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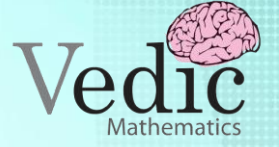
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NATIONAL NEWS

Right to Disconnect Bill 2025 Introduced in Parliament



In a move aimed at protecting employees from digital burnout, NCP MP Supriya Sule introduced the Right to Disconnect Bill, 2025 in the Lok Sabha on December, 2025. The bill seeks to legally empower employees to refuse work-related calls, emails, and messages after office hours or on holidays, without facing disciplinary action. The bill comes at a time when remote work and digital communication have blurred the lines between personal and professional life, leading to increasing cases of telepressure, stress, and sleep deprivation.

Key Points:

Employees cannot be forced to respond to official communication after office hours or on holidays.

No disciplinary action can be taken against employees who choose not to respond.

The rule applies to all forms of communication—calls, texts, emails, video meetings, and more.

Employers and employees must mutually agree on rules for emergencies.

NATIONAL NEWS

India's Internet Subscriber Base Rises to 1.017 billion in Q2 FY26: TRAI



India's digital infrastructure continues to grow, with the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) reporting a 1.49% quarterly increase in total internet subscribers during the July–September 2025 quarter (Q2 FY26). According to TRAI data released on December 2025, the number of internet users rose from 1,002.85 million in Q1 to 1,017.81 million in Q2, marking another milestone in the country's internet penetration journey.

Key Points:-

Total Internet Subscribers

Q1 FY26 (April–June): 1,002.85 million

Q2 FY26 (July–September): 1,017.81 million

Growth rate: 1.49% quarterly increase

Subscriber Segments

Wireless Internet users: 973.39 million





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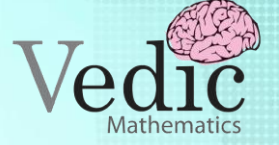
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Wired Internet users: 44.42 million

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Weak La Niña Likely to Influence Global Weather in Winter 2025-26: WMO Predicts



The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has issued its latest ENSO (El Niño–Southern Oscillation) Update, predicting a 55% chance of weak La Niña conditions developing during the December 2025 to February 2026 period. While La Niña is often associated with global cooling, the WMO notes that many regions will still experience above-average temperatures, a clear sign of ongoing global warming influencing traditional weather patterns.

Key Points:-

Drier conditions in parts of the Americas and East Africa

Heavier rainfall in Southeast Asia, Australia, and parts of southern Africa

Cooler temperatures in the Pacific but warmer weather in other regions due to overriding climate trends

APPOINTMENTS

Roman Gofman Appointed as Next Mossad Chief



In a significant shake-up in Israel's intelligence leadership, Major General Roman Gofman has been appointed as the next director of Mossad, set to take over in June 2026. The decision, announced on December, 2025, by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, reflects a bold and rare move—placing a career military officer without a traditional intelligence background at the helm of Israel's most secretive agency.

SPORTS

FIFA World Cup 2026 Draw



The FIFA World Cup 2026 draw has officially concluded, unveiling the group stage matchups





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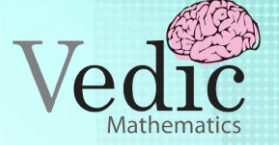
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for the first-ever 48-team tournament, co-hosted by the United States, Mexico, and Canada. The event took place at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, featuring performances, football legends, and a ceremonial unveiling of what promises to be the biggest World Cup yet. The tournament will kick off on 11 June 2026 in Mexico City, with the final scheduled for 19 July 2026 in New Jersey.

AWARDS

Microsoft Store Awards 2025



Microsoft has revealed the winners of the Microsoft Store Awards 2025, recognising top-performing apps that have enhanced user experience, productivity, and creativity on Windows platforms. The awards honour applications that demonstrate technical excellence, user satisfaction, and a positive impact on the Windows ecosystem. This year's list spans categories including AI assistants, business productivity, developer tools, creativity, and education, reflecting the growing importance of AI-powered and cross-functional tools in the modern digital workspace.

STATE NEWS

New GI tags for Tamil Nadu



Five products from Tamil Nadu — Woraiyur cotton sari, Kavindapadi nattu sakkarai (jaggery powder), Namakkal makkal pathirangal (soapstone cookware), the traditional Thooyamalli rice variety and Ambasamudram choppu saman (wooden toys) — have secured the Geographical Indications (GI) tag. With this, Tamil Nadu now has 74 products with GI tags. Kavindapadi in Erode district is a major supplier of jaggery powder in Tamil Nadu.

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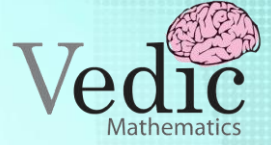
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DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RECENT CURRENT AFFAIRS: MULTIPLE CHOICE FORMAT

Q.1. Which two new insurance plans did LIC recently launch?

