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Today in History on 8 OCT

➤ 1826- Raja Laxman Singh, a famous writer associated with the history of Hindi literature, was born.

In the year 1826, Raja Laxman Singh, a famous writer associated with the history of Hindi literature, was born. Till the age of 13, he continued to study Sanskrit and Urdu at home and in 1839, he entered Agra College to study English. On completion of college education, he was appointed as a translator in the office of the Lieutenant Governor of North-Western Province. He worked with great ability and was appointed as the Tehsildar of Etawah in 1855. He helped the British a lot in the revolt of 1857 and the British gave him the post of Deputy Collector as a reward.



➤ 1876-The first two-way telephone conversation took place over a wire.

The first two-way telephone conversation took place over a wire in the year 1876. The telephone arose from the creation and gradual improvements of the electrical telegraph. In 1804, Spanish polymath and scientist Francisco Salva Campillo created an electromechanical telegraph. Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Watson were called upon to replay their first telephone conversation.



➤ 1945-Famous Sarod player Amjad Ali Khan was born.

Amjad Ali Khan was born on October 1945 in Gwalior. Born in the sixth generation of the 'Seniya Bangash' Gharana of music in Gwalior, Amjad Ali Khan inherited music. His father Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan was a renowned musician in the Gwalior royal court.





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➤ 1962 - African country Uganda becomes a republic.

Uganda gained formal independence on October, 1962. Its borders, artificially and arbitrarily drawn in the late 19th century, contained two very different societies: the relatively centralized Bantu kingdoms in the south and the more decentralized Nilotic and Sudanic peoples in the north. The country's sad record of political conflict, combined with environmental problems and the ravages of a nationwide AIDS epidemic, hindered progress and development for many years.



➤ 2006 - Google announces its acquisition of YouTube.

YouTube is an American online video-sharing platform headquartered in San Bruno, California. Three former PayPal employees – Chad Hurley, Steve Chen, and Jawed Karim – created the service in February 2005. Google purchased the site in November 2006 for US\$1.65 billion; YouTube now operates as one of Google's subsidiaries.



Important NEWS on 8 OCT

National News

NHAI to Install QR Code Signs on Highways

In a significant step towards digital transformation and travel convenience, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has announced the installation of QR code signboards on national highways. The move aims to improve transparency, ensure easy access to project-specific details, and enhance road safety for highway users. Launched under the broader goal of "ease of commuting," this initiative is in line with the government's emphasis on smart infrastructure and technology-driven governance.





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These QR boards also guide users to the nearest facilities, such as,

- Hospitals, petrol pumps, and toilets
- Police stations and restaurants
- Vehicle repair shops, puncture repair outlets, truck lay-byes, and e-charging stations
- Distance to upcoming toll plazas

Emergency and Safety Contacts

- Emergency Helpline (1033)
- Contact numbers for Highway Patrol, Toll Manager, Project Manager, Resident Engineer, and NHAI field offices.

Project Details

- National Highway number and chainage (exact location marker).
- Project length.
- Construction and maintenance periods/timelines.

Nearby Facilities

- Location and distance to hospitals, petrol pumps, toilets, restaurants, and police stations.
- Information on vehicle service stations, puncture repair shops, and e-charging stations.
- Distance to the next toll plaza and truck lay-byes.

Placement Strategy

The QR code signboards are being strategically placed at key, high-visibility locations to ensure maximum utility for travelers, including:

- Toll plazas
- Wayside amenities and rest areas

- Truck lay-byes
- Highway start and end points
- Major directional signages

BRO Builds World's Highest Road at 19,400 ft

In an extraordinary engineering milestone, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has constructed the world's highest motorable road at a staggering 19,400 feet above sea level in Ladakh, breaking its own previous world record. Built under Project Himank, this road passes through Mig La Pass, surpassing the earlier record set at Umling La (19,024 ft) in 2021.

