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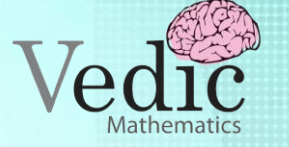
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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Indian Railways to Launch Its First Hydrogen Train Showcasing Self-Reliant India



Indian Railways has started an important new project to run its first hydrogen-powered train. This train has been created as a pilot model to show how hydrogen can be used as a clean fuel for future rail travel. The project follows the standards prepared by the Research, Design & Standards Organisation (RDSO). The information about this new development was shared by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in the Lok Sabha.

#### Key Points:-

The Minister informed that the making of India's hydrogen train is now fully finished.





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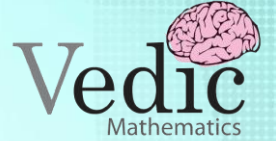
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To ensure smooth operation, a special hydrogen plant has also been planned in Jind.

## NATIONAL NEWS

**Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal Unveils India's First Zero-Emission Electric Tug Project**



India has taken an important step toward clean and modern port operations. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal virtually launched the steel-cutting ceremony for the country's first fully electric green tug. This project is part of India's effort to make its ports cleaner, greener and ready for the future. The new tug is being built for the Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) in Kandla under the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP).

### Key Points:-

16 green tugs will be introduced between 2024 and 2027 in the first phase.

DPA, Kandla is the first port to begin actual construction.

Other major ports like Paradip, JNPA, and VOC Port have also issued work orders.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**Andrej Babis Sworn In as Czech Republic's New Prime Minister**



In a major political development in Central Europe, Andrej Babis, the billionaire businessman and leader of the centrist-populist ANO (YES) movement, was sworn in as the new Prime Minister of the Czech Republic on December 2025. His return marks a significant shift in the Czech political landscape, coming four years after he previously held the post from 2017 to 2021. Babis was sworn in by President Petr Pavel at Prague Castle following his party's strong performance







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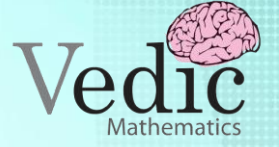
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in the October 3–4 parliamentary elections.

#### Key Points:-

Freedom and Direct Democracy (SPD) – an anti-migrant party

Motorists for Themselves – a right-wing group focused on transport and citizen rights

## APPOINTMENTS

### Google Appoints Amin Vahdat as New Chief Technologist for AI Infrastructure



Alphabet-owned Google has reportedly appointed senior executive Amin Vahdat as the new Chief Technologist for AI Infrastructure, according to an internal memo cited by Semafor. The move highlights Google's intensifying focus on strengthening the computing backbone required to power large-scale artificial

intelligence models, services, and cloud workloads.

## SPORTS

### GM Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa Wins FIDE Circuit 2025



Indian chess continues to rise globally, and Grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa added another remarkable achievement to India's sporting history in December 2025. The 20-year-old Indian prodigy won the International Chess Federation (FIDE) Circuit 2025 with 115.17 points, topping a year-long leaderboard featuring the world's strongest players. With this victory, he becomes the only male player to qualify through the FIDE Circuit and officially books his place in the Candidates Tournament 2026, the final stage to determine the challenger for the World Chess Championship 2026.



## BANKING/ECONOMY

### RBI Issues Master Directions Allowing Residents and Non-Residents to Trade in Rupee Interest-Rate Derivatives



In a major regulatory move aimed at deepening India's financial markets, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released master directions permitting both residents and non-residents to conduct transactions in rupee-denominated interest-rate derivatives (IRD). These directions follow the draft guidelines issued in June and provide a comprehensive framework on participation, permissible instruments, position limits, reporting requirements, and risk disclosures.



