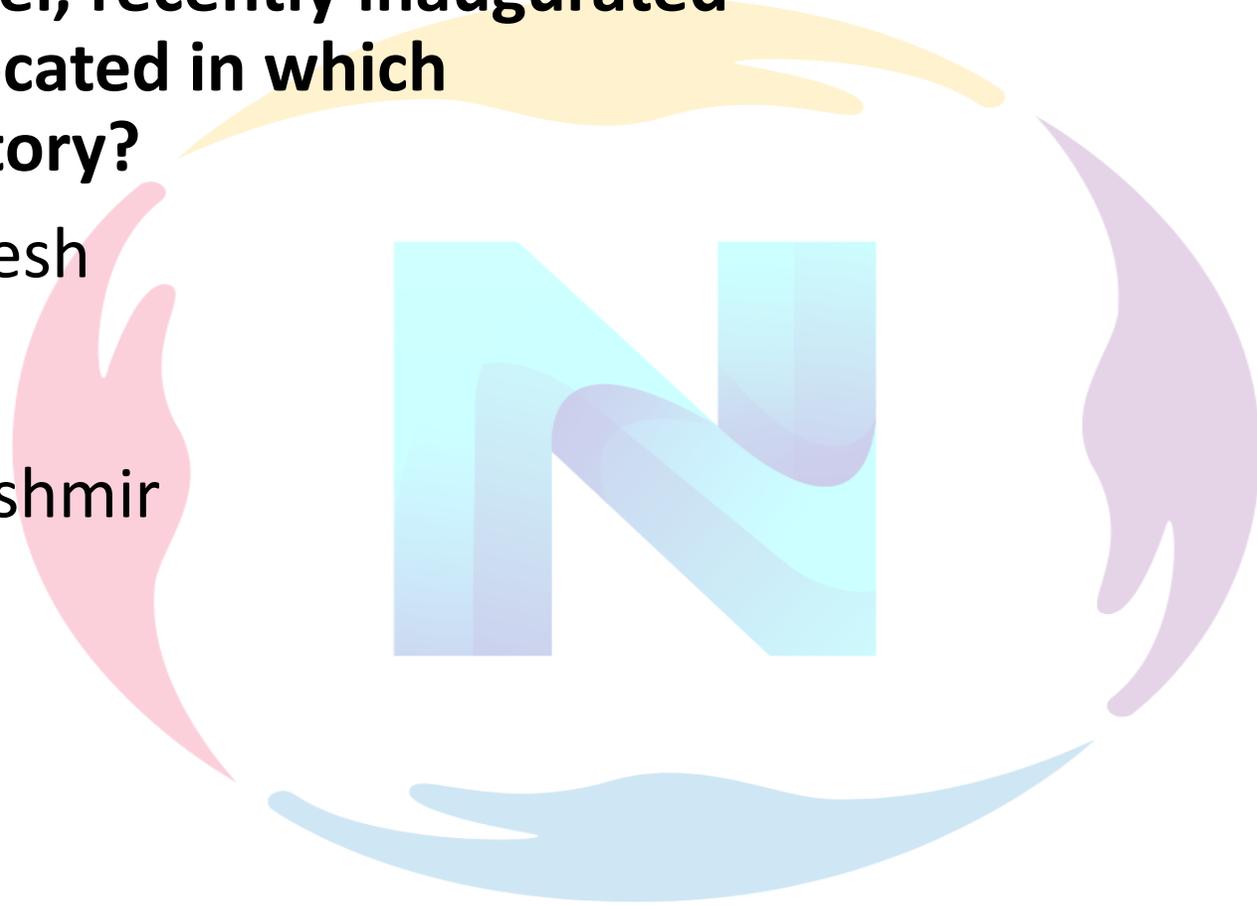


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- **Answer:** C) Tripura
- **Explanation:** Tripura became the **first northeastern state** to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD)** of the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**.
- The initiative focuses on **enhancing the use of regional languages in governance** to make public services more accessible.
- By integrating language technology, the state aims to bridge the digital divide and improve citizen participation in governance.

- **The Z-Morh Tunnel, recently inaugurated by PM Modi, is located in which state/union territory?**

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Sikkim
- D) Jammu and Kashmir



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- **Answer:** d) Jammu and Kashmir
- **Explanation:** The **Z-Morh Tunnel**, a **6.5 km bi-directional tunnel** located at an altitude of **8,652 feet**, was inaugurated by **PM Narendra Modi** in **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- The tunnel ensures **all-weather connectivity between Srinagar and Ladakh**, significantly reducing travel time from **over 2 hours to just 15 minutes**.
- Constructed at a cost of **₹2,400 crore**, this strategic project bypasses avalanche-prone areas and enhances connectivity, boosting tourism and trade in the region.

# BI-DIRECTIONAL TUNNEL TO LEH

First survey  
**1997**

Planning started  
**1999**  
(after Kargil war)



Parallel escape tunnel of 14.2 km

 Existing road



Tunnel to be built **400 meters beneath** (more than 5 times height of Qutub Minar) the existing road

Design speed at **80 kmph**

**8** ventilation sections

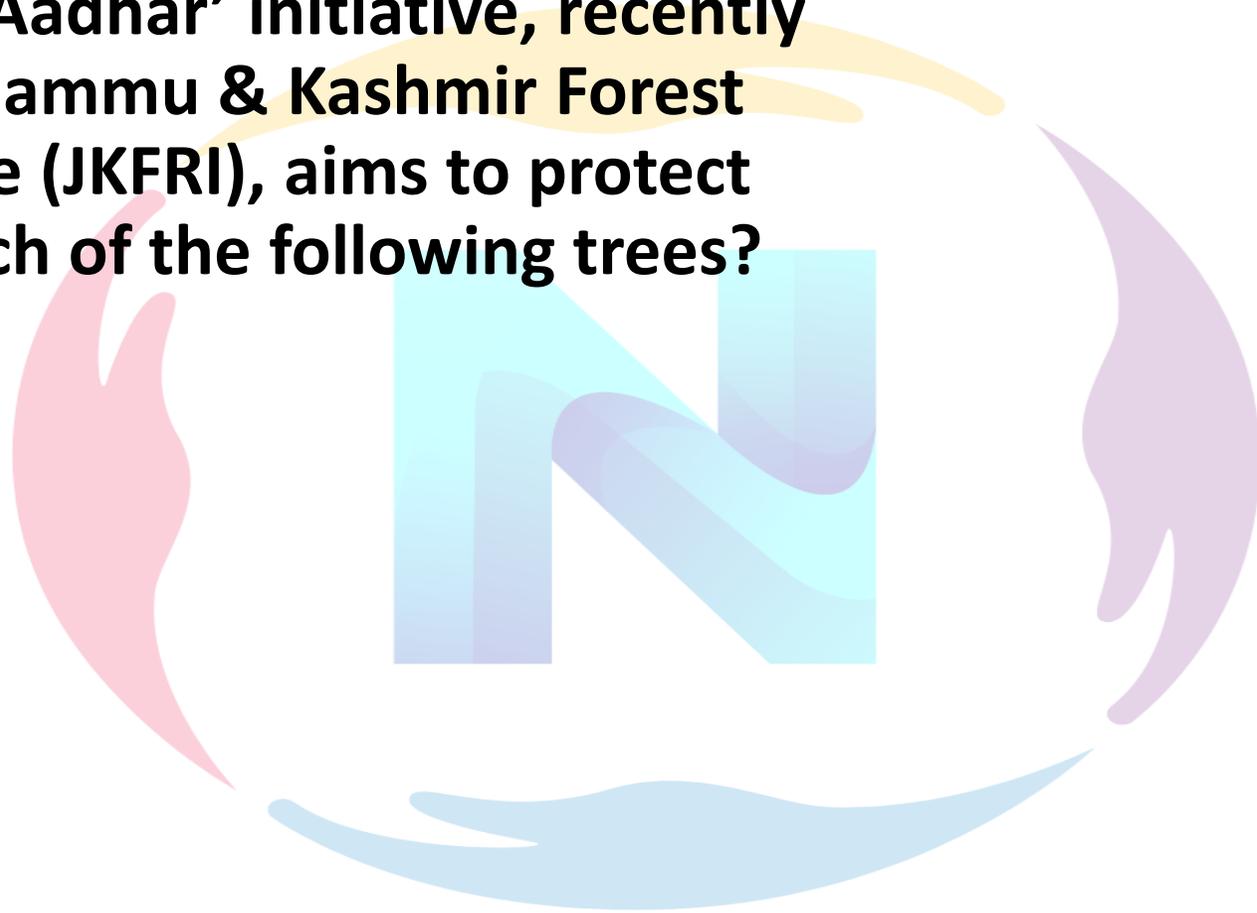
Pedestrian cross passage at every 250 meters & vehicle cross passage at 750 mters

Emergency telecommunication system

Peak min temperature at **-45 degree**

THA  
DEVOTION

- **The ‘Digital Tree Aadhar’ initiative, recently launched by the Jammu & Kashmir Forest Research Institute (JKFRI), aims to protect and monitor which of the following trees?**
- A) Cedar Trees
- B) Chinar Trees
- C) Deodar Trees
- D) Pine Trees



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- **Answer:** B) Chinar Trees
- **Explanation:** The Jammu & Kashmir Forest Research Institute (JKFRI) launched the '**Digital Tree Aadhar**' initiative to protect and monitor **Kashmir's Chinar trees**, which are increasingly under threat due to urbanization and infrastructure development.
- Each Chinar tree is assigned a **unique digital identity with geo-tagging, QR codes, and metal cards** for public scanning, modeled after India's Aadhaar system.
- This initiative aims to **enhance conservation efforts, preserve biodiversity, and raise awareness about the importance of Chinar trees** in Kashmir's cultural and ecological landscape.

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**Q. With reference to the National Turmeric Board, consider the following statements:**

1. It is established to promote the growth, development, and market expansion of turmeric and its products in India.
2. The Board's headquarters is located in New Delhi.
3. The Ministry of Agriculture is the nodal ministry responsible for the Board.
4. It collaborates with the Spices Board of India to enhance coordination and development efforts in the turmeric sector.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (A) Only one
- (B) Only two
- (C) Only three
- (D) All four

**Answer: (B) Only two**

**Explanation:**

- **Statements 1 and 4 are correct.** The National Turmeric Board is dedicated to enhancing the production, quality, research, and export of turmeric and its products in India.
- It aims to boost farmers' incomes and expand global markets for Indian turmeric.
- The Board collaborates with the Spices Board of India and other agencies to promote research, establish quality standards, and develop markets for turmeric.
- India is the largest producer, consumer, and exporter of turmeric, accounting for over **70% of global production** and holding a **62% share in global trade**.
- **Statements 2 and 3 are incorrect.** The **headquarters of the National Turmeric Board is located in Nizamabad, Telangana**, which is a key turmeric-producing region. The Board operates under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, not the Ministry of Agriculture. Major turmeric-producing states include **Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal, and Gujarat**. Additionally, **Meghalaya** is known for its **high-curcumin Lakadong turmeric variety**.

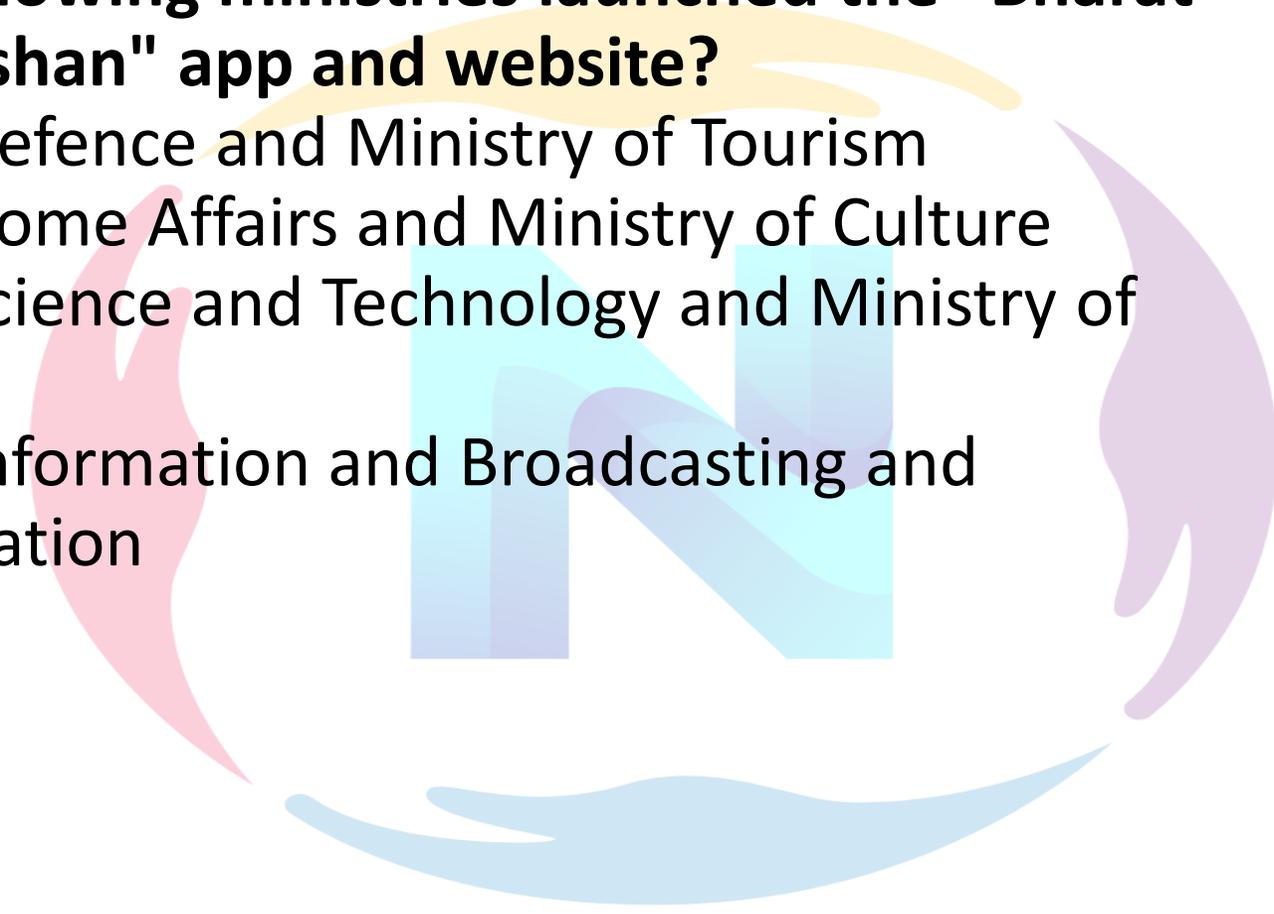
• **Which of the following ministries launched the "Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan" app and website?**

[A] Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Tourism

[B] Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Culture

[C] Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of External Affairs

[D] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Ministry of Education



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- **Answer: A) Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Tourism**
- **Explanation:**  
The "**Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan**" app and website were launched in **Pune, Maharashtra**, by the **Ministries of Defence and Tourism**, along with the **Indian Army**.
- The initiative allows civilians to visit **key battlefield locations from the 1962, 1971, and 1999 wars**, as well as significant conflict zones like **Siachen base camp and Galwan Valley**.
- The objective is to **promote military tourism and educate citizens about India's military history**.

• **Which country hosted the International Pashmina Festival 2025?**

- [A] India
- [B] Nepal
- [C] Bhutan
- [D] China



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- **Answer: B) Nepal**
- **Explanation:**  
The **International Pashmina Festival** was organized by the **Nepal Pashmina Industries Association and Confederation of Nepalese Industries**.
- It highlighted **Nepal's expertise in producing authentic Pashmina** from the **Chyangra goat**.
- The event celebrated **traditional weaving methods** and emphasized the **global recognition of Chyangra Pashmina as a premium product**.

- **Which of the following festivals is related to World War II?**

- **Options:**

[A] Hornbill Festival

[B] Pawl Kut

[C] Ziro Festival

[D] Pangsau Pass Festival



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- **Answer: D) Pangsau Pass International Festival**
- **Explanation:**  
The **Pangsau Pass International Festival (PPIF) 2025** was held in **Nampong, Arunachal Pradesh**, near the **Pangsau Pass**, which played a crucial role during **World War II**.
- The festival coincides with the **80th anniversary of the war's conclusion** and focuses on **restoring WWII-era sites, promoting tourism, and fostering cultural exchange**.
- The region was historically significant due to the **Ledo Road, a strategic supply route during WWII**.