Key Points: -

- This accomplishment by BRO represents not just another world record but also a significant step in India's efforts to boost connectivity in one of the most extreme terrains on Earth.
- The newly built road is part of the Likaru-Mig La-Fukche alignment, offering both strategic military utility and tourism potential.
- Brigadier Vishal Srivastava, leading the operation, hoisted the National Flag and the BRO flag at the record site, symbolising national pride and technical mastery.

Location: The road passes over the Mig La Pass in Eastern Ladakh, India, a region close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The Record: This new height of 19,400 ft surpasses the BRO's own previous Guinness World Record set at Umling La Pass (19,024 ft), also in Ladakh.

Project: The construction was carried out under the BRO's Project Himank. The road is part of the Likaru-Mig La-Fukche alignment.

Significance:





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Strategic: It holds immense strategic importance by providing a crucial third access route (or axis) to the border village of Fukche, enhancing military logistics and troop mobility in the sensitive border region.

Civilian/Tourism: It improves year-round connectivity for remote border villages, provides access to essential supplies and services, and is expected to boost adventure tourism in Ladakh.

Engineering Feat: The construction is a major engineering triumph, accomplished despite extreme environmental challenges, including sub-zero temperatures, snowstorms, and oxygen levels that are less than half of what is available at sea level.

International News

India-China to Resume Direct Flights by Late October

In a significant step toward normalizing diplomatic and people-to-people exchanges, India and China have agreed to resume direct air services between designated points in both countries by late October 2025. This development marks a positive turn in bilateral relations that had witnessed prolonged tensions in recent years. The announcement was made by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) following technical-level discussions between the civil aviation authorities of the two nations.

When: Direct air services are set to resume by **late October 2025**, which coincides with the start of the winter aviation season schedule. The resumption is subject to the commercial decisions of the designated airlines and the fulfillment of all operational requirements.

Why the Suspension: Direct flights were initially halted in early 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They were not resumed afterwards due to heightened military and political tensions between the two countries, particularly following the Galwan Valley clash in June 2020.

Significance: The move is seen as a major step toward the "gradual normalisation of bilateral exchanges" between the two nations. It is expected to significantly ease travel for students, businesspeople, and families who have had to rely on long, expensive connecting routes through third countries like Hong Kong or Singapore.

Initial Flights: India's largest carrier, IndiGo, has been among the first to announce the resumption of services, with a daily non-stop flight planned from Kolkata to Guangzhou starting October 26, 2025. Other carriers, including Air India and several Chinese airlines, are also making plans to restart operations.

Sports

Mirabai Chanu wins silver medal at the 2025 World Championships

Mirabai Chanu made a remarkable comeback by winning a silver medal in the women's 48kg category at the 2025 World Weightlifting Championships in Førde, Norway. Her performance not only added another international medal to her medal tally, but also set new Indian national records in two key categories.

Mirabai Chanu won the silver medal in the women's 48 kg category at the 2025 World Weightlifting Championships held in Førde, Norway.

Here are the key details of her achievement:

- **Medal:** Silver
- **Weight Category:** Women's 48 kg
- **Total Lift:** (Snatch: + Clean & Jerk:)
- **Significance:** This impressive performance secured her third career medal at the World Championships and marked a strong return to the 48 kg category after primarily competing in the class. Her lift in the clean and jerk matched her personal best from the





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Tokyo 2020 Olympics and set a new Indian national record for the clean & jerk and total lift in the 48 kg category.

- **Gold Medalist:** The gold medal was won by Ri Song-gum of North Korea, who set new world records with a total lift of.

Highlight Points -

October 2025, the women's 48 kg event saw participation from top lifters across 26 countries. The final standings showcased intense competition.