## STATE NEWS

### ASI Digital Epigraphy Project



The Epigraphy Division of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has begun digitising all Tamil estampages by scanning them and uploading them to a dedicated online repository for easy access. ASI holds 24,806 Tamil estampages, and scanning has been completed for 13,740, covering nearly 25,000 Tamil inscriptions. The division is also digitising estampages of inscriptions in other Indian languages as well as Arabic and Persian. The work is part of the Bharat Shared Repository of Inscriptions (Bharat SHRI).







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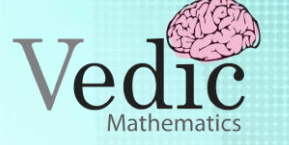
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#### DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RECENT CURRENT AFFAIRS: MULTIPLE CHOICE FORMAT

**Q.1. Which state recently became the first in India to achieve 100% voter list digitization under the SIR program?**

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Haryana
- D. Karnataka

1. B

In accordance with the Election Commission of India's guidelines, the Special Intensive Revision of Voter Lists 2026 is progressing rapidly in Rajasthan. The state has set a new standard for accuracy, transparency, and digital efficiency in this process. According to Chief Election Officer Naveen Mahajan, out of the total 54.656 million 215 enumeration forms in the state, more than 54.624 million documents have been uploaded to ECI-Net. Completing the digitization of 99.94 percent of the forms ahead of schedule is a major achievement for Rajasthan.



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**Q.2. Where was the 11th India International Science Festival (IISF 2025) recently held?**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Panchkula
- C. Bhopal
- D. Lucknow

2. B

The 11th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) began in Panchkula, Haryana. The festival is a major national event celebrating India's advancements in science, innovation, and technology. Launched in 2015, IISF has grown into one of the country's largest science public awareness programs, aiming to inculcate a scientific temper in public life and empower youth through scientific knowledge.

**Q.3. Which system was recently recognized by the IMF (June 2025) as the world's largest retail fast-payment system?**

- A. RTGS
- B. NEFT
- C. UPI





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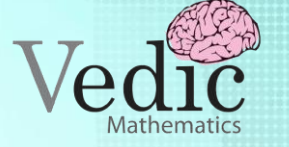
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#### D. SWIFT

3. C

The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) June 2025 report, "Growing Retail Digital Payments (The Value of Interoperability)," lists the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as the world's largest retail fast-payment system (FPS) by transaction volume. Furthermore, according to ACI Worldwide's 2024 report, "Prime Time for Real-Time," UPI accounts for approximately 49% of global real-time payment system transaction volume.

**Q.4. Who recently chaired the RBI's 58th and 5th bi-monthly MPC meeting (FY26)?**

- A. Shaktikanta Das
- B. Sanjay Malhotra
- C. Poonam Gupta
- D. Nagesh Kumar

4. B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) held its 58th and 5th biannual Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting for the financial year 2025-26 (FY26) under the chairmanship of RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra. MPC members Dr. Nagesh

Kumar, Saugata Bhattacharya, Professor Ram Singh, Dr. Poonam Gupta and Indranil Bhattacharya participated in the meeting.

**Q.5. Who recently introduced the Right to Disconnect Bill 2025?**

- A. Smriti Irani
- B. Mahua Moitra
- C. Supriya Sule
- D. Priyanka Chaturvedi

5. C

Aiming to protect employees from digital burnout, NCP MP Supriya Sule introduced the Right to Disconnect Bill, 2025 in the Lok Sabha. This bill gives employees the legal right to refuse to answer work-related calls, emails, and messages after office hours or on holidays—without facing any disciplinary action.

**Q.6. Recently, IFC invested USD 50 million in which Indian EV-related company?**

- A. Ather Energy
- B. GFCL EV Products Ltd
- C. Ola Electric





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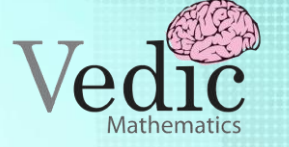
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#### D. Mahindra Electric

6. B

International Finance Corporation is investing approximately \$50 million in GFCL EV to build India's first integrated battery materials facility. Supported by GFL's deep manufacturing capabilities, this partnership strengthens India's position in the global battery-materials ecosystem.