Festival	Location	Significance
Hornbill Festival	Nagaland	Celebrates Naga tribal culture and traditions
Pawl Kut	Mizoram	Harvest festival of the Mizo community
Ziro Festival	Arunachal Pradesh	Outdoor music and cultural festival
Pangsau Pass Festival	Arunachal Pradesh	Commemorates World War II and Pangsau Pass



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- Which of the following locations has an astronomical observatory that is NOT located in India?

- Options:

[A] Ladakh

[B] Nainital

[C] Lachen

[D] Girbani Hills



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- **Answer: C) Lachen**
- **Lachen is a town in Sikkim**, known for its scenic beauty and as a gateway to Gurudongmar Lake. However, it does **not have an astronomical observatory**.
- The **first astronomical observatory in Eastern India** was inaugurated atop **Panchet Hill in the Garpanchkot area of Purulia, West Bengal**.
- This is the **sixth** observatory in India, following those in **Ladakh, Nainital (Uttarakhand), Mount Abu (Rajasthan), Girbani Hills (Pune), and Kavalur (Tamil Nadu)**.

- **Recently, the Hatti tribes were seen in the news. They are related to which of the following states?**

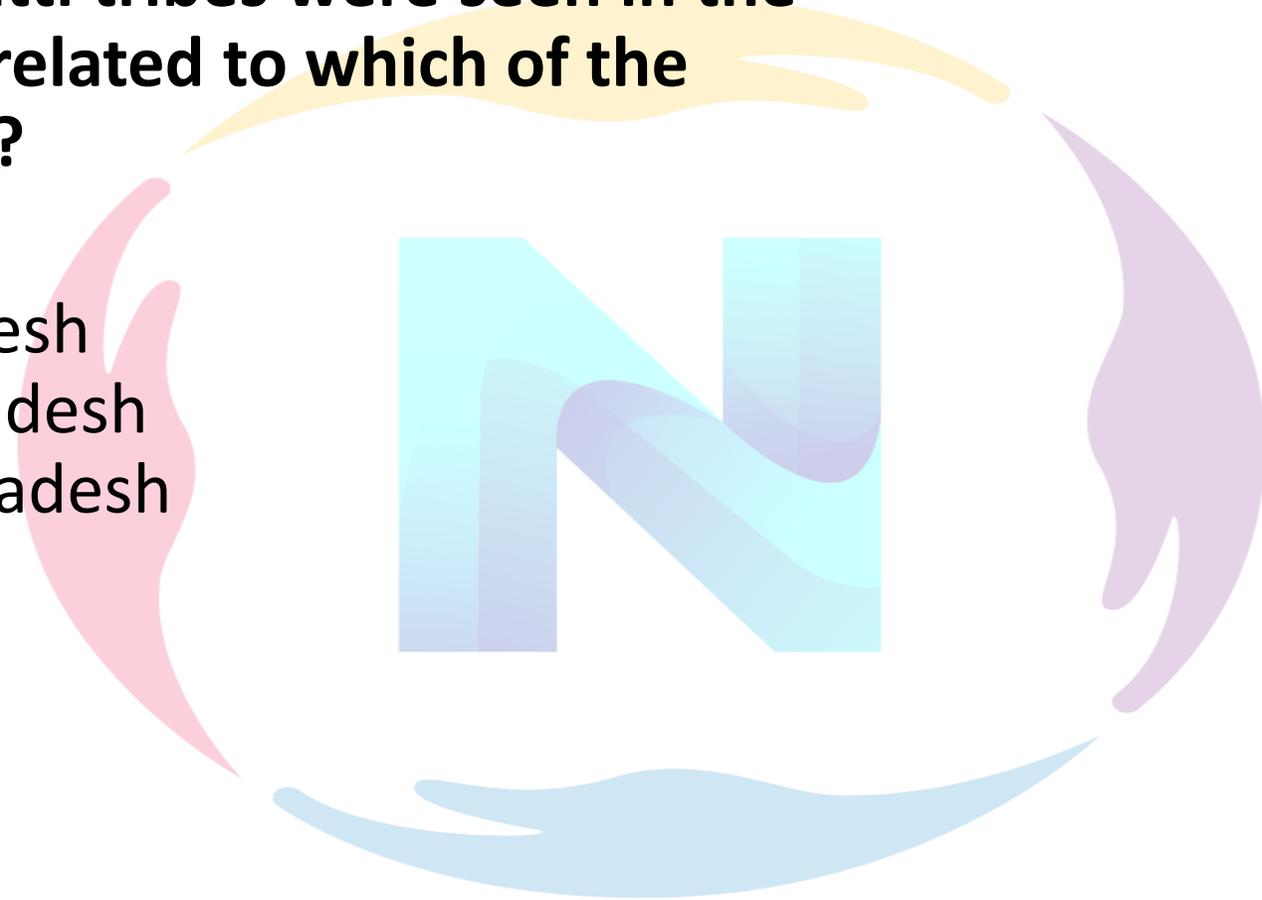
- **Options:**

[A] Andhra Pradesh

[B] Himachal Pradesh

[C] Arunachal Pradesh

[D] Sikkim



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- **Answer: B) Himachal Pradesh**
- **Explanation:**  
The **Hatti tribes** are indigenous to the **Trans-Giri region of Himachal Pradesh**, particularly in **Sirmaur district**.
- They celebrate the **Boda Tyohar (Magho ko Tyohar)**, which is the community's largest annual festival.
- The Hatti community was recently in the news due to their demand for **Scheduled Tribe (ST) status**.
- Their traditions, economic activities, and cultural practices are distinct, making them an important tribal group in the state.



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- **Who became the youngest female to conquer the Seven Summits in the world?**

- **Options:**

[A] Poorna Malavath

[B] Nungshi Malik

[C] Arunima Sinha

[D] Kaamya Karthikeyan



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- **Answer: D) Kaamyaa Karthikeyan**

- **Explanation:**

**Kaamyaa Karthikeyan, a 17-year-old student from Mumbai, became the youngest female to complete the Seven Summits challenge, which involves climbing the highest peaks on all seven continents.**

- **She scaled Mount Vinson (Antarctica) on December 24, 2024, completing the feat.**

- **Her journey included summiting Mount Everest (Asia), Mount Kilimanjaro (Africa), Mount Elbrus (Europe), Mount Kosciuszko (Australia), Mount Aconcagua (South America), and Mount Denali (North America).**

- **She was accompanied by her father, Cdr S. Karthikeyan, on her final climb.**



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- Consider the following statements regarding the BHARATPOL Portal:
- The BHARATPOL portal was launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs and developed by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- It aims to enhance real-time international police cooperation and strengthen India's fight against transnational crimes.
- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) acts as the National Central Bureau (NCB) for INTERPOL in India and is responsible for its development.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- Options:
  - [A] 1 and 2 only
  - [B] 2 and 3 only
  - [C] 1 and 3 only
  - [D] 1, 2, and 3

- **Answer: B) 2 and 3 only**
- **Explanation:**
- The **BHARATPOL portal** was launched by **Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah** on **January 7, 2025**, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- **Statement 1 is incorrect** because the portal was developed by the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** and not the **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)**.
- **Statement 2 is correct** as the portal **enhances real-time international police coordination** and improves India's efforts in tackling **transnational crimes**.
- **Statement 3 is correct** because the **CBI serves as the National Central Bureau (NCB) for INTERPOL in India**, ensuring better communication between Indian law enforcement agencies and INTERPOL.



**BHARATPOL**

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**Consider the following statements regarding "Nadi Tarangini":**

- 1. Nadi Tarangini is an AI-powered pulse diagnostic device developed by Atreya Innovations.**
- 2. It is India's first Ayurvedic medical device to receive approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO).**
- 3. The device was developed in collaboration with the Ministry of AYUSH and AIIMS.**

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

**Options:**

- [A] 1 and 2 only**
- [B] 2 and 3 only**
- [C] 1 and 3 only**
- [D] 1, 2, and 3**

- **Answer: A) 1 and 2 only**
- **Statement 1 is correct** as **Nadi Tarangini** is an **AI-powered pulse diagnostic device** developed by **Atreya Innovations** to blend modern technology with **traditional Ayurvedic practices**.
- **Statement 2 is correct** because it is **India's first Ayurvedic medical device** to be officially recognized by the **Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** as the development of the device was a result of **six years of independent research** by Atreya Innovations, without direct collaboration with **the Ministry of AYUSH or AIIMS**.

# ENHANCING HEALTH HARMONY WITH

**nadi tarangini**<sup>TM</sup>  
*The pulse of progress*

Health Care  
Meets Technology



- **Recently, the Generation Beta was seen in the news. Who coined the term 'Generation Beta'?**

- **Options:**

[A] Malcolm Gladwell

[B] Mark McCrindle

[C] Alvin Toffler

[D] Thomas Friedman



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- **Answer: B) Mark McCrindle**
- **Explanation:**
- **Generation Beta** refers to individuals born from the **mid-2020s onward**, characterized by rapid **technological advancements** and a focus on **sustainability**.
- The term was coined by **Australian futurist Mark McCrindle**, who is known for his research on **demographic trends and future generations**.
- India's first recorded **Generation Beta baby, Frankie Remruatdika Zadeng**, was born in **Aizawl, Mizoram, on January 1, 2025**.

# Generations Timeline



**Silent Generation**  
Born: 1925–1945  
Age: 80+



**Baby Boomers**  
Born: 1946–1964  
Age: 61-79



**Generation X**  
Born: 1965-1979  
Age: 46-60



**Millennials**  
Born: 1980-1994  
Age: 31-45



**Generation Z**  
Born: 1995-2009  
Age: 16-30



**Generation Alpha**  
Born: 2010–2024  
Age: 15 and under



**Generation Beta**  
Born: 2025-2039

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<b>Generation</b>	<b>Birth Years</b>	<b>Current Age Range</b>	<b>Characteristics</b>
<b>Silent Generation</b>	1925 - 1945	80+ years	Disciplined, hardworking, traditional values, strong work ethic, shaped by World War II and economic hardships.
<b>Baby Boomers</b>	1946 - 1964	61 - 79 years	Competitive, goal-oriented, value job stability, loyal to employers, influenced by post-war economic growth.
<b>Generation X</b>	1965 - 1979	46 - 60 years	Independent, adaptable, skeptical of authority, first generation to experience digital transformation.
<b>Millennials</b>	1980 - 1994	31 - 45 years	Tech-savvy, socially conscious, value work-life balance, entrepreneurial, digital natives.
<b>Generation Z</b>	1995 - 2009	16 - 30 years	Highly tech-dependent, socially aware, value diversity and inclusion, influenced by social media and instant communication.
<b>Generation Alpha</b>	2010 - 2024	15 and under	Growing up in a fully digital world, influenced by AI, social media, and personalized learning experiences.
<b>Generation Beta</b>	2025 - 2039	Future births	Expected to be the most tech-integrated generation, influenced by AI, automation, and climate-conscious initiatives.

• **Which two Indian cities have become the first to be accredited as Wetland Cities under the Ramsar Convention?**

[A] Bengaluru and Hyderabad

[B] Chennai and Bhopal

[C] Pune and Jaipur

[D] Indore and Udaipur



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- **Answer: D) Indore and Udaipur**
- **Explanation:**
- **Indore and Udaipur** have become the **first Indian cities** to be accredited as **Wetland Cities** under the **Ramsar Convention**.
- This recognition highlights **India's commitment to sustainable urban development and ecological conservation**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** congratulated both cities for achieving a balance between **urban growth and environmental sustainability**.
- Wetlands play a **crucial role in biodiversity conservation, water purification, and climate regulation**.

- **How many new Ramsar sites were added in India in January 2025?**

- **Options:**

[A] 2

[B] 3

[C] 4

[D] 5



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- **Answer: C) 4**
- India has added **four new Ramsar sites** in **January 2025**, increasing the total number of **Wetlands of International Importance** to **89**.

### **Ramsar sites under the Ramsar Convention.**

- Inclusion of new wetlands brings the total number of globally recognized wetlands in the country to **89**.
- The newly designated sites are:
  - **Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary** and **Therthangal Bird Sanctuary** in **Tamil Nadu**.
  - **Khecheopalri Wetland** in **Sikkim**.
  - **Udhwa Lake** in **Jharkhand**.