- A. Jeevan Raksha & Suraksha Shield
- B. Protection Plus (Plan 886) & Bima Kavach (Plan 887)
- C. Dhan Vridhi & Life Guard
- D. Kavach Plus & Secure Life

1. B

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has introduced two new insurance products aimed at providing life cover with financial flexibility: Protection Plus (Plan 886) and LIC's Bima Kavach (Plan 887). These plans cater to policyholders' diverse needs, from savings to pure risk protection. Here's a detailed breakdown of features such as entry requirements, eligibility, minimum sum insured, premiums, and more.

Q.2. NPCI International (NIPL) has partnered with which country's bank for QR-based cross-border payments?

- A. Nepal Rastra Bank
- B. ACLEDA Bank, Cambodia
- C. Bank of Thailand
- D. Bank Mandiri, Indonesia

2. B

NPCI International (NIPL) recently partnered with ACLEDA Bank Plc. of Cambodia for QR-based cross-border payments, enabling Indian tourists to use UPI in Cambodia and Cambodia's KHQR to be accepted in India, thereby facilitating digital payments between the two countries.

Q.3. How much more will developing countries pay on external debt between 2022-2024?

- A. \$200 billion
- B. \$350 billion
- C. \$741 billion
- D. \$1 trillion

3. C

Developing countries will have to pay \$741 billion more in principal and interest on their external debt between 2022 and 2024 than they received in new financing. This is the largest gap in at least 50 years.

Q.4. What is the main objective of the FVCI Amendment Regulations 2025 issued by SEBI?

- A. Increase taxes on investors
- B. Allow low-risk foreign investors easier single-window access
- C. Ban venture capital investments
- D. Restrict overseas funding

4. B





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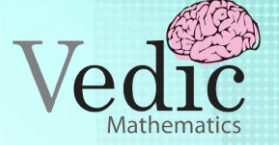
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Market regulator Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued SEBI (Foreign Venture Capital Investors (FVCI)) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025, introducing Single Window Automatic and Generalised Access for Trusted Foreign Investors (SWAGAT-FI) to help low-risk foreign investors participate in the Indian securities market.

Q.5. Who inaugurated the 68th Foundation Day of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)?

A. Finance Minister

B. PM Narendra Modi

C. MoS Finance Pankaj Chaudhary

D. Home Minister

5. C

Union Minister of State for Finance, Shri Pankaj Chaudhary inaugurated the 68th Foundation Day celebrations of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in New Delhi. DRI is India's largest anti-smuggling intelligence and enforcement agency under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).

Q.6. In which countries was Solar Energy for Agricultural Resilience (SoLAR-Phase II) launched?

A. India, Kenya, Bhutan, Nepal

B. India, Bangladesh, Kenya, Ethiopia

C. India, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Myanmar

D. India, Tanzania, South Africa, Nepal

6. B

The SoLAR-Phase II (Solar Energy for Agricultural Resilience) project has been launched in India, Bangladesh, Kenya, and Ethiopia. Its goal is to promote solar-powered irrigation and provide farmers with climate-resilient agricultural solutions. Launched by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the initiative will run until 2025 and is an extension of the first phase (2019-2024).

Q.7. Who has been appointed as the new Resident Coordinator for India by the UN Secretary-General?

A. Martin Griffiths

B. Antonio Vespa

C. Stefan Priesner

D. Achim Steiner

7. C

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Stefan Preisner of Austria as the new UN Resident Coordinator for India. Preisner has extensive experience in international development and management and will now serve as the Secretary-General's representative for country-level development.





Q.8. Who has become the new brand ambassador of the AU Small Finance Bank?

- A. Virat Kohli & Kiara Advani
- B. Ranbir Kapoor & Rashmika Mandanna
- C. Akshay Kumar & Alia Bhatt
- D. Rohit Sharma & Deepika Padukone

8. B

AU Small Finance Bank has signed Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna as brand ambassadors. The bank said in a statement that this partnership aims to further strengthen AU SFB's efforts to establish itself as a preferred national banking brand with a strong presence in urban, metro and other markets across India.

Q.9. Where is the India-Malaysia Joint Exercise Harimau Shakti-2025 being held?

- A. Bakloh
- B. Port Blair
- C. Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- D. Dehradun

9. C

India and Malaysia have commenced the fifth edition of the joint military exercise "Harimau Shakti" at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan. The two-week long military exercise focuses on enhancing interoperability, coordination and tactical skills in sub-

conventional operations, particularly those conducted under Chapter VII of the United Nations.

Q.10. Where did the India-Indonesia Special Forces Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI 2025 begin?

- A. Agra
- B. Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- C. Jaisalmer
- D. Kochi

10. B

The 10th edition of the India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise Garuda Shakti commenced at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh. It is a bilateral exercise between the Indian Army and the Indonesian Army. The Indian contingent comprises soldiers from the Parachute Regiment (Special Forces), while the Indonesian contingent comprises personnel from the Indonesian Special Forces. The aim of the exercise is to enhance mutual understanding, cooperation, and interoperability between the two special forces.

