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# ALL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS



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- **Which team emerged as the winner of the 2024-25 Ranji Trophy?**

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Bengal
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Vidarbha



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

**Notes:**

- Vidarbha clinched their third Ranji Trophy title in the 2024-25 season by securing a first-innings lead against Kerala in the final.
- The match took place at Vidarbha Cricket Stadium, Nagpur, from February 26 to March 2, 2025.
- The Ranji Trophy is India's premier domestic first-class cricket competition, established by BCCI in honor of K.S. Ranjit Singhji.
- Vidarbha had previously won the title in 2017-18 and 2018-19, while Kerala reached their first-ever Ranji Trophy final.



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- **Which Indian municipal corporation became India's first local body to include a climate chapter in its budget?**
- [A] Mumbai Municipal Corporation
- [B] Bengaluru Municipal Corporation
- [C] Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation
- [D] Delhi Municipal Corporation

- **Correct Answer:** C [Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation]
- Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) became India's first urban body to include a separate climate chapter in its 2025-26 budget.
- The “sustainable and climate budget” allocates ₹5,619.58 crore (over a third) of AMC's ₹15,502 crore budget for climate action.
- The fund will support a net-zero, climate-resilient city action plan aligned with India's net-zero target of 2070.
- Other metro cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Coimbatore have been slow to institutionalize climate action in their budgets, though Mumbai has allocated 33% for climate projects in 2024-25.

- **Which institution has launched the report titled “From Borrowers to Builders – Women’s Role in India’s Financial Growth Story”?**
- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- [C] Reserve Bank of India
- [D] Ministry of Finance

- **Correct Answer:** A [NITI Aayog]
- NITI Aayog launched the report “From Borrowers to Builders: Women’s Role in India’s Financial Growth Story.”
- The report, released by CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, highlights the rise in women’s financial awareness. By December 2024, 27 million women were monitoring their credit, a 42% increase from the previous year.
- The report was published by TransUnion CIBIL, NITI Aayog’s Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), and MicroSave Consulting (MSC).
- WEP works on financial literacy, credit access, mentorship, and market linkages for women. Financing Women Collaborative (FWC) was formed to ensure inclusive financial access and seeks financial sector participation.

- **Which country has officially declared English as its national language in March 2025?**
- [A] Australia
- [B] New Zealand
- [C] India
- [D] United States



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- Correct Answer: **D [United States]**
- The United States declared English as the national language through an executive order.
- The decision aims to streamline communication and enhance national unity. Federal agencies can choose whether to provide multilingual services.
- The order acknowledges the country's linguistic diversity, with millions speaking Spanish, Chinese, and Arabic.
- It emphasizes English as the primary language for official use.

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• **Which country hosted the Sea Dragon 2025 naval exercise?**

[A] Japan

[B] China

[C] Australia

[D] United States



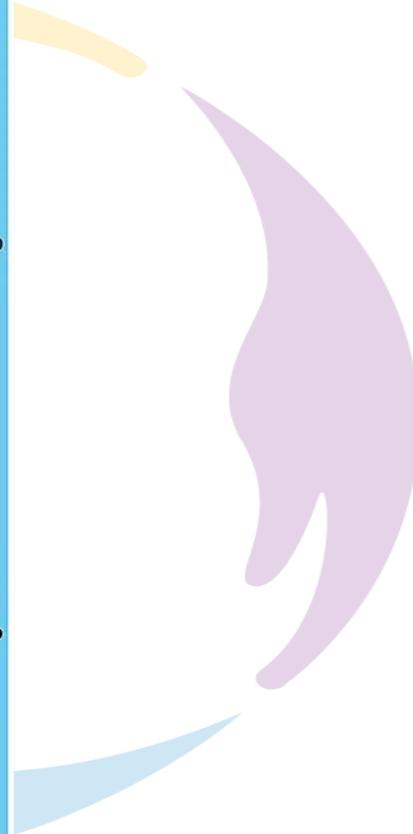
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- **Correct Answer: D [United States]**
- The Sea Dragon 2025 naval exercise took place off the coast of Guam in the western Pacific Ocean. It was hosted by the U.S. Navy's 7th fleet from March 4-19, 2025.
- **The exercise involved five nations, including India, Japan, South Korea, Australia, and the U.S.,** with a focus on anti-submarine warfare.
- Its goal was to improve tactical and command interoperability among U.S. allies and partners.
- The Indian Navy participated with the P8I aircraft, a Boeing-made maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft.

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- **Which state launched the Chief Minister Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA) scheme?**

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Bihar

[C] Gujarat

[D] Jharkhand



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- **Correct Answer:** A [Uttar Pradesh]
- The Uttar Pradesh government launched the CM Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA) scheme and distributed ₹100 crore in loans to 2,500 beneficiaries in Gorakhpur and Basti.
- Additionally, 2,100 trainees received toolkits under the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme.
- The MYUVA scheme aims to create 1 lakh young entrepreneurs annually by offering interest-free loans of up to ₹5 lakh.
- The government has allocated ₹1,000 crore for the 2024-25 period.

• **The Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2025 report was published by which institution?**

[A] World Economic Forum (WEF)

[B] Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)

[C] United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

[D] International Monetary Fund (IMF)

- **Correct Answer:** B [Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)]
- The Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2025 report, published by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), highlights a 45% increase in terrorism-related deaths in Pakistan in 2024.
- Pakistan moved up from fourth to second place in the list of the most terrorism-affected countries.
- Terrorism deaths surged from 748 in 2023 to 1,081 in 2024, with terrorist attacks more than doubling, crossing 1,000 for the first time.
- The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) intensified its operations, linked to the rise of the Afghan Taliban in Kabul.

**Who has been appointed as the first woman  
Secretary of the Department of Legal Affairs in  
March 2025?**

- [A] Anju Rathi Rana
- [B] Savitri Sinha
- [C] Preeti Divakar
- [D] Kalpana Agarwal



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- **Correct Answer: A [Anju Rathi Rana]**
- Dr. Anju Rathi Rana has become the first woman Secretary of the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice.
- Her appointment marks an important step for gender diversity in top government positions. She has represented India at international forums, including the BRICS Ministers of Justice Meeting.
- She has contributed to legal reforms and gender representation in the judiciary.

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- **Which national park in Madhya Pradesh has been declared as the 58th tiger reserve of India?**
- [A] Madhav National Park
- [B] Kuno National Park
- [C] Panna National park
- [D] Van Vihar National Park

- **Correct Answer:** A [Madhav National Park]
- Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh was declared the 58th tiger reserve in India on March 9, 2025.
- It is the 9th tiger reserve from the state. Located on the northern edge of the Central Highlands, it is part of the Upper Vindhyan Hills.
- The park has two significant lakes: Sakhya Sagar and Madhav Sagar, supporting aquatic biodiversity.
- The park's rivers, including the Sind and Amarnadi, contribute to its drainage pattern.
- The eastern section of the park has sedimentary rocks, such as sandstone, shale, and limestone.

- **Which organization unveiled the BM-04, India's new short-range ballistic missile capable of hypersonic speeds?**
- [A] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- [B] Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)
- [C] Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- [D] Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

- **Correct Answer:** B [Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)]
- DRDO has unveiled the BM-04, a short-range ballistic missile with hypersonic speed. It enhances India's military capability against anti-access/area denial (A2/AD) threats.
- The missile has a range of 400 to 1500 km and carries a 500 kg warhead.
- It has high accuracy with a circular error probability (CEP) of less than 30 metres. Designed for quick deployment using a mobile launcher.
- It places India among the few nations with hypersonic missile technology.
- BM-04 shares design similarities with Agni I-class missiles, showing progress in hypersonic weaponry.

# India's BM-04 short-range ballistic missile

## Salient features

Range:	400–1,500 km
Warheads:	Conventional (500 kg)
CEP:	Less than 30 m
Guidance:	INS+satnav (GPS and IRNSS)
Road mobile:	40 km/h



Missile launch mass	11,500 kg
Missile length	10.2 m
Missile diameter	1.2 m

Notes:  
CEP - Circular error probability  
IRNSS - Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System  
INS - Inertial navigation system  
satnav - Satellite navigation  
Source: Janes/DRDO

- **Which space organization recently reported that global sea levels have risen faster than anticipated in 2024?**

[A] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

[B] National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

[C] European Space Agency (ESA)

[D] Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

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- **Correct Answer:** B [National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)]
- NASA reported that global sea levels rose faster than expected in 2024, reaching a rate of 0.59 cm per year, exceeding the anticipated 0.43 cm.
- The primary causes include ocean warming, which leads to thermal expansion, and meltwater from glaciers and ice sheets.
- In 2024, thermal expansion accounted for two-thirds of the rise, a shift from previous years when melting ice was the dominant factor.
- 2024 was the warmest year on record, with ocean levels at their highest in three decades.
- Since satellite monitoring began in 1993, global sea levels have risen by 10 cm, with the rate more than doubling.

- **Which AI-based digital initiative was launched to provide real-time translation and transcription of parliamentary records?**

[A] Bhasha Setu

[B] Lok Bhasha

[C] Sansad Bhashini

[D] Digital Sabha



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- **Correct Answer: C [Sansad Bhashini]**
- The Sansad Bhashini initiative was launched by the Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) through an MoU.
- It is an AI-driven digital tool for real-time translation, transcription, and data access of parliamentary records in various Indian languages.
- The initiative aims to enhance multilingual support in parliamentary proceedings and improve accessibility to debates, documents, and archives for MPs, researchers, and the public.
- It also promotes linguistic diversity and digital inclusivity in governance.

- **Which state was the first in India to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)?**

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Nagaland

[C] Gujarat

[D] Rajasthan



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- **Correct Answer:** B [Nagaland]
- Nagaland was the first state in India to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) in 2022. The initiative aims for a paperless legislative process.
- Delhi became the 28th legislature to adopt NeVA.
- Delhi's Legislative Assembly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.
- NeVA is a digital platform developed under the Digital India Initiative to fulfill the vision of "One Nation, One Application," as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

• **Which state is hosting the ISTAF Sepak Takraw 2025 World Cup?**

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Gujarat

[C] Bihar

[D] Rajasthan



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- **Correct Answer: C [Bihar]**
- Bihar is hosting the ISTAF Sepak Takraw 2025 World Cup at the Patliputra Sports Complex Indoor Stadium in Patna.
- The tournament, which will last for six days, features 20 participating countries, including India. A total of 150 matches will be played across categories such as quad, regular, doubles, and mixed doubles.
- The ISTAF World Cup is an indoor international Sepak Takraw competition conducted by the International Sepaktakraw Federation (ISTAF), with both men's and women's national teams competing.
- The first ISTAF World Cup took place in 2011 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



- **Lyme disease, which was recently in the news, is caused by which agent?**

[A] Fungus

[B] Bacteria

[C] Virus

[D] Protozoa



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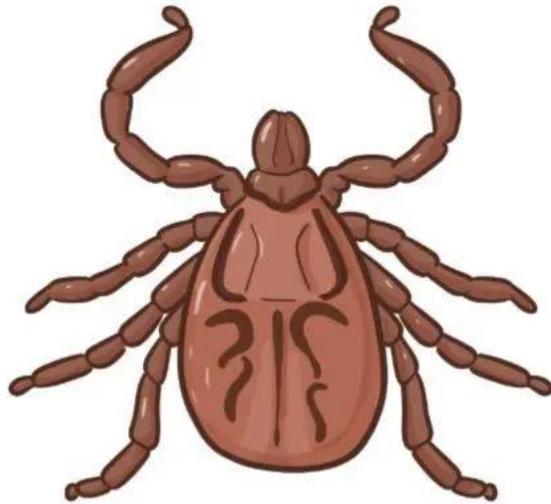
- **Correct Answer:** B [Bacteria]
- Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which affects the skin, heart, brain, and joints. Scientists have identified lactate dehydrogenase (BbLDH) as essential for the survival and infectivity of *Borrelia burgdorferi*.
- The disease is transmitted exclusively through the bite of infected deer ticks (black-legged ticks) and cannot be spread through human contact, pets, air, food, water, or other insect vectors.
- Lyme disease is most prevalent in wooded and grassy regions, particularly in North America, Europe, and parts of Asia, with a higher incidence during warmer months.

# LYME DISEASE

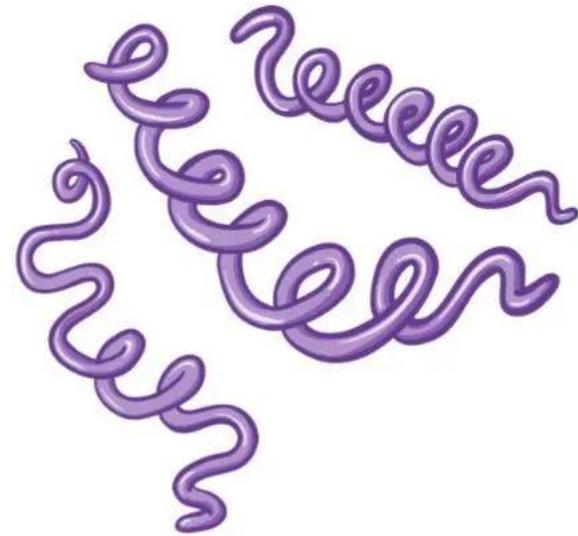
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INFECTIOUS, BLOOD-BORNE BACTERIAL DISEASE

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# POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS

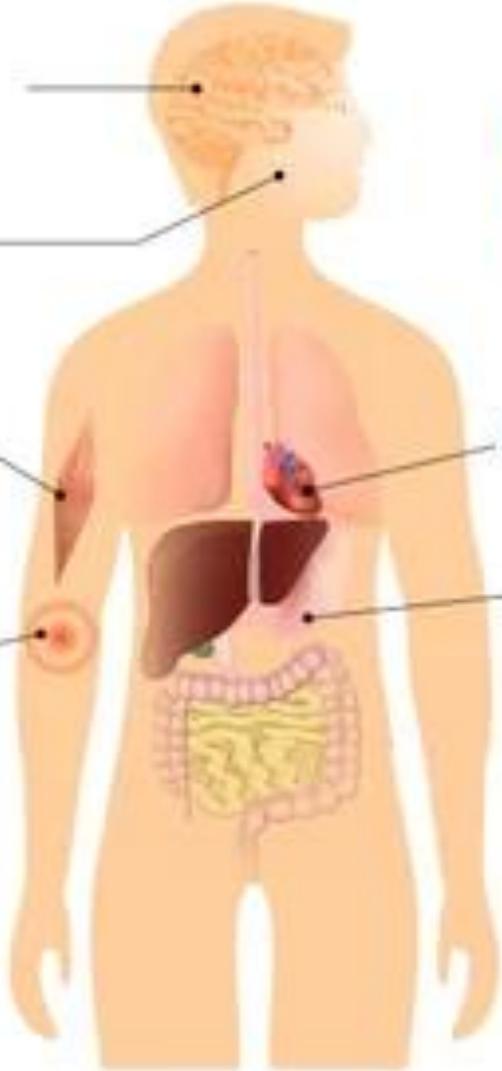
Headache

Hearing Loss  
and Paralysis  
of Face

Muscle  
Soreness

Erythema  
Migrans

Fever  
Chills  
Fatigue  
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• **Which country recently launched the “Perm Nuclear Powered Submarine”?**

[A] Russia

[B] China

[C] Australia

[D] India



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- **Correct Answer: A [Russia]**
- Russian President Vladimir Putin launched the "Perm," a Project 885M Yasen-class nuclear-powered submarine, from Murmansk.
- Perm is a fourth-generation nuclear-powered attack submarine of the Yasen-M class (Project 885M), named after the city of Perm in the Urals.
- It is the **sixth vessel in the Yasen/Yasen-M series and the first Russian nuclear submarine officially equipped with the 3M22 Zircon hypersonic cruise missile as a standard feature.**
- Perm is expected to enter service with the Russian Navy in 2026.



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- **What is the primary purpose of the Silvaguard drone system?**

[A] To predict climate change trends

[B] To study wildlife migration patterns

[C] To prevent lightning strikes

[D] To enhance real-time wildfire detection and firefighting efficiency

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- **Correct Answer:** D [To enhance real-time wildfire detection and firefighting efficiency]
- The Silvaguard drone, developed by Dryad Networks, a Berlin-based environmental IoT startup, is designed to improve wildfire detection and firefighting efforts.
- Using infrared imaging, the AI-based drone enhances fire detection, location identification and monitoring.
- It works alongside Silvanet, a solar-powered gas sensor network, to detect fires at the smoldering stage.
- When a fire is identified, Silvaguard flies to the site, captures video and infrared images and sends real-time data to firefighters for efficient intervention.