- **Shahid Madho Singh Haath Kharcha Scheme is related to which state?**

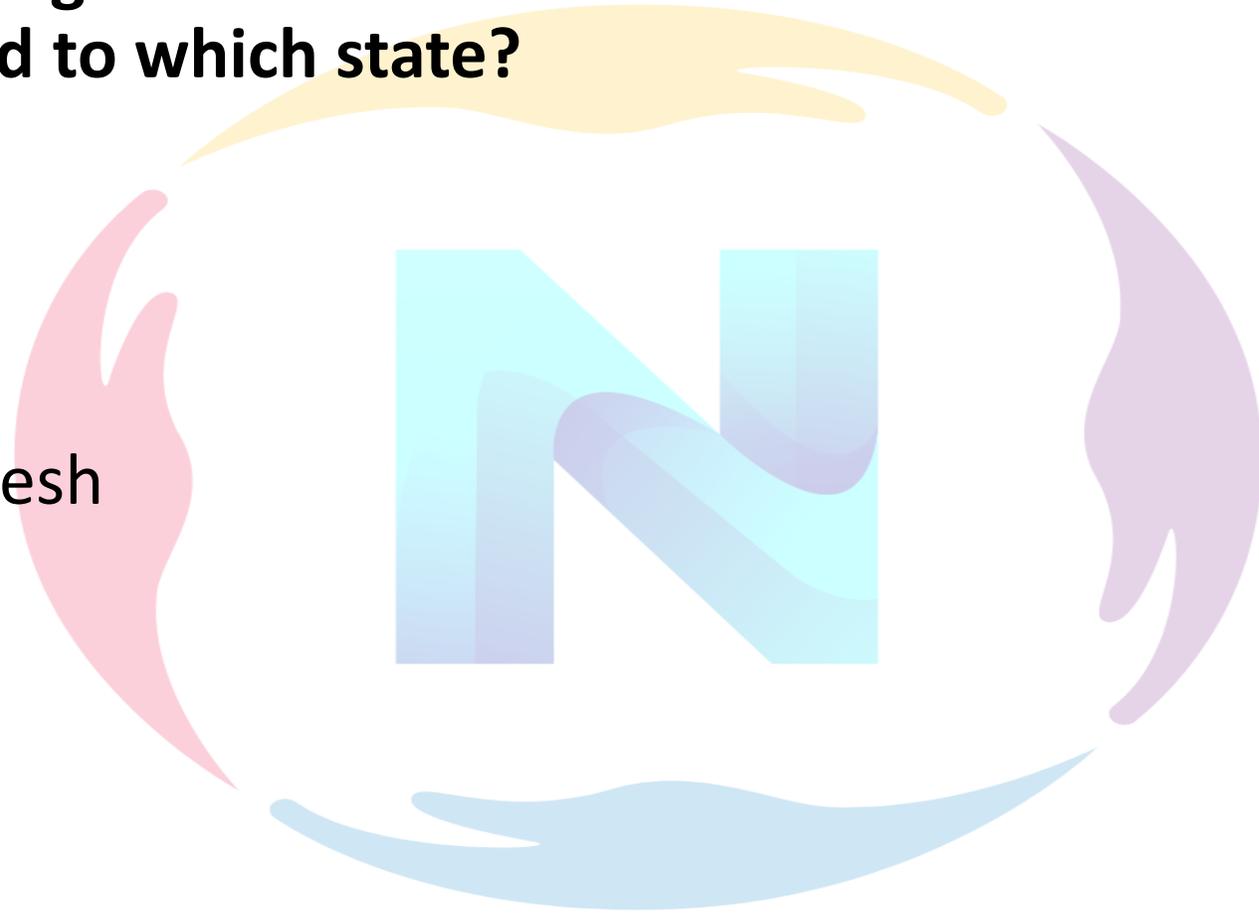
- **Options:**

[A] Odisha

[B] Chhattisgarh

[C] Jharkhand

[D] Madhya Pradesh

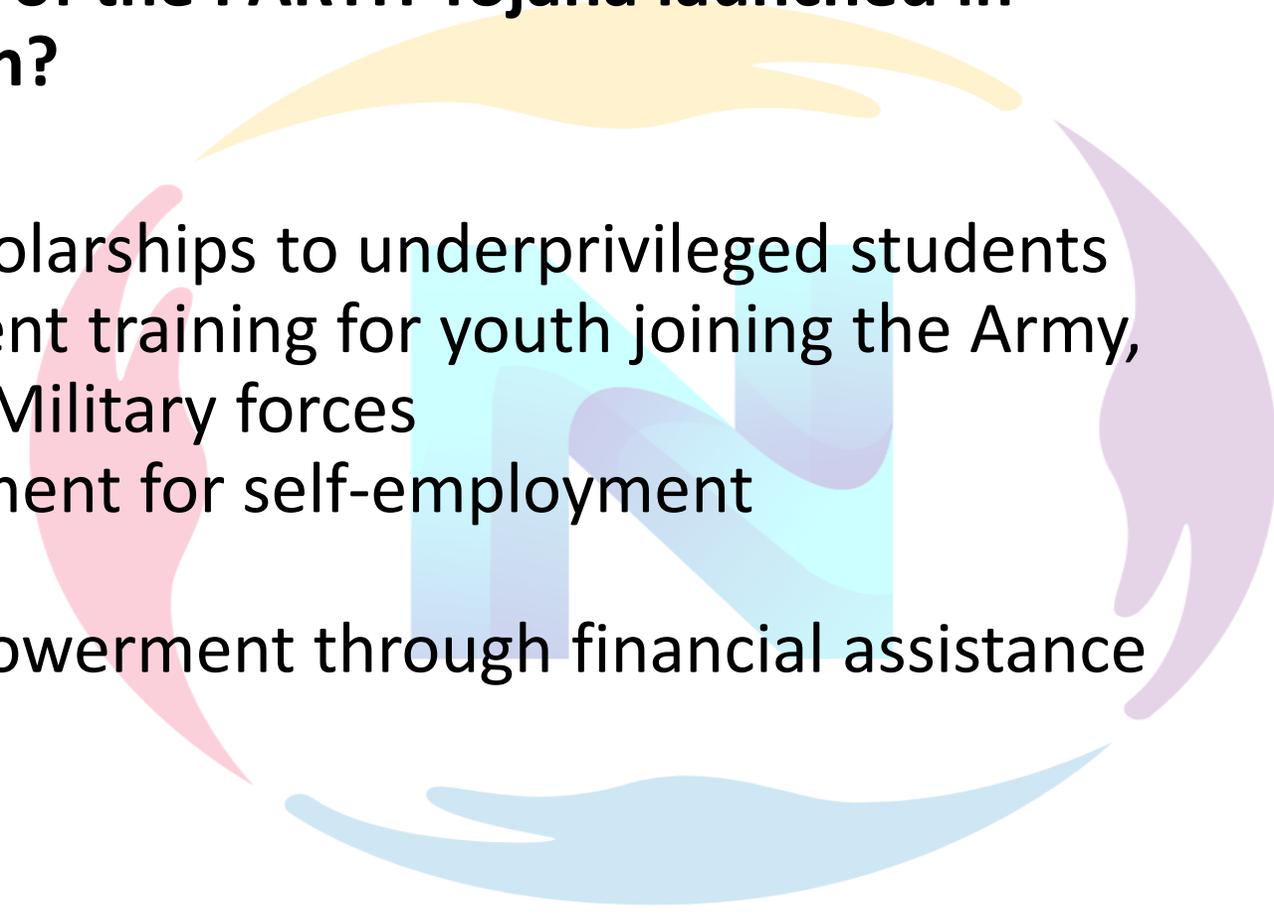


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- **Answer: A) Odisha**
- **Explanation:**
- The **Shahid Madho Singh Haath Kharcha Scheme** was launched by **Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi** on **January 7, 2025**, at **Adivasi Mela, Bhubaneswar**.
- It provides **₹5,000 financial assistance** to **Scheduled Tribe (ST) students** enrolling in **Class IX and XI** to reduce dropout rates.
- **Eligibility** includes **ST students** from families earning  $\leq$  **₹2,50,000** annually.
- The incentive is **directly credited** to students' bank accounts through applications via the **Odisha State Scholarship Portal**.
- **Madho Singh** was a tribal leader and zamindar who led guerrilla warfare against British rule during the **First War of Indian Independence (1857)**.

- **What is the aim of the PARTH Yojana launched in Madhya Pradesh?**

- [A] Providing scholarships to underprivileged students
- [B] Pre-recruitment training for youth joining the Army, Police, and Para-Military forces
- [C] Skill development for self-employment opportunities
- [D] Women empowerment through financial assistance



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- **Answer: B) Pre-recruitment training for youth joining the Army, Police, and Para-Military forces**
- **Explanation:**
- **PARTH Yojana** is a pre-recruitment training program launched by the **Madhya Pradesh government** to train **youth** for careers in the **Indian Army, Police, and Para-Military forces**.
- The training focuses on **physical fitness, mental agility, and personality development** to help candidates **clear physical tests, written exams, and general knowledge assessments**.
- Training centers will function at the **divisional level** under the supervision of **District Sports and Youth Welfare Officers**.
- The scheme **promotes patriotism, discipline, and fitness** among young aspirants.

**P: Police**  
**A: Army**  
**R: Recruitment**  
**T: Training**  
**H: Hunar**



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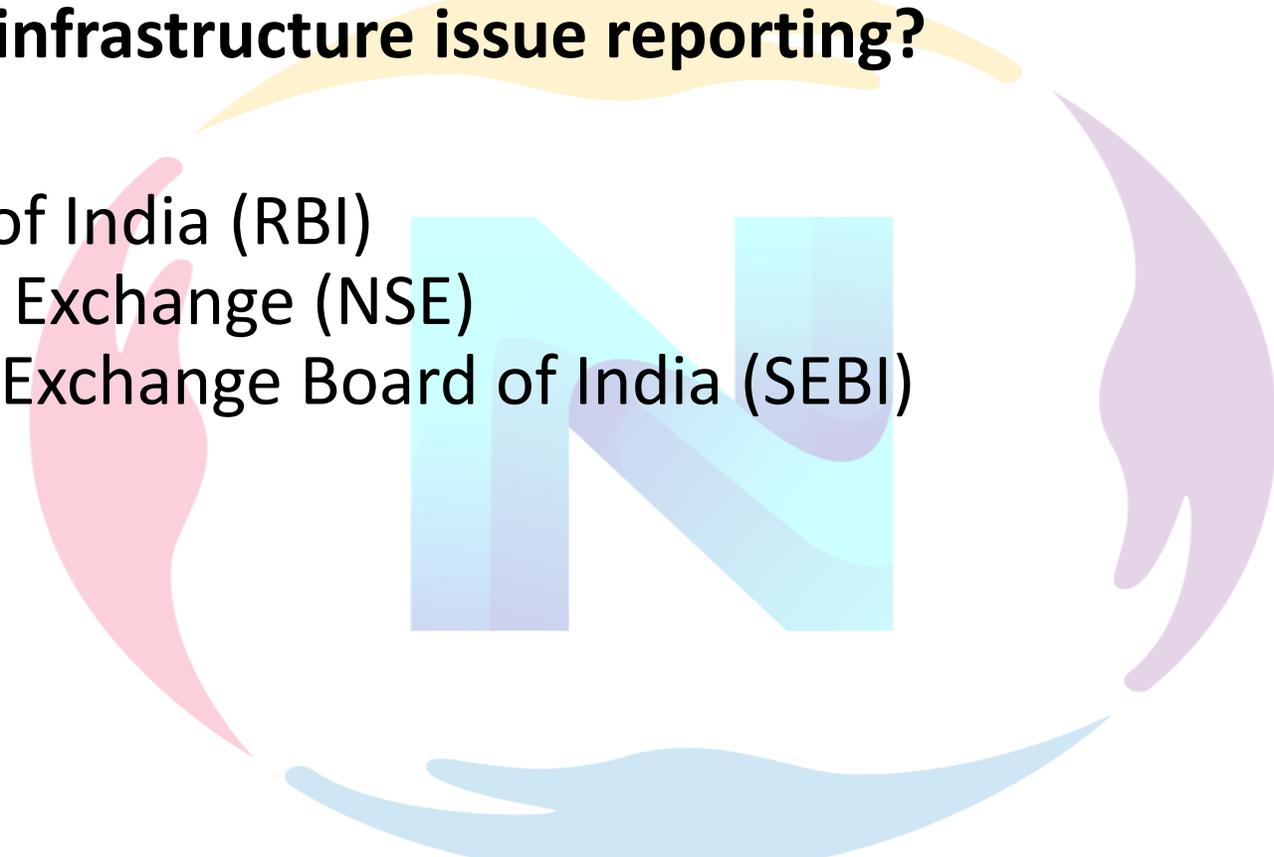
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• **Which organization launched the iSPOT portal to improve market infrastructure issue reporting?**

- [A] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- [B] National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- [C] Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- [D] NABARD



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- **Answer: C) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**
- **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is launching the Integrated SEBI Portal for Technical Glitches (iSPOT) on February 3, 2025.**
- **This new system will replace the outdated email-based reporting mechanism for Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs), such as stock exchanges and depositories.**
- **iSPOT will allow real-time reporting of technical issues with detailed root cause analysis (RCA), improving transparency, efficiency, and financial market stability.**

- **With reference to United Nations Security Council (UNSC), consider the following statements:**
  - 1. Its objective is to maintain international peace and security.**
  - 2. It is the only organ of UN that has the power to take decisions that the Member States are obligated to implement.**
  - 3. Each year the UN General Assembly elects five non-permanent members for UNSC, out of 10 in total, for a one -year term.**

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- **[A] 1 and 2 only**
- **[B] 2 and 3 only**
- **[C] 1 and 3 only**
- **[D] 1, 2 and 3**

- **Answer: A**
- **Statement is correct:** UN gives UNSC, the primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security to the Security Council, which may meet whenever peace is threatened.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** While other organs of the United Nations make recommendations to member states, only the Security Council has the power to make decisions that member states are then obligated to implement under the Charter.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Each year the General Assembly elects five non-permanent members (out of 10 in total) for a two-year term.
- Recently,
- **Pakistan began its two-year tenure as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), its eighth term.**

- **Recently, Tomiko Itooka was seen in the news. She was known as?**

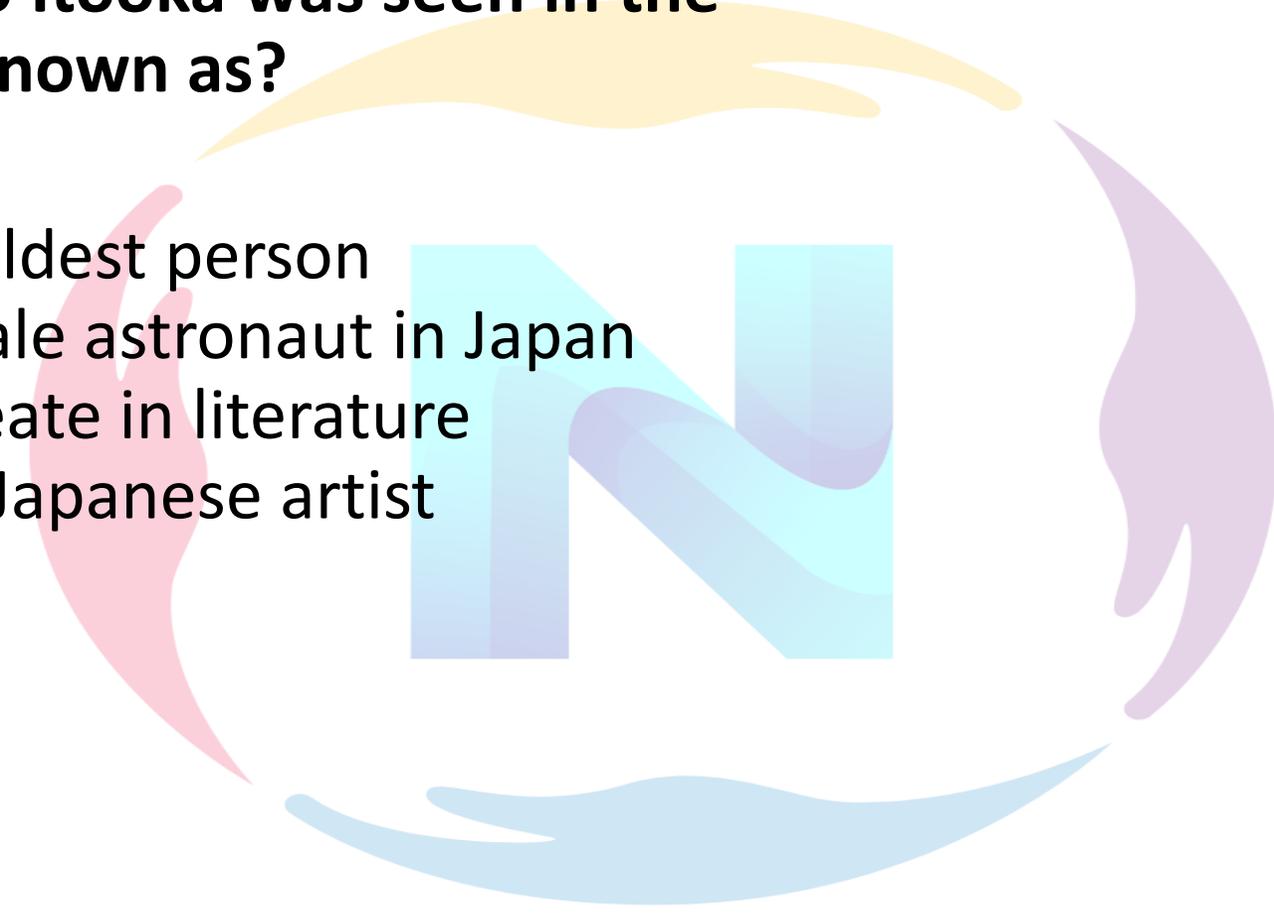
- **Options:**

[A] The world's oldest person

[B] The first female astronaut in Japan

[C] A Nobel laureate in literature

[D] A renowned Japanese artist



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- **Answer: A) The world's oldest person**
- **Explanation:**
- **Tomiko Itooka**, recognized as the **world's oldest person** by **Guinness World Records**, passed away at **116 years old** in **January 2025**.
- Born in **May 1908**, she lived through **both World Wars**, **major technological advancements**, and **societal changes**.
- Her **long life** is considered a **symbol of resilience and longevity**, making her an inspirational figure.

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- **Which country was officially admitted as a partner country of the BRICS bloc?**

- **Options:**

- [A] Saudi Arabia

- [B] Argentina

- [C] Indonesia

- [D] Nigeria



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- **Answer: D) Nigeria**
- **Explanation:**
- **Nigeria** was officially admitted as a **partner country** of the **BRICS bloc**, which consists of **Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa**.
- The announcement was made by **Brazil's Foreign Ministry**, emphasizing Nigeria's **economic significance and diplomatic role** in strengthening **South-South cooperation**.
- Nigeria's inclusion is expected to **enhance its economic and geopolitical ties** with other **emerging global economies**.