Q.11. Who co-chaired the 22nd India-Russia IRIGC-M&MTC?

- A. PM Modi & Putin
- B. Rajnath Singh & Andrei Belousov





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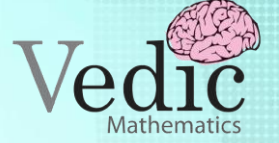
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C. S. Jaishankar & Sergey Lavrov

D. CDS & Russian General

11. B

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and Russian Defence Minister Mr. Andrei Belousov co-chaired the 22nd session of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC) at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi. Both sides reiterated that the India-Russia relationship is based on deep trust, common principles and mutual respect. The meeting came ahead of the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Russian President Mr. Vladimir Putin.

Q.12. Where did the famous tennis player Nicola Pietrangeli pass away?

- A. Milan
- B. Venice
- C. Rome
- D. Paris

12. C

Italian tennis legend Niccolò Pietrangeli has died at the age of 92. One of the country's most successful players in the 1950s and 1960s, Pietrangeli was Italy's first Grand Slam winner, winning consecutive French Opens in 1959 and 1960.

Q.13. Under which state scheme will payments now be made quarterly?

- A. Ladli Behna Yojana
- B. Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana (Haryana)
- C. Kanya Sumangala
- D. Beti Bachao Yojana

13. B

The Haryana government will now disburse the Deen Dayal Lado Laxmi Yojana (DDLA) beneficiaries a lump sum payment every three months. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced the change after releasing the second installment. The scheme aims to empower women economically and socially.

Q.14. How many Aadhaar authentication transactions did India record in 2025?

- A. 120 crore
- B. 185 crore
- C. 231 crore
- D. 310 crore

14. C

Aadhaar usage is growing rapidly in India. Citizens with Aadhaar numbers completed 2.31 billion authentication transactions, an 8.5% increase over the previous year. This increase demonstrates the significant role Aadhaar is playing in services, welfare schemes, and digital activities across the country.





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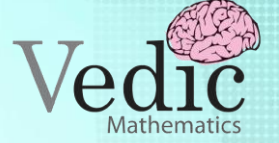
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Q.15. In which city did the Indian Army hold its idea and innovation competition, Inno-Yodha 2025?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. New Delhi

15. D

The Indian Army held its idea and innovation competition, Inno-Yodha 2025, in New Delhi, led by Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) Lieutenant General Pushpendra Pal Singh. This platform recognizes and promotes soldier innovation to improve operations, logistics and training.



HISTORICAL AND TECHNICAL EVENTS OF 5TH DECEMBER 2025

1878: Chakravarti Rajagopalachari was born.



Chakravarti Rajagopalachari BR popularly known as Rajaji or CR, also known as Moothrignar Rajaji, was an Indian politician, writer, lawyer and Indian independence

activist.

Rajagopalachari was the last Governor-General of India, as the post was abolished after India became a republic in 1950. He was also the only Indian-born Governor-General, as all previous holders of the post were British citizens.

1896: Alfred Bernhard Nobel, founder of the Nobel Prizes, dies.



Alfred Nobel was a Swedish chemist, engineer, and industrialist who invented dynamite and other more powerful explosives and who also

founded the Nobel Prizes.

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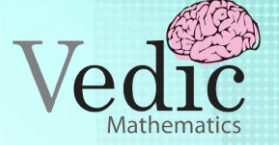
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This invention was made in 1866. Alfred received a patent, or legal right of ownership, to this material the following year. He named it "dynamite."

1992: Country's first hovercraft service started in Gujarat.



The country's first hovercraft service started in Gujarat in the year 1992.

Exactly ten years ago in 1992, hovercraft service was started between Surat and Bhavnagar via Ghogha.

However, this service was closed within six months. It is officially known that Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) has decided to start the service possibly by April.

1963: The African country Zanzibar gained independence from Britain.



On December 1963, Zanzibar gained independence as a member of the Commonwealth. In January 1964 the Zanzibar

government was overthrown by an internal revolution, Sayyid Jamshid ibn Abdullah (who had succeeded to the sultanate after his father's death in July 1963) was deposed, and a republic was proclaimed.

2007: Cristina Fernández de Kirchner becomes Argentina's first female president.



Argentina has its first elected female president: Cristina Fernández de Kirchner will succeed her husband after winning the election.

According to results announced at more than 96% of polling stations, the First Lady - wife of President Néstor Kirchner - received nearly 45% of the vote, while her main rival, Elisa Carrió, got 23% and former Economy Minister Roberto Lavagna got 17%.

Mrs Kirchner now has an unassailable lead and has been officially confirmed as Argentina's first elected female head of state.





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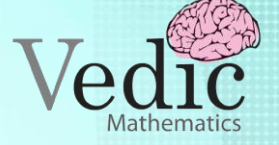
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