**Q.7. What amount did RBI recently announce for OMO purchases in December 2025?**

- A. ₹50,000 crore
- B. ₹75,000 crore
- C. ₹1 lakh crore
- D. ₹2 lakh crore

7. C

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently took two major liquidity measures, including ₹1 trillion in open market operations (OMO) purchases and a \$5 billion dollar-rupee swap. These steps come at a time when the rupee has breached the 90 mark against the US dollar, putting pressure on financial markets and banking liquidity.

**Q.8. Recently, SEBI launched the PaRRVA agency to regulate what?**

- A. Insider trading
- B. Market surveillance
- C. Past performance claims in advertisements
- D. Algorithm-based trading

8. C

To protect investor interests and ensure transparency in the market, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched a new verification system called PaRRVA (Past Risk and Return Verification Agency). This system provides independent and reliable verification of past performance claims of SEBI-registered market intermediaries.

**Q.9. Recently, SEBI granted final approval to which AMC for IPO in 2025?**

- A. SBI AMC
- B. Nippon India AMC
- C. Axis AMC
- D. ICICI Prudential AMC

9. D

SEBI recently granted final approval to ICICI Prudential Asset Management







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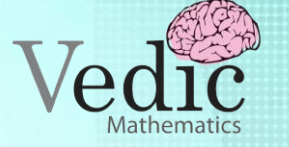
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Company's (AMC) initial public offering (IPO). Promoter Prudential Corp Holdings' large ₹10,000 crore issue is expected to launch in mid-December 2025, making it one of the biggest upcoming listings this year.

A. 55

B. 89

C. 100

D. 125

11. D

**Q.10. Who was recently appointed as Vice President (AI) at Apple?**

A. Sundar Raman

B. Amar Subramanya

C. Arvind Krishna

D. Manu Gulati

10. B

Apple has appointed Amar Subramanian as its new vice president of artificial intelligence (AI). This appointment is being considered one of the company's biggest leadership changes in recent years. He will replace John Giannandrea, who will continue to serve as an advisor until his retirement in the spring of next year. This change comes as Apple seeks to strengthen its position in the rapidly changing AI landscape.

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh dedicated 125 strategically important infrastructure projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) to the nation – the highest ever projects launched simultaneously from Ladakh. Spread across 2 Union Territories – Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir and 7 States – Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Mizoram, these projects – 28 roads, 93 bridges and 4 other projects – have been completed at a cost of approximately Rs 5,000 crore, making them the highest-cost projects launched in the history of BRO.

**Q.12. How many naval ships did India recently deploy to Sri Lanka under Operation Sagar Bandhu?**

A. 2

B. 3

C. 4

D. 5

**Q.11. How many BRO projects did Defense Minister Rajnath Singh recently inaugurate?**







12. C

Amid the massive devastation caused by Cyclone Ditawah in Sri Lanka, India has intensified its relief operations under the humanitarian assistance mission "Operation Sagar Bandhu." The Indian Navy has augmented the relief efforts by deploying four more warships to provide immediate assistance to the affected people. This move strengthens India's regional responsibility and humanitarian leadership.

**Q.13. Who recently inaugurated the Banas Dairy's bio-CNG and fertilizer plant?**

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Mansukh Mandaviya
- D. Rajnath Singh

13. A

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a new bio-CNG and fertilizer plant and laid the foundation stone of a 150-tonne capacity milk powder plant built by Banas Dairy in Vav-Thrad district of Gujarat. This event is a significant step towards making the dairy sector more sustainable, self-reliant, and profitable under the White

Revolution 2.0 envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**Q.14. Which telescope recently used Indian astronomers to discover the 'Alaknanda' galaxy?**

- A. Hubble Telescope
- B. Chandra X-Ray Observatory
- C. James Webb Space Telescope
- D. Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope

14. C

In a groundbreaking astronomical discovery, two Indian scientists, Rashi Jain and Yogesh Wadadekar, have used data from the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) to discover a spiral galaxy named Alaknanda. This galaxy, which is extremely well-organized and large, existed when the universe was only 1.5 billion years old. This has provided new information that could shed light on how galaxies may have formed in the early universe.