- **Who made history by becoming the first Indian-American and Hindu Second Lady of the United States?**

- **Options:**

[A] Nikki Haley

[B] Usha Vance

[C] Kamala Harris

[D] Pramila Jayapal



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- **Answer: B) Usha Vance**
- **Explanation:**
- **Usha Vance** made history as the **first Indian-American and Hindu Second Lady of the United States.**
- She is the wife of **J.D. Vance**, who was sworn in as the **50th Vice President of the United States.**
- Her journey, deeply rooted in **Indian heritage and culture**, has garnered **widespread attention and admiration**, marking a **significant milestone in American politics.**

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- **UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan declared 2025 as the Year of?**

- **Options:**

- [A] Sustainability

- [B] Innovation

- [C] Community

- [D] Future



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- **Answer: C) Community**
- **Explanation:**
- UAE President **Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan** declared **2025** as the "**Year of Community**" with the slogan "**Hand in Hand.**"
- The initiative aims to **promote unity, inclusion, and cultural diversity** while encouraging **volunteering and social cohesion.**
- It reflects the **UAE's commitment** to building a **strong, empowered, and cohesive society.**

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- **Consider the following statements regarding Niger's achievement in eliminating onchocerciasis (river blindness):**
- **Niger became the first African country to eliminate onchocerciasis as a public health threat.**
- **The disease is caused by a bacterial infection transmitted through contaminated water.**
- **Niger joins Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Mexico in achieving this milestone.**
- **Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**
- [A] 1 and 2 only
- [B] 1 and 3 only
- [C] 2 and 3 only
- [D] 1, 2, and 3

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- **Answer: B) 1 and 3 only**
- **Statement 1 is correct:** Niger became the **first African country to eliminate onchocerciasis (river blindness)** as a **public health threat**. This marks a major achievement in the fight against **neglected tropical diseases**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Onchocerciasis is caused by the **parasitic worm *Onchocerca volvulus***, not a bacterial infection. The disease is transmitted **through repeated bites of infected blackflies** that breed in **fast-flowing rivers and streams**.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Before Niger, **Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Mexico** had successfully eliminated onchocerciasis. Niger now joins this group, highlighting **global efforts to tackle parasitic diseases**.



- **Who won the Best Actor award at the 82nd Annual Golden Globe Awards (2025)?**

[A] Leonardo DiCaprio – "Killers of the Flower Moon"

[B] Cillian Murphy – "Oppenheimer"

[C] Adrien Brody – "The Brutalist"

[D] Bradley Cooper – "Maestro"

- **Answer:**  
**C) Adrien Brody – "The Brutalist"**
- Adrien Brody won the **Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture – Drama** at the **82nd Annual Golden Globe Awards (2025)** for his role in *The Brutalist*.
- The film and Brody's performance received critical acclaim, solidifying his status as a top-tier actor.
- The Golden Globes, awarded by the **Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA)**, are one of the most prestigious honors in the film industry, setting the stage for further recognition at events like the Academy Awards.



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- **Who won the Col. C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award (Men) in 2025?**

- **Options:**

- [A] Rahul Dravid

- [B] Sourav Ganguly

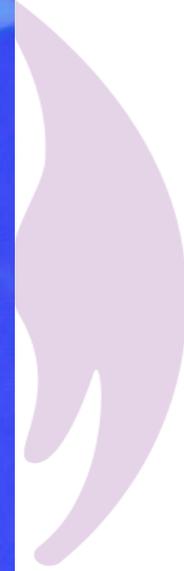
- [C] Anil Kumble

- [D] Sachin Tendulkar



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- **Answer:**  
**D) Sachin Tendulkar**
- The **Col. C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award** is one of India's highest cricketing honors. In 2025, **Sachin Tendulkar** received this prestigious award for his **immense contributions to Indian cricket**, cementing his legacy as one of the greatest cricketers of all time.
- The Colonel C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award is an award presented by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to individuals who provided an unparalleled contribution to Indian cricket.
- It is the highest honour bestowed by BCCI on a former player and is considered as one of the most prestigious awards in cricket.
- The award includes a trophy, citation, and cash prize of ₹25 lakh.

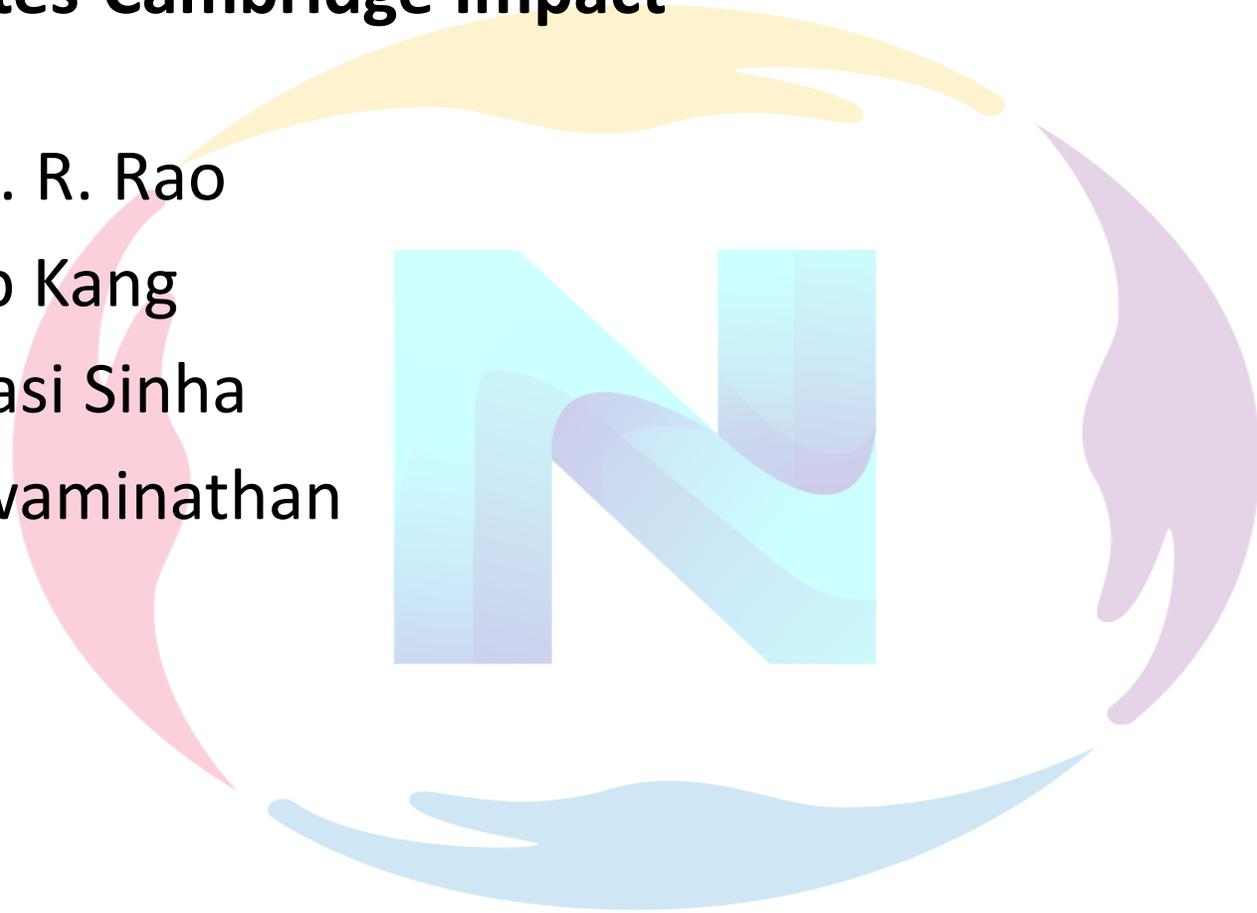


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- **Who won the Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025?**

- [A] Professor C. N. R. Rao
- [B] Dr. Gagandeep Kang
- [C] Professor Urbasi Sinha
- [D] Dr. Soumya Swaminathan



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- **Answer:**  
**C) Professor Urbasi Sinha**
- Professor **Urbasi Sinha**, a distinguished faculty member at the **Raman Research Institute (RRI)**, won the **Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025**, awarded by the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** in **Cambridge, UK**.
- Her contributions to **Light and Matter Physics** played a crucial role in advancing quantum technologies and physics research.



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- **Which of the following personalities won the Crystal Award at the 55th World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2025?**

- **Options:**

[A] David Beckham

[B] Diane von Furstenberg

[C] Riken Yamamoto

[D] All of the above



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- **Answer:**  
**D) All of the above**
- The **Crystal Award**, presented at the **55th World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting** in **Davos, Switzerland**, honors individuals for their contributions to **social, environmental, and creative progress**. The 2025 winners included:
  - **David Beckham**, recognized for his philanthropic efforts, particularly in youth development and sports programs through the **David Beckham UNICEF Fund**.
  - **Diane von Furstenberg**, a fashion designer and women's empowerment advocate, celebrated for her impact on the fashion industry and her leadership in supporting female entrepreneurs.
  - **Riken Yamamoto**, an internationally acclaimed architect, honored for his innovative and sustainable architectural designs that emphasize social integration and environmental sustainability.

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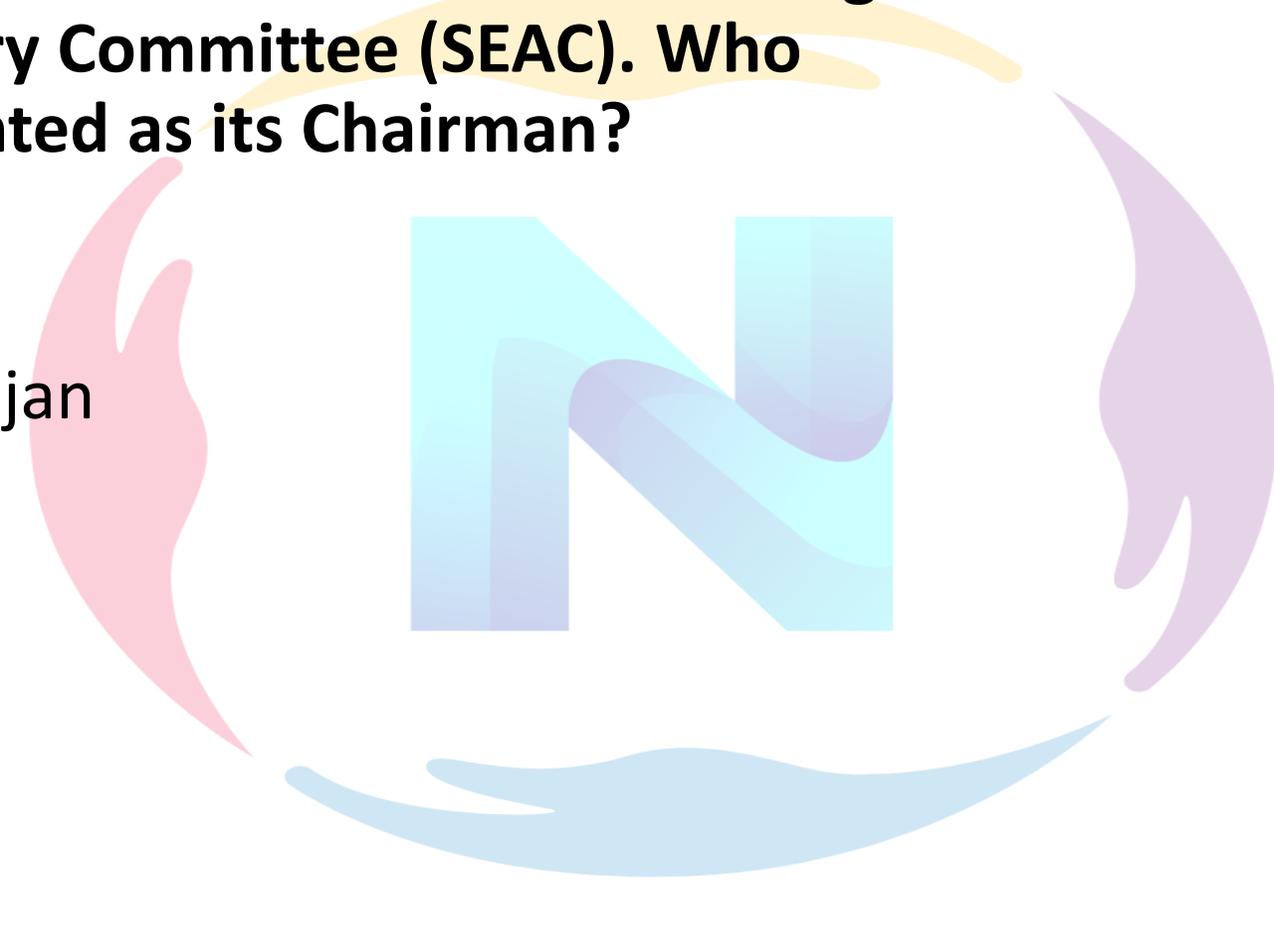
- Consider the following statements regarding the UN-CEBD:
  1. Established in 2014, Australia was its first Chair.
  2. It focuses on using Big Data for monitoring SDGs.
  3. The Advisory Board meets twice a year, and the UN Bureau manages operations.
  4. It aims to build public trust in Big Data for official statistics.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (A) 1, 2, and 3 only  
(B) 2 and 4 only  
(C) 1, 2, and 4 only  
(D) 1, 2, 3, and 4

- **Answer: (C) 1, 2, and 4 only**
- **Explanation:**
- **Statement 1 is correct:** UN-CEBD was founded in **2014**, with **Australia** as its first **Chair**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It promotes **Big Data** for **SDG** monitoring.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The **Advisory Board** meets **four times a year**, not twice.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** It aims to **build public trust** in **Big Data** for **statistics**.
- **Recently, India has joined the UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics (UN-CEBD).**

- Consider the following statements regarding the 28th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CSPOC) 2026:
- The 28th CSPOC will be hosted by the United Kingdom in 2026.
- CSPOC was first established in 1969 by Speaker Lucien Lamoureux of Canada.
- It operates under the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).
- India provides secretariat support for CSPOC activities.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (A) 1, 2, and 4 only
- (B) 2 and 3 only
- (C) 1, 3, and 4 only
- (D) 1, 2, 3, and 4

- **Answer: (B) 2 and 3 only**
- **Explanation:**
- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The **28th CSPOC will be hosted by India, not the United Kingdom.**
- **Statement 2 is correct:** CSPOC was **established in 1969** by **Lucien Lamoureux**, the Speaker of Canada.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** CSPOC operates **under the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)** and aims to enhance parliamentary cooperation.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** **Canada, not India, provides secretariat support** for CSPOC activities.
- Recently, India will host the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Parliaments of Commonwealth Countries (CSPOC) in 2026.

- **Recently, the RBI established a new Standing External Advisory Committee (SEAC). Who has been appointed as its Chairman?**
- (A) Urjit Patel
- (B) M. K. Jain
- (C) Raghuram Rajan
- (D) Viral Acharya



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- **Answer: (B) M. K. Jain**
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a Standing External Advisory Committee (SEAC) to evaluate applications for Universal Banks and Small Finance Banks (SFBs).
- **The committee is chaired by former RBI Deputy Governor M. K. Jain and consists of five members.**
- This initiative aims to streamline the process of granting new banking licenses by ensuring a thorough and independent evaluation.

- **Consider the following statements regarding the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024:**

- 1. The bill introduces 66 amendments, all proposed by the ruling party.**
- 2. The primary objective of the bill is to enhance the governance of Waqf properties, particularly benefiting marginalized communities like Pasmada Muslims.**
- 3. A Joint Parliamentary Committee, comprising members only from ruling parties, was formed to examine the bill.**
- 4. The bill was first tabled in the Lok Sabha in August 2024.**

- **Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- (A) 1 and 4 only
- (B) 2 and 3 only
- (C) 1, 2, and 4 only
- (D) 3 and 4 only

- **Answer: (C) 1, 2, and 4 only**

- **Explanation:**

The **Waqf Amendment Bill 2024** was **tabled in the Lok Sabha** in August 2024, making Statement 4 correct. It seeks to **improve the governance of Waqf properties** to benefit marginalized communities, including **Pasmanda Muslims**, making Statement 2 correct.

- However, while **66 amendments** were suggested, **all were not proposed by the ruling party 23 came from BJP/NDA MPs, and 44 from the opposition.**

- Statement 3 is **incorrect** because a **Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) with 31 members** was actually **formed** to examine the bill from both the houses.

