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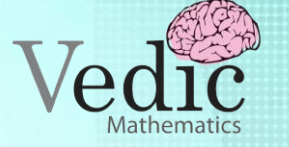
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NATIONAL NEWS

Union Jal Shakti Minister, CR Patil Unveils the New Sujalam Bharat App for Rural Water Management



The Government of India has introduced the Sujalam Bharat App to make rural drinking water systems easier to track, manage, and improve. This new digital platform gives citizens and officials access to real-time information about water supply schemes, helping villages understand where their water comes from and how well the system is functioning. The app is designed to bring more transparency, stronger community involvement, and better planning under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Key Points:-

The app has been created with the help of the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N).



Their team has built advanced geo-referencing tools that allow every water source, pipeline, tank, and scheme to be mapped clearly.

NATIONAL NEWS

Vigyanika 2025



Vigyanika: Science Literature Festival 2025 was organised on December 2025 in New Delhi as a major part of the India International Science Festival (IISF). The event was hosted by CSIR–NIScPR along with Vijnana Bharti (VIBHA), the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, and Panjab University, Chandigarh. The festival celebrated how science can be shared through simple language, creative writing, and Indian cultural forms.

Key Points:-

Dr. Paramananda Barman from CSIR–NIScPR introduced the festival.

Dr. Neel Sarovar Bhavesh of VIBHA explained why India needs to communicate science in a culturally rooted way.

Shri Vivekananda Pai, General Secretary of VIBHA, delivered the keynote address and spoke about the importance of having an Indian viewpoint in science communication.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Operation Sagar Bandhu



In response to the devastation caused by Cyclone Ditwah in Sri Lanka, India has significantly expanded its humanitarian mission under Operation Sagar Bandhu . The Indian Navy has deployed four additional warships carrying essential aid to support the cyclone-affected population, reinforcing India's role as a reliable regional responder.



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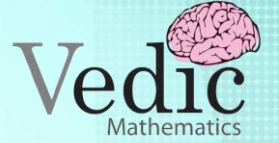
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Key Points:-

In late November 2025, Cyclone Ditwah struck Sri Lanka, causing heavy rains, floods, landslides, over 50 casualties, and widespread damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and housing.

In response, India launched Operation Sagar Bandhu ("Ocean Friend"), a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission, deploying INS Vikrant and INS Udaygiri to Colombo with relief materials, food, medicine, and emergency kits.

APPOINTMENTS

BMW Appoints Milan Nedeljković as New CEO



BMW has announced a major leadership shift as its supervisory board named Milan Nedeljković the new CEO, replacing long-serving chief Oliver Zipse. The transition comes at a time when the global automotive sector is undergoing

rapid transformation, and BMW faces tough competition in key markets such as China and the United States. Nedeljković will officially assume the top post on May 14 next year, marking the beginning of a new strategic chapter for the iconic German automaker.

SPORTS

Yuvraj Singh and Harmanpreet Kaur Honoured with Stadium Stands at Mullanpur Stadium



Cricket legends Yuvraj Singh and Harmanpreet Kaur received a prestigious honour on December, 2025, when stadium stands were named after them at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium, Mullanpur, New Chandigarh. The stands were inaugurated by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, ahead of the second T20I between India and South Africa, marking a proud moment for



Indian cricket and Punjab's sporting fraternity.

AWARDS



Dinesh Khatak, a senior Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) officer from Jind district in Haryana, has been honoured with the prestigious Union Home Minister's Efficiency Medal for his remarkable service to national security. The award recognizes his exemplary leadership, operational achievements, discipline, and consistent contributions across some of India's most sensitive and high-risk regions.

STATE NEWS

Elimination of Invasive Species - *Senna spectabilis*



Tamil Nadu is carrying out one of the country's largest eradication efforts to clear *Senna spectabilis* from every forest division by March 2026. *Senna spectabilis* is an invasive, fast-growing yellow-flowering tree from the Fabaceae family. It is native to South and Central America and has heavily invaded parts of the Western Ghats, including Nilgiris, Mudumalai, and Sathyamangalam.

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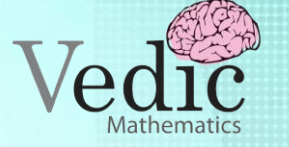
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DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RECENT CURRENT AFFAIRS: MULTIPLE CHOICE FORMAT

Q.1. Approximately how many investment proposals were received at the recent Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025?