- Gold: Ri Song-gum (North Korea) – 213 kg (World Record)
- Silver: Mirabai Chanu (India) – 199 kg (National Record)
- Bronze: Thanyathon Sukcharoen (Thailand) – 198 kg

India's Best-Ever Medal Haul at World Para Athletics Championships 2025

India achieved its best-ever performance at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025, held in New Delhi, by securing a total of 18 medals — comprising 6 gold, 7 silver, and 5 bronze. This remarkable feat surpasses the country's previous record of 17 medals at the Kobe 2024 Championships, reaffirming India's growing dominance in global para-sports. The championship, featuring over 2,000 athletes from 104 countries, marked a historic moment for Indian para-athletics and showcased the nation's commitment to inclusivity, excellence, and sports empowerment.

Awards

Nobel Prize 2025 in Medicine Awarded to Brunkow, Ramsdell & Sakaguchi

The 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine has been awarded to Mary E Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, and Shimon Sakaguchi for their pioneering discoveries on peripheral immune tolerance — a fundamental mechanism that keeps the human

immune system from attacking its own tissues. Their work has not only transformed our understanding of how the immune system is regulated but also opened up new avenues for the treatment of autoimmune diseases, cancer, and transplant rejection. Each Nobel Prize can be shared by up to three laureates. The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in 1901.

State News

Tamil Nadu Wind Capacity 2025/26

Wind energy capacity utilisation in Tamil Nadu is expected to reach 29.6% in 2025-2026, the highest since 2018-2019. Tamil Nadu has over 10,000 MW of installed wind energy capacity. Peak wind energy generation typically occurs between May and October annually.

FINANCE

INDIAN RUPEE VALUE

USD ₹ 89(Approx)

GBP ₹120(Approx)

€ Euro : ₹ 105 Approx)

CN China Yuan ¥ : ₹ 12

CA Canada :CAD ₹64

AE UAE Dirham : ₹ 24

PK Pak Rupee : ₹ 0.30

BT Bhutan ngultrum : ₹ 1.00

BD B'desh Taka* : ₹ 0.70

LK Sri Lanka Rupee : ₹ 0.29

NP Nepal Rupee : ₹ 0.63

MV Maldives Rufiya : ₹ 5.55





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FACTS ABOUT INDIA

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Jammu and Kashmir is the largest union territory in India in terms of area

Population of India is 138 crores (2020)

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Current affairs MCQS on 8 OCT

Q.1. India's first private helicopter assembly line will be established in which state?

- (A) Karnataka
- (B) Gujarat
- (C) Telangana
- (D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (A) Karnataka

In a landmark move for India's aviation sector, the country's first private sector helicopter final assembly line (FAL) will be set up in Vemgal, Kolar district, Karnataka. This state-of-the-art facility, being set up by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), will manufacture the renowned Airbus H125 helicopter. The initiative will not only cater to civilian and semi-government needs, but will also meet the Indian Armed Forces' demand for light multi-role helicopters for use on the Himalayan borders.





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Q.2. What is the purpose of the 'Sian Gudi' facility?

- (A) Dedicated geriatric care center
- (B) Tourism center for senior citizens
- (C) Children's hospital
- (D) Amusement park for all age groups

Answer: (A) Dedicated geriatric care center

The "Sian Gudi" facility aims to provide senior citizens with all the necessary amenities, ensure their cultural and social dignity, and provide them with access to modern medical and assistive devices. The center specifically helps senior citizens who cannot receive adequate care or facilities at home, and provides them with all the necessary amenities in a comfortable, home-like environment.

Q.3. When will the Archery Premier League (APL) be held?

- (A) October 22
- (B) October 12
- (C) November 11
- (D) October 25

Answer: (B) October 12

The Archery Premier League (APL) has been launched. Organized on the lines of the IPL, the APL will run until October 12th. Present at the league's inauguration were former Jharkhand Chief Minister and Archery Association of India President Arjun Munda, Telugu film actor Ram Charan, Archery Association of India Secretary Virendra Sachdeva, and other Archery Association officials.

Q.4. In which languages is the My India mobile application currently available?