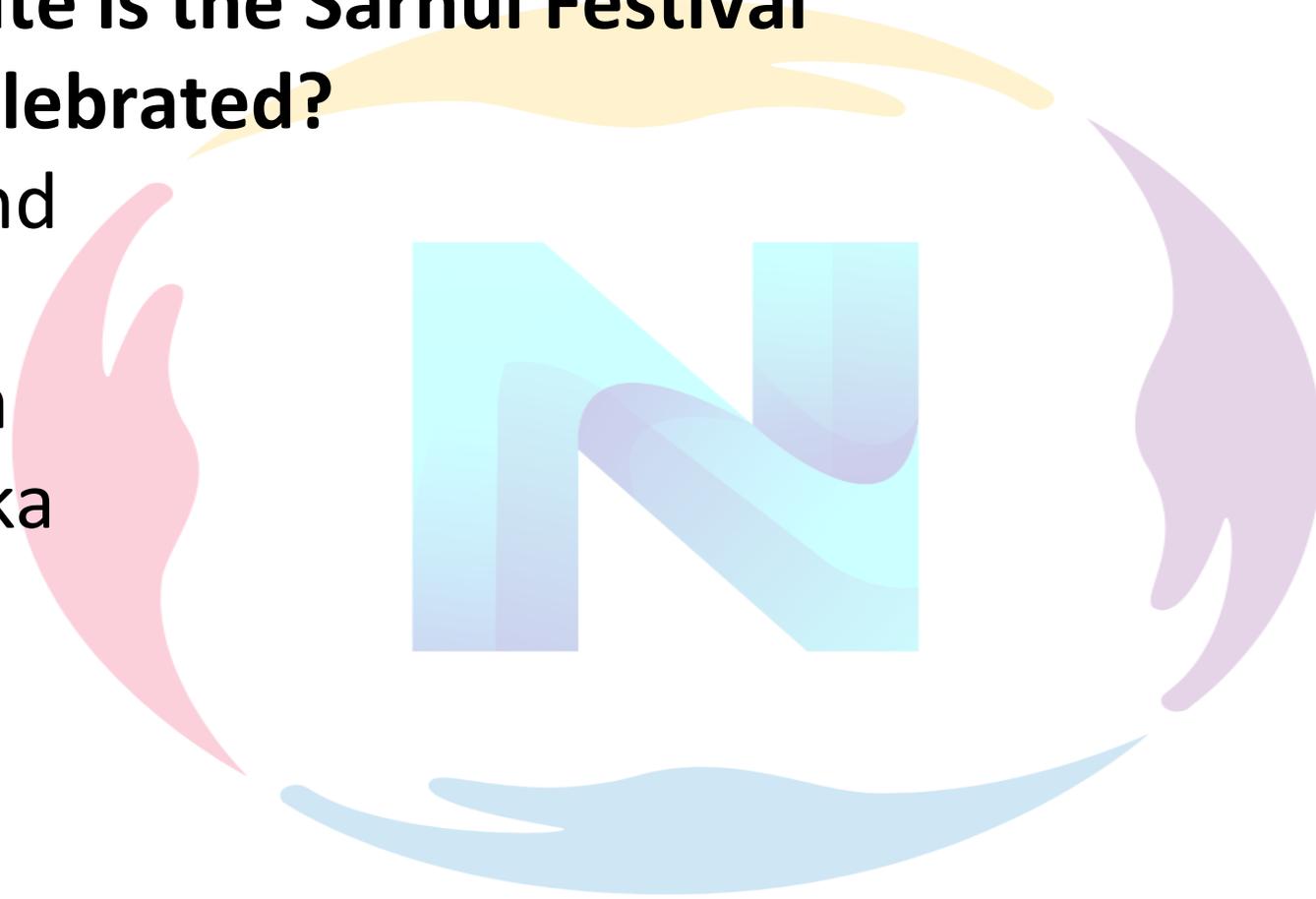
• **In which state is the Sarhul Festival primarily celebrated?**

[A] Jharkhand

[B] Gujarat

[C] Mizoram

[D] Karnataka



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- **Correct Answer:** A [Jharkhand]
- The Sarhul Festival is celebrated by Adivasi communities in Jharkhand and the Chotanagpur region to mark the arrival of spring and the new year.
- The festival, named after the Sal tree, symbolizes the union of the Sun and Earth for life.
- **The Sal tree is considered sacred and is believed to be the home of Sarna Maa, the village deity.**
- The three-day celebration involves rituals such as cleaning, gathering Sal flowers, fasting, prayers at Sarna Sthals (Sacred Groves), sacrifices, and a community feast with Handia (rice beer).
- Tribes like Oraon, Munda, Santal, Khadia, and Ho take part in the festival.



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• **Which of the following films won the Best Picture Award at the 97th Academy Awards?**

[A] Anora

[B] The Brutalist

[C] A Real Pain

[D] Mikey Madison



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- **Correct Answer: A [Anora]**
- **"Anora"** won the Best Picture Award at the 97th Academy Awards.
- **Mikey Madison** bagging **Best Actress**.
- **Sean Baker** won Best Director for 'Anora,' and **Adrien Brody** was named Best Actor for 'The Brutalist.'

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- **Which of the following statements is not correct about the Immigration Bill discussed in the context of the Indian immigration system?**
- [A] The Bill proposes the establishment of the Bureau of Immigration, which will be headed by a Minister.
- [B] The Bill empowers the Central government to restrict foreigners' association with specified individuals or their involvement in certain activities.
- [C] The Bill seeks to replace the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920, the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939, the Foreigners Act, 1946, and the Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act, 2000.
- [D] The Bill also carries punishments for foreigners entering without a valid passport or travel document.

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- **Correct Answer: A**
- The Immigration Bill aims to replace four pre-Independence and early post-Independence Acts, namely the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920, the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939, the Foreigners Act, 1946, and the Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act, 2000.
- Additionally, the Bill empowers the Central government to regulate foreigners' entry, restrict association with certain individuals, and impose conditions on their arrival.
- **It also proposes the establishment of the Bureau of Immigration, headed by a Commissioner, not a Minister.**
- The Bill also carries penalties, including up to five years imprisonment or fines, for foreigners entering without a valid passport or travel document.

• **Which of the following ACTORS won the BEST ACTOR Award at the IIFA Awards 2025?**

[A] Kartik Aaryan

[B] Raghav Juyal

[C] Ranbir Kapoor

[D] Salman Khan



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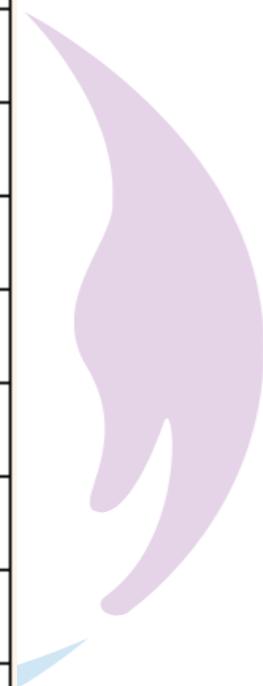
- **Correct Answer: A**
- The 25th edition was held on March 8 and March 9 in Jaipur, Rajasthan. While Kartik Aaryan won the Best Actor for his movie Bhool Bhulaiya 3.
- While Raghav Juyal took home the award for the Best Performance In A Negative Role for Kill.



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<b>IIFA Awards</b>	<b>Winners</b>
Best Picture	Laapataa Ladies
Best Performance In A Leading Role (Male)	Kartik Aaryan (Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3)
Best Performance In A Leading Role (Female)	Nitanshi Goel (Laapataa Ladies)
Best Direction	Kiran Rao (Laapataa Ladies)
Best Performance In A Negative Role	Raghav Juyal (Kill)
Best Performance In A Supporting Role (Female)	Janki Bodiwala (Shaitaan)
Best Performance In A Supporting Role (Male)	Ravi Kishan (Laapataa Ladies)
Best Story (Original) In The Popular Category	Biplab Goswami (Laapataa Ladies)
Best Story (Adapted)	Sriram Raghavan, Arijit Biswas, Pooja Ladha Surti, and Anukriti Pandey (Merry Christmas)
Best Directorial Debut	Kunal Kemmu (Madgaon Express)
Best Debut (Male)	Lakshya Lalwani (Kill)
Best Debut (Female)	Pratibha Ranta (Laapataa Ladies)



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- **Consider the following statements:**
  - 1. Ukraine became the world's largest arms importer from 2020 to 2024, driven by its ongoing war with Russia.**
  - 2. European countries saw a 155% increase in arms imports from 2020 to 2024 compared to the previous period, primarily due to the Russia-Ukraine war.**
- **Which of the statements is/are correct?**
  - [A] Only 1
  - [B] Only 2
  - [C] Both 1 and 2
  - [D] Neither 1 nor 2

- **Correct Answer:** C [Both 1 and 2]
- **Ukraine's Arms Imports (Statement 1):**  
Ukraine surpassed all nations to become the world's largest arms importer during the period from 2020 to 2024. The ongoing conflict with Russia, which escalated in 2022, led to a massive surge in Ukraine's arms imports, as it sought to bolster its defense capabilities. Prior to 2022, Ukraine's arms imports were minimal, but the war drastically increased its need for military aid and advanced weapons systems, thus driving its position as the top arms importer.
- **European Arms Imports (Statement 2):**  
European countries also experienced a significant rise in arms imports between 2020 and 2024, with a staggering 155% increase compared to the previous period (2015-2019). This surge is primarily attributed to the geopolitical situation caused by the Russia-Ukraine war.

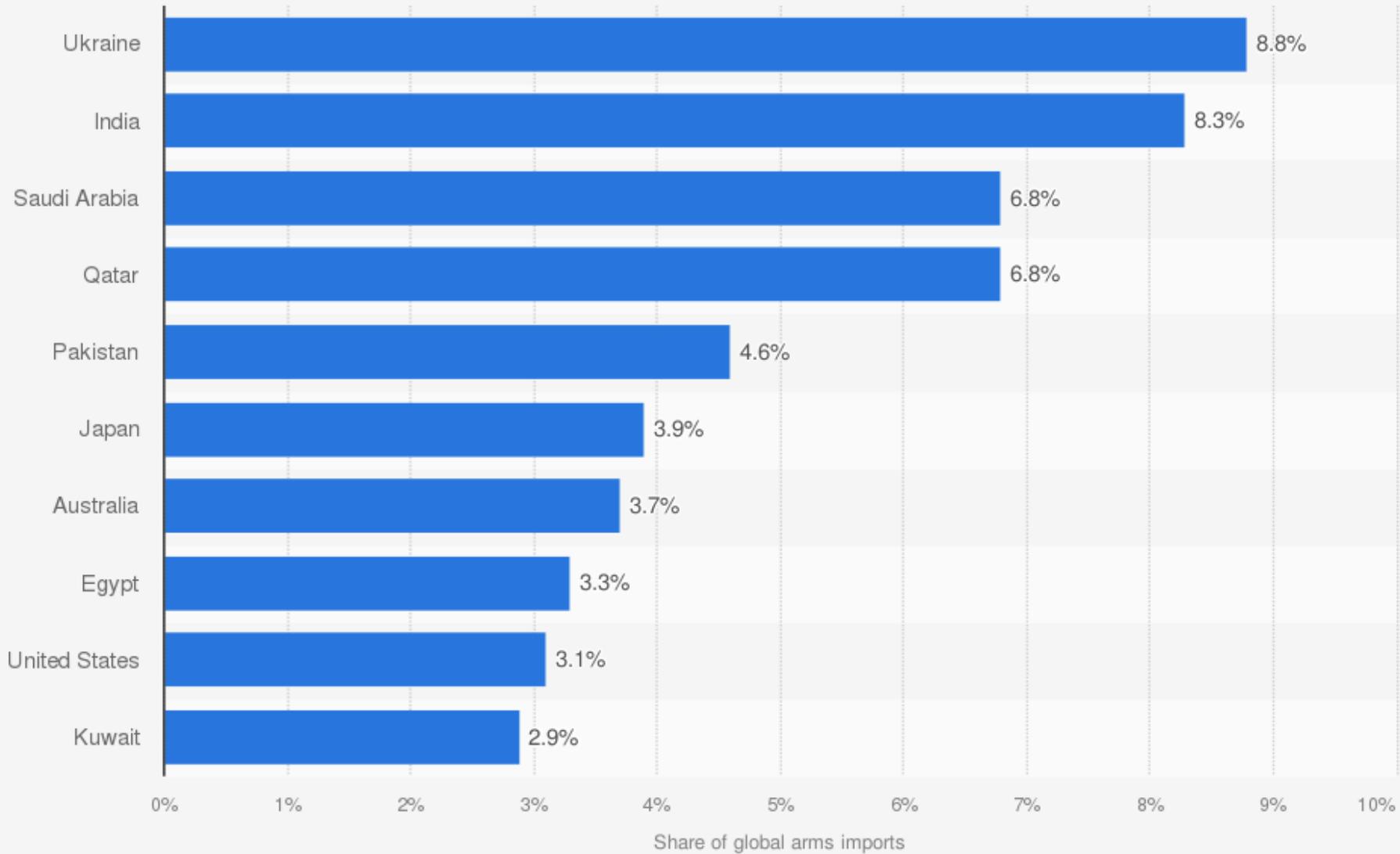
## Key Observations:

1. Ukraine emerged as the largest arms importer due to the Russia-Ukraine war.
2. India, despite being the second-largest importer, has witnessed a decline in arms imports.
3. European countries saw a 155% increase in arms imports, driven by security concerns.
4. The United States remains the dominant supplier, with Russia, France, and China playing significant roles in global arms trade.

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# Market share in the import of major arms between 2020 and 2024, by country



Source  
SIPRI  
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Additional Information:  
Worldwide; SIPRI; 2020 to 2024; Shows 10 largest importers



- **Recently, which of the following countries awarded the Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] Mauritius
- [C] Seychelles
- [D] Maldives

- **Correct Answer:** B [Mauritius]
- During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day state visit to Mauritius, he was awarded the Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean, which is Mauritius' highest civilian honor.
- This visit reinforced the deep-rooted relationship between India and Mauritius, and Modi's engagements included various diplomatic, cultural and economic activities, as well as the announcement of the Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards for Mauritian leaders and the inauguration of India-funded projects.



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- **What was the theme for the Raisina Dialogue 2025?**

[A] Global Cooperation for Development

[B] Kālachakra – People, Peace and Planet

[C] Sustainable Solutions for Future Generations

[D] Climate Change and Global Security



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- **Correct Answer:** B [Kālachakra – People, Peace and Planet]
- The central **theme for Raisina Dialogue 2025** is **“Kālachakra – People, Peace and Planet.”**
- This theme highlights the interconnectedness of the global community and underscores the importance of sustainable solutions, inclusive development, and strategic foresight in policymaking to address challenges faced by people, promote peace, and protect the planet.

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- **The six thematic pillars for the Raisina Dialogue 2025 are:**

- Politics Interrupted: Shifting Sands and Rising Tides
- Resolving the Green Trilemma: Who, Where, & How
- Digital Planet: Agents, Agencies and Absences
- Militant Mercantilism: Trade, Supply Chains & the Exchange Rate Addiction
- The Tiger's Tale: Rewriting Development with a New Plan
- Investing in Peace: Drivers, Institutions & Leadership

- **Consider the following statements:**
  1. **India and New Zealand have launched negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA), aiming to enhance supply chain integration and market access.**
  2. **India's exports to New Zealand in 2023-24 were \$538 million, while imports stood at \$335 million, resulting in a trade surplus for India.**
  3. **In the 2024-25 period, India's exports to New Zealand grew by 21.49%, while imports surged by 78.72%, narrowing the trade gap to \$33 million.**

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

[A] Only 1 and 2

[B] Only 2 and 3

[C] Only 1 and 3

[D] All 1, 2, and 3

- **Correct Answer:** D [All 1, 2, and 3]
- **India and New Zealand FTA (Statement 1):**  
India and New Zealand officially launched negotiations for a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which is intended to enhance supply chain integration, expand market access, and foster economic resilience for both nations. This FTA is India's second in the Oceania region, following the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) signed in 2022.
- **Bilateral Trade and Trade Surplus (Statement 2):**  
In 2023-24, India's exports to New Zealand totaled \$538 million, while imports stood at \$335 million, resulting in a trade surplus of \$203 million in India's favor. This highlights the positive trade balance for India in its relations with New Zealand.
- **Exports and Imports Growth in 2024-25 (Statement 3):**  
For the period up to December 2024, India's exports to New Zealand grew by 21.49%, reaching \$496 million, while imports surged by 78.72%, totaling \$463 million. This led to the narrowing of the trade gap to \$33 million, reflecting significant growth in bilateral trade despite the surge in imports.

- **Which of the following men and women players won the Best Player Award at the Hockey India Awards 2024?**
- [A] Ishika Chaudhary, Amit Rohidas
- [B] Savita Punia, Harmanpreet Singh
- [C] Nikki Pradhan, Araljeet Singh Hundal
- [D] Deepika, Hardik Singh

- **Correct Answer:** B [Savita Punia, Harmanpreet Singh]
- Savita Punia won the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for the Best Player of the Year (Women), and Harmanpreet Singh won the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for the Best Player of the Year (Men) at the Hockey India Awards 2024.



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- **Who won the Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism 2025 for her coverage of the “Dunki route”?**
- [A] Mridulika Jha
- [B] Kiran Rao
- [C] Pooja Mehta
- [D] Sneha Desai

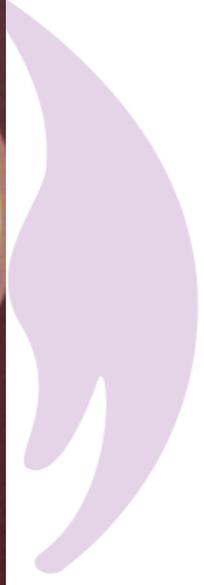


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- **Correct Answer: A** [Mridulika Jha]
- Mridulika Jha of Aaj Tak won the Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism 2025 for her investigative coverage of the “Dunki route” adopted by the youths of Haryana to illegally enter the United States.
- The award, which honors exceptional journalists for their courage and excellence, was presented at the 19th Ramnath Goenka Award ceremony held in New Delhi.
- The award was first given in 2005 and it honours Print/Digital & Broadcast journalists in India in various categories for their courage and excellence in journalism despite facing considerable political and economic pressures.

