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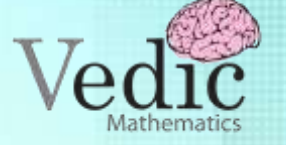
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#### National News

- UIDAI Records 231 crore Aadhaar Authentications in November, Showing 8.47% Rise from Last Year



Aadhaar usage in India continues to rise strongly. In November 2025, Aadhaar number holders completed 231 crore authentication transactions, marking an impressive 8.5% growth compared to the same month last year. This increase shows how widely Aadhaar is being used for services, welfare schemes, and digital activities across the country.

#### Key Points:-

- The month of November 2025 saw the highest number of Aadhaar authentications recorded so far in this financial year.
- In comparison, October reported 219.51 crore transactions, showing a steady month-to-month rise.

#### National News

- MEITY & MEA Enable Paperless Passport Verification via DigiLocker



In a major boost to Digital India, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) have jointly launched a paperless, contactless passport verification process through DigiLocker. This digital integration allows citizens to access and share their Passport Verification Records (PVRs) directly from the issued documents section of their DigiLocker accounts. This citizen-centric move aims to streamline the passport application and verification process, making it more efficient, transparent, and digitally verifiable.

#### Key Points:-

- Paperless Access and Storage: Citizens can now view and store their Passport Verification Records (PVRs) within DigiLocker, eliminating the need for physical document handling or printing.
- Secure and Trusted Verification: PVRs can be digitally verified using DigiLocker's secure platform, ensuring data integrity, authenticity, and reducing the risk of tampering or forgery.



- Ease of Sharing for Services: The digital record can be easily shared with authorized agencies, such as passport offices, for processing applications or conducting background checks, without submitting paper copies.

- Born in Brazil, Luana's early life was steeped in both art and academia. She trained as a ballerina at the elite Bolshoi Theatre School, describing its discipline as "more intense than MIT."
- She even performed professionally in Austria before pivoting toward academics.
- With a mother who taught mathematics and a father who worked as an electrical engineer, Lara's family background nurtured her analytical mind.

#### International News

##### ➤ Meet the World's Youngest Self-Made Woman Billionaire Luana Lopes Lara



In an age where technology and finance intersect at lightning speed, Luana Lopes Lara, a 29-year-old Brazilian entrepreneur, has emerged as the world's youngest self-made woman billionaire. Her journey from professional ballet stages to financial tech boardrooms has captivated the world—thanks to her company Kalshi, a trailblazing prediction market platform that recently reached an \$11 billion valuation. Surpassing the likes of Lucy Guo of Scale AI and even overtaking cultural icons like Taylor Swift on Forbes' list, Lara's rise isn't just rapid—it's revolutionary.

#### Key Points:-

#### Appointments

##### ➤ Cristiano Ronaldo Joins Perplexity AI as Investor and Brand Ambassador



In a striking blend of sports stardom and artificial intelligence, Cristiano Ronaldo has joined Perplexity, a rising AI startup, as both an investor and brand ambassador. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner announced the collaboration on December 2025, expressing his excitement about inspiring global curiosity through technology. As part of the partnership, Ronaldo introduced a dedicated





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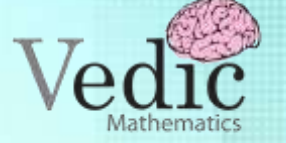
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“Ronaldo Hub”, a custom AI assistant designed for fans to relive his greatest moments, explore personal archives, and engage interactively with his life and career.

#### Key Points:-

- “Curiosity is a requirement for greatness. You win when you keep asking new questions every day... That’s why I am proud to announce my investment in Perplexity.”
- His statement reflects the ethos of both his personal journey and Perplexity’s goal — to inspire people worldwide to ask more ambitious questions using AI.