- (A) English and Tamil
- (B) Hindi and English
- (C) Hindi and Bengali
- (D) English and Marathi

Answer: (B) Hindi and English

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour and Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, launched the My Bharat mobile app in New Delhi. The app is currently available in Hindi and English

and will soon be launched in other Indian languages. The app allows youth to participate in volunteering, internships, mentorship, and learning activities anytime, anywhere. It includes features like badges and certificates for digital identity, career empowerment tools, skill-building resources, and AI-based resume creation.

Q.5. How many locations have been recently identified in Haryana to develop "Namo Forests"?

- (A) 100
- (B) 50
- (C) 75
- (D) 25

Answer: (C) 75

The state government has identified 75 locations in Haryana to develop "NaMo Vans" and is actively carrying out tree plantation drives to promote environmental conservation. NaMo Vans is a new eco-friendly park initiative launched in major cities as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nationwide effort to increase green areas and promote urban sustainability.

Q.6. Who was recently arrested in connection with the deaths of several children in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh?

- (A) Private clinic resident
- (B) Government doctor
- (C) Hospital nurse
- (D) Pharmacist

Answer: (B) Government doctor

Following the deaths of 11 children after consuming cough syrup in Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara district, the state government has taken strict action. An FIR has been filed against the doctor and the manufacturing company. Dr. Praveen Soni has been arrested. Following the case filed against Tamil Nadu-based drug manufacturer Srisan Pharmaceuticals, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) will investigate the matter in Tamil Nadu. Meanwhile, a report has confirmed that 48.6% of the





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Q.7. Who recently wrote the book "They Will Shoot You Madam"?

- (A) Harinder Baweja
- (B) Sumit Arora
- (C) Raghav Chauhan
- (D) Namita Reddy

Answer: (A) Harinder Baweja

In a rare and riveting memoir, "They Will Shoot You, Madam: My Life Through Conflict," veteran journalist Harinder Baweja recounts his experiences reporting for more than four decades in volatile regions in India and beyond. Released in Delhi, the book delves deeply into the risky, often ethically complex world of conflict journalism. The title itself reflects the gravity and danger inherent in Baweja's career, where bravery often triumphed over fear. From Operation Blue Star in 1984 to the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, his accounts capture some of the most pivotal—and dangerous—moments in recent Indian history.

Q.8. Where is the museum dedicated to A. Ramachandran recently located?

- (A) Thiruvananthapuram
- (B) Kochi
- (C) Kollam
- (D) Kozhikode

Answer: (C) Kollam

A museum dedicated to A. Ramachandran, one of India's most renowned modern artists, will be inaugurated in Kollam, Kerala, by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. The tribute, less than two years after his death in February 2024 at the age of 88, marks a significant milestone in the preservation and celebration of his artistic legacy.

Q.9. Where was the two-day national conference on land administration and disaster management held recently?

- (A) Rajkot

(B) Ahmedabad

(C) Vadodara

(D) Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar

Answer: (D) Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar

A two-day national conference on land administration and disaster management began at the Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar. Addressing the inaugural session, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel called for digitizing land records and promoting a citizen-centric approach. He emphasized the importance of using indigenous technological tools to ensure land rights at the grassroots level.

Q.10. Approximately how many Indian citizens will be benefiting from social security coverage by the year 2025?

- (A) 500 million
- (B) 750 million
- (C) 940 million
- (D) 1 billion

Answer: (C) 940 million

By mid-2025, more than 940 million Indian citizens will be covered by at least one social security benefit, representing 64.3% of the country's population. This achievement, recognized by the International Labour Organization (ILO), marks a significant expansion from 19% coverage in 2015.

Q.11. Which country recently renamed one of its islands "Zubeen Garg Island" in tribute to Assamese singer Zubeen Garg?

- (A) Cambodia
- (B) Maldives
- (C) Thailand
- (D) Singapore

Answer: (D) Singapore

In a heartfelt tribute to Assamese cultural icon Zubeen Garg, the island in Singapore where the singer tragically passed away has been renamed "Zubeen Garg Island" on Google Maps. Zubeen was in Singapore attending the North East India Festival when he went swimming near St. John's Island.