**Q.15. Which company recently launched India's first 3D subsurface mapping technology?**

- A. ISRO





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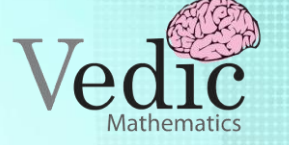
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## B. Genesys International

## C. TCS

## D. DRDO

15. B

Genesis International has further strengthened its leadership in 3D technology by launching India's first subsurface 3D mapping solution, addressing a critical need in infrastructure development across the world.

Municipal Corporations were established in 1726. Municipal bodies have a long history in India. The first such municipal corporation was established in 1688 in the former Madras Presidency town.

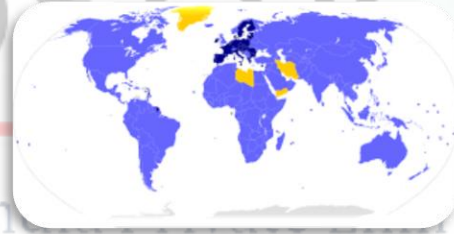
After India gained independence in 1947, Madras continued as the capital of Madras State and present-day Tamil Nadu. The city was officially renamed Chennai in 1996.

**1997 – All countries in the world agree to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.**



## HISTORICAL AND TECHNICAL EVENTS OF 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

**1687 - East India Company creates municipal corporation in Madras (India).**



India got its first municipal administration with the establishment of Chennai Municipal Corporation in 1687. Subsequently, Kolkata and Mumbai

Before the Paris Agreement, the world's only legally binding instrument for reducing greenhouse gas emissions was the Kyoto Protocol of 1997. The Protocol has been ratified by 192 parties to the UNFCCC, including the European Union and its member countries.

China is the world's largest emitter of carbon dioxide, emitting 11,397 million metric tons in 2022.







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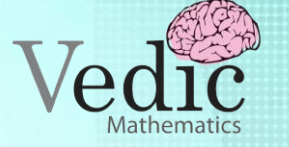
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### 1911 – Roald Amundsen's journey to the South Pole.



Roald Amundsen was a Norwegian explorer who made adventures in the polar regions. He led an expedition to the South Pole in 1910–12, which led to its discovery in 1911. He was the first undisputed explorer to reach the North Pole in 1926. He was the first to travel the Northwest Passage in 1903–06.

### 1921 – Annie Besant was conferred the degree of 'Doctor of Letters' by Banaras Hindu University.



On December 1921, Annie Besant was conferred the degree of 'Doctor of Letters' by Banaras Hindu University. Annie Besant was a great leader of the Indian National Movement and made significant contributions to Indian culture, education and freedom struggle.

To awaken the spiritually and politically asleep India, Annie Besant, who called India her home, studied religions around the world in depth. She studied those religions and understood that the religion of the Vedas and Upanishads is the true path.

### 1982 - The great Green Gate between the British colony of Gibraltar and Spain reopens after 13 years.



The border at La Línea remained closed for over 13 years, until it was partially reopened to Spanish and Gibraltar pedestrians on December 1982, and fully reopened to motor vehicles on 5



February 1985 in preparation for Spain's accession to the European Community in 1986. In 1982, the land border was reopened. As a result of an agreement signed in Córdoba between Gibraltar, the United Kingdom and Spain on 18 September 2006, the Spanish government agreed to relax border controls on the border, which have caused locals trouble for decades; in return, the UK paid increased pensions to Spanish workers who lost their jobs when Franco closed the border.

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