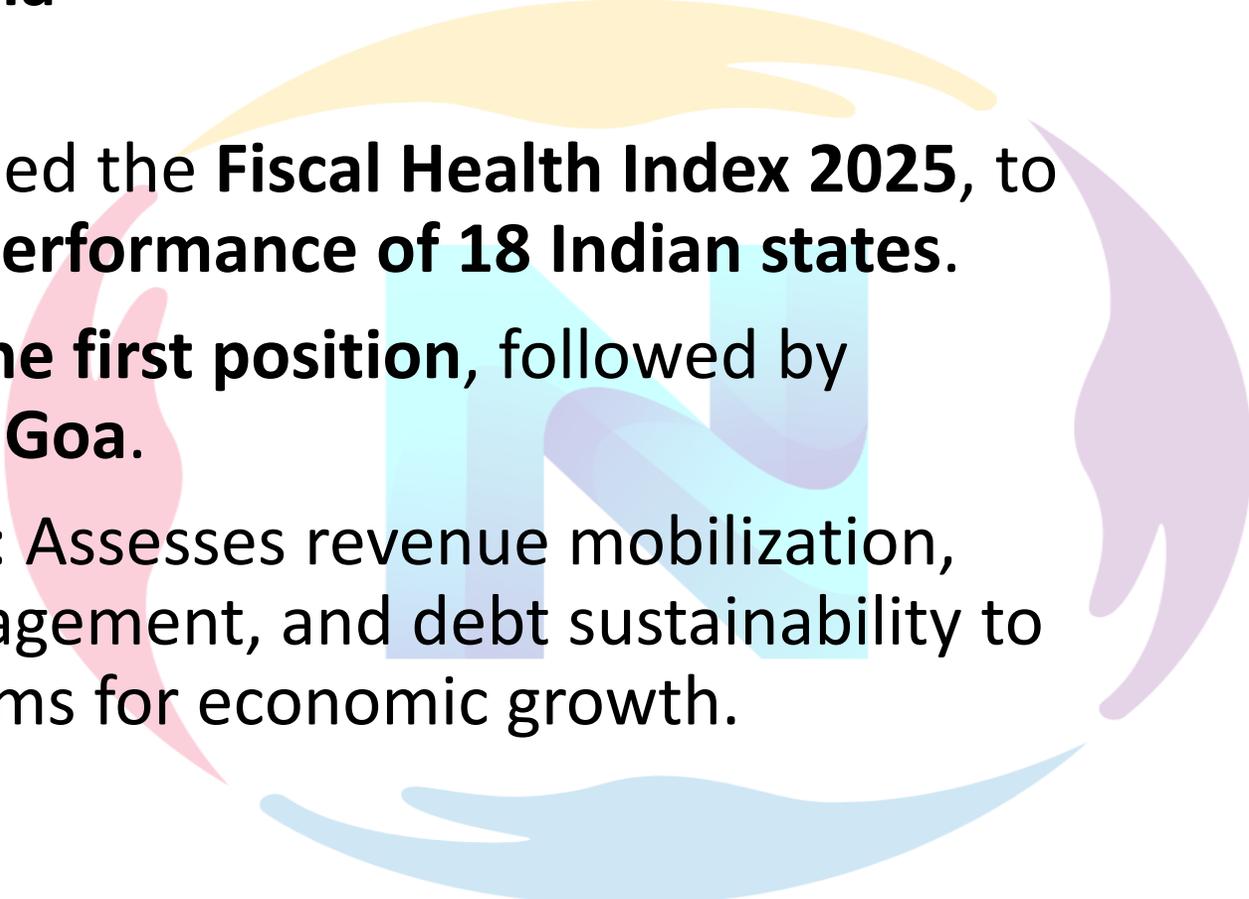
- Recently, **The Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)** approved the Waqf Amendment Bill, a significant legislative reform aimed at restructuring the management of Muslim charitable properties in India

- **Which Indian state ranked first in the Fiscal Health Index 2025, launched by NITI Aayog?**

- (A) Odisha
- (B) Goa
- (C) Chhattisgarh
- (D) Maharashtra



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- **Answer: (A) Odisha**
  - **Explanation:**  
NITI Aayog launched the **Fiscal Health Index 2025**, to assess the **fiscal performance of 18 Indian states**.
  - **Odisha secured the first position**, followed by **Chhattisgarh and Goa**.
  - Purpose of Index: Assesses revenue mobilization, expenditure management, and debt sustainability to guide policy reforms for economic growth.

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- **Consider the following statements regarding India's ranking in the Henley Passport Index 2025:**
- **India's rank in the 2025 index is 80th, improving from its 85th position in 2024.**
- **The index is compiled based on International Air Transport Authority (IATA) data.**
- **Singapore holds the top position, followed by Japan in second place.**
- **Among India's neighbors, Pakistan ranks above Nepal and Bangladesh.**
- **Which of the above statements is/are correct?**
- (A) 1 and 4 only
- (B) 2 and 3 only
- (C) 2, 3, and 4 only
- (D) 1, 2, and 3 only

- **Answer: (B) 2 and 3 only**
- **Explanation:**
- **Statement 1 is incorrect as India's rank in 2025 dropped to 85th from 80th in 2024.**
- **Statement 2 is correct** since the index is based on **IATA data.**
- **Statement 3 is correct** as **Singapore** retained its **top position**, followed by **Japan** in **second place.**
- **Statement 4 is incorrect** because **Pakistan** ranks **lower** than **Nepal** and **Bangladesh** (**103rd vs. 101st & 100th, respectively**).

# INDIA'S RANKING DROPS TO 85TH IN HENLEY PASSPORT INDEX

RANK	DESTINATIONS
<b>1</b>	Singapore <b>195</b>
<b>2</b>	Japan <b>193</b>
<b>3</b>	France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Finland, South Korea <b>192</b>
<b>4</b>	Austria, Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Sweden, Norway <b>191</b>
<b>5</b>	Belgium, New Zealand, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom <b>190</b>
<b>6</b>	Greece, Australia <b>189</b>
<b>7</b>	Canada, Poland, Malta <b>188</b>
<b>8</b>	Hungary, Czechia <b>187</b>
<b>9</b>	Estonia, United States <b>186</b>
<b>85</b>	<b>India</b> <b>57</b>



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- **Consider the following statements regarding India's position as a global coffee producer:**
- **India is among the world's ten-largest coffee producer countries.**
- **Vietnam is the largest coffee-producing country in the world.**
- **India exports only Robusta coffee.**
- **Colombia ranks third in global coffee production.**
- **Which of the above statements is/are correct?**
- (A) 1 and 4 only
- (B) 2 and 3 only
- (C) 2, 3, and 4 only
- (D) 1, 2, and 3 only

- **Answer: (A) 1 and 4 only**
- **Explanation:**
- **Statement 1 is correct** India is among the world's ten-largest coffee producer countries.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** because **Brazil, not Vietnam, is the largest coffee producer**, contributing approximately **37% of the global supply**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** as India grows and exports **both Arabica and Robusta coffee** varieties, not just Robusta.
- **Statement 4 is correct** because **Colombia is the third-largest coffee producer** globally.
- Recently, India has ascended to the position of the **world's seventh-largest coffee producer**.

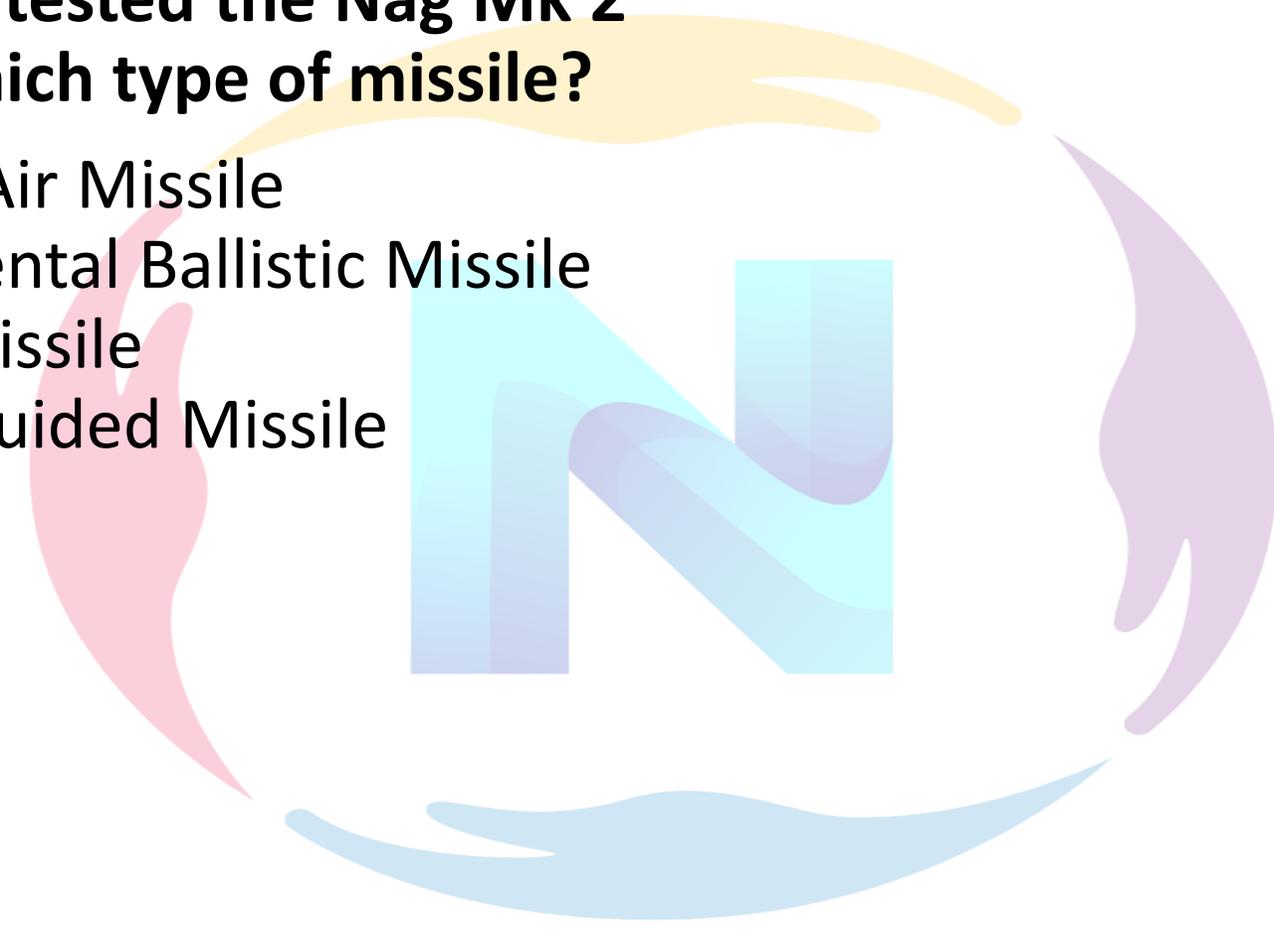
- **The Abdali Missile (Hatf 2) is a short-range, road-mobile ballistic missile developed by which country?**
- (A) Iran
- (B) Pakistan
- (C) Saudi Arabia
- (D) Qatar



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- **Answer: (B) Pakistan**
- **Explanation:** The Abdali Missile (Hatf 2) is a **Pakistani short-range ballistic missile** with a range of **180-200 km**.
- It is designed for **striking military bases and infrastructure targets**. It is **road-mobile** and launched from a **Transporter-Erector-Launcher (TEL) vehicle**.

- **Recently, India tested the Nag Mk 2 missile. It is which type of missile?**
- (A) Surface-to-Air Missile
- (B) Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
- (C) Air-to-Air Missile
- (D) Anti-Tank Guided Missile



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- **Answer: (D) Anti-Tank Guided Missile**
- **Explanation:** The **Nag Mk 2** is an **Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)** developed by **DRDO** under India's **Integrated Missile Development Program**.
- It features **fire-and-forget infrared technology**, enhancing the **Indian Army's anti-tank warfare capabilities**.
- It's a third-generation, fire-and-forget missile that can lock onto targets after launch.
- The Nag Mk 2 has an estimated range of **7–10 kilometers**.



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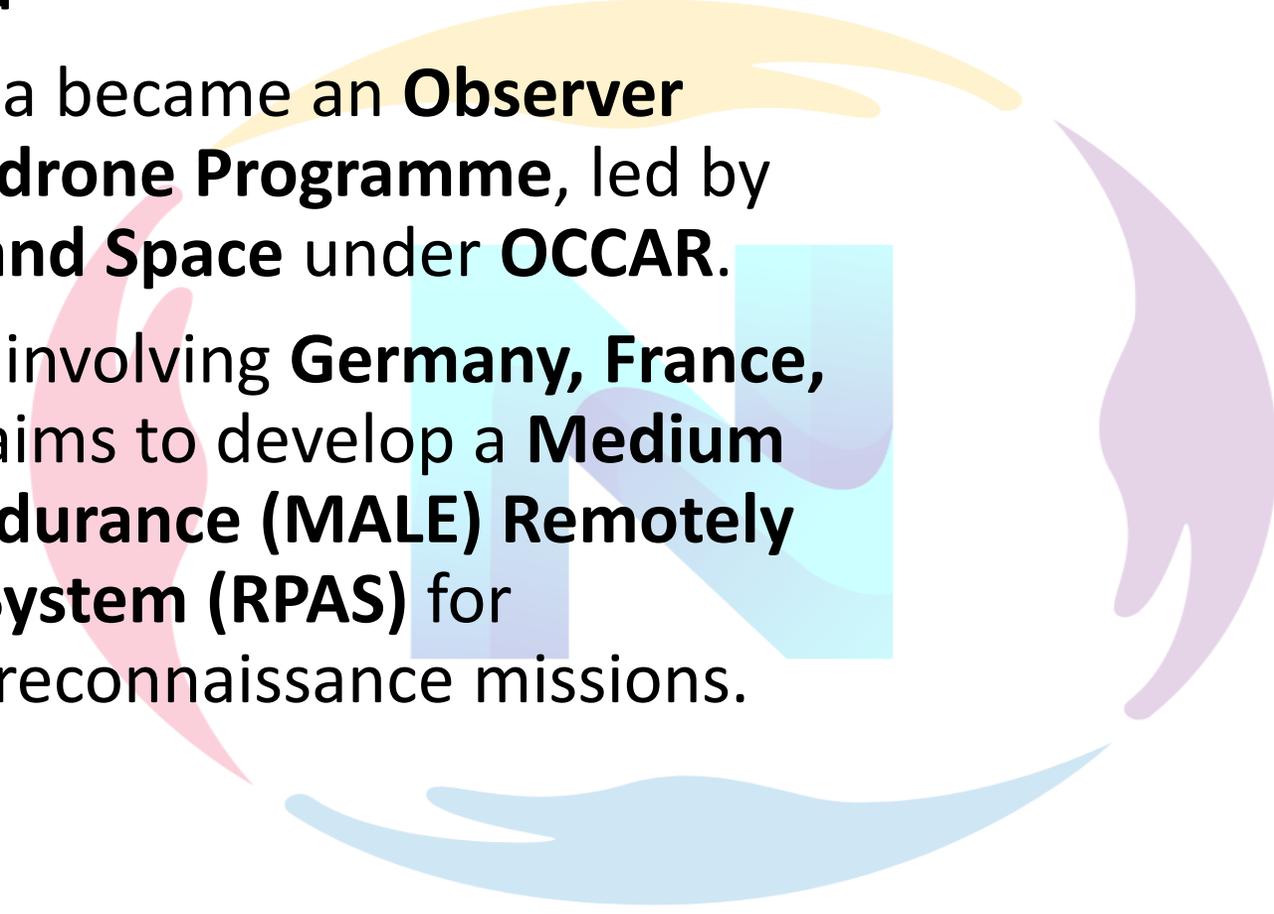
• **Which country recently became an Observer State in the Eurodrone Programme?**

- (A) Japan
- (B) South Korea
- (C) India
- (D) United Kingdom



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- **Answer: (C) India**
- **Explanation:** India became an **Observer State** in the **Eurodrone Programme**, led by **Airbus Defence and Space** under **OCCAR**.
- The programme, involving **Germany, France, Italy and Spain**, aims to develop a **Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS)** for surveillance and reconnaissance missions.



