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1. 15th International Meeting of World Pharmacopoeias.

The 15th International Meeting of World Pharmacopoeias was held from 5-7 February 2025 in New Delhi, attended by global pharmacopoeia leaders, regulatory authorities and industry stakeholders. The aim of the meeting was to improve pharmaceutical standards, ensure quality of medicines and promote regulatory convergence.



2. Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso out of ECOWAS

Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso recently formally announced their separation from ECOWAS. In these countries, the military seized power in 2023, 2022 and 2020 respectively, after which their relations with ECOWAS became strained. These countries decided to exit ECOWAS due to the terms of diplomatic rule restoration. ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) was established in 1975, headquartered in Abuja, Nigeria.



3. The only Green School in the Northeast.

The Centre for Science and Environment organised the Green Carnival and Green School Awards Ceremony 2025, in which PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Namchi, Sikkim was declared the only school in the Northeast states to receive Green School Rating. The ceremony aims to encourage young environmentalists. Under the Green School Audit process, the reports of schools are evaluated between July and December.



4. Gujarat's first biodiversity heritage site.

The natural inland mangrove site at Guneri village in Kutch district of Gujarat has been declared as the state's first biodiversity heritage site. It is spread over an area of 32.78 hectares and has been notified by the state government on the recommendation of the Gujarat Biodiversity Board. The area will be managed by the local Biodiversity Management Committee, which will ensure conservation and promotion of flora and fauna.



5. Repo rate cut by Reserve Bank.

The central bank recently cut the repo rate by 0.25%, bringing it down to 6.25%. This is the first time in five years that the repo rate has been reduced. It was last reduced by 0.40% in May 2020, and the last change was in February 2023. The repo rate is the interest rate at which the RBI provides short-term loans to its customers (banks, central and state governments).



6. India will be among the top 25 countries in the Logistics Performance Index.

India is strengthening its logistics sector through PM Gati Shakti and National Logistics Policy. India is currently ranked 38th in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) and aims to reach the top 25 by 2030. With growing infrastructure, policy-driven reforms and multi-modal transportation, the sector can reach \$484.43 billion by 2029.



7. The name of 'Zomato' changed, the company's board approved.

Zomato has changed its name to "Eternal" as part of a major corporate rebranding, which will be effective from February 6, 2025. The change has been made to integrate the company's diverse business areas and reflect its long-term vision. However, the Zomato brand will remain intact for food delivery.



8. RBI launches 'Bank.in' and 'Fin.in' for secure digital banking.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the release of special internet domains 'Bank.in' and 'Fin.in' to enhance the security of digital banking and prevent cyber fraud. 'Bank.in' is set for Indian banks and 'Fin.in' for non-banking financial institutions (NBFCs). RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced this initiative in the last monetary policy meeting of the financial year.





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1. Where was the 15th International Meeting of the World Pharmacopoeias held recently?

- A - New Delhi**
- B - Chennai**
- C - Hyderabad**
- D - Lucknow**

The 15th International Meeting of the World Pharmacopoeias was held in New Delhi from 5-7 February 2025, organized by WHO and hosted by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission. The aim of the meeting was to improve drug standards, ensure quality and promote regulatory convergence.



2. Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso have recently separated themselves from which regional block?

- A - European Union**
- B - South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation**
- C - ECOWAS**
- D - African Union**

Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso formally announced their separation from ECOWAS due to the conditions of restoration of diplomatic rule. The military in these countries took power in 2023, 2022 and 2020 respectively, which worsened their relations with ECOWAS. ECOWAS was established in 1975, headquartered in Abuja, Nigeria.



3. Who organised the Green School Awards Ceremony-2025?

- A - Ministry of Science and Technology**
- B - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**
- C - Centre for Science and Environment**
- D - Ministry of Education**

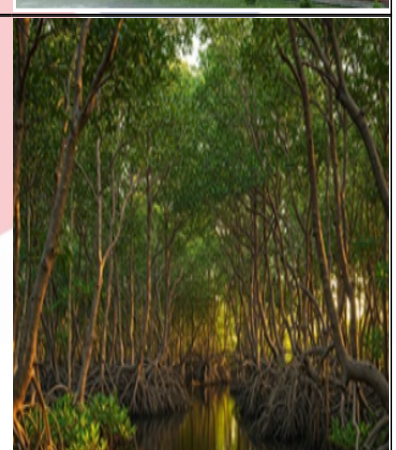
PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Namchi, Sikkim was declared the only green school in the Northeast at the Green School Awards Ceremony 2025 organised by the Centre for Science and Environment. The ceremony aims to encourage young environmentalists.



4. The natural inland mangrove site of which village in Gujarat has been declared the state's first biodiversity heritage site?

- A - Guneri village of Kutch district**
- B - Viramgam village of Ahmedabad district**
- C - Mandvi village of Surat district**
- D - Dabhoi village of Vadodara district**

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5. Recently, the Reserve Bank has cut the repo rate by how much percent?

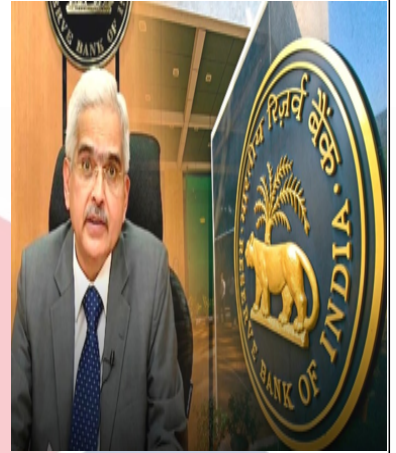
A - 0.50%

B - 0.25%

C - 1%

D - 0.75%

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6. What is India's current position in the Logistics Performance Index?

A - 38th rank

B - 42nd rank

C - 52nd rank

D - 140th rank

India is empowering the logistics sector under PM Gati Shakti and National Logistics Policy. India is currently ranked 38th in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) and aims to reach the top 25 by 2030. The sector is expected to reach \$484.43 billion by 2029, while the government plans to reduce logistics costs from 13-14% of GDP to single digits.



7. What has food delivery company Zomato changed its name to recently?

A - Foodish

B - Eternal Strategists

C - Bhojan thali

D - vyanjana

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8. Recently, Bank.in and Fin.in domains have been prescribed for Indian banks and non-financial institutions for cyber security of digital banking. Who has prescribed this domain?

A - By RBI

B - By the Union Finance Ministry

C - By PMO

D - None of the above

RBI issued 'Bank.in' and 'Fin.in' domains to enhance digital banking security, which will ensure the authenticity of the websites of banks and NBFCs. 'Bank.in' registration will start from April 2025, while 'Fin.in' will be implemented in a phased manner.





One Liner

1. Which meeting of World Pharmacopies was held recently? - **15th**
2. The capital of Niger is - **Niamey**
3. How many schools in India have been given the status of Green School for the session 2024-25? - **150**
4. Where are mangrove forests mainly found? - **Developed on tropical and subtropical coasts**
5. What is repo rate? - **The interest rate applicable on short-term loans given by RBI to its customers is called repo rate**
6. India has set a target to reach which top position in the Logistics Performance Index by the year 2030? - **25**
7. Who is the CEO of food delivery company Zomato, which has recently been renamed as Eternal? - **Deependra Goyal**
8. Which domain has been prescribed by RBI for cyber security for non-financial institutions (NBFCs) - **Fin.in**
9. The 32nd session of the Indian Art History Congress will be held from 8 to 10 February Where will it be organized by 2025. - **Indian Institute of Heritage Noida**
10. Who recently inaugurated the North East Investment Road Show. - **Jyotiraditya Scindia**

