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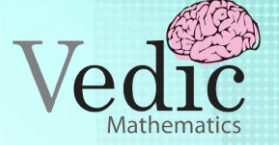
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NATIONAL NEWS

India's Finance Minister Inaugurates 18th Plenary Meeting of the Global Forum on Tax Information Exchange



India has opened the 18th Plenary Meeting of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes in New Delhi. The event, being held on December 2025, focuses on the theme "Tax Transparency: Delivering a Shared Vision Through International Cooperation." With 172 member jurisdictions, the Global Forum is the world's biggest platform working to prevent tax evasion and strengthen financial transparency.

Key Points: -

The finance minister said that transparency in taxation is not just a technical requirement but a value that supports development.

She explained that when money leaves the tax system unlawfully, countries lose resources needed for growth.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bharat Taxi Begins Trials in Delhi and Gujarat



Bharat Taxi, India's ambitious cooperative ride-hailing platform, has begun pilot operations in Delhi and Gujarat, marking a disruptive shift in how cab services are structured in the country. Operated by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited, the platform is being pitched as an Uber and Ola alternative — but with a people-first approach rooted in driver ownership, zero commission, and no-surge transparent pricing.

Key Points: -

At the heart of Bharat Taxi is a cooperative business model where drivers are not just service providers, but owners and stakeholders.





Through shareholding, they get decision-making rights and an equal stake in the platform's success.

APPOINTMENTS

Amar Subramanya Appointed as Apple's New Vice President of AI



Apple has appointed Amar Subramanya as its new Vice President of Artificial Intelligence (AI), marking one of its most notable leadership transitions in recent years. He replaces veteran executive John Giannandrea, who will continue as an adviser until his planned retirement next spring. The move comes at a critical moment for Apple as it strengthens its position in the rapidly evolving AI landscape.

Key Points:-

Graduated in Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering from Bangalore University (2001).

Began his career at IBM as a software engineer.

Pursued a PhD at the University of Washington (2005), interning at Microsoft and later contributing as a visiting researcher.

APPOINTMENTS

Manali Kshirsagar Becomes Nagpur University's First Female Vice-Chancellor in 100 Years



Nagpur University has entered a new era by appointing Manali Makarand Kshirsagar as its first woman vice-chancellor since its establishment in 1923. Her selection marks a major step toward inclusive leadership and modern academic development. With strong qualifications and administrative experience, she is expected to guide the century-old university toward improved





research, digital learning, and transparent governance in the coming years.

SPORTS

Archery Premier League Wins Big at India Sports Awards 2025



The Archery Premier League (APL) has made a stellar impact on India's sports landscape by winning the title of 'Emerging Professional Sports Event of the Year' at the prestigious India Sports Awards 2025, held during FICCI TURF 2025, the 15th Global Sports Summit in New Delhi. This recognition comes just weeks after the league completed its inaugural season, highlighting its quick rise as a pathbreaking venture that has reshaped how archery is perceived and presented in India.

Banking/Economy

RBI Approves Vikram Sahu as CEO of Bank of America India for Three-Year Term



In a key banking development, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Vikram Sahu as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of America NA (BANA) in India for a period of three years. The announcement made public on December, 2025, is part of a strategic leadership realignment by the global banking giant in its India operations. This appointment is in addition to Sahu's current role as India Country Executive, a position he has held since earlier this year. With this dual role, Sahu is now tasked with leading BANA's local





governance, client strategy, and regulatory alignment efforts in India.

STATE NEWS

Karikiyoor Rock Art Documentation



The Tamil Nadu State Archaeology Department will soon release a book documenting the Karikiyoor rock art site in Kil Kotagiri. The announcement was made during the release of another book titled "The Nilgiris Archaeology" in Udthagamandalam. It was curated by Yaakai Heritage Trust. The new book is part of a four-year documentation project on rock paintings in Tamil Nadu. The project records rock art, burial sites, dolmens, hero stones, sculptures and inscriptions across the State.



DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RECENT CURRENT AFFAIRS: MULTIPLE CHOICE FORMAT

Q.1. In which meeting did the RBI recently release the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2025-30?

- A. 25th Meeting
- B. 30th Meeting
- C. 32nd Meeting
- D. 35th Meeting

1. C

India's journey towards universal financial inclusion has reached a new milestone with the release of the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2025-30. The strategy was approved by the Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC-SC) at its 32nd meeting. It was officially launched by Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. The strategy aims to strengthen access, use, and delivery of financial services to people across the country, especially disadvantaged households and businesses.





Q.2. Recently, three loan agreements worth how many million USD were signed between the Government of India and the ADB?

- A. 600 million
- B. 700 million
- C. 800 million +
- D. 950 million

2. C

The Government of India signed key financial agreements with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), including a loan of over \$800 million and a grant of \$1 billion. This funding is earmarked for sustainable development projects in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Assam. These agreements reflect a balanced synergy between infrastructure improvements, clean energy promotion, skill development, and environmental protection, which will accelerate the economic and social progress of these states.

Q.3. For what purpose did SBI and Bank of India recently sign an MoU?