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- **Recently, which of the following Indian Navy ships participated in the multinational exercise La Perouse 2025?**

- **Options:**

- (A) INS Kolkata
- (B) INS Chennai
- (C) INS Mumbai
- (D) INS Vikrant



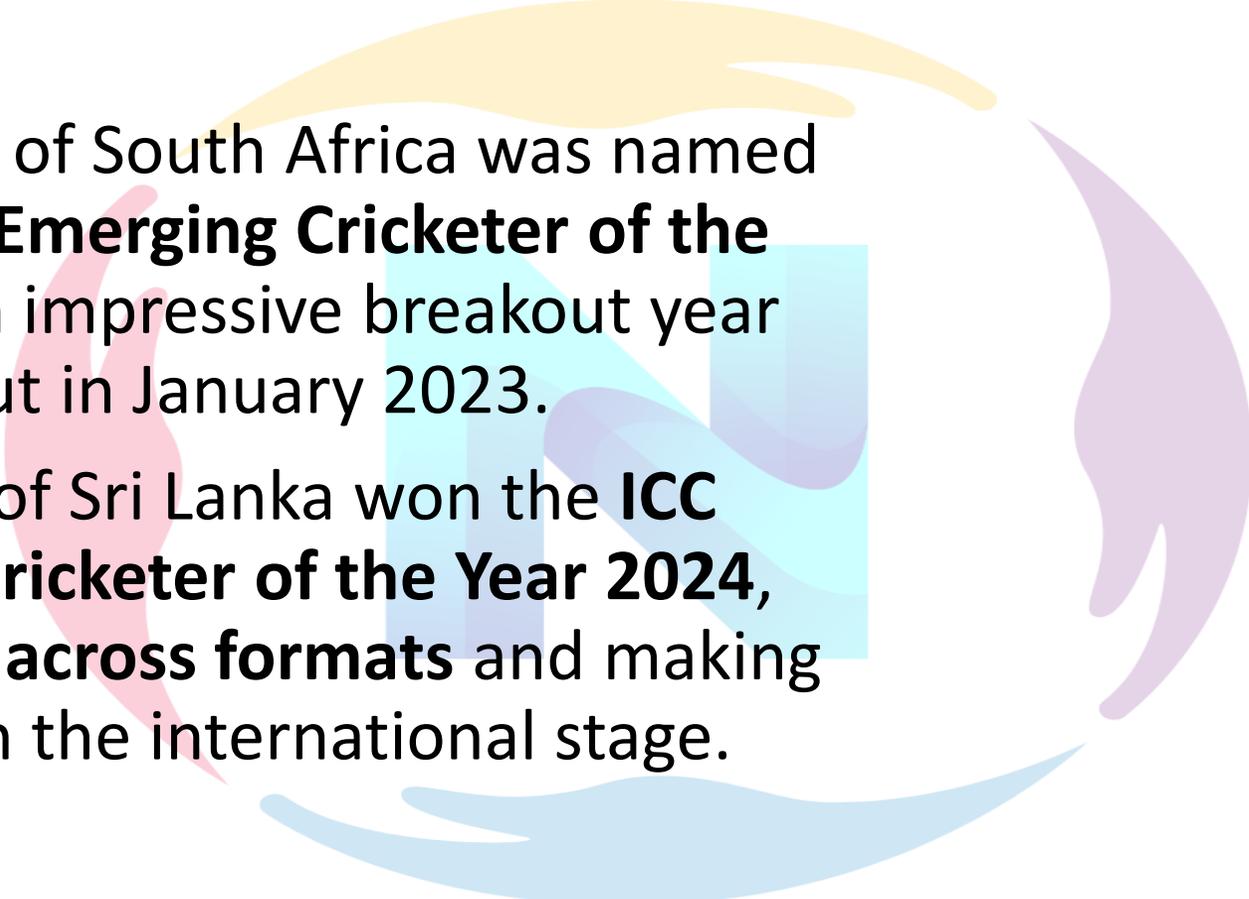
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- **Answer: (C) INS Mumbai**
- The Indian Navy's **guided-missile destroyer, INS Mumbai**, participated in the **fourth edition of the multinational exercise La Perouse**, which began in **January 2025**.
- The exercise involves **nine nations** and is being conducted in the **Malacca, Sunda, and Lombok straits**, which are **critical maritime trade routes**.
- **La Perouse** is a **French-led naval exercise** aimed at enhancing **interoperability and coordination among participating navies**.
- India's participation underscores its commitment to **maritime security, freedom of navigation and cooperation with global maritime forces**.

- **Who among the following cricketers won the ICC Women's and Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year for 2024?**
- [A] Annerie Dercksen and Kamindu Mendis
- [B] Phoebe Litchfield and Yashasvi Jaiswal
- [C] Annabel Sutherland and Rachin Ravindra
- [D] Alice Capsey and Gerald Coetzee



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- **Correct Answer: [A] Annerie Dercksen and Kamindu Mendis**
  - **Annerie Dercksen** of South Africa was named the **ICC Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year 2024** after an impressive breakout year following her debut in January 2023.
  - **Kamindu Mendis** of Sri Lanka won the **ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year 2024**, scoring **1451 runs across formats** and making a strong impact on the international stage.

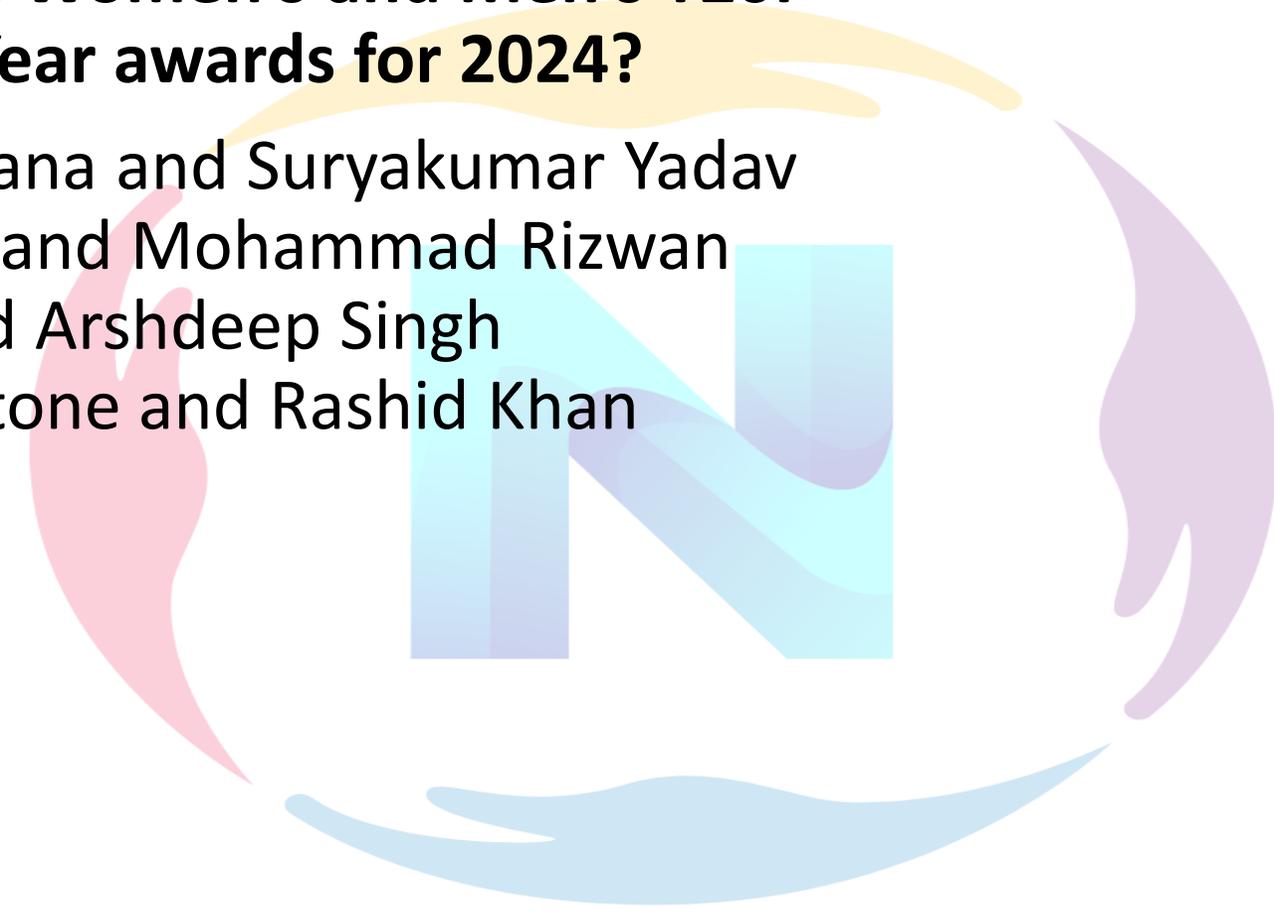
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• **Who won the ICC Women's and Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year awards for 2024?**

- [A] Smriti Mandhana and Suryakumar Yadav
- [B] Beth Mooney and Mohammad Rizwan
- [C] Melie Kerr and Arshdeep Singh
- [D] Sophie Ecclestone and Rashid Khan



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- **Correct Answer: [C] Melie Kerr and Arshdeep Singh**
- **Melie Kerr (New Zealand)** was named the **ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2024** for her consistent all-round performances with both bat and ball.
- **Arshdeep Singh (India)** won the **ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2024** for his exceptional bowling performances, making a significant impact in the shortest format of the game.

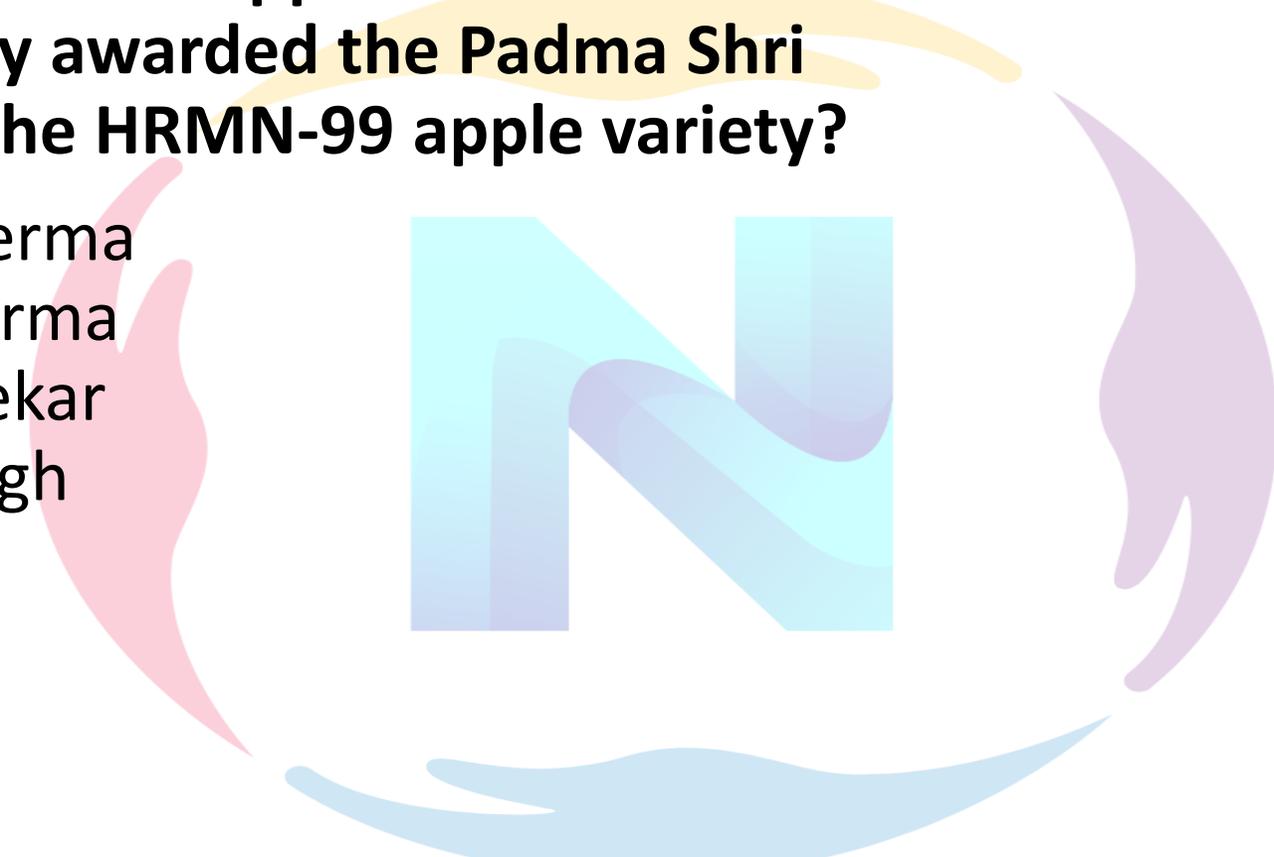
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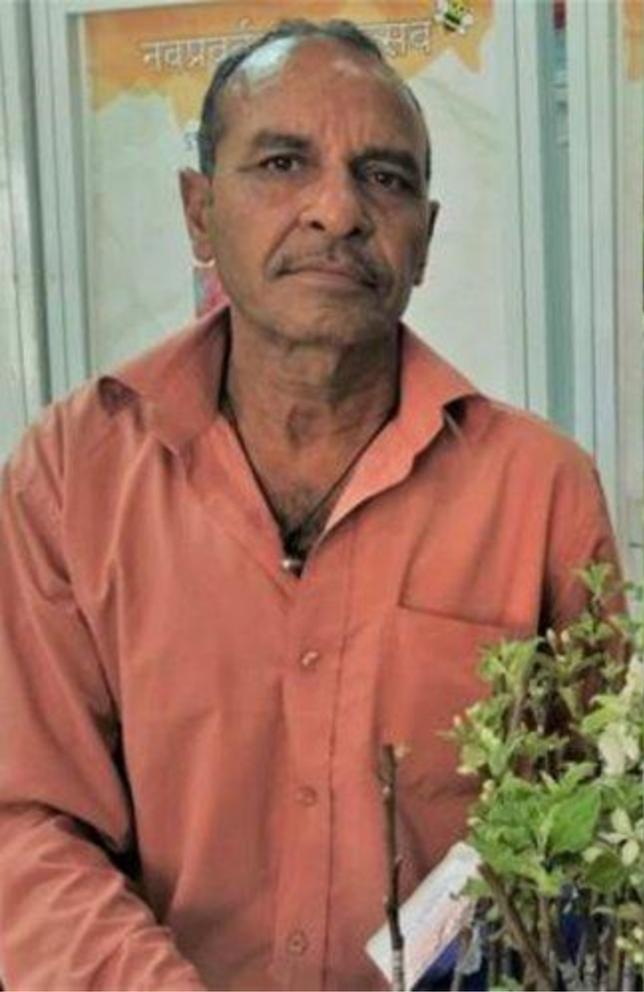
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- **Who is known as the "Apple Man of India" and was recently awarded the Padma Shri for developing the HRMN-99 apple variety?**
- [A] Sundaram Verma
- [B] Hariman Sharma
- [C] Subhash Palekar
- [D] Rajendra Singh



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-  **Correct Answer: [B] Hariman Sharma**
- **Hariman Sharma**, popularly known as the "**Apple Man of India**," was honored with the **Padma Shri** for his contribution to horticulture.
- He developed the **HRMN-99 apple variety**, which can thrive in **tropical and subtropical regions**, expanding apple cultivation beyond traditional cold climates.
- This innovation significantly expanded the area where apples could be grown in India, making them more accessible to a wider population.



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- Consider the following statements regarding India's first indigenous micro-missile system:
  1. It is designed to counter the threat of swarm drones.
  2. The system is capable of detecting small incoming flying objects at a range of over 6 km.
  3. It can simultaneously launch up to 64 micro missiles but is currently limited to fixed deployment and is not yet fully mobile.
  4. SWARM stands for "Smart War-Fighting Advanced Reconnaissance Mechanism".
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- [A] 1 and 2 only
- [B] 1, 2, and 3 only
- [C] 2, 3, and 4 only
- [D] 1, 2, 3, and 4

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## Correct Answer: [A] 1 and 2 only

- This **indigenous micro-missile system 'Bhargavastra'**, is India's first designed to counter **swarm drone threats** and was developed by **Economic Explosives Ltd.**
- It can detect **small aerial threats over 6 km** and neutralize them using **guided micro-munitions.**
- However, **Statement 3 is incorrect** because while the system can fire **multiple micro missiles**, it is still undergoing modifications for full **mobile deployment.**
- **Statement 4 is incorrect** because **SWARM** stands for "**Smart War-Fighting Array of Reconfigured Modules**", and it is primarily designed for **defensive counter-drone operations** rather than offensive drone mechanisms.
- Recently, India has successfully tested its first indigenous **micro-missile system, 'Bhargavastra,'** designed to counter swarm drone threats.