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during a boat trip. He reportedly drowned after losing consciousness in the water, sparking widespread grief and an international investigation.

Q.12. Where was the 2025 World Weightlifting Championships held recently, in which Mirabai Chanu won a silver medal?

- (a) India
- (b) Sweden
- (c) Norway
- (d) Argentina

Answer: (c) Norway

India's star weightlifter Mirabai Chanu produced a stellar performance at the 2025 World Weightlifting Championships in Fårde, Norway, winning the silver medal in the women's 48 kg category. With this victory, she also set two new national records and marked her impressive return to the international stage.

Q.13. Recently, Kondareddypalli village in which state was declared the first 100% solar-powered village in South India?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Goa
- (d) Telangana

Answer: (d) Telangana

Kondareddypalli village, located in the state of Telangana, has been declared the first 100 percent solar-powered village in South India. This is a flagship project under the state government's Green Energy Mission, which will connect 514 homes and 11 government buildings in the village with solar power systems.

Q.14. Which country was recently awarded the ISSA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Security?

- (a) India
- (b) America
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Canada

Answer: (a) India

The 2025 ISSA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Security has been presented to India. The award recognizes India's rapid expansion of social security coverage, making it the fifth country in the world to receive the honor.

Q.15. Recently, Dr. Gunvantrai Ganpatlal Parikh passed away at the age of 100. Who was he?

- (a) Scientist
- (b) Historian
- (c) Social Activist
- (d) Actor

Answer: (c) Social Activist

Veteran socialist leader and freedom fighter Dr. G.G. Parikh died at his Mumbai residence. He was 101 years old. He founded a non-profit organization focused on rural development and the empowerment of marginalized communities. Parikh was the founder of the Yusuf Meherali Centre (YMC) near Panvel in neighboring Raigad district.

Banking

Q.1. What measure did SEBI recently reintroduce to specifically boost Mutual Fund (MF) penetration in smaller towns and villages (Tier 3 and beyond)?

- A) Mandating asset management companies to open a minimum number of branches in rural areas.
- B) Reintroduction of performance-linked incentives for mutual fund distributors operating in specified geographies.
- C) Offering direct subsidies to rural investors for their first three mutual fund investments.
- D) Reducing the Securities Transaction Tax (STT) only for transactions originating from non-metro cities.

Answer: B) Reintroduction of performance-linked incentives for mutual fund distributors operating in specified geographies.

The news explicitly states that SEBI announced the reintroduction of incentives for mutual fund (MF) distributors. This is a targeted measure to motivate





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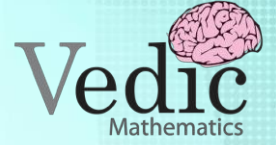
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distributors to travel and sell products in remote areas, thereby increasing MF penetration beyond the major urban centers.

Q 2: For which specific category of government-owned entities did SEBI recently introduce special relaxations regarding compliance and regulatory requirements?

- A) All Public Sector Banks (PSBs) regardless of government holding.
- B) Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) where the government holds exactly 51% equity.
- C) Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) where the government holds 90% or more equity.
- D) PSUs that have been listed for less than five years.

Answer: C) Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) where the government holds 90% or more equity

The special relaxations introduced by SEBI are reserved for a highly specific group of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) where the government's equity holding is exceptionally high, at 90% or more. This often helps the government manage these entities' public shareholding requirements with greater ease.

Q 3: Which event related to Canara Robeco Asset Management Company (AMC), a subsidiary of Canara Bank, was recently approved by SEBI?

- A) Its merger with another public sector AMC.
- B) Its acquisition of a smaller, private wealth management firm.
- C) Receiving approval to launch its Initial Public Offering (IPO).
- D) Launching its first-ever international mutual fund scheme.

Answer: C) Receiving approval to launch its Initial Public Offering (IPO).