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- **Consider the following statements:**
  1. **The Government of India revised MSME classification criteria, increasing investment and turnover limits by five times and two times, respectively.**
  2. **For Micro Enterprises, the investment limit was raised from ₹1 crore to ₹2.5 crore and the turnover limit from ₹5 crore to ₹10 crore.**
  3. **The investment limit for Medium Enterprises is ₹50 crore, and the turnover limit is ₹250 crore.**

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

[A] Only 1 and 2

[B] Only 2 and 3

[C] Only 1

[D] All 1, 2, and 3

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- **Correct Answer:** A [Only 1 and 2]
- **Statement 1:** The Government of India has indeed revised the criteria for MSME classification, with the investment and turnover limits being increased by five times and two times, respectively.
- **Statement 2:** Under the new MSME definition, the investment limit for Micro Enterprises has been raised from ₹1 crore to ₹2.5 crore, and the turnover limit has been increased from ₹5 crore to ₹10 crore. This is in line with the government's effort to boost MSME growth.
- **Statement 3:** This statement is incorrect. The revised criteria for Medium Enterprises includes an investment limit of ₹125 crore and a turnover ceiling of ₹500 crore, not ₹50 crore and ₹250 crore as stated in the option.
- Thus, only Statements 1 and 2 are correct.

# New MSME Classification Criteria as per Union Budget 2025

ENTERPRISE CATEGORY	CURRENT INVESTMENT LIMIT	REVISED INVESTMENT LIMIT	CURRENT TURNOVER LIMIT	REVISED TURNOVER LIMIT
MICRO ENTERPRISE	₹1 crore	₹2.5 crore	₹5 crore	₹10 crore
SMALL ENTERPRISE	₹10 crore	₹25 crore	₹50 crore	₹100 crore
MEDIUM ENTERPRISE	₹50 crore	₹125 crore	₹250 crore	₹500 crore

- **Consider the following statements:**
  1. **The Lok Sabha passed the Finance Bill 2025, which includes the abolition of the six per cent digital tax on online advertisements.**
  2. **The Union Budget 2025-26 outlines a total expenditure of ₹50.65 lakh crore, with a proposed capital expenditure of ₹11.22 lakh crore.**
  3. **The Finance Bill 2025 includes tax relief measures for individuals and businesses, and focuses on increasing tax mobilization from individuals with foreign assets.**
- **Which of the statements is/are correct?**
  - [A] Only 1 and 2
  - [B] Only 2 and 3
  - [C] Only 1
  - [D] All 1, 2, and 3

- **Correct Answer: D**
- **Statement 1:** The Finance Bill 2025 does include the abolition of the six per cent digital tax on online advertisements.
- **Statement 2:** The Union Budget 2025-26 indeed outlines ₹50.65 lakh crore in total expenditure, with ₹11.22 lakh crore for capital expenditure and ₹15.48 lakh crore as effective capital expenditure.
- **Statement 3:** The Finance Bill 2025 emphasizes unprecedented tax relief measures for individuals and businesses, and it focuses on increasing tax mobilization from individuals with foreign assets, aligning with the objectives outlined by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

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- **What is the name of the satellite recently launched by the Assam state government?**
- [A] ASSAMSAT
- [B] Assam Star
- [C] Brahmaputra-1
- [D] North East Orbiter



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- **Correct Answer: A [ASSAMSAT]**
- The Assam state government recently announced plans to launch its own satellite, ASSAMSAT, to improve data access for various socioeconomic initiatives and enhance border security.
- The satellite, which will support sectors like agriculture, disaster management, infrastructure development, and security operations, makes Assam the first Indian state to launch its own satellite.
- This was announced by Assam Finance Minister Ajanta Neog in the 2025-26 state budget.

- **Recently, the TRINETRA system was launched by which state?**
- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Kerala



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- **Correct Answer:** D [Kerala]
- Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Advanced Cybersecurity Operations Centre (SOC) of the Kerala Police Cyber Division, which includes the TRINETRA system.
- Developed by C-DOT, the TRINETRA system aims to strengthen cybersecurity infrastructure, enhance police system security and protect critical infrastructure.
- This initiative underscores Kerala's commitment to indigenous cybersecurity solutions.

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- **Which state became the first in India to establish a Senior Citizens Commission by passing the Senior Citizens Commission Bill, 2025?**
- [A] Kerala
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Andhra Pradesh

- **Correct Answer:** A [Kerala]
- Kerala became the first state in India to establish a Senior Citizens Commission by passing the Kerala State Senior Citizens Commission Bill, 2025.
- This statutory body is focused on safeguarding the rights and welfare of elderly citizens.
- The Commission will also serve as an advisory body for policymaking, reflecting Kerala's commitment to the protection, rehabilitation, and empowerment of senior citizens.

- **Recently, "Saryngkham-A" was seen in the news. It is related to which of the following?**
- [A] New Disease
- [B] Agricultural Project
- [C] Beach Certificate
- [D] Coal Mining Block



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- **Correct Answer: D [Coal Mining Block]**
- The "Saryngkham-A" block, inaugurated by Meghalaya CM Conrad K. Sangma, is the state's first scientific coal mining block located at Byndihati, East Jaintia Hills.
- This initiative promotes safe and sustainable coal mining, shifting away from the previously banned rat-hole mining method.
- The move aims to ensure safer mining practices and address environmental concerns in the coal-rich Jaintia Hills region.



- **Recently, Project Hifazat was launched by which of the following states?**

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



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- **Correct Answer:** A [Punjab]
- Project Hifazat was launched by Punjab's Social Security, Women, and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur.
- The initiative aims to enhance women and child safety through a 24×7 helpline (181), coordinated government support, and rapid response mechanisms to combat gender-based violence.
- The project focuses on empowering women and ensuring swift action against crimes.

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- **Which of the following national parks/zoo became the first in India to preserve wildlife DNA from snowy regions?**
- [A] Kaziranga National Park
- [B] Jim Corbett National Park
- [C] Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park
- [D] Sunderbans National Park

- **Correct Answer:** C [Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park]
- The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in Darjeeling has become India's first zoo to preserve wildlife DNA from snowy regions.
- In collaboration with CCMB Hyderabad, the project collects and cryogenically preserves **DNA samples from endangered species, including red pandas and snow leopards.**
- This initiative supports conservation efforts and genetic research, ensuring long-term preservation of genetic material for species native to snowy regions.

- **In which place in India was the first World Peace Center inaugurated?**
- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Gurugram
- [C] Bengaluru
- [D] Jaipur



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- **Correct Answer: B [Gurugram]**  
India's first World Peace Center was inaugurated in Gurugram, Haryana, by Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti under the guidance of Jain Acharya Lokesh.
- The center's aim is to promote non-violence, spiritual awareness, human values, and universal brotherhood.
- This initiative is part of efforts to foster peace and harmony through spiritual and humanitarian principles.

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- **Which of the following is the primary focus of the Sashakt Panchayat-Netri Abhiyan and Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats (MWFGP) initiatives?**

- [A] To promote digital literacy among rural women
- [B] To enhance leadership and decision-making of Women Elected Representatives (WERs) in Panchayati Raj Institutions
- [C] To increase the number of women candidates in Panchayati Raj elections
- [D] To implement rural development programs for women

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- **Correct Answer:** B [To enhance leadership and decision-making of Women Elected Representatives (WERs) in Panchayati Raj Institutions]
- The Sashakt Panchayat-Netri Abhiyan focuses on capacity building to enhance leadership and decision-making among Women Elected Representatives (WERs) in Panchayati Raj Institutions, **aiming to eliminate the "Mukhiya Pati" culture.**
- The Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats (MWFGP) initiative focuses on establishing gender-sensitive, girl-friendly governance in every district. Both initiatives aim to empower women in local governance.

- **Which place launched India's first green waste processing plant under the PPP model as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban?**
- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Jaipur
- [C] Bhopal
- [D] Indore

- **Correct Answer:** D [Indore]
- Indore launched India's first green waste processing plant under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban.
- The plant will convert green waste into wooden pellets, offering an eco-friendly alternative to coal and promoting sustainability.
- It aims to generate revenue for the Indore Municipal Corporation and contribute to a circular economy and innovative waste management.



# India's First PPP Green Waste Processing Plant, Indore



- **Who launched the program called ‘Samarth’, an incubation initiative to foster innovation in telecom and IT?**
- [A] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- [B] Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
- [C] Department of Telecom
- [D] National Informatics Centre (NIC)



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- **Correct Answer:** B [Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)]
- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) launched the 'Samarth' incubation program aimed at fostering innovation in telecom and IT.
- The program supports startups in areas such as Telecom Software, Cybersecurity, 5G/6G, AI, IoT, and Quantum Technologies, with STPI as the implementation partner.
- The program will run in hybrid mode and provide funding, mentorship, and infrastructure support.

- **Who launched the "Baalpan ki Kavita" initiative?**
- [A] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [B] Ministry of Education
- [C] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- [D] Ministry of Culture



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- **Correct Answer:** B [Ministry of Education]
- The "Baalpan ki Kavita" initiative was launched by the Department of School Education & Literacy under the Ministry of Education.
- It aims to preserve and promote Indian rhymes and poems for young children, aligning with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- The initiative focuses on early childhood education, multilingualism and cultural relevance, encouraging contributions of rhymes in various Indian languages and English for children aged 3-8 years.

- **What was the name of the cooperative-based taxi service modeled on Ola and Uber launched by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah?**
- [A] Sahkar
- [B] Sahyog
- [C] Sahaj
- [D] Sarthi

- **Correct Answer:** A [Sahkar]
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah announced the launch of ‘Sahkar’, a cooperative-based taxi service modeled on Ola and Uber.
- Unlike corporate-owned ride-hailing platforms, ‘Sahkar’ empowers drivers as stakeholders, ensuring fair earnings and profit-sharing under a cooperative framework.
- The initiative was introduced during discussions on the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

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- **Consider the following statements:**

- 1. India conducted its first-ever population estimation of riverine dolphins, revealing a total of 6,327 dolphins across the Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Indus river systems.**
- 2. The study, conducted under ‘Project Dolphin’, provides crucial insights into the distribution and status of river dolphins.**
- 3. The population estimation of riverine dolphins was conducted as part of the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP).**

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

[A] Only 1 and 2

[B] Only 2 and 3

[C] Only 1

[D] All 1, 2, and 3

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- **Correct Answer:** A [Only 1 and 2]
- **Statement 1:** India has conducted its first-ever population estimation of riverine dolphins, with a total of 6,327 dolphins recorded across the Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Indus river systems, as part of the 'Project Dolphin'.
- **Statement 2:** The study provided important insights into the status and distribution of river dolphins, highlighting the ecological importance of these species and the need for conservation.
- **Statement 3:** This statement is incorrect because the population estimation was conducted under 'Project Dolphin', not the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP).
- Thus, only Statements 1 and 2 are correct.

- **Recently, the e-Shram portal was launched. What is the aim of the portal?**
- [A] To create a database of unorganized workers for welfare schemes
- [B] To provide skill training and employment opportunities
- [C] To monitor and regulate organized sector workers
- [D] To offer financial aid and insurance to workers

- **Correct Answer:** A [To create a database of unorganized workers for welfare schemes]
- The e-Shram portal aims to create a National Database of Unorganized Workers (NDUW) and link them to social security and welfare schemes.
- The portal provides workers with a Universal Account Number (UAN), ensuring easier access to various welfare benefits.

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## Key Objectives of the e-Shram Portal:

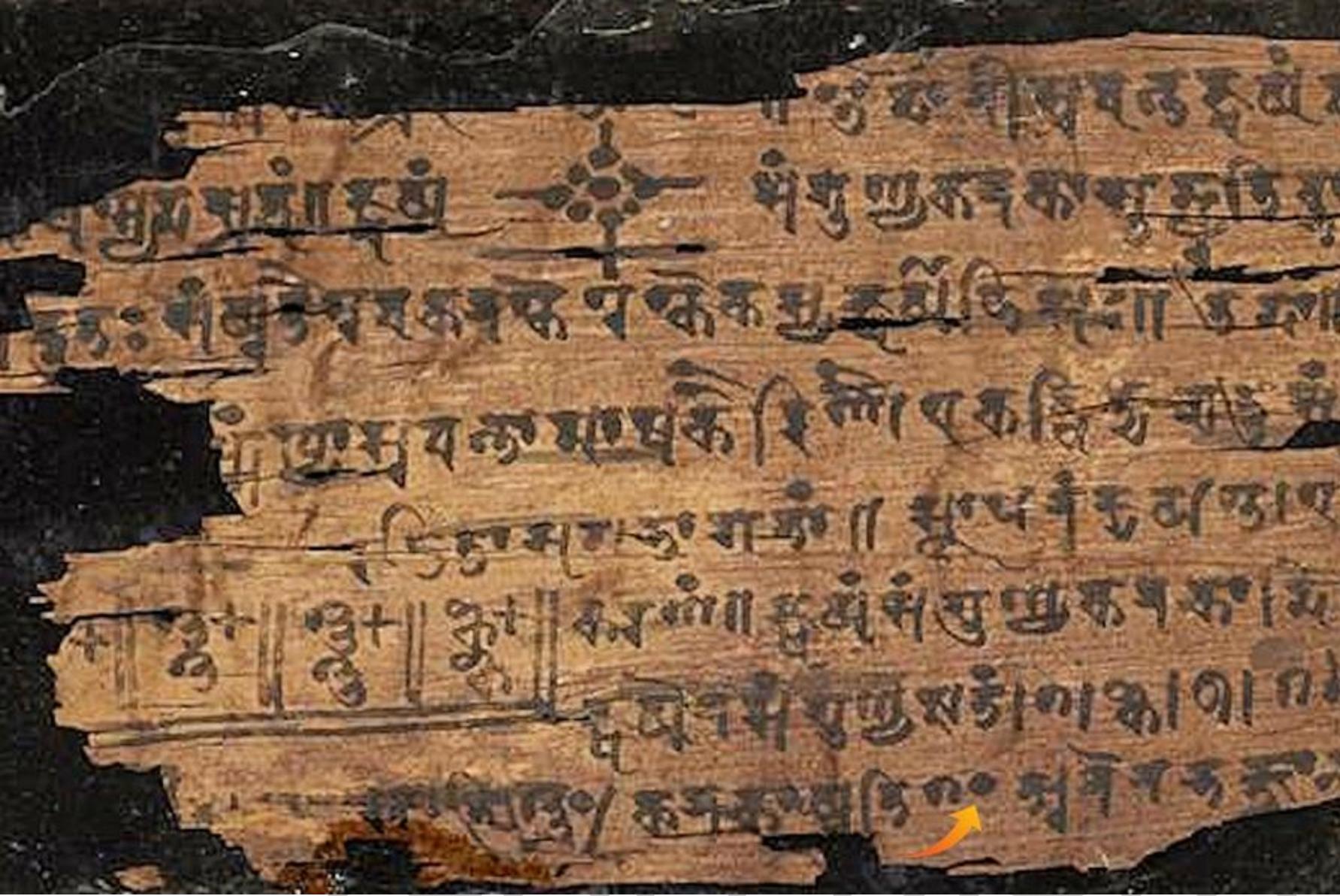
- Creation of a centralized database of unorganized workers.
- Enhancement of social security service delivery.
- Integration of social security schemes under the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- Facilitation of information sharing with government stakeholders.
- Portability of welfare benefits for migrant and construction workers.
- Support for crisis management using a comprehensive worker database.
- Issuance of a Universal Account Number (UAN) to workers.
- Aadhaar-based authentication for accurate registration.

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- **‘Gyan Bharatam Mission’ was seen in the news. It is related to which of the following things?**
- [A] Expanding access to India’s knowledge repository
- [B] Promoting literacy among Muslims in India
- [C] Enhancing digital education in rural areas
- [D] Developing infrastructure for heritage preservation

- **Correct Answer:** A [Expanding access to India's knowledge repository]
- The 'Gyan Bharatam Mission' was launched during the National Archives of India's 135th Foundation Day.
- It aims to expand access to India's vast knowledge repository, helping to preserve and digitize historical documents as part of the world's largest digitization program.
- The mission is part of efforts to make India's archival records more accessible to the public and scholars.



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- **What is the name of the operation recently launched by India in response to the 2025 Myanmar earthquake?**
- [A] Operation Brahma
- [B] Operation Karuna
- [C] Operation Setu
- [D] Operation Sadbhav



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- **Correct Answer:** A [Operation Brahma]
- India launched Operation Brahma to assist the victims of the 2025 Myanmar earthquake, which hit the country with a 7.7 magnitude on March 28, 2025.
- The earthquake caused significant devastation, with over 10,000 feared dead.
- As part of the Neighborhood First policy and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief framework, India sent two C-130J aircraft and four ships with relief materials to support Myanmar's government in coordinating the aid efforts.