# INDIA TESTS MICRO-MISSILE DRONE 'BHARGAVASTRA'



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**How much has been targeted in defence exports by 2029 under the new Budget 2025-26 by the Defence Ministry?**

- [A] ₹30,000 crore
- [B] ₹40,000 crore
- [C] ₹50,000 crore
- [D] ₹75,000 crore



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- **Correct Answer: [C] ₹50,000 crore**
- India's **defence exports** have surged from **₹2,000 crore** a decade ago to **₹21,000 crore** in the current fiscal year.
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** has set a **target of ₹50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029** to boost India's self-reliance and global defence market presence.
- This growth is driven by **indigenous manufacturing, technological advancements and expansion in global defence collaborations.**
- The Defence Ministry is also focusing on **frontier technologies** such as **AI-based warfare, cyber-security, and space warfare** to enhance national security capabilities.

- **Which of the following names was designated for the year 2025 by the Ministry of Defence?**
- [A] Year of Reforms
- [B] Year of Transformation
- [C] Year of Artificial Intelligence
- [D] Year of Innovation



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-  **Correct Answer: [A] Year of Reforms**
- **Explanation:**
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** chaired a high-level meeting with **Ministry of Defence (MoD) Secretaries** and designated **2025** as the **'Year of Reforms'**.
- This initiative aims to **modernize India's Armed Forces** by enhancing **technological advancements, combat readiness, and integrated multi-domain operations**.
- The focus will be on **upgrading defence infrastructure, increasing efficiency, fostering innovation, and promoting collaboration** across various stakeholders to strengthen India's defence capabilities.

**Consider the following statements regarding India's battlefield automated surveillance system:**

- 1. It integrates multi-source sensor data to generate a Common Surveillance Picture over a secured military network.**
- 2. The system is limited to conventional warfare and lacks network-centric operational capabilities.**
- 3. Jointly developed by Indian Army & BEL, it enhances ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance) and battlefield awareness.**
- 4. Induction is planned in three phases (March–October 2025) under the ‘Year of Reforms’ initiative.**

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- [A] 1, 3, and 4 only
- [B] 1 and 2 only
- [C] 2, 3, and 4 only
- [D] 1, 2, 3, and 4

- **Correct Answer: [A] 1, 3, and 4 only**
- **Statement 1 is correct:** It integrates **sensor data** into a unified battlefield picture over a secured network.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It supports **both conventional & sub-conventional operations** in a network-centric environment.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Developed by **Indian Army & BEL**, it enhances **ISR capabilities**.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** Induction will occur in **three phases in 2025**, aligning with **MoD's 'Year of Reforms'**.
- Recently, the Minister of Defence flagged-off 'SANJAY - The Battlefield Surveillance System (BSS)' from South Block, New Delhi.



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- **Recently, Project VISTAAR was launched by which of the following organizations?**
- [A] IIT Bombay & Ministry of Science and Technology
- [B] IIT Delhi & Ministry of Rural Development
- [C] IIT Madras & Ministry of Agriculture
- [D] IIT Kanpur & Ministry of Environment



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- **Correct Answer: [C] IIT Madras & Ministry of Agriculture**
- **Explanation:**
- **Project VISTAAR** is a joint initiative by **IIT Madras** and the **Ministry of Agriculture** to **digitalize India's agricultural extension system**.
- It aims to **enhance farmers' access** to advisory services, **technologies, and government schemes**.
- The project will integrate solutions from **over 12,000 agri-startups**, focusing on **crop production, marketing, and supply chains**.

- **What is the name of India's first electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) air taxi prototype?**
- [A] Garuda-X
- [B] Shunya
- [C] Agnibaan
- [D] Bharat



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- **Correct Answer: [B] Shunya**
- **Sarla Aviation, a Bengaluru-based aerospace startup, has unveiled 'Shunya', India's first eVTOL air taxi prototype.**
- This innovation aims to **revolutionize urban air mobility**, addressing **traffic congestion and pollution** in Indian cities.
- The project marks a **significant milestone in India's aerospace sector**, promoting **sustainable aviation solutions**.



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- **Consider the following statements regarding Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), also known as "Zombie Deer Disease":**
- **It is a prion disease that affects the nervous system of deer, moose, and elk, leading to severe neurological degeneration.**
- **The disease has been conclusively proven to transmit to humans, causing a variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD).**
- **CWD spreads through direct animal contact and contaminated environments, persisting in soil and plants for years.**
- **Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**
- [A] 1 and 3 only  
[B] 2 and 3 only  
[C] 1 and 2 only  
[D] 1, 2, and 3

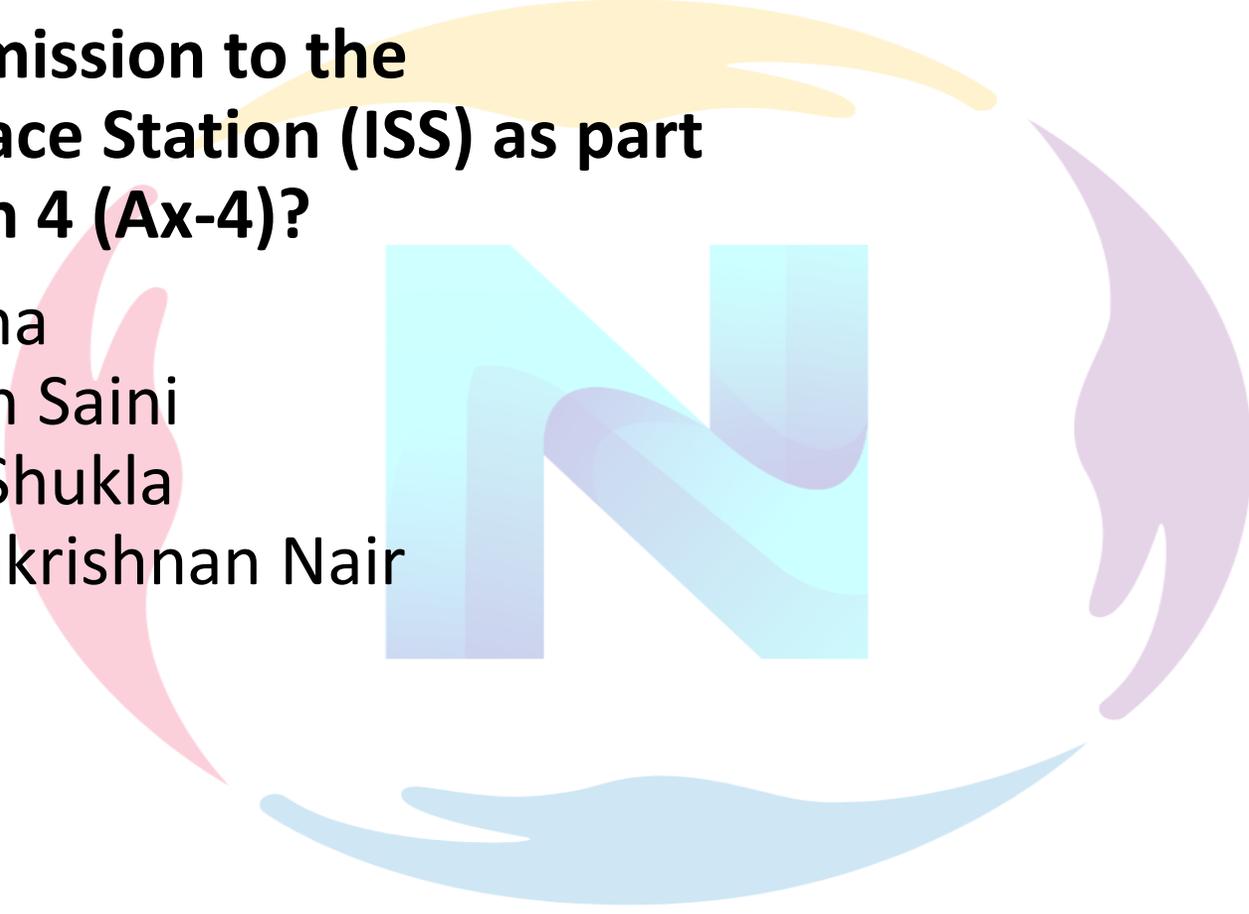
- **Correct Answer: [A] 1 and 3 only**
- **CWD is a prion disease** that affects the central nervous system of cervids (deer, moose, elk), causing weight loss, behavioral changes, and eventual death.
- **There is no conclusive evidence** proving CWD transmission to humans or its link to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (**Statement 2 is incorrect**).
- The disease spreads through **bodily fluids, contaminated surfaces, and persistent environmental exposure**, making it highly contagious among wildlife.



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- **Who becomes the first Indian astronaut to pilot a space mission to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4)?**

- [A] Rakesh Sharma
- [B] Paramjit Singh Saini
- [C] Shubhanshu Shukla
- [D] Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair



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- **Correct Answer: [C] Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla**
- **Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla** is set to become the **first Indian astronaut to pilot a space mission to the ISS** as part of **Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4)** in **spring 2025**.
- The mission, in collaboration with **NASA**, will use the **SpaceX Dragon capsule** to conduct **research, educational outreach, and commercial activities** in space.
- **Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4)** is a **private spaceflight** to the **International Space Station (ISS)**.
- It is the **fourth mission** in collaboration with **NASA**, following **Axiom Missions 1, 2, and 3**.
- The crew includes Commander **Peggy Whitson** (former **NASA astronaut**), Pilot **Shubhanshu Shukla** (**ISRO, India**), and mission specialists **Sławosz Uznanski-Wisniewski** (**Poland, ESA**) and **Tibor Kapu** (**Hungary**).



Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla Poised to Make History as Pilot of Axiom-4 Mission to the ISS

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- **Consider the following statements regarding the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award:**

- **The first awardee of this award was Viswanathan Anand.**

- **Winners receive ₹25 lakh, a medal and a certificate, all tax-exempt.**

- **D Gukesh, Harmanpreet Singh, and Manu Bhaker are the 2024 awardees.**

- **Which of the statements are correct?**

- **(A) 1 and 2 only**

- **(B) 2 and 3 only**

- **(C) 1 and 3 only**

- **(D) 1, 2, and 3 only**

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- Correct Answer: **(D) 1 and 2 Only**
- **Statement 1 is correct:** The first recipient of the award was chess Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand, who was honoured for the performance in the year 1991–1992.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Winners get ₹25 lakh, a medal, and a certificate, tax-free.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** D Gukesh, Harmanpreet Singh, Manu Bhaker, and Praveen Kumar are 2024 recipients.



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**Ms. Deepali Deshpande, the recipient of the Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches 2024, is associated with which sport?**

- (A) Boxing
- (B) Wrestling
- (C) Shooting
- (D) Athletics



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- **Correct Answer: (C) Shooting**
- The **Dronacharya Award** is India's highest honor for coaches who have trained athletes to win medals at international events.
- **Ms. Deepali Deshpande** received the **Dronacharya Award 2024** for her contributions to shooting.
- The award is named after **Dronacharya**, the legendary teacher from the **Mahabharata**.
- Other recipients of the **Dronacharya Award 2024** include **Shri Subhash Rana (Para-Shooting)** and **Shri Sandeep Sangwan (Hockey)**.

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**Which of the following teams won the prestigious Santosh Trophy 2024?**

- (A) Punjab**
- (B) Services**
- (C) West Bengal**
- (D) Kerala**



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- **Correct Answer: (C) West Bengal**
- **West Bengal** secured their **record 33rd Santosh Trophy title** by defeating **Kerala 1-0** in the final at **Gachibowli Stadium, Hyderabad**.
- **Robi Hansda** scored the decisive goal in added time and emerged as the **tournament's top scorer with 12 goals**.

### **About Santosh Trophy:**

- The **Santosh Trophy** is India's premier **inter-state and inter-regional football championship**, organized by the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)**.
- It was first held in **1941** and **West Bengal** is the most successful team with **33 titles**.
- The tournament is named after **Sir Manmatha Nath Roy Chowdhary**, the **Maharaja of Santosh (now in Bangladesh)**, who was a key figure in promoting Indian football.



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**Who won the Australian Open 2024  
Men's Singles title?**

- (A) Novak Djokovic**
- (B) Carlos Alcaraz**
- (C) Daniil Medvedev**
- (D) Jannik Sinner**



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- **Correct Answer: (D) Jannik Sinner**
- **Jannik Sinner** won the **Australian Open 2024 Men's Singles title**, defeating **Alexander Zverev** in straight sets.
- He became the **youngest player since Jim Courier** to win back-to-back titles at **Melbourne Park**.
- This was the first **Australian Open Men's Final between the World No. 1 and No. 2** since 2019.

### **About the 4 Grand Slams in Tennis:**

- **Australian Open** (January) – Played on **hard courts** in **Melbourne, Australia**.
- **French Open (Roland Garros)** (May-June) – Played on **clay courts** in **Paris, France**.
- **Wimbledon** (June-July) – The oldest Grand Slam, played on **grass courts** in **London, UK**.
- **US Open** (August-September) – Played on **hard courts** in **New York, USA**.



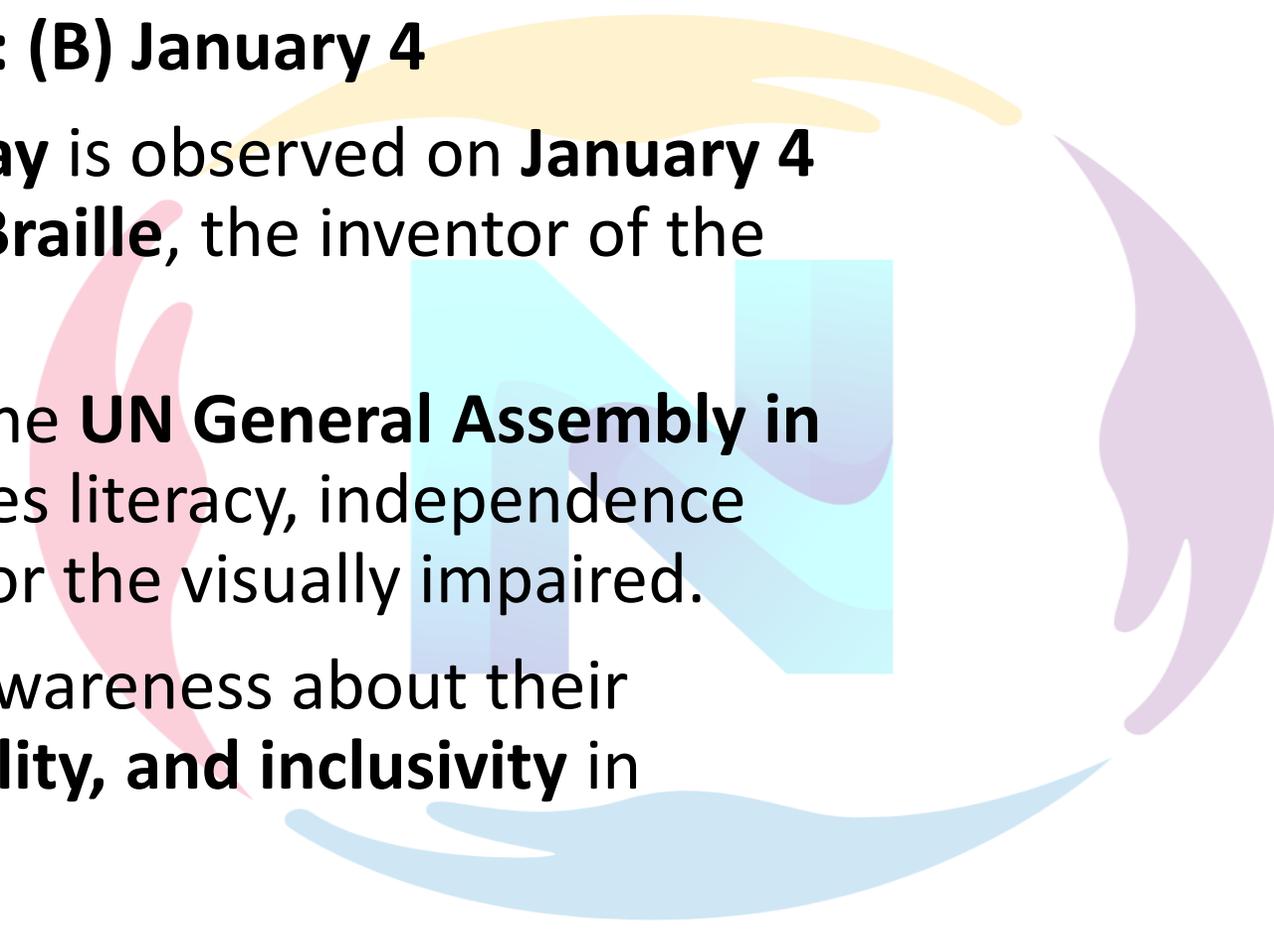
**Which day is celebrated as World Braille Day?**

- (A) January 2**
- (B) January 4**
- (C) January 6**
- (D) January 8**



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- **Correct Answer: (B) January 4**
- **World Braille Day** is observed on **January 4** to honor **Louis Braille**, the inventor of the Braille system.
- Recognized by the **UN General Assembly in 2018**, it promotes literacy, independence and inclusivity for the visually impaired.
- The day raises awareness about their **rights, accessibility, and inclusivity** in society.