- A. ₹3.25 lakh crore
- B. ₹4.90 lakh crore
- C. ₹5.75 lakh crore
- D. ₹6.80 lakh crore

1. C

Telangana achieved a major economic success, receiving investment proposals totaling ₹5.75 lakh crore at the end of the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025. The two-day summit highlighted the state's strategy to build national leadership in energy transition, AI-based data infrastructure, smart urbanization, and next-generation technology. With participation from global investors, policymakers, and top industry leaders, the summit clearly demonstrates Telangana's desire to accelerate innovation-led growth and establish itself as an emerging technology powerhouse.

Q.2. Which organization recently conducted the Rural Economic Situation and Sentiment Survey (RECSS)?

- A. RBI
- B. NABARD
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Ministry of Rural Development

2. B

According to NABARD's eighth Rural Economic Situation and Opinion Survey (RECSS), there have been clear signs of significant improvement in demand, increase in income and better standard of living in rural areas in the last one year.

Q.3. For what purpose did SBI and Bank of Baroda recently receive approval from the RBI to set up a joint venture?

- A. Digital Lending Platform
- B. Cyber Security Grid
- C. Digital Payments Intelligence Platform
- D. Blockchain Settlement System

3. C

In a significant step towards strengthening India's digital banking security, the State Bank of India (SBI) and Bank of Baroda (BoB) have received approval from the Reserve Bank of India





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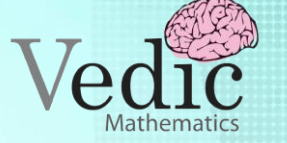
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(RBI) to set up a dedicated digital payments intelligence platform. The new entity, called the Indian Digital Payments Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC), aims to improve fraud detection and prevention at public sector banks.

Q.4. From which date will the RBI's 'Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD) Guidelines, 2025' come into effect?

A. 1 January 2026

B. 1 March 2026

C. 1 April 2026

D. 1 July 2026

4. B

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) 'Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD) Guidelines, 2025' will come into effect from March 1, 2026; the RBI issued a draft in June 2025 and finalised it in December 2025 after public consultation, replacing existing regulations and increasing transparency in the IRD market.

Q.5. The recently launched Wise Travel Card in India belongs to which company?

A. PayPal

B. Revolut

C. Wise

D. Stripe

5. C

Global financial technology company Wise announced its entry into the Indian travel card market with the launch of its multi-currency travel card. The fintech also announced that over 75,000 people have joined the Wise Travel Card waitlist in just one month since the announcement at the Global Fintech Festival, demonstrating the demand for a transparent alternative to traditional forex cards.

Q.6. Who recently won the Best Bank in India award in The Banker's 'Bank of the Year Awards 2025 - Asia-Pacific'?

A. SBI

B. ICICI Bank

C. HDFC Bank

D. Bank of Baroda

6. D

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has been recognized as the 'Best Bank in India' at the Bank of the Year Awards 2025 – Asia-Pacific, organized by The Banker





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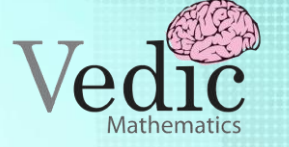
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Magazine, a renowned publication of the Financial Times. This recognition reflects the bank's rapid transformation, innovative banking services, and its growing role in strengthening India's financial ecosystem.

Q.7. Which credit card was recently launched by IDFC First Bank?

- A. FIRST Select Card
- B. FIRST Royale Card
- C. FIRST WOW! Black Credit Card
- D. FIRST Titanium Card

7. C

Recognizing the growing demand for credit cards, IDFC FIRST Bank has launched the new FIRST WOW! Black Credit Card. This card is specifically designed for new credit users, students, self-employed individuals, and international travelers.

Q.8. The recent TRAI-RBI Digital Consent Acquisition Pilot is related to which sector?

- A. Online Lending
- B. Telecom Promotional Communication
- C. Digital Payments

D. Cyber Crime Control

8. B

As part of the TRAI-RBI joint Digital Consent Acquisition (DCA) pilot, telecom service providers (TSPs) will soon begin sending SMS notifications to select customers. This will be a significant step in the effort to modernize the way consent is collected, managed, and revoked for promotional communications.

Q.9. Sahaj Insurance Services Pvt. Ltd. recently received a corporate agency license from which regulator?

- A. SEBI
- B. RBI
- C. IRDAI
- D. PFRDA

9. C

Sahaj Insurance Services Private Limited recently received its Corporate Agency License from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). This license allows the company, a subsidiary of Sahaj Retail Limited, to distribute a range of insurance products, including life, health, and crop insurance, primarily to rural





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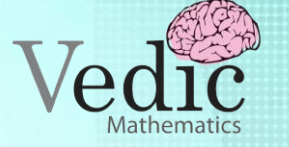
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households across India, through its network of digitally enabled centers.

Q.10. Which country recently became the first to ban social media for children under 16?