The headline confirms that Canara Robeco Asset Management Company (AMC) successfully secured SEBI's necessary regulatory approval to launch its Initial Public Offering (IPO), a step required before the company can list its shares on the stock exchanges.

Q 4: To curb excessive speculation and potential market manipulation, particularly in index options, what regulatory change did SEBI implement concerning equity derivatives?

- A) Doubling the margin requirements for all overnight futures positions.
- B) Imposing tighter rules on intraday positions in equity derivatives.
- C) Banning individual investors from trading in options with weekly expiry.
- D) Introducing a 30-day lock-in period for profits made from derivatives trading.

Answer: B) Imposing tighter rules on intraday positions in equity derivatives

SEBI's focus in this area has been on managing the high leverage and risk associated with short-term trading. The tightening of rules for intraday positions in equity derivatives, especially index options, is a direct measure to discourage excessive speculation and ensure market stability.

Q 5: SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey announced a new incentive program targeted at which specific group of investors to promote financial inclusion?

- A) Women who are qualified financial advisors.
- B) Women who are first-time mutual fund investors.
- C) Senior citizen women who are investing in equities.
- D) Women from economically weaker sections.

Answer: B) Women who are first-time mutual fund investors.

The incentive announced by the SEBI Chairman is aimed at broadening the base of mutual fund investors and promoting gender inclusion. It is designed specifically for women who are making their first investment in mutual funds.

Q 6: The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) recently collaborated with SEBI to organize a 'Niveshak Shivir' (Investor Camp) in Hyderabad. What central ministry is the IEPFA under?

- A) Ministry of Finance



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- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Answer: C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

The news headline specifies that the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) operates under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and collaborated with SEBI to conduct the investor awareness program, 'Niveshak Shivir'.

Q 7: SEBI approved the reclassification of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) as a public shareholder in IDBI Bank subject to what primary condition?

- A) LIC must divest at least 50% of its stake within one year.
- B) Its management control over the bank must cease immediately.
- C) Its voting rights must not exceed 10%.
- D) It must transfer its entire stake to a government-owned holding company.

Answer: C) Its voting rights must not exceed 10%.

SEBI's approval to reclassify LIC from a promoter/co-promoter to a public shareholder in IDBI Bank came with the critical regulatory requirement that LIC's voting rights will be capped at 10%. This distinction is key for the bank's compliance with public shareholding norms.

Q8: SEBI released a consultation paper proposing greater flexibility in which two key norms that govern the listing status of companies?

- A) Net Worth and Debt-to-Equity Ratio requirements.
- B) Qualified Institutional Buyer (QIB) and Anchor Investor norms.
- C) Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) and Minimum Public Offer (MPO) norms.
- D) Related Party Transaction (RPT) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) norms.

Answer: C) Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) and Minimum Public Offer (MPO) norms.

The consultation paper released by SEBI specifically targets greater flexibility in Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) (the minimum percentage of shares a public company must have in public hands) and Minimum Public Offer (MPO) (rules related to the size and process of initial offers).

Q 9: What is the full form of the new single-window gateway, SWAGAT-FI, proposed by SEBI to simplify the process for Foreign Investors?

- A) Single Window Authority for Green Access and Transactions - Foreign Investment.
- B) Special Waiver and General Approval for Trusted Financial Intermediaries.
- C) Single Window Automatic & Generalised Access for Trusted Foreign Investors.
- D) Systematic Wealth Accumulation and Guaranteed Allocation for Trusted Financial Institutions.

Answer: C) Single Window Automatic & Generalised Access for Trusted Foreign Investors.

SWAGAT-FI is an acronym for Single Window Automatic & Generalised Access for Trusted Foreign Investors. The proposal aims to streamline and ease the regulatory process for foreign investment into Indian capital markets.

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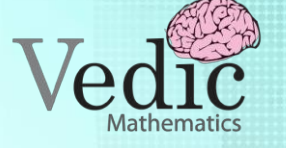
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