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- **Scarborough Shoal, which was seen in the news, is located in which sea?**
- [A] East China Sea
- [B] Red Sea
- [C] South China Sea
- [D] Black Sea



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- **Correct Answer:** C [South China Sea]
- Scarborough Shoal, also known as Scarborough Reef, is located in the South China Sea, 220 km west of Luzon, Philippines.
- It is the largest coral atoll in the region and is a significant fishing ground with valuable marine life.
- The shoal is a disputed territory between China and the Philippines, both of which claim exclusive rights over it.
- Recently, China deployed long-range H-6 bombers near the shoal to assert its sovereignty.

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- **Which country hosted the 6th BIMSTEC Summit?**
- [A] Myanmar
- [B] Thailand
- [C] Bangladesh
- [D] India



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- **Correct Answer:** B [Thailand]
- **Explanation:**  
The 6th BIMSTEC Summit was hosted in Bangkok, Thailand.
- During the summit, the Indian Prime Minister visited Thailand to participate in the discussions.
- The theme of the summit was “BIMSTEC – Prosperous, Resilient and Open.”
- The summit facilitated discussions between India and Thailand, two countries that share strong historical, cultural, and religious ties.
- BIMSTEC connects South and Southeast Asia, promoting regional progress among its member nations, which include Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Thailand.



# 6<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC SUMMIT

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- **Lewis Glacier, which was in the news due to its rapid melting, is located on which mountain?**
- [A] Mount Kenya
- [B] Mount Everest
- [C] Mount Kilimanjaro
- [D] Mount Elbrus



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- **Correct Answer:** A [Mount Kenya]
- **Explanation:**  
Lewis Glacier, located on Mount Kenya, Africa's second-highest mountain, has been rapidly melting due to climate change.
- Once a significant ice mass, the glacier has shrunk dramatically and is expected to disappear by 2030. Mount Kenya is an extinct stratovolcano and the second-highest peak in Africa after Mount Kilimanjaro.
- The glacier's retreat underscores the severe impact of global warming on Africa's high-altitude ice.





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**The Mount Kenya's glaciers  
are melting away**

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- **Which state led the medal tally in the second edition of the Khelo India Para Games 2025?**

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Haryana
- [C] West Bengal
- [D] Uttar Pradesh



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- **Correct Answer:** B [Haryana]
- Haryana topped the medal tally in the second edition of the Khelo India Para Games (KIPG) held in New Delhi, securing 34 gold medals.
- Tamil Nadu finished second with 28 gold medals and Uttar Pradesh came third with 23 golds.
- The event, held across three venues Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, and Karni Singh Shooting Range saw around 1,300 athletes compete in six sports, showcasing incredible endurance and resilience.



## 2ND KHELO INDIA PARA GAMES

RANKING	STATE			
1	HARYANA	34	39	31
2	TAMIL NADU	28	19	27
3	UTTAR PRADESH	23	21	20
4	RAJASTHAN	22	19	24
5	MAHARASHTRA	19	13	12
6	GUJARAT	12	24	23
7	KARNATAKA	10	5	7
8	DELHI	8	11	20

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- **What type of satellite is "GSAT 18" that was recently in the news?**
- [A] Navigation Satellite
- [B] Astronomical Satellite
- [C] Earth Observation Satellite
- [D] Communication Satellite

- **Correct Answer: D [Communication Satellite]**
- GSAT-18 is a communication satellite launched by ISRO on October 5, 2016, using the Ariane-5 VA-231 rocket from Kourou, French Guiana.
- It has a mission life of 15 years (until 2032) and was injected into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO).
- However, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) raised concerns regarding its under utilisation, specifically six idle transponders until 2027, which led to a reported revenue loss of ₹117 crore.

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- **Which country is collaborating with India to co-host the AIKEYME maritime exercise in April 2025?**
- [A] Tanzania
- [B] Mauritius
- [C] Mozambique
- [D] Kenya



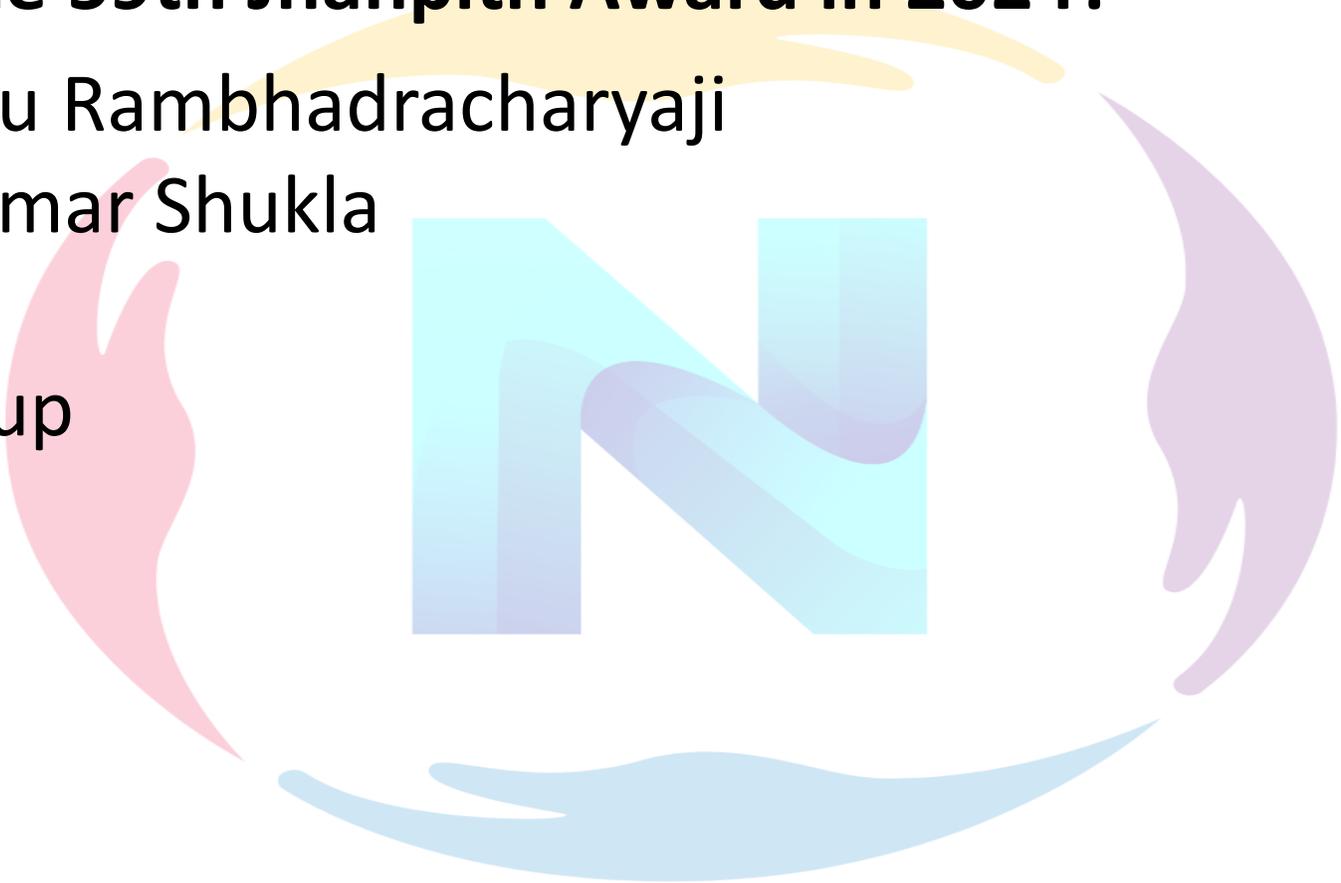
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- **Correct Answer:** A [Tanzania]
- The AIKEYME (Africa-India Key Maritime Engagement) exercise, co-hosted by India and Tanzania, will be held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, in April 2025.
- This exercise aims to enhance naval interoperability and strengthen maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- The event will involve 10 nations, focusing on issues like piracy, illegal trafficking, and unreported fishing. India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the exercise.

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- **Who won the 59th Jnanpith Award in 2024?**
- [A] Jagadguru Rambhadracharyaji
- [B] Vinod Kumar Shukla
- [C] Gulzar
- [D] G. S. Kurup

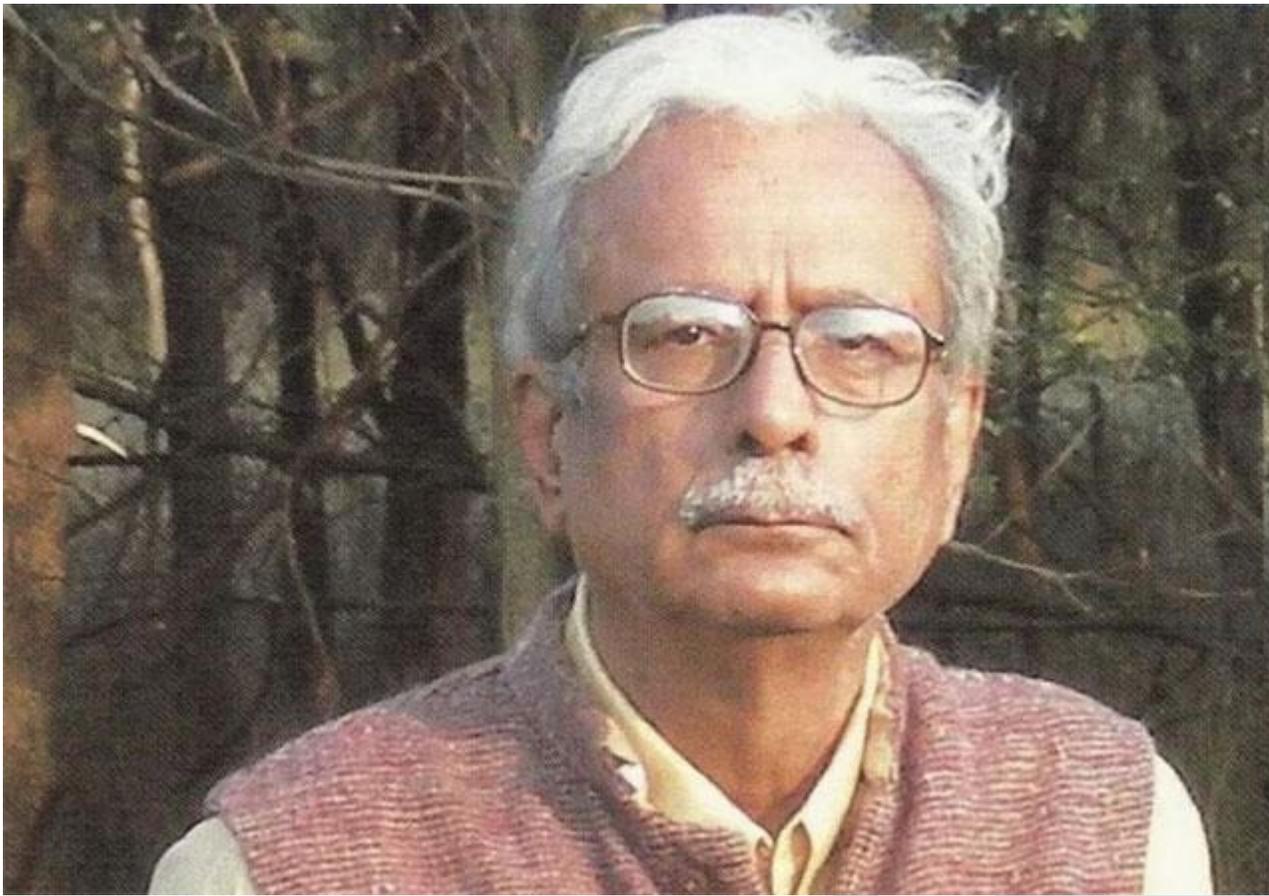


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- **Correct Answer:** B [Vinod Kumar Shukla]
- **Explanation:**  
Vinod Kumar Shukla, an eminent Hindi poet and writer from Chhattisgarh, was selected for the 59th Jnanpith Award in 2024.
- He is the first recipient from Chhattisgarh and the 12th Hindi writer to receive this prestigious award.
- Born in Rajnandgaon, Shukla is known for his contributions to Hindi literature, with his first poetry collection “Lagbhag Jai Hind” published in 1971.

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- **Recently, Challenger 150 was seen in the news. Which organization endorsed this research initiative?**
- [A] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- [B] National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- [C] European Space Agency (ESA)
- [D] National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

- **Correct Answer:** A [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)]
- **Explanation:**  
Challenger 150 is a global deep-sea research initiative endorsed by UNESCO.
- The initiative made headlines after scientists discovered new species on the seafloor exposed by the A-84 iceberg, which broke off the George VI Ice Shelf in January 2025.
- Using Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) SuBastian, the research explored the seabed 1,300 meters deep. This discovery highlights the importance of ice shelves and their impact on sea levels.

- **Who was awarded the Stockholm Water Prize 2025?**

- [A] Paul Witherspoon
- [B] Gunter Bloschl
- [C] Jacob Bear
- [D] Yuan Daoxian



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- **Correct Answer:** B [Gunter Bloschl]
- **Explanation:**

Gunter Bloschl, a renowned hydrologist, was awarded the 2025 Stockholm Water Prize for his groundbreaking research on flood risks and the impacts of climate change on water systems.
- The Stockholm Water Prize is a prestigious international award presented by the Stockholm Water Foundation in collaboration with the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.
- It recognizes outstanding contributions to water science, management, and protection.
- The prize, established in 1991 during the Stockholm Water Festival, highlights Sweden's commitment to global water sustainability.



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**Günter Blöschl**

wins the Stockholm Water Prize 2025

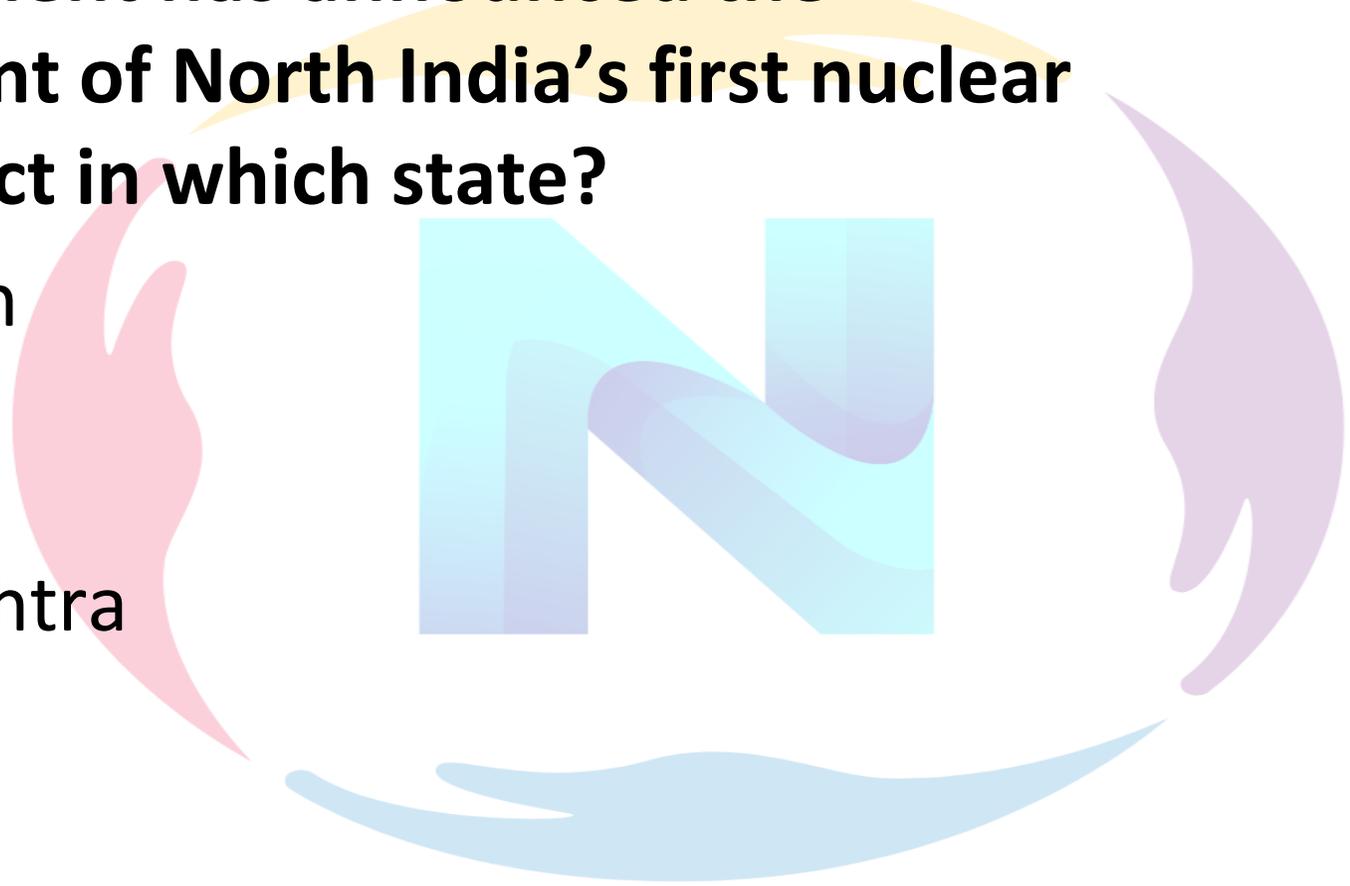
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- **The government has announced the establishment of North India's first nuclear power project in which state?**
- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Haryana
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Maharashtra