#### Sports

- **Armand Duplantis and Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone Named World Athletes of the Year 2025**



The World Athletics Awards 2025 brought international recognition to two of the sport’s brightest stars—Armand Duplantis of Sweden and

Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone of the United States. Both athletes were honored as World Athletes of the Year following dominant, undefeated seasons and groundbreaking performances at the World Championships held in Tokyo. This annual award, presented by World Athletics, is among the most prestigious in the sport.

#### Banking/Economy

- **Retail CBDC in India Crosses 120 Million Transactions, ₹28,000 Crore in Value: RBI**



India’s digital currency push reached a major milestone as the volume of retail Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) transactions crossed 120 million, with total transaction value exceeding ₹28,000 crore, according to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar. This announcement came during the RBI’s post-monetary policy press conference held on December 2025, highlighting the central bank’s progress in digital payment innovation.

#### State News





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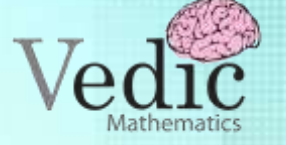
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#### ➤ Energy Efficiency Achievement - Tamil Nadu



Tamil Nadu scored 55.3% in the State Energy Efficiency Index 2024, the highest in India. The State is ranked above Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha. Under the PEACE (Promotion of Energy Audit and Conservation of Energy) scheme, Tamil Nadu invested Rs 2.6 crore in 2023–24. The funds supported awareness programmes, training, and subsidies for energy audits in MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) units. A total of 25 states received Energy Conservation Awards.

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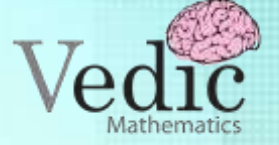
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**Q.1. What is the objective of the Indian government's recent initiative to evaluate the country's position on 26 global indices?**

- A. Boosting economic growth
- B. Strengthening global position by identifying areas for improvement
- C. Increasing foreign investment
- D. Reducing fiscal deficit

1. B

The Government of India's new initiative, which aims to evaluate the country's position on 26 global indices, called the Global Index for Reforms and Growth (GIRG), aims to identify the country's weaknesses, implement data-driven reforms to address them, and strengthen India's position and reputation on the global stage, thereby promoting economic growth, good governance and inclusiveness.

**Q.2. Which platform did Karnataka recently launch to digitize rural property records?**

- A. Bhoomi Plus
- B. e-Swathu 2.0
- C. Kaveri Pro
- D. Gram Record Portal

2. B

Karnataka has launched a new digital platform, e-Swathu 2.0, for digitizing rural property records and

bringing transparency. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched it. The platform aims to prevent land fraud, issue e-khatas, and increase revenue.

**Q.3. What is the total enrollment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) recently?**

- A. 6.5 crore
- B. 7.2 crore
- C. 8.34 crore
- D. 9.1 crore

3. C

The Atal Pension Yojana (APY), India's largest pension scheme for unorganized and low-income workers, has reached a total of 83.4 million subscribers. This success reflects growing awareness about pension security and the success of financial inclusion efforts across the country. Significantly, women constitute 48% of total subscribers, reflecting their increasing participation in long-term social security schemes.

**Q.4. What is India's projected total installed power generation capacity by October 2025?**

- A. 480,000MW
- B. 505,023MW
- C. 525,500MW
- D. 490,300MW

4. B







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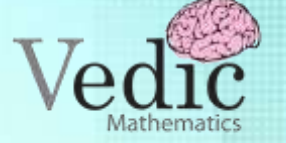
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India has achieved a major milestone in its energy transition journey. The country's total installed power generation capacity has reached 505,023 MW. Importantly, non-fossil fuel capacity (259,423 MW) now exceeds fossil-based capacity (245,600 MW), demonstrating a structural shift towards clean energy.

**Q.5. Which organization recently received the United Nations Population Award 2025 (Institutional Category)?**

A. WHO

B. World Population Council

C. IUSSP

D. UNDP

5. C

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) India awarded the 2025 United Nations Population Prize (Institutional Category) to the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP). The award recognizes IUSSP's contributions to outstanding research, capacity building, and evidence-based policymaking in global population science. The award took place during the 46th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for Population Studies (IASP), which featured significant discussions on India's demographic future.