- A. UK
- B. Canada
- C. Australia
- D. New Zealand

10. C

Australia has imposed a social media ban on children under the age of 16. Children will no longer be able to use Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and other platforms. The government has warned that companies that fail to comply with the government order could face fines of up to \$49.5 million.

Q.11. Who is the global brand ambassador for Bank of Baroda's new advertising campaign?

- A. MS Dhoni
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Sachin Tendulkar
- D. Rahul Dravid

11. C

Bank of Baroda's (BoB) recent ad campaign features global brand ambassador Sachin Tendulkar, with whom the bank recently launched its new 'Masterstroke' campaign, which focuses on retail products like home loans, car loans and MSME loans.

Q.12. Who recently launched India's first deep-tech VC fund run by an incubator affiliated with an academic institution?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Madras
- C. IIT Bombay
- D. IISc Bengaluru

12. C

IIT Bombay's Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE) has launched India's first incubator-linked deep-tech venture capital fund, the "Y-Point Venture Capital Fund," with a total corpus of ₹250 crore. The fund will provide capital to early-stage deep-tech startups, primarily those from IIT Bombay and other top research institutions.





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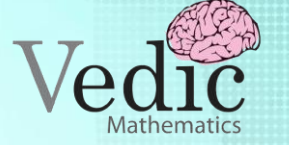
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Q.13. Recently, IIT Madras launched India's national hub for which advanced technology?

- A. Artificial Intelligence
- B. Semiconductor Design
- C. Quantum Communication
- D. Space Technology

13. C

IIT Madras has inaugurated the 'IITM C-DOT Comprehensive Technologies Foundation' to prepare India's quantum communications sector for global competition. The institute will be India's official national hub for quantum communications under the National Quantum Mission, housed at the IIT Madras Research Park.

Q.14. Airtel recently partnered with which company to launch RCS messaging?

- A. Meta
- B. Amazon
- C. Google
- D. Apple

14. C

Airtel has entered into a major partnership with Google to launch Rich

Communication Services (RCH) messaging on its network, marking a significant shift in India's evolving communications landscape. This move bridges a year-long gap between the two companies and joins Airtel among other major telecom operators that have already adopted RCS as an advanced alternative to SMS.

Q.15. In which city did TASL and Lockheed Martin recently announce an MRO facility?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Nagpur
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai

15. C

In a significant milestone for India's defense infrastructure, Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and Lockheed Martin have commenced construction of a state-of-the-art maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility for the C-130J Super Hercules aircraft in Bengaluru. The facility will strengthen the Indian Air Force's (IAF) operational readiness and develop long-term maintenance capabilities for one of the world's most reliable tactical airlifters.



HISTORICAL AND TECHNICAL EVENTS OF 5TH DECEMBER 2025

1862 - Nepal adopts Constitution



On December 1862, Nepal adopted its Constitution. This Constitution of Nepal became the basis for political and social reforms in the country.

The adoption of the Constitution challenged the royal rule and traditional structures in Nepal, and was an important step towards the modernization of the country. After this Constitution, many social and political changes took place in Nepal.

1824 - Great North Holland Canal opened



The Great North Holland Canal was opened on December 1824. This canal was the main waterway connecting the north and south parts of England, which proved to be very important for commercial traffic. The opening of the canal led to a boom in trade and traffic and it became a major route for economic activities.

1929 - Calcutta (now Kolkata) Electricity Supply Corporation begins digging a canal within the Hooghly River



On December 1929, the Calcutta (now Kolkata) Electricity Supply Corporation

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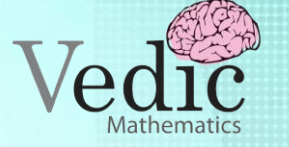
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began digging a canal within the Hooghly River. The purpose of building this canal was to control the flow of water in the river and ensure regional water supply.

This project was considered a technological achievement for the time, as it improved water supply and irrigation and also proved beneficial for the industrial sector.

1985 - First Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) commissioned at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu



On December 1985, India's first Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) was commissioned at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu. This reactor was an important part of India's nuclear power programme and was aimed at providing a new direction for nuclear power generation.

The aim of FBTR was to bring stability in power generation despite limited natural resources like uranium. This project promoted the development of

indigenous technologies in India's nuclear power sector.

1993 - 'Education for All' conference begins in New Delhi



On December 1993, the 'Education for All' conference began in New Delhi. The conference was organized in collaboration with the United Nations and other international organizations. The aim of the conference was to promote equal educational opportunities around the world and ensure access to education for all.

The conference provided countries with an opportunity to share their contributions and efforts in the field of education, and proved to be an important step towards improving global education policy.



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