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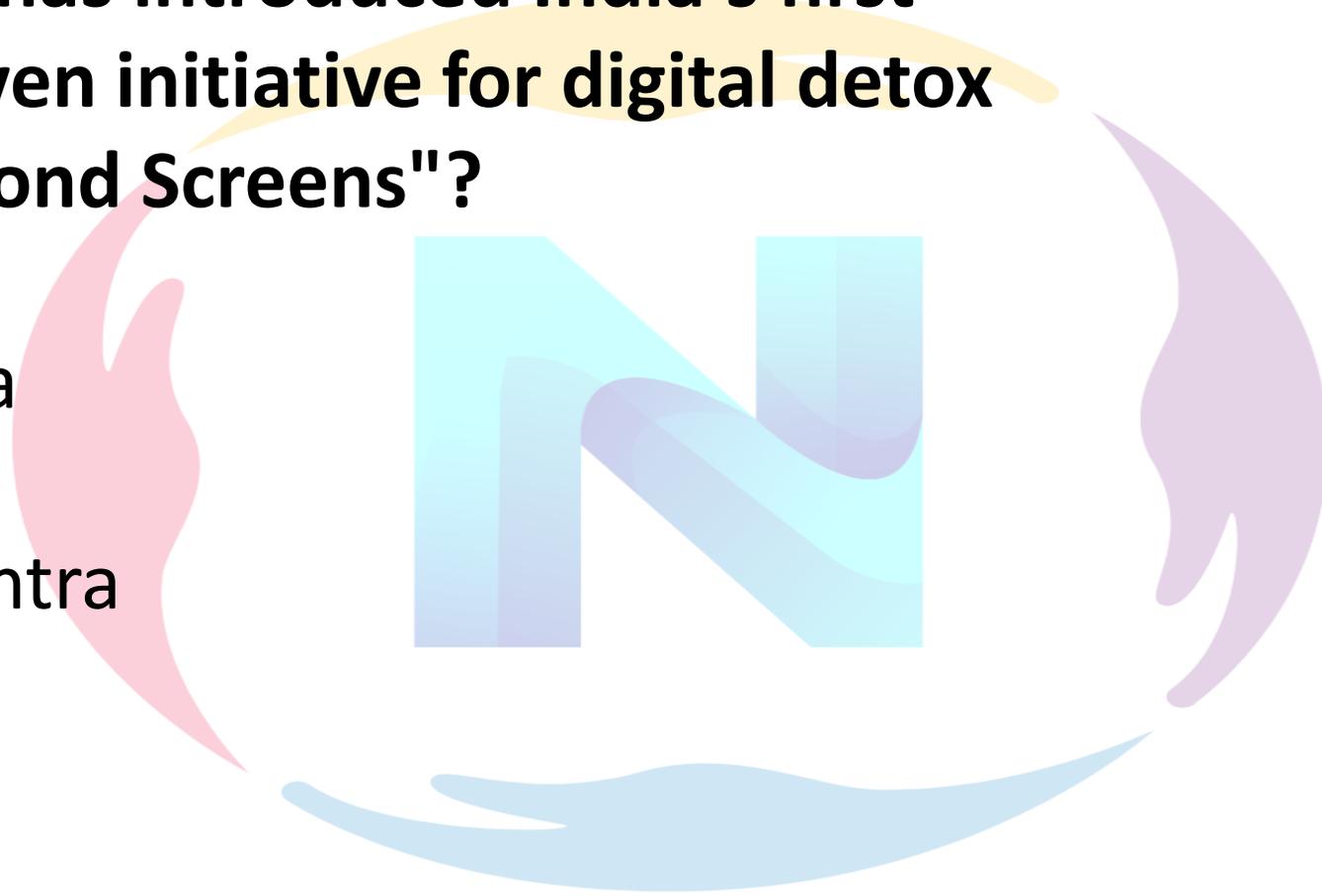
- **Correct Answer:** B [Haryana]
- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announced the establishment of North India's first nuclear power project in Gorakhpur, Haryana.
- This project marks a significant step in India's nuclear energy expansion and its clean energy objectives.
- It will feature two twin units with Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR), with a total capacity of 2800 MW.
- The PHWR uses Heavy Water ( $D_2O$ ) as both coolant and moderator, which effectively slows down neutrons while having a low absorption rate, and uses natural uranium as fuel.

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- **Which state has introduced India's first industry-driven initiative for digital detox named "Beyond Screens"?**

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



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- Correct Answer: [B] Karnataka  
Karnataka's IT Minister Priyank Kharge unveiled India's first industry-led digital detox initiative, "Beyond Screens," aimed at promoting responsible gaming and digital usage.
- **The initiative, launched in collaboration with the All India Gaming Federation (AIGF) and the Department of Electronics, IT, Biotechnology, and Science and Technology,** addresses digital addiction by advocating for balanced technology consumption.
- This program was introduced at GAFX 2025 and features a specialized digital detox center and website.

• **Recently, ISRO and Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) developed two indigenous 32-bit microprocessors. What are the names of these two microprocessors?**

- a) Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201
- b) Arjuna 3201 and Saraswati 3201
- c) Arya 3201 and Laxmi 3201
- d) Shakti 3201 and Ganga 3201

- Answer: a) Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201
- ISRO and Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) developed two indigenous 32-bit microprocessors, Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201, for space applications.
- Vikram 3201 is India's first fully indigenous microprocessor for launch vehicles, capable of handling up to 4 GB memory with floating-point support.
- Kalpana 3201 is a 32-bit SPARC V8 RISC processor, compatible with open-source tools and tested with flight software. Both were validated in space during the PSLV-C60 mission.



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- **Which state is home to Kanger Valley National Park?**

- [A] Chhattisgarh
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Rajasthan



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- Correct Answer: [A] Chhattisgarh
- Kanger Valley National Park (KVNP) is located in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh, and is added to the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites under the 'Natural' category.
- It is situated near Jagdalpur and named after the Kanger River, a tributary of the Kolab River.
- The park features diverse landscapes, including flatlands, plateaus, gorges, and the stunning Tirathgarh Falls (150 feet). It also has over 15 limestone caves, such as Kotumsar, Kailash, and Dandak.

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- **Recently, the name "Menhir" was seen in the news. It was related to which of the following things?**
- [A] A large upright standing stone
- [B] Artificial Intelligence tool
- [C] Invasive weed
- [D] Ancient irrigation technique

- Correct Answer: **[A] A large upright standing stone**
- The Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs in Telangana's Narayanpet district, dating back 3,500 to 4,000 years, have been added to India's Tentative UNESCO World Heritage Sites list.
- Menhirs are large upright standing stones, **often associated with megalithic burial or ritual sites.**
- These stones are found in various parts of the world, including Europe, Africa, and Asia, with the highest concentration in Western Europe.
- **They come in different shapes, sizes, and arrangements, such as circles, semicircles, and parallel rows.** One famous example is the Carnac Stones in France, with 2,935 menhirs.
- **Some menhirs have engravings related to fertility rites and seasonal cycles. Megaliths are stone structures used for burial or as memorials.**



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- **Recently, the name "Ashwini" was seen in the news. It is related to which of the following things?**
- [A] Active electronically scanned phased array radar
- [B] Artificial Intelligence tool
- [C] Advanced combat aircraft
- [D] Nuclear-powered submarine

- **Correct Answer:** [A] Active electronically scanned phased array radar
- The Union Ministry of Defence signed a ₹2,906 crore contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the Low-level Transportable Radar (LLTR), named **Ashwini**. This radar is an active electronically scanned phased array radar that uses solid-state technology.
- It is capable of tracking high-speed aircraft, UAVs, and helicopters.
- Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Ashwini integrates an Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) system and offers 4D surveillance with electronic scanning in both azimuth and elevation.
- The radar is mobile and features advanced Electronic Counter-Countermeasures (ECCM), making it capable of automatic target detection across various terrains.

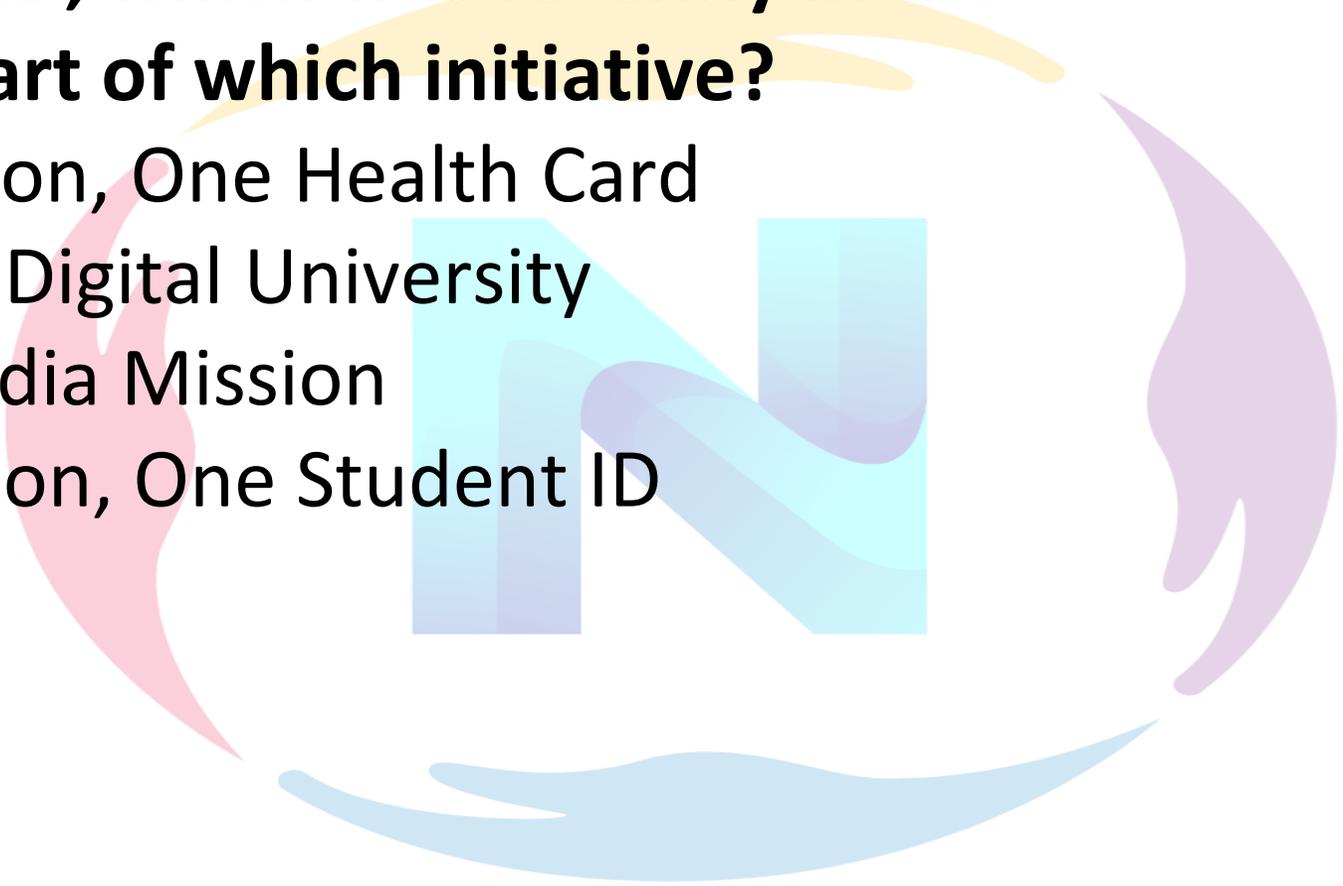
• **The APAAR ID, which was recently in the news, is a part of which initiative?**

[A] One Nation, One Health Card

[B] National Digital University

[C] Digital India Mission

[D] One Nation, One Student ID



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- **Correct Answer:** [A] One Nation, One Student ID
- **Explanation:**

The APAAR (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry) ID is part of the **One Nation, One Student ID** program under the National Education Policy 2020.
- It is a unique identification system for students across India, designed to act as a lifelong academic passport.
- The APAAR ID assigns a permanent 12-digit ID to students, recording their academic achievements, degrees, scholarships, and awards.
- Despite being voluntary, there are concerns among parents and activists about its opt-out process.
- The system ensures smooth transitions as students progress through various educational levels, centralizing their academic credentials.



- **Q: Which nation led the medal tally at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025?**
- Options:
  - [A] South Korea
  - [B] China
  - [C] Japan
  - [D] India



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- **Correct Answer:** [D] India
- India topped the medal tally at the **World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025** with a total of 134 medals, including 45 Golds, 40 silvers, and 49 bronzes.
- Indian athletes showcased exceptional performance across track and field events, demonstrating their strength in global para-athletics.
- India's dominance in field events and consistent podium finishes confirmed their rising stature in the sport.
- The event took place in New Delhi.

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- **What is the range of India's Astra Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM)?**

- Options:

[A] 50 km

[B] 100 km

[C] 150 km

[D] 200 km



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- **Correct Answer:** [B] 100 km
- India's **Astra BVRAAM** has a range of over **100 km** and is capable of engaging targets at long distances.
- Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the missile features advanced guidance and navigation systems.
- It was successfully tested from the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) AF MK1 prototype in Chandipur, Odisha, demonstrating its effectiveness and accuracy in hitting a flying target.
- The missile has already been inducted into the Indian Air Force (IAF), enhancing India's air defense capabilities.

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- **According to the 2024 World Air Quality Report, what is India's rank for air pollution?**
- [A] Fifth
- [B] First
- [C] Second
- [D] Third



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- **Correct Answer:** [A] Fifth
- According to the **2024 World Air Quality Report**, **India** ranks **fifth** in terms of air pollution, with an average AQI of  $50.6 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , which is 10 times higher than the World Health Organization's guideline.
- **Delhi** remains the most polluted capital city in the world, with a PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration of  $91.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .
- Additionally, 13 out of the 20 most polluted cities globally are in India, including **Byrnihat** (Assam-Meghalaya border), **Faridabad**, **Loni**, **Gurgaon**, **Noida**, and **Central Delhi**.
- The report, published by IQAir, analyzed data from 8,954 cities across 138 countries.

- **Q: Which ministry launched the Pratibimb Module, a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based software?**
- [A] Ministry of Electronics and IT
- [B] Ministry of Defence
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Communications

- Correct Answer: [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- The Pratibimb Module, a GIS-based software, was launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs through the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C).
- This software has been instrumental in enabling law enforcement to map cybercriminals in real-time and dismantle their networks.
- **It helps track mobile numbers used in cybercrimes, projecting them on a GIS map and assists in identifying criminal activities through mobile data.**
- The software has led to 6,046 arrests, 17,185 linkages, and 36,296 cyber investigation requests, improving the efficiency of cybercrime investigations.



## ‘Pratibimb’

This Module Tracks Down  
6,046 Criminals

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- **Q: Fuego Volcano, that was recently seen in the news, is located in which country?**
- [A] Ethiopia
- [B] Indonesia
- [C] Malaysia
- [D] Guatemala



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

- **Explanation:**

Fuego Volcano, located in **Guatemala**, recently made headlines due to a powerful eruption that triggered strong explosions, incandescent material, and pyroclastic flows, putting nearby communities at risk.

- Known as **Volcán de Fuego** (meaning "Volcano of Fire"), it is one of three large stratovolcanoes near Antigua, Guatemala. Situated along the Pacific "Ring of Fire," Guatemala frequently experiences seismic and volcanic activity.
- Fuego is one of Central America's most active volcanoes, with eruptions recorded since the 16th century. A deadly eruption in 2018 killed 194 people and left 234 missing, highlighting the ongoing dangers it poses.
- Fire + Guatemala = Fuego Eruption
- **Fuego** literally means "**fire**" in Spanish — super easy to link with a **volcano eruption**



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- **Q: Which country recently quit the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) banning cluster bombs?**
- [A] Latvia
- [B] Estonia
- [C] Lithuania
- [D] Belarus



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- **Correct Answer:** [C] Lithuania
- **Lithuania** recently exited the **Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM)**, citing security concerns over **Russia**. This decision has been met with criticism from human rights groups.
- The CCM, adopted on **May 30, 2008**, and enforced on **August 1, 2010**, bans the use, production, transfer, and stockpiling of cluster bombs.
- While the treaty has 112 member states, Lithuania's exit reflects its shifting security priorities.
- Countries like **India, U.S., Russia, China, Ukraine, and Israel** have not signed the convention, citing strategic concerns. The CCM aims to reduce civilian harm and promote global peace, human rights, and UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Cluster bombs are weapons that release many smaller bombs (called submunitions) over a wide area when they explode. These small bombs can cause damage to many targets at once and often fail to explode immediately, making them dangerous even after a conflict ends.