**Q.6. In which city will the 7th India International Seaweed Expo & Summit 2026 be held?**

A. Mumbai

B. Chennai

C. Kochi

D. Visakhapatnam

6. C

One of the world's largest gatherings for the seaweed industry is set to take place in Kochi, India. The 7th India International Seaweed Expo and Summit will take place on January 29 and 30, 2026. The event will highlight emerging opportunities in the seaweed sector and further strengthen India's growing stake in the sustainable development of the blue economy.

**Q.7. In which state did the Hornbill Festival 2025 recently begin?**

A. Assam

B. Nagaland

C. Manipur

D. Mizoram

7. B

The 26th Hornbill Festival began at the Naga Heritage Village in Kisama, coinciding with Nagaland's foundation day. The ten-day festival brings together all the major Naga tribes to showcase their rich traditions, music, dance, handicrafts, and local cuisine. Over the years, the





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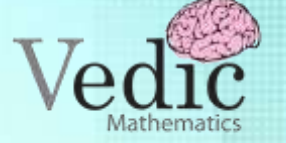
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festival has become one of India's most celebrated cultural events.

**Q.8. For which sector was the Credit Assessment Model (CAM) recently launched?**

- A. Agriculture Loan
- B. MSME Sector
- C. Rural Housing
- D. Education Loans

8. B

The Government of India has launched a new Credit Assessment Model (CAM) to make the loan process for MSMEs faster, easier, and transparent. This model will be based on digital data, allowing for faster loan assessment without paperwork.

Additionally, the government is promoting digital payments and expanding the PM SVANidhi scheme to support small businesses and street vendors.

**Q.9. Which word was recently chosen as the Word of the Year 2025 by Oxford University Press?**

- A. Situationship
- B. Eco-anxiety
- C. Rage Bait
- D. Heat Dome

9. C

Oxford University Press named "rage bait" as its 2025 Word of the Year. Its online usage has tripled,

reflecting the type of content people are seeking to attract maximum attention. Rage bait refers to online content that is deliberately designed to provoke anger or outrage in order to increase views and traffic.

**Q.10. Where was the India-Maldives joint military exercise 'EKUVERIN' 2025 recently held?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Thiruvananthapuram
- D. Port Blair

10. C

The 14th edition of the joint military exercise EKUVERIN began in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

The exercise will continue until December 15, 2025. This annual exercise between India and the Maldives further strengthens the defense partnership, operational preparedness, and regional cooperation between the two countries.

**Q.11. Operation 'Sagar Bandhu' was recently launched to provide assistance to which country?**

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Myanmar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Nepal

11. C





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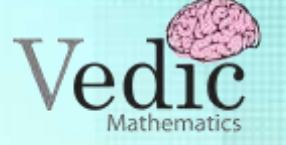
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As Sri Lanka grapples with the worst devastation in decades caused by Cyclone Ditawaha, India's ground assistance under Operation Sagar Bandhu remains a vital lifeline. The death toll remains high, with lives lost, families displaced, and communities isolated. IAF helicopters are airlifting stranded people to safety, while engineering teams are working to rebuild vital links using rapidly deployable Bailey bridges.

**Q.12. Where did DRDO recently conduct a high-speed rocket-sled test?**

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Balasore
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. TBRL Chandigarh

12. D

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully tested the pilot ejection system from a high-speed fighter aircraft. With this difficult test, India has joined the select group of countries that have advanced indigenous ejection system capability. The test was conducted at the Rail Track Rocket Sled Facility of the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory in Chandigarh in collaboration with the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. Officials from the Air Force and the Institute of Aerospace Medicine and Certification were also present on the occasion.