- A. Digital Banking Hub
- B. Centre of Excellence in Strategic Partnership

C. Loan Monitoring Desk

D. Cyber Security Unit

3. B

Two large public sector banks, State Bank of India (SBI) and Bank of India (BoI), have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together on a Centre of Excellence in Strategic Partnership. The collaboration aims to strengthen leadership and expertise in project financing across India, as well as promote innovation and teamwork in the banking sector.

Q.4. Industrial growth declined to what level in October 2025, a 14-month low?

- A. 1.2%
- B. 0.4%
- C. 2%
- D. 3.1%

4. B

India's industrial sector grew just 0.4% in October, marking its slowest growth in 14 months. The Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI) shared new data. This slow growth was primarily due to weakening manufacturing and declining mining and electricity production.





Q.5. By how much did CRISIL recently increase India's GDP growth forecast for FY26?

- A. 6%
 - B. 6.5%
 - C. 7%
 - D. 7.5%
5. C

Crisil has raised its GDP growth forecast for India for the current fiscal year (FY26) from 6.5% to 7%. This revision follows better-than-expected economic performance in the first six months of the year. This increase reflects India's robust domestic demand, strong private consumption, and robust manufacturing and services output.

Q.6. By how much did consumer complaints under the RBI Ombudsman Scheme increase in FY25?

- A. 10 lakh
 - B. 11.75 lakh
 - C. 13.34 lakh
 - D. 15 lakh
6. C

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported a sharp increase in consumer

complaints during the financial year 2024-25, registering 1.334 million complaints. This represents a 13.55% increase from the financial year 2023-24. In its annual report on the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (IO Scheme), the RBI stated that the number of consumer complaints increased to 1.334 million in the financial year 2024-25. This increase was attributed primarily to issues related to digital banking, credit cards, and loans.

Q.7. According to the MHA, who was recently given the additional charge of DG of BSF?

- A. Rakesh Asthana
- B. Praveen Kumar
- C. S.L. Thansen
- D. Manoj Yadav

7. B

Praveen Kumar, the current Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), has assumed the additional charge of Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF) following the retirement of former BSF Chief Daljit Singh Chaudhary. The charge was handed over at a BSF camp in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.





Q.8. Which charge was recently given to Air Marshal Tejbir Singh?

- A. DG (Operations)
- B. DG (Inspection & Safety)
- C. DG (Training)
- D. DG (Air Intelligence)

8. B

Air Marshal Tejbir Singh assumed charge as Director General (Inspection and Security) [DG (I&S)] at Air Headquarters. This appointment marks another important milestone in his distinguished service journey in the Indian Air Force (IAF).

Q.9. Who recently set the record for hitting the most sixes in ODI cricket?

- A. Shahid Afridi
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Chris Gayle
- D. Glenn Maxwell

9. B

In a historic moment for world cricket, veteran Indian opener Rohit Sharma surpassed Pakistan's Shahid Afridi to become the player with the most sixes in One-Day International (ODI) history. With this, the 38-year-old has cemented

his status as one of the most dangerous and consistent batsmen in limited-overs cricket.

Q.10. What is the name of the new app recently launched by NIRDC under the guidance of the Ministry of MSME?

- A. BharatBiz App
- B. MSME One Portal
- C. InDApp
- D. Udyog Setu

10. C

The National Industries Research and Development Council (NIRDC) has launched InDApp, a new digital platform designed to help micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in India grow faster and access business opportunities more easily. The platform was officially launched by B. L. Verma, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Q.11. Where was India's first private navigation technology hub recently inaugurated?

- A. Hyderabad





B. Bengaluru

C. Thiruvananthapuram

D. Pune

11. C

India has taken a major step toward self-reliance in high-tech navigation systems. ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan inaugurated the Ananth Centre of Excellence for Navigation (ACEN) in Thiruvananthapuram. This is India's first private sector navigation innovation center, built by Ananth Technologies.

Q.12. For how long was India recently re-elected to the UNESCO Executive Board?

A. 2023-2027

B. 2024-2028

C. 2025-2029

D. 2026-2030

12. C

India has once again secured a seat on the UNESCO Executive Board for the term 2025-2029. This achievement reflects India's growing leadership on the global platform, its commitment to multilateral cooperation in areas such as education, culture, science and communication, and the international appreciation for its

work and contribution to the UNESCO agenda. The announcement was made by India's Permanent Delegation.

Q.13. Where was the 60th All India DGP-IGP Conference 2025 recently held?

A. Delhi Police Headquarters

B. IIM Raipur Campus

C. NIA Headquarters

D. CISF Training Centre

13. B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 60th All India Conference of Directors General and Inspectors General of Police in Chhattisgarh. The conference began at the Indian Institute of Management in Nava Raipur. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the conference.

Q.14. What was India's food grain production in 2025, the highest ever recorded?

A. 300 million tonnes

B. 320 million tonnes

C. 340 million tonnes

D. 357 million tonnes

14. D





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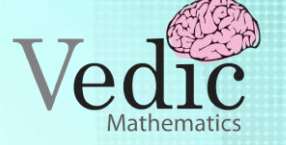
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that India has made history by producing 357 million tons of grain by 2025. This achievement is a testament to the country's food self-sufficiency, strong agricultural growth, and farmer-centric policies. This record is also significant because it represents 100 million tons more production than in the previous ten years, reflecting the continued modernization and expansion of the agriculture sector.