- **The Loss and Damage Fund (LDF) was established at which event?**
- [A] COP26 (Glasgow, 2021)
- [B] COP27 (Egypt, 2022)
- [C] COP25 (Madrid, 2019)
- [D] COP28 (Dubai, 2023)

- **Correct Answer: B [COP27 (Egypt, 2022)]**
- Recently, The U.S. has withdrawn from the Loss and Damage Fund (LDF), a setback for global climate justice efforts.
- The fund was created at the 2022 UNFCCC Conference (COP27) in Egypt.
- LDF provides financial aid to regions facing losses due to climate change, including rising sea levels, extreme weather, and crop failures.
- Developing nations, especially small island states, sought compensation from richer countries.
- Around \$750 million has been pledged, with the U.S. contributing \$17.5 million before withdrawing.
- The fund is managed by a Governing Board, with the World Bank as an interim trustee for four years.

- **Q: Which country won the 2025 Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship?**
- [A] China
- [B] Iran
- [C] India
- [D] Indonesia



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- **Correct Answer:** [C] India
- The **Indian women's Kabaddi team** claimed their **fifth Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship** title, defeating **Iran 32-25** in the final held in **Tehran** on **March 8, 2025**.
- The **6th Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship 2025** took place from **March 6 to 8, 2025**, and Iran hosted the tournament for the third time, having previously hosted it in **2007** and **2017**.



- **Q: Recently, the term "Doubtful voter" or "D-voter" was seen in the news. It has been primarily used in which northeastern state?**
- [A] Assam
- [B] Manipur
- [C] Nagaland
- [D] Tripura

- **Correct Answer:** [A] Assam
- The term **D-voter** (Doubtful voter) is specific to **Assam**, where migration and citizenship issues are highly political.
- **D-voters** are individuals who couldn't prove their Indian nationality and have pending cases with the Foreigners Tribunals.
- Introduced by the **Election Commission of India** in **1997**, this category is unique to Assam.
- D-voters are unable to vote or contest elections because their citizenship status is unverified.
- The issue of D-voters has led to concerns and protests, with opposition parties demanding the closure of the state's only detention centre.
- The decision on their status is to be made within a specific timeframe, and they may face deportation or detention if found to be foreign nationals.

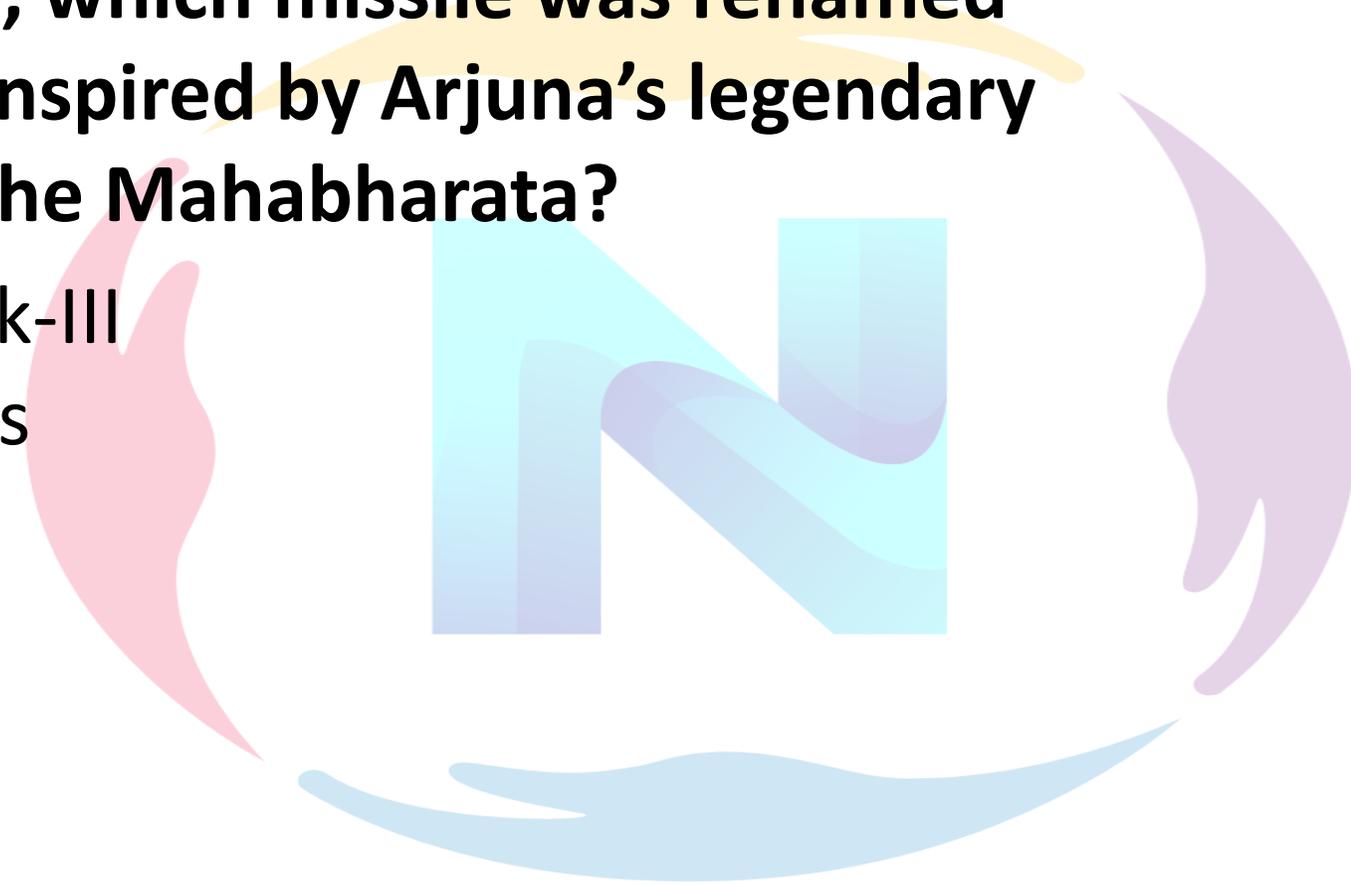
- **Q: India's first AI-powered solar manufacturing line has been launched in which state?**
- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Bihar



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- **Correct Answer:** [A] Gujarat
- India's first **AI-powered solar manufacturing line** was launched in **Kosamba, Surat, Gujarat**, at **Goldi Solar's** new facility.
- This AI-driven facility enhances **precision, scalability,** and **efficiency**, playing a crucial role in supporting India's **net-zero transition**.
- The plant has a planned production capacity of **14 GW** and incorporates **industry-first AI innovations**.
- The high-speed stringers use AI automation to produce **10,000 solar cells per hour**, minimizing errors and waste.
- The **AI-powered Automated Optical Inspection (AOI)** ensures **real-time defect detection**, improving overall production quality.

- **Q: Recently, which missile was renamed 'Gandiva,' inspired by Arjuna's legendary bow from the Mahabharata?**
- [A] Astra Mk-III
- [B] BrahMos
- [C] Akash
- [D] Pinaka



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- **Correct Answer:** [A] Astra Mk-III
- India's **Astra Mk-III** missile has been officially renamed **Gandiva**, drawing inspiration from the legendary bow of Arjuna in the Mahabharata.
- Developed by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, this **beyond visual range (BVR) air-to-air missile** is designed for deployment on **Sukhoi Su-30MKI** and **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas**.
- The missile boasts an impressive range of up to **340 km** at an altitude of 20 km and **190 km** at 8 km altitude.
- The renaming to **Gandiva** symbolizes the missile's precision, power and adaptability, akin to its mythological namesake.



- **Q: What is the theme for World Obesity Day 2025?**
- [A] Every Body Needs Everybody
- [B] Let's Talk About Obesity
- [C] Changing Systems, Healthier Lives
- [D] Everybody Needs to Act



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- **Correct Answer:** [C] Changing Systems, Healthier Lives
- **World Obesity Day 2025** was observed on **March 4**, focusing on addressing the global obesity crisis.
- Organized by the **World Obesity Federation** in collaboration with global partners, the theme for 2025 is **“Changing Systems, Healthier Lives”**.
- The initiative aims to raise awareness, improve policies, and promote prevention and treatment of obesity.
- By 2050, India is projected to have over **440 million obese and overweight individuals**, ranking second after China.
- Obesity in Indian boys is expected to rise to **1.6 crore**, and in girls to **1.44 crore** by 2050.

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- **Q: The Taurus KEPD-350 missile is jointly developed by Germany and which country?**

- Options:

[A] Sweden

[B] China

[C] Japan

[D] Australia



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- **Correct Answer:** [A] Sweden
- The **Taurus KEPD-350** missile is a precision-guided, air-launched cruise missile jointly developed by **Germany** and **Sweden** through a partnership called **Taurus Systems GmbH**.
- This venture involves **MBDA Deutschland GmbH** (Germany) and **Saab Bofors Dynamics** (Sweden).
- The missile is designed for deep penetration and high-accuracy attacks, capable of bypassing dense air defense systems and targeting heavily fortified ground positions.
- It has been in operational service since **2005** and is used by the air forces of **Germany, Spain** and **South Korea**.
- Sweden specifically uses the missile to enhance the **Gripen fighter jets'** long-range strike capabilities.

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- **Q: The Malabar Civet, recently seen in the news, is endemic to which region of India?**
- [A] Ladakh
- [B] Eastern Ghats
- [C] Western Ghats
- [D] Northeastern



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- **Correct Answer:** [C] Western Ghats
- The **Malabar Civet**, a rare and critically endangered species, is **endemic** to the **Western Ghats** of India.
- Recently, this civet was spotted in **Tadepalli**, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh. Civets belong to the **Viverridae** family, which also includes **genets, oyans, and linskangs**.
- India is home to eight wild civet species, with the **Malabar large-spotted civet** being the rarest. It is classified as '**Critically Endangered**' under the **IUCN Red List**.



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# Kopi luwak

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**Kopi luwak**, also known as **civet coffee**, is a [coffee](#) that consists of partially digested [coffee cherries](#), which have been eaten and [defecated](#) by the [Asian palm civet](#) (*Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*). The cherries are [fermented](#) as they pass through a civet's [intestines](#), and after being defecated with other fecal matter, they are collected.<sup>[1]</sup> [Asian palm civets](#) are increasingly caught in the wild and traded for this purpose.<sup>[2]</sup>

Kopi luwak is produced mainly on the [Indonesian](#) islands of [Sumatra](#), [Java](#), [Bali](#), [Sulawesi](#), and in [East Timor](#). It is also widely gathered in the forest or produced in farms in the islands of the [Philippines](#),<sup>[3]</sup> where the product is called *kape motit* in the [Cordillera region](#), *kapé alamid* in [Tagalog](#) areas, *kapé melô* or *kapé musang* in [Mindanao](#), and *kahawa kubing* in the [Sulu Archipelago](#).

Kopi luwak is also produced in [Palawan](#)'s Langogan Valley. The beans from [droppings](#) of the Asian palm civet and Palawan [binturong](#) (*Arctictis binturong whitei*) are collected from the [forest floor](#) and cleaned.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

## Kopi luwak



<b>Alternative names</b>	Indonesian pronunciation: [ˈkopi ˈlu.aʔ]
<b>Place of origin</b>	<a href="#">Indonesia</a> <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Main ingredients</b>	<i>Coffea arabica</i>

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- **Q: Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) Yojana:**
- **1. PM-SYM provides a minimum ₹3,000 monthly pension for unorganized sector workers earning up to ₹15,000.**
- **2. The scheme was launched in the Union Budget 2022 and is administered by the Ministry of Finance.**
- **3. Over 30 crore unorganized workers are registered on the e-Shram portal as of December 2024.**
- **4. The scheme is implemented in collaboration with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and Common Service Centres e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC SPV).**

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

- [A] 1 and 3 are correct
- [B] 1, 3, and 4 are correct
- [C] 2 and 4 are correct
- [D] All statements are correct

- **Answer: [B] 1, 3, and 4 are correct**
- Statement 1 is correct: PM-SYM provides a minimum ₹3,000 monthly pension for unorganized sector workers earning up to ₹15,000.
- - Statement 2 is incorrect: The scheme was launched in the Interim Budget 2019, not the Union Budget 2020.
- - Statement 3 is correct: Over 30.51 crore unorganized workers are registered on the e-Shram portal as of December 2024.
- - Statement 4 is correct: The scheme is implemented by LIC and CSC SPV, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Employment.



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**Jinki mehnat desh ka aadhaar,  
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- Government of India will also contribute equally.
- Monthly contribution ₹55 - ₹200.
- Payment of pension by LIC.

### Eligibility :

- For aged 18-40 years.
- Annual turnover less than ₹1.5 crore.
- Should not be a member of EPFO, ESIC, NPS (Government-funded), PM-SYM or should not be a Income tax payer.

### Enrollment Process

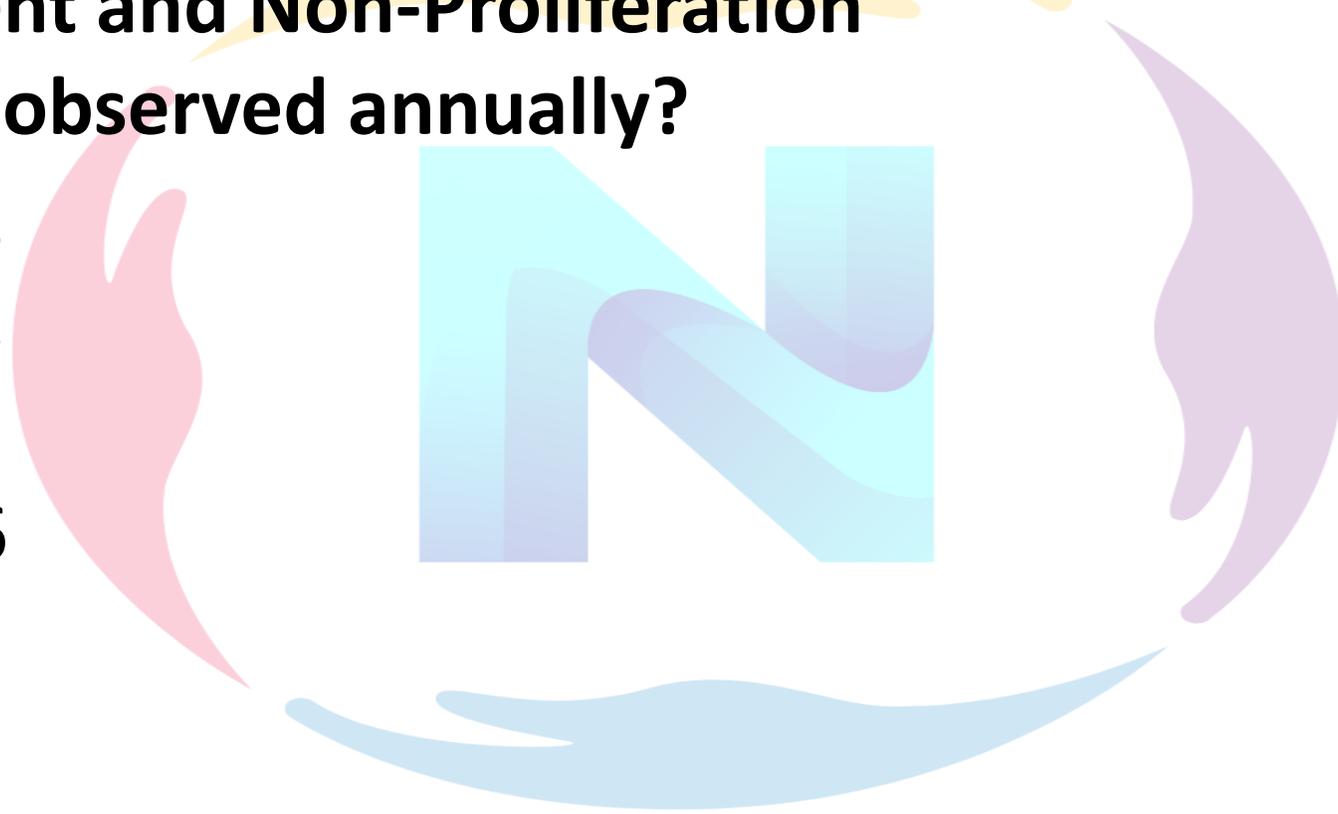


The entire enrollment process takes only 3 to 5 minutes.

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- **Q: On which day is International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness observed annually?**

- [A] March 3
- [B] March 4
- [C] March 5
- [D] March 6



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- **Correct Answer:** [C] March 5
- **International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness** is observed annually on **March 5**.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) established this day in **2022** to raise awareness, particularly among youth, about the dangers of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), such as nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.
- The initiative was first proposed in **2021**, and the day was officially recognized on **December 7, 2022**.
- The first observance of the day took place on **March 5, 2023**, promoting global peace and security.

- **Q: Which of the following countries is NOT bordered around Lake Tanganyika?**
- [A] Burundi
- [B] Democratic Republic of Congo
- [C] Tanzania
- [D] Uganda

- **Correct Answer:** [D] Uganda
- Lake Tanganyika borders **Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, and Zambia. Uganda** is not one of the countries bordering Lake Tanganyika.
- It is the world's longest and one of the deepest lakes, stretching over 400 miles, and is located in the **Western Rift Valley**, with steep land rising along its shores.
- The lake marks the division between East and West African floral regions.
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The governments of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia have launched a five-year project to assess and address transboundary threats to the biodiversity of the Lake Tanganyika Basin. The initiative will protect core conservation zones in three identified protected areas and promote sustainable natural resource use in protected areas and their buffer zones.