The logo features a large, stylized letter 'N' in the center. The 'N' is composed of several overlapping, semi-transparent shapes in yellow, cyan, purple, and blue. Surrounding the 'N' are four hands, each in a different color (yellow, cyan, purple, and blue), positioned as if they are holding or supporting the letter. The hands are rendered in a simple, rounded style.

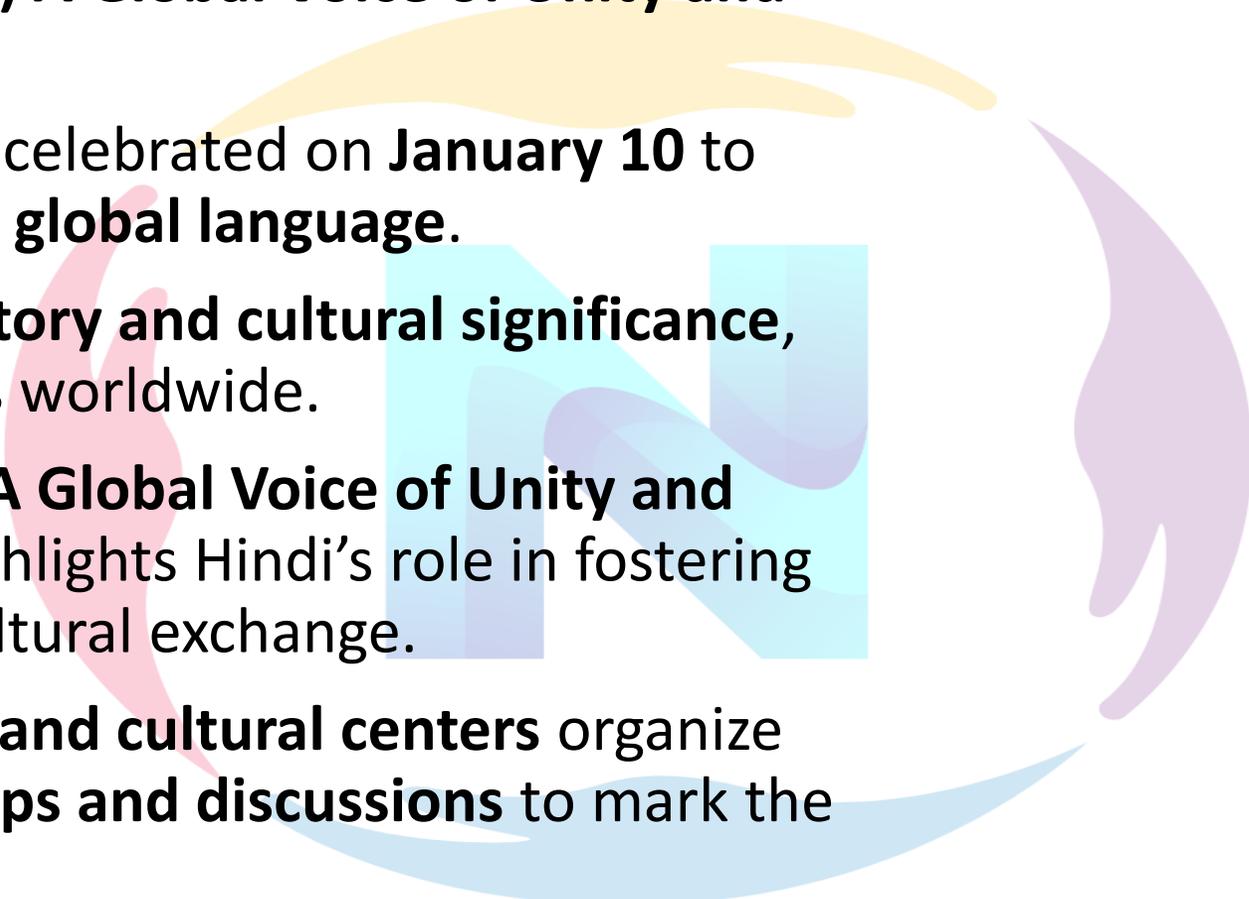
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**What was the theme of World Hindi Day 2025?**

- (A) Hindi: A Bridge to the World**
- (B) A Global Voice of Unity and Cultural Pride**
- (C) Hindi for Global Progress**
- (D) Language of Tradition, Language of Future**



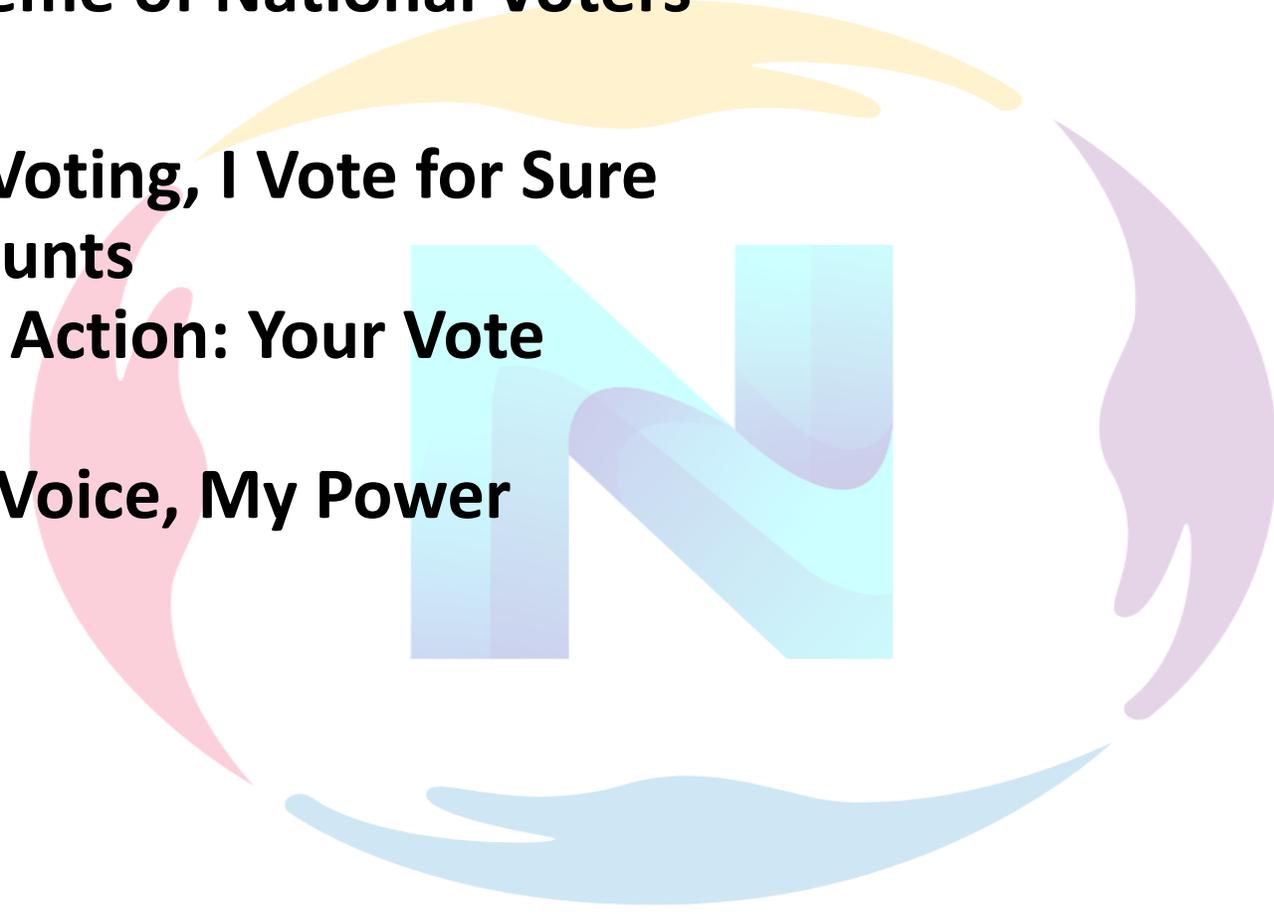
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- **Correct Answer: (B) A Global Voice of Unity and Cultural Pride**
  - **World Hindi Day** is celebrated on **January 10** to promote **Hindi as a global language**.
  - Hindi has a **rich history and cultural significance**, connecting millions worldwide.
  - The **2025 theme, “A Global Voice of Unity and Cultural Pride”**, highlights Hindi’s role in fostering global unity and cultural exchange.
  - Various **embassies and cultural centers** organize **seminars, workshops and discussions** to mark the occasion.

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**What was the theme of National Voters' Day 2025?**

- (A) Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure**
- (B) Every Vote Counts**
- (C) Democracy in Action: Your Vote Matters**
- (D) My Vote, My Voice, My Power**



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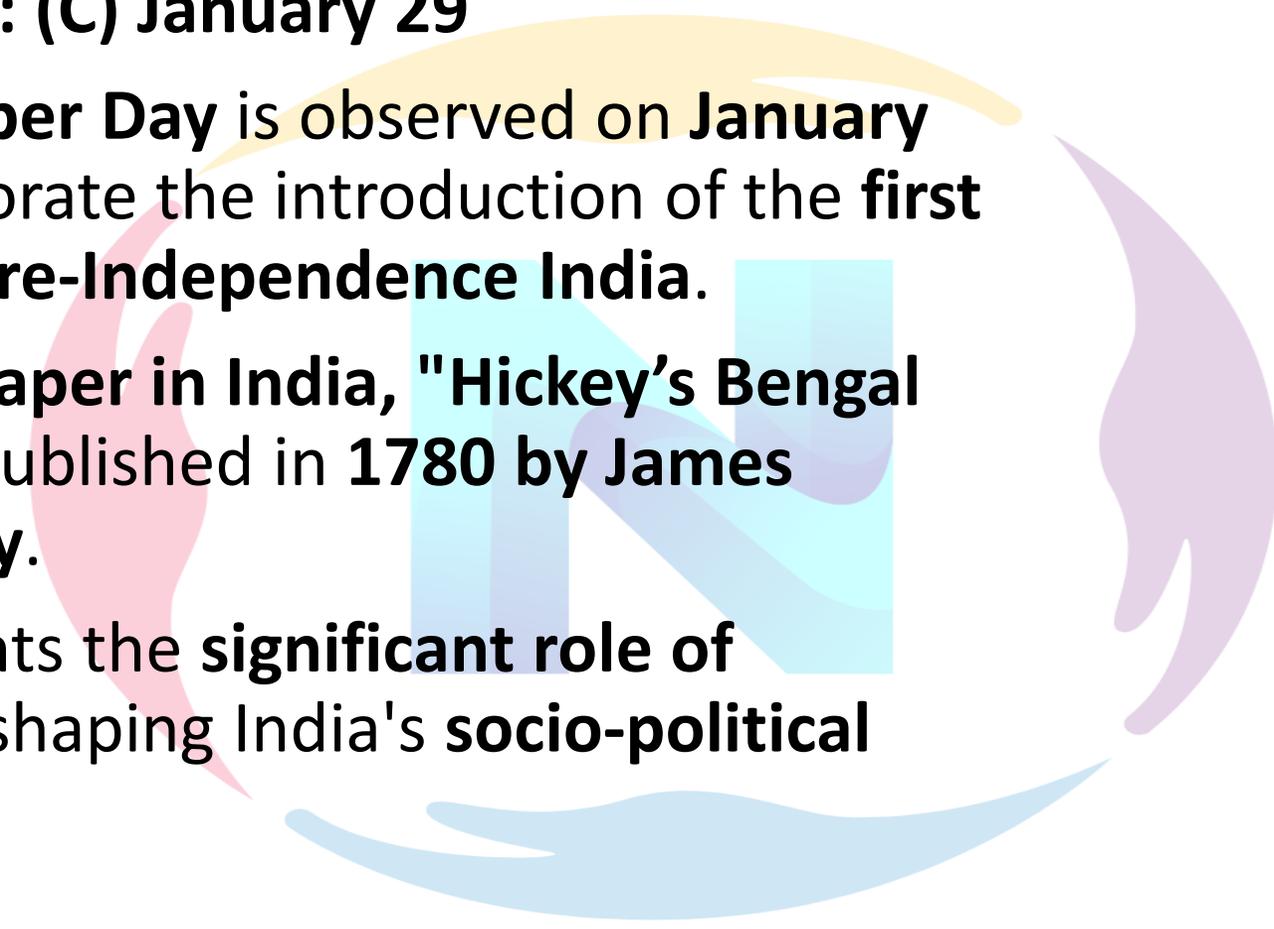
- **Correct Answer: (A) Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure**
- **Explanation:**
- **National Voters' Day** is celebrated on **January 25** to **encourage voter participation** in India.
- It was first observed in **2011**, marking the **foundation day of the Election Commission of India (ECI)**.
- The **2025 theme, "Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure,"**, emphasizes the importance of voting in a participatory democracy.
- The Election Commission organizes **awareness campaigns** to encourage voter registration, especially among **youth and first-time voters**.

**Which day is celebrated as Indian  
Newspaper Day?**

- (A) January 26**
- (B) January 28**
- (C) January 29**
- (D) January 30**



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- **Correct Answer: (C) January 29**
  - **Indian Newspaper Day** is observed on **January 29** to commemorate the introduction of the **first newspaper in pre-Independence India**.
  - **The first newspaper in India, "Hickey's Bengal Gazette",** was published in **1780** by **James Augustus Hickey**.
  - The day highlights the **significant role of newspapers** in shaping India's **socio-political landscape**.

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- Recently, Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary was seen in the news. It is located in which state?
- (A) Mizoram
- (B) Arunachal Pradesh
- (C) Meghalaya
- (D) Tripura



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- **Correct Answer: (D) Tripura**
- The **Banded Royal butterfly (Rachana jalindra indra)** was discovered in **Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary, Tripura**, on **May 5, 2021**, marking a significant addition to the state's biodiversity.
- The species is **protected under Schedule II of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**.
- This discovery underscores the **ecological importance** of the region and the need for **wildlife conservation efforts**.



**Tripura marks first-ever sighting of rare **Banded Royal butterfly** in Sepahijala Sanctuary**

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- **Who was the Chief Guest at India's 2025 Republic Day parade?**
- **(A) Emmanuel Macron**
- **(B) Prabowo Subianto**
- **(C) Joe Biden**
- **(D) Fumio Kishida**



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- **Correct Answer: (B) Prabowo Subianto**
- **Mr. Prabowo Subianto, Indonesia's Defence Minister and President-elect, was the Chief Guest at India's 76th Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2025.**
- **His State Visit to India (23-26 January 2025) included a high-level delegation of Indonesian Ministers, Senior Officials, and business representatives.**
- **This visit strengthened strategic ties between India and Indonesia, focusing on defence, trade, and regional cooperation.**



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