Q.15. How many votes did India recently receive in Category B of the IMO Council?

A. 125

B. 140

C. 154

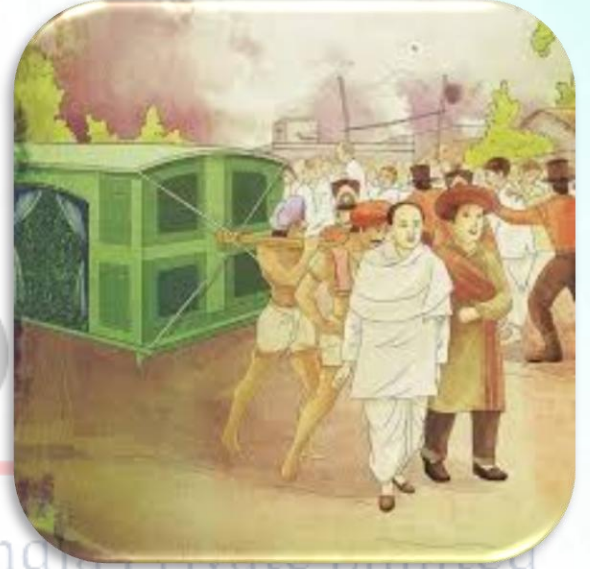
D. 169

15. C

India achieved a significant diplomatic and maritime success when it was re-elected to the Category B Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). India received 154 of the 169 valid votes—the highest in this category. This is the second consecutive term that India has been the leading vote-getter in Category B, reflecting its growing role as a global maritime power.

HISTORICAL AND TECHNICAL EVENTS OF 5TH DECEMBER 2025

1856 - First officially solemnised 'Hindu widow' marriage in the country.



The Hindu Widow Remarriage Act 1856, also called Act XV, 1856, passed on 16 July 1856, legalised the remarriage of widows in all jurisdictions of India under the rule of the East India Company. The law was enacted on 26 July 1856.

It was drafted by Lord Dalhousie and passed by Lord Canning before the Indian Rebellion of 1857. It was the first major social reform law after the abolition of Sati in 1829 by Lord William Bentinck.





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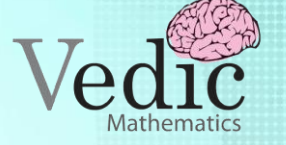
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1944 - General Radescu forms a government in Romania.



Nicolae Radescu was a Romanian Army officer and political figure. He was the last pro-communist Prime Minister of Romania, serving from December 1944 to 1 March 1945.

The 1944 Romanian coup d'état, known in Romanian historiography as the Act of 23 August, was a coup d'état led by King Michael I of Romania on 23 August 1944 during World War II.

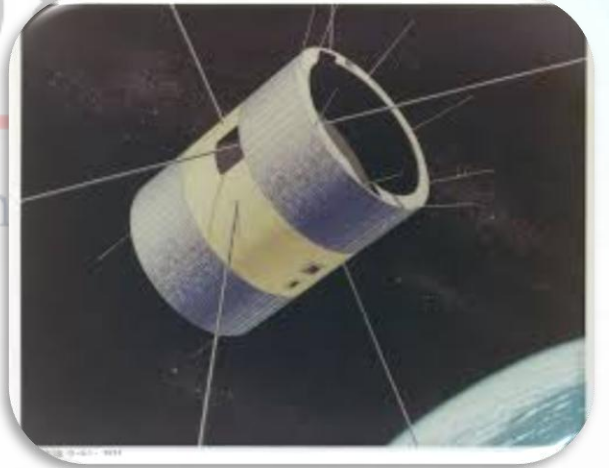
1972 - The most beautiful picture of Earth taken from space



On December 1972, the crew of NASA's last manned mission Apollo-17 took the most amazing picture of Earth from the spacecraft. This amazing picture is called "Blue Marble". There was a special reason for this picture being special.

In fact, this was the first time that the South Pole was also seen in a picture of Earth. Although it was completely surrounded by clouds, Africa was clearly visible in it.

1966 - NASA launched ATS-1 satellite



NASA launched ATS-1 satellite on December 1966. This satellite was fitted with a black and white weather camera, which took a picture of the Earth and the Moon together. This is the first such picture in which the Earth and the Moon were seen together. When ATS-1 clicked this picture, it was about 35,888 km from





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the Earth and 4.34 lakh km from the Moon. This picture of the Earth and the Moon together was received on 22 December 1966.

2002 - Turkey's Azra Anın becomes Miss World.



Turkey's Azra Anın becomes Miss World in 2002.

Turkey's Azra Anın won the 2002 Miss World crown in the pageant, which was moved to Britain after riots broke out in Nigeria. She beat Miss Colombia Natalia Peralta and Miss Peru Marina Mora Montero, who came in second and third respectively, to take the title in a competition broadcast to 142 countries from London's Alexandra Palace.