- The UN Environment Programme (UNEP)-led initiative, [Biodiversity conservation, sustainable land management and enhanced water security in Lake Tanganyika Basin](#), is funded by the Global Environment Facility ([GEF](#)) and aims to enhance transboundary cooperation among the four countries bordering Lake Tanganyika. It will also promote sustainable fisheries, biodiversity conservation, and the restoration of degraded landscapes in the basin.



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- **Q: What is the theme for World Wildlife Day 2025?**

- [A] Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration

- [B] Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet

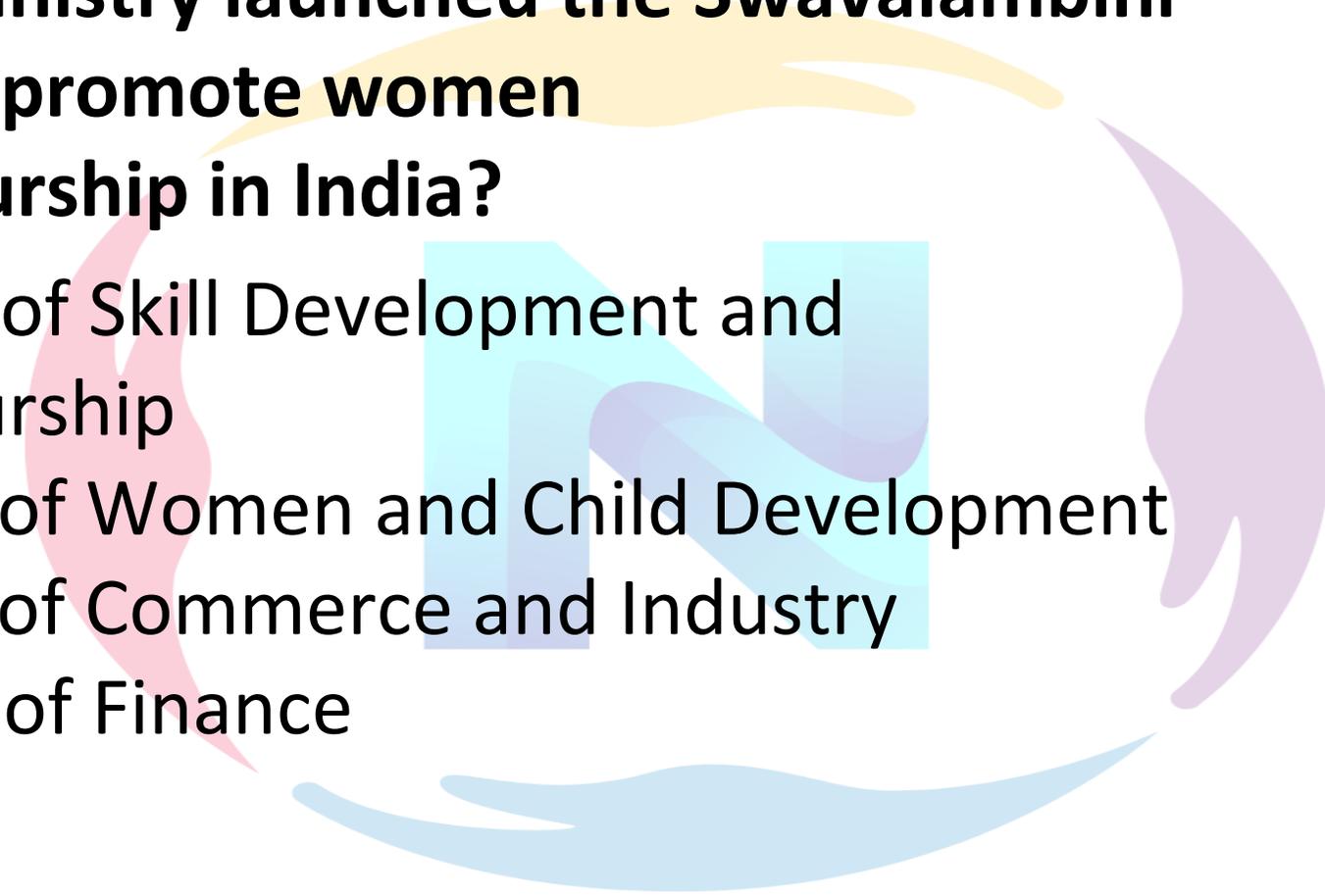
- [C] Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet

- [D] Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation

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- **Correct Answer:** [C] Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet
- **World Wildlife Day** is observed annually on **March 3** to promote the conservation of wildlife.
- The theme for **2025** is "**Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet**", emphasizing the need for financial investment in wildlife conservation efforts as over one million species face the threat of extinction.
- The day was established by the **United Nations General Assembly** in **2013** and marks the adoption of the **CITES** (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) in **1973**.

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- **Q: Which ministry launched the Swavalambini initiative to promote women entrepreneurship in India?**
  - [A] Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
  - [B] Ministry of Women and Child Development
  - [C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
  - [D] Ministry of Finance

- **Correct Answer:** [A] Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- The **Swavalambini** initiative, aimed at promoting **women entrepreneurship**, was launched by the **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** in collaboration with **NITI Aayog**.
- The initiative was launched by **Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary** on **March 1, 2025**, at **Chaudhary Charan Singh University**, Meerut.
- It focuses on empowering female students in **Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)** by providing them with an entrepreneurial mindset, resources, and mentorship to foster entrepreneurship among women.

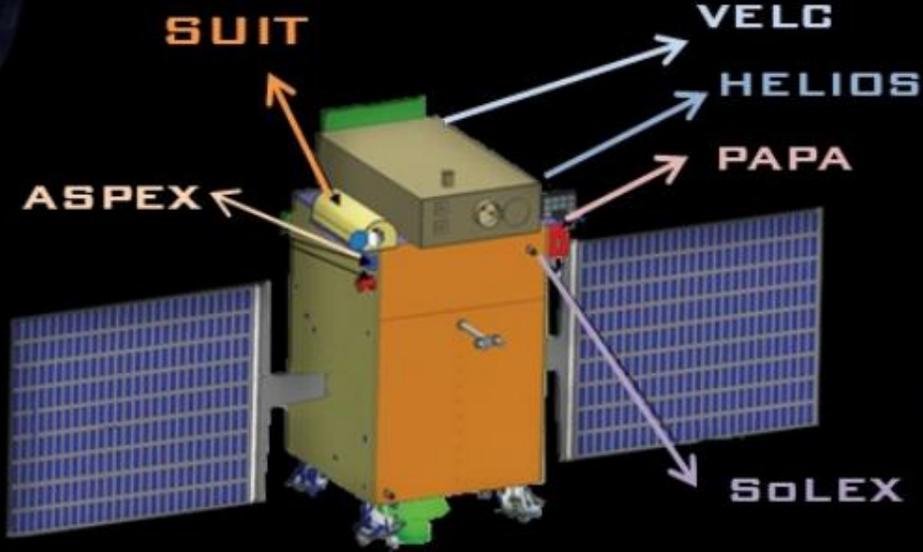
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- **Q: Which institution developed the Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT)?**
- Options:
  - [A] Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
  - [B] Inter-University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune
  - [C] Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
  - [D] Ahmedabad Space Research Centre

- **Correct Answer:** [B] Inter-University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune
- The **Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT)**, part of **ISRO's Aditya-L1 mission**, was developed by the **Inter-University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA)**, Pune, in collaboration with ISRO.
- The SUIT is a remote sensing payload on India's first solar mission, launched on **September 2, 2023**.
- SUIT captures full-disk and region-specific images of the Sun using 11 calibrated filters across **200-400 nm wavelengths** to study the Sun's layers and its atmosphere.
- Positioned at the **Lagrange Point**, it observes the Sun continuously, studying solar phenomena like jets, flares, filament evolution, and eruptions.

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- **Q: Which ministry administers the Auroville cultural township?**
- [A] Ministry of Culture
- [B] Ministry of Education
- [C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [D] Ministry of Tourism



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- **Correct Answer:** [B] Ministry of Education
- Auroville, an international cultural township in **Tamil Nadu**, near **Pondicherry**, is administered by the **Ministry of Education** under the **Auroville Foundation Act, 1988**.
- Founded on **February 28, 1968**, by **Mirra Alfassa** ('The Mother'), Auroville is home to residents from over **60 countries**.
- Designed by architect **Roger Anger**, it is the world's largest and oldest intentional community.
- Auroville has evolved from barren land into a **3,000-acre** green township with schools, social enterprises, and biodiversity.
- It has received several endorsements from **UNESCO** since 1966.

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- **Consider the following statements regarding Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD):**

- 1. USSD works only in 4G and 5G networks.**
- 2. USSD does not require an internet connection to function.**
- 3. USSD messages are limited to 182 characters.**
- 4. USSD can be used for various mobile services, including banking and call forwarding.**

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

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2, 3, and 4 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

- **Correct Answer:** b)
- **Statement 1 is incorrect** because USSD works on **2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G networks**, providing a versatile option that does not require the advanced data capabilities of 4G or 5G.
- **USSD** is a technology that allows users to interact with service providers over a GSM network without needing an internet connection, making it accessible even on basic mobile phones. This makes **Statement 2 correct**.
- **Statement 3 is correct**, as **USSD messages are limited to 182 characters**, which is enough for basic information exchange or quick commands.
- **Statement 4 is correct**, since USSD is widely used for various mobile services such as **mobile banking, checking account balances, recharging prepaid accounts, and enabling features like call forwarding**.

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- **Q: Consider the following statements regarding the Blue Ghost mission:**
- **1. Blue Ghost is developed by Firefly Aerospace and is part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) program.**
- **2. The lander will operate for one lunar month and conduct only technology demonstrations.**
- **3. The Blue Ghost mission will study lunar soil samples, heat flow, and lunar regolith's reaction to engine plumes.**
- **4. The mission carries 10 NASA payloads to enhance our understanding of the lunar environment.**

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

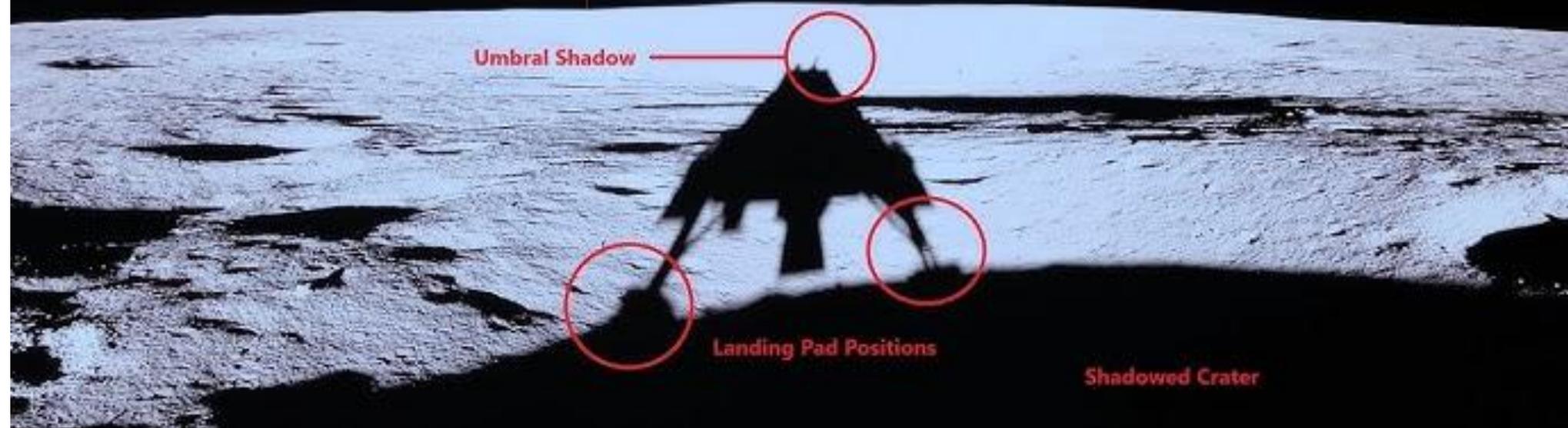
- [A] 1, 3, and 4 are correct
- [B] 1, 2, and 3 are correct
- [C] 1, 2, and 4 are correct
- [D] All statements are correct

- Answer: [A] 1, 3, and 4 are correct
- **Statement 1 is correct:** Blue Ghost is developed by Firefly Aerospace and is part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) program.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The lander will operate for 14 Earth days, not a full lunar month.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The mission will study lunar soil samples, heat flow, and examine how lunar regolith reacts to engine plumes.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** The mission carries 10 NASA payloads to enhance the understanding of the lunar environment.

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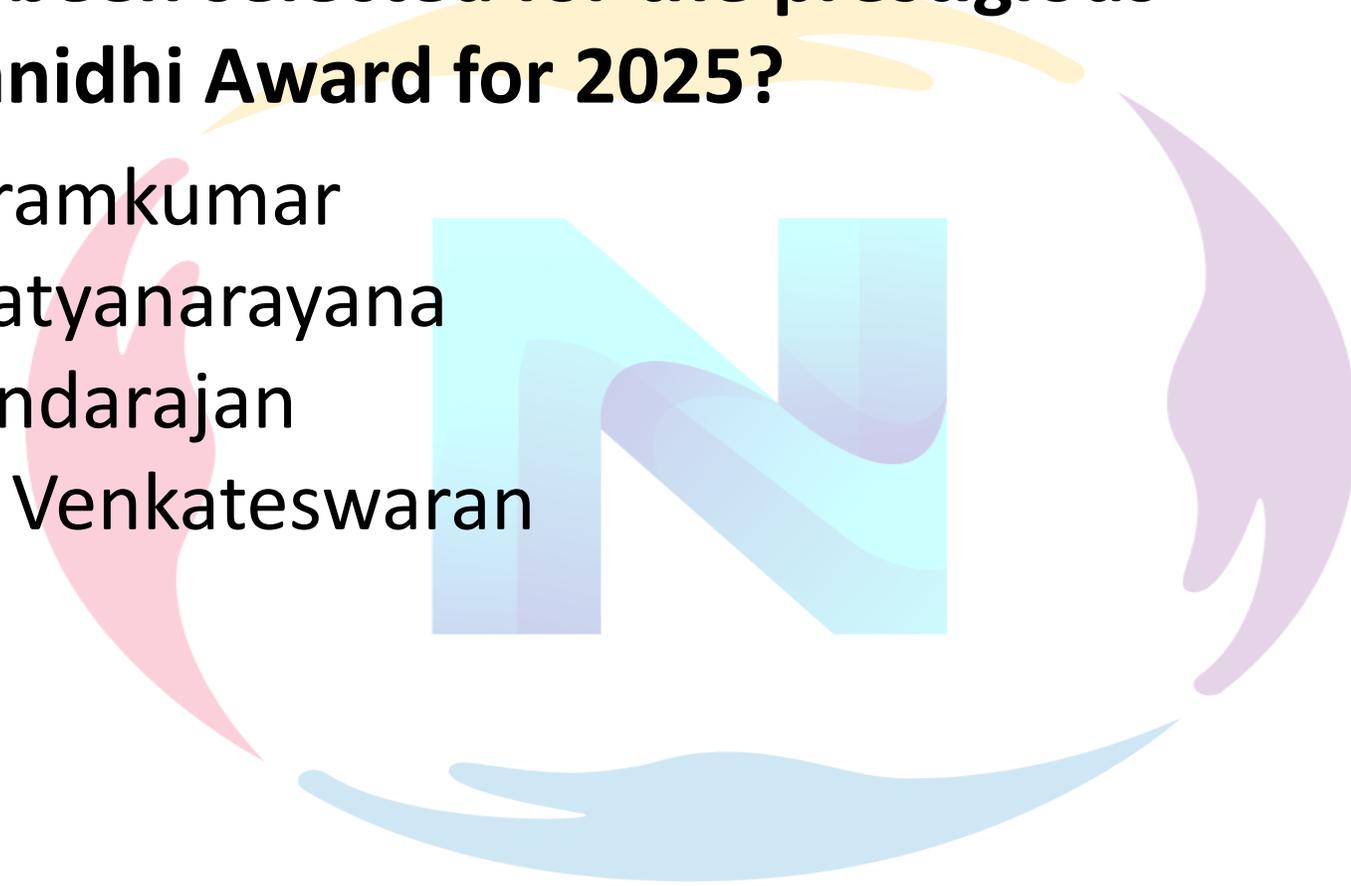
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# Blue Ghost Landed On The Moon: So, What Does This Image Tell Us?



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- **Q: Who has been selected for the prestigious Sangita Kalanidhi Award for 2025?**
- [A] R.K. Shriramkumar
- [B] Urmila Satyanarayana
- [C] T.R. Govindarajan
- [D] Shymala Venkateswaran



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- **Correct Answer:** [A] R.K. Shriramkumar
- The **Music Academy, Chennai**, has conferred the **Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2025** upon **violinist R.K. Shriramkumar** in recognition of his outstanding expertise in **Carnatic music**, his association with legendary musicians and his scholarly contributions, including his work on **Sangita Sampradaya Pradarsani**.
- The award is presented to eminent **Carnatic musicians** (vocalists, instrumentalists, musicologists) who have made significant contributions to the field of **Carnatic music**.
- The Music Academy was established in **1942** to honor such contributions.