**Q.13. Who recently became the new Executive Director (ED) of RBI?**

- A. Revathy Lyer
- B. Usha Janakiraman
- C. Madhabi Puri
- D. Vimmi Sharma

13. B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Ms. Usha Janakiraman as its new Executive Director (ED). This appointment is significant for candidates preparing for banking awareness, regulatory exams, and interviews, as the change in senior leadership at the RBI will impact financial surveillance and policy direction.

**Q.14. Who was recently appointed as the new Managing Director of LIC?**

- A. Siddhartha Mohanty
- B. Ramakrishnan Chander
- C. R. K. Gupta
- D. T. S. Ramakrishnan

14. B

Ramakrishnan Chander has been appointed Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). The appointment follows a notification from the Government of India, marking a major leadership change at the corporation.







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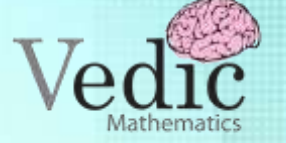
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**Q.15. Who recently became the first female brand ambassador of Punjab National Bank (PNB)?**

**A. PV Sindhu**

**B. Harmanpreet Kaur**

**C. Smriti Mandhana**

**D. Mary Kom**

**15. B**

In a major announcement, Punjab National Bank (PNB) has appointed Indian women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur as its first female brand ambassador. The move reflects the bank's growing focus on women's empowerment, brand modernization, and customer engagement.





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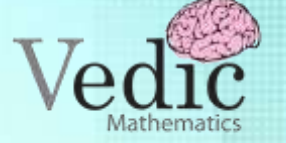
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#### ➤ 1625 – Military treaty signed between Holland and England.



The Anglo-Spanish War of 1625–1630 was a conflict fought between Spain and England, with the Dutch Republic and Scotland participating on the English side. An offshoot of the Eighty Years' War between the Dutch and Spanish, the conflict's battles included land and naval combat. The war ended in 1630 with the signing of the Treaty of Madrid, which resulted in the status quo being maintained.

However, the conflict resulted in English cloth merchants losing access to profitable markets in Flanders, leading to widespread discontent. It also exacerbated divisions between the Parliament of England and the English monarchy, eventually resulting in the First English Civil War in 1642.

#### 1762 – The British Parliament ratifies the Treaty of Paris.



Charles acceded to it in 1762. A treaty signed by Prussia, Austria and Saxony in 1763. Along with the Treaty of Paris, it marked the end of the Seven Years' War. The treaty ended the continental conflict without making any significant changes to pre-war boundaries.

#### ➤ 1946 – The Constituent Assembly met for the first time at the Constitutional Hall in New Delhi.



The Constituent Assembly met for the first time on December 1946 and continued to meet until 24 January 1950.

Jawaharlal Nehru introduced the Objective Resolution in the third session of the Constituent Assembly of India on 13 December 1946. The resolution laid down the fundamental principles that would guide the Constitution of India and was later incorporated into the Preamble of the Constitution.

#### ➤ 1898 – Belur Math founded.





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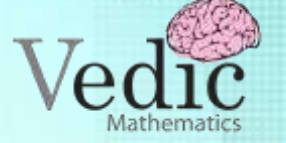
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It was founded in 1897 by Swami Vivekananda and other disciples of Sri Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, the great saint of India, who is considered by Hindus to be an incarnation of God and holds a highly respected place among the religious leaders of the world.

Belur Math is located in Belur on the west bank of the Hooghly River in West Bengal, India. It is the headquarters of the Ramakrishna Mission and the Ramakrishna Math.

He came into office in the aftermath of the recession, the September 11 terrorist attacks, and a string of corporate scandals that brought about the biggest change in corporate governance since the securities acts of the 1930s. As secretary, he worked to pass the Jobs and Growth Act of 2003 and later expand its key features, many of which remained in effect long after he left office. In particular, he was a strong supporter of low rates of taxation on capital income.

- 2002 – John Snow becomes the new Treasury Secretary of the United States.



John W. Snow was the 73rd Treasury Secretary, serving from February 2003 to June 2006.