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- **Q: Consider the following statements about the revamped e-auction portal 'Baanknet':**
- **1. 'Baanknet' is an e-auction portal for properties put up for sale by public sector banks (PSBs).**
- **2. The portal offers listings for residential and commercial properties.**
- **3. It is designed to be a one-stop destination for buyers and investors to access a wide range of properties.**
- [A] 1 and 2 are correct
- [B] 1 and 3 are correct
- [C] 2 and 3 are correct
- [D] All statements are correct

- Answer: [B] 1 and 3 are correct
- - **Statement 1 is correct:** 'Baanknet' is an e-auction portal for properties put up for sale by public sector banks (PSBs).
- - **Statement 2 is correct:** The portal offers listings for residential and commercial properties, as well as industrial, agricultural, and non-agricultural properties.
- - **Statement 3 is correct:** The portal serves as a one-stop destination for buyers and investors, offering a wide range of properties.

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• **Recently, Which Country Has Announced Its Decision To Join The New Development Bank in March 2025?**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Thailand
- C. Vietnam
- D. Indonesia



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- Answer: D
- Indonesia has agreed to join the **New Development Bank** established by the **BRICS** group, becoming the **9th** country to do so.
- This decision was announced by **Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto** during his meeting with the bank's president, **Dilma Vana Rousseff**, on **March 25, 2025**.
- Indonesia's decision to join the New Development Bank follows its full membership in **BRICS** on **January 6, 2025**, making it the **10th member** of BRICS and the **first Southeast Asian country** to join.



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• **Q: Which country received Mizoram's first-ever export of Anthurium flowers?**

[A] Sri Lanka

[B] Singapore

[C] China

[D] Bangladesh



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- **Correct Answer:** [B] Singapore
- Mizoram's **first-ever export of Anthurium flowers** was sent to **Singapore**. This follows the success of the **International Conclave cum Buyer-Seller Meet (IBSM)** held on **December 6, 2024**, in **Aizawl**, organized by **APEDA** in collaboration with the **Government of Mizoram**.
- The event saw participation from international buyers from various countries, including **Singapore, UAE, Nepal, Jordan, Oman, Azerbaijan, Russia, and Ethiopia**, alongside domestic exporters.
- This export marks a significant step in promoting **floriculture exports** from **Mizoram** and the **North Eastern Region**.

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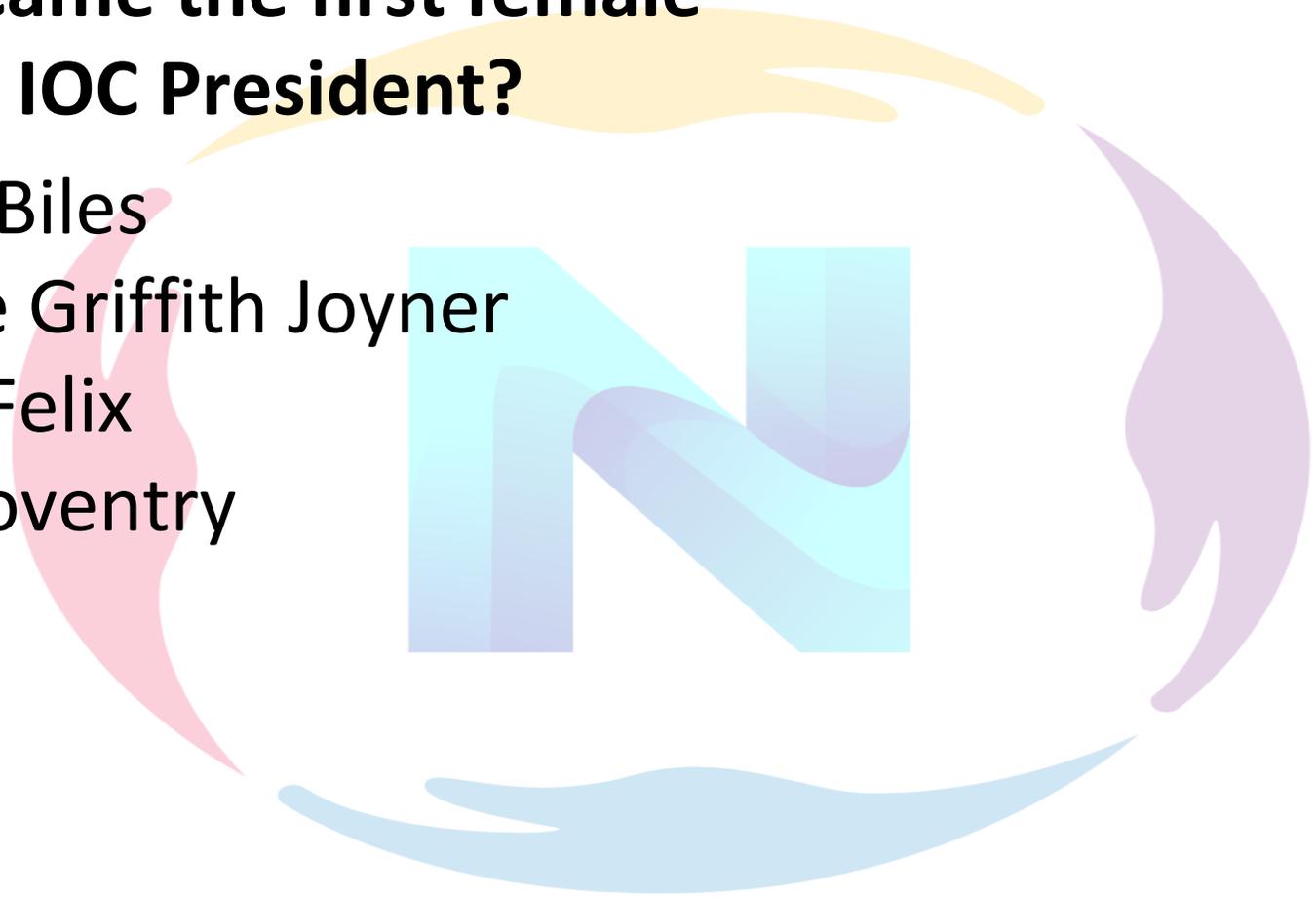
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- **Q: What is the theme for World Tuberculosis Day 2025?**
- [A] Together We Fight TB
- [B] Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver
- [C] Stop TB Now
- [D] Invest in TB Research

- **Correct Answer:** [B] Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver
- World Tuberculosis Day is observed annually on **March 24** to raise awareness about the global tuberculosis (TB) epidemic and efforts to eliminate the disease. The theme for **World Tuberculosis Day 2025** is "**Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver**".
- This theme emphasizes the need for global commitment, increased investment, and effective delivery of TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment services.
- It calls for urgent action to address the TB epidemic and achieve the goal of ending TB by 2030.

- **Q: Who became the first female and African IOC President?**

- [A] Simone Biles
- [B] Florence Griffith Joyner
- [C] Allyson Felix
- [D] Kirsty Coventry



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- **Correct Answer:** [D] Kirsty Coventry
- **Kirsty Coventry** made history by becoming the first **female** and **first African** to be appointed as the **President** of the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**.
- She smashed the IOC's glass ceiling, achieving this milestone, marking a significant moment in the IOC's 130-year history.



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- **Q: Which sport has been approved for inclusion in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics?**
- [A] Boxing
- [B] Cricket
- [C] Karate
- [D] Weightlifting



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- **Correct Answer:** [A] Boxing
- **Boxing** has been approved for inclusion in the **2028 Los Angeles Olympics** after the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** executive board confirmed its inclusion.
- The **2028 Summer Olympics**, officially known as the **Games of the XXXIV Olympiad** and commonly referred to as **LA28**, will be held from **July 14–30, 2028**, in **Los Angeles, USA**.
- Some events will also take place in other cities across the Greater Los Angeles area and two subsites in **Oklahoma City**.

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- **Consider the following statements regarding India's maritime initiatives:**
  1. **One Nation: One Port Process (ONOP) aims to standardize port operations across India to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and boost global trade.**
  2. **Sagar Ankalan – Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPI) evaluates port performance and turnaround time, focusing on sustainability and cost-effectiveness.**
  3. **Bharat Global Ports Consortium aims to strengthen India's maritime influence through international collaborations and investments in port infrastructure.**
  4. **Future focus areas include smart ports using AI and blockchain, green energy for port operations, maritime security, and digitalization with AI-powered tracking and electronic documentation.**
- **Which of the following statements is/are correct?**
  - [A] 1, 2, and 3 are correct
  - [B] 2, 3, and 4 are correct
  - [C] 1, 3, and 4 are correct
  - [D] All statements are correct

- **Answer: [D] All statements are correct**
- **Statement 1 is correct:** One Nation: One Port Process (ONOP) standardizes port operations to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and promote global trade.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Sagar Ankalan – Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPI) evaluates port performance, focusing on sustainability, turnaround time, and cost-effectiveness.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Bharat Global Ports Consortium strengthens India's maritime influence by enhancing global trade connectivity, attracting investment, and developing modern smart ports.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** Future focus areas include smart ports, green energy, maritime security, and digitalization aligned with India's Sagarmala Project vision.

- **Q: Recently, who became the first Indian to receive the Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use'?**
- [A] Riskhika Shrivastava
- [B] Vandana Shiva
- [C] Jayshree Vencatesan
- [D] Sunita Narain



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- **Correct Answer:** [C] Jayshree Vencatesan
- **Jayshree Vencatesan**, co-founder of **Care Earth Trust**, is the first Indian to receive the **Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use'**.
- She is one of 12 women changemakers in wetlands recognized by the **Ramsar Secretariat** in Geneva. Jayshree has dedicated decades to conserving India's wetlands, particularly the **Pallikaranai Marsh** in Chennai.
- She leads an all-women research team and mentors future conservationists, advocating for women's technical roles in wetland management.
- She dedicates her award to her late father and emphasizes persistence in conservation efforts despite bureaucratic challenges.
- The **Ramsar Convention on Wetlands** is a global treaty focused on wetland conservation.



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- **Q: What is the primary aim of the UN80 initiative?**
- [A] To improve efficiencies and make the UN more cost-effective
- [B] To address climate change challenges globally
- [C] To expand the scope of the UN's mandates
- [D] To increase funding for UN projects

- **Correct Answer:** [A] To improve efficiencies and make the UN more cost-effective
- The **UN80 Initiative**, announced by **UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres**, aims to **improve efficiencies** within the **United Nations** and make it more **cost-effective**.
- It focuses on rapidly identifying efficiencies, reviewing the implementation of mandates given by member states, and addressing the **shrinking resources** and **liquidity crisis** amid an unpredictable global environment.
- The initiative seeks to streamline the way the UN works and improve its operational efficiency.

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- **Q: What is the theme for World Consumer Rights Day 2025?**
  - [A] Fair Digital Transactions
  - [B] Consumer Protection in the Digital Age
  - [C] Ethical Consumerism for a Better Future
  - [D] A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles

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- **Correct Answer:** [D] A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles
- The theme for **World Consumer Rights Day 2025** is "**A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles**".
- This day, observed on **March 15**, commemorates **President John F. Kennedy's 1962** address to the US Congress, where he became the first global leader to formally recognize **consumer rights**.
- The **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution** in India celebrated the day by focusing on the importance of adopting sustainable and responsible consumer practices.

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- **Q: Who won the 2025 Abel Prize for contributions to algebraic analysis and representation theory?**

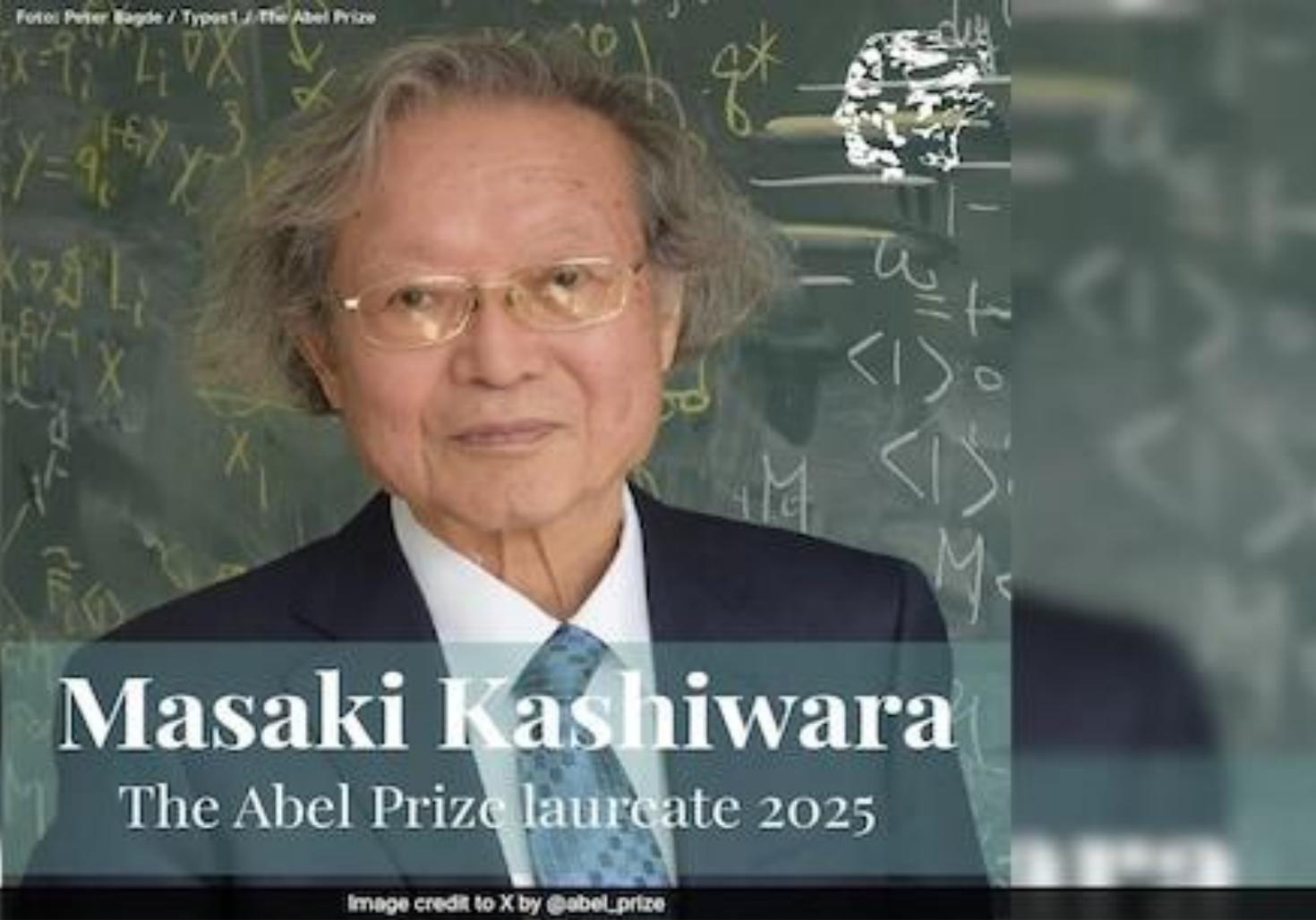
- [A] Pierre Deligne
- [B] Masaki Kashiwara
- [C] Karen Uhlenbeck
- [D] Andrew Wiles



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- **Correct Answer:** [B] Masaki Kashiwara
- Japanese mathematician **Masaki Kashiwara** was awarded the **2025 Abel Prize** for his fundamental contributions to **algebraic analysis and representation theory**, particularly the development of **D-modules** and the discovery of **crystal bases**.
- His work has significantly influenced modern mathematics, bridging areas like algebra and analysis.
- Kashiwara is the first Japanese laureate of this prestigious award, often regarded as the "Nobel Prize" of mathematics.

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**Masaki Kashiwara**

The Abel Prize laureate 2025

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- **Q: Consider the following statements about the World Happiness Rankings:**
- **1. Finland has been ranked as the world's happiest country for the eighth consecutive year.**
- **2. The rankings are based on factors such as GDP per capita, healthy life expectancy, social support, freedom to make life choices, generosity, and perceptions of corruption.**
- **3. The United States has upgraded to its highest-ever ranking in the happiness index.**
- **4. The rankings are based on a three-year average of self-assessment of life quality by populations.**
- **Which of the following statements is/are correct?**
- [A] 1, 2, and 4 are correct
- [B] 1, 3, and 4 are correct
- [C] 2 and 4 are correct
- [D] All statements are correct

- Answer: [A] 1, 2, and 4 are correct
- - **Statement 1 is correct:** Finland has indeed secured the position of the world's happiest country for the eighth consecutive year.
- - **Statement 2 is correct:** The rankings are based on factors such as GDP per capita, healthy life expectancy, social support, freedom to make life choices, generosity, and perceptions of corruption.
- - **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The United States has downgraded to its lowest-ever ranking at 24th place, not its highest.
- - **Statement 4 is correct:** The rankings are indeed based on a three-year average of a population's self-assessment of life quality.

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