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1. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA).

The central government has approved the continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme till 2025-26. The scheme was launched on 12 September 2018 and aims to provide farmers the minimum support price (MSP) for their produce. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is operating this scheme, which is applicable in all states and union territories.



2. Waste Recycling and Climate Change 2025.

Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav inaugurated the 'Waste Recycling and Climate Change 2025' conference, organized by the Recycling and Environment Industries Association of India (REIAI). India generates 62 million tonnes of waste annually, with plastic, electronic and hazardous waste being a rapidly increasing quantity.



3. Release of installment of unrestricted grants to states.

The Central Government released unrestricted grants under the Fifteenth Finance Commission for 2024-25 for rural local bodies of Punjab, Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh. Under this grant, Punjab got Rs 225 crore, Chhattisgarh got Rs 244 crore and Uttarakhand got Rs 93 crore. Unrestricted grants are given to local bodies to spend according to their needs.



4. SBI Cards appoints Salila Pandey as new MD and CEO.

State Bank of India Cards and Payment Services Ltd (SBI Cards) has appointed Salila Pandey as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). She will take over from April 1, 2025 and will replace Abhijit Chakraborty, who is retiring on March 31, 2025. Also, SBI Cards has declared an interim dividend of ₹2.50 per share for the financial year 2024-25.



5. World Social Justice Day 2025

World Social Justice Day is celebrated every year on 20 February, established by the United Nations (UN) to promote fairness, equality and inclusion in society. The day marks a global commitment to tackle problems such as poverty, social exclusion, gender inequality, unemployment and human rights violations. The day has its roots in the 1995 World Social Development Summit held in Copenhagen, Denmark, where more than 100 leaders pledged to prioritise poverty eradication and full employment.



6. President's rule in Manipur after resignation of Chief Minister Biren Singh.

Manipur was put under President's rule under Article 356 of the Constitution on 13 February 2025. The decision was taken four days after Chief Minister N. Biren Singh resigned on 9 February. President Draupadi Murmu took the decision after a report by Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla citing failure of constitutional machinery in the state. The order suspended the Manipur Assembly, whose term was till 2027.



7. Kirian Jacquet won the 2025 Delhi Open ATP Challenger tennis tournament.

Kyrian Jacquet of France won the title of the 2025 Delhi Open ATP Challenger tennis tournament by defeating Billy Harris of Great Britain 6-4, 6-2 in the final. This was his second consecutive title after winning the Chennai Open Challenger. The Delhi Open was a USD 1,00,000 ATP 75 Challenger event played on DLTA hard courts in New Delhi from 10-16 February 2025.



8. India's first open-air art wall museum inaugurated to commemorate 150 years of IMD.

India's first "Open Air Art Wall Museum" was inaugurated at Mausam Bhawan, New Delhi on 18 February 2025 to commemorate the 150th year of the establishment of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD). Mausam Bhawan is the headquarters building of IMD. IMD was established on 15 January 1875 by the British and functions under the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences.





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1. Recently, the Central Government has approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Act till when?

- A - Year 2025-26
- B - Year 2026-27
- C - Year 2027-28
- D - Year 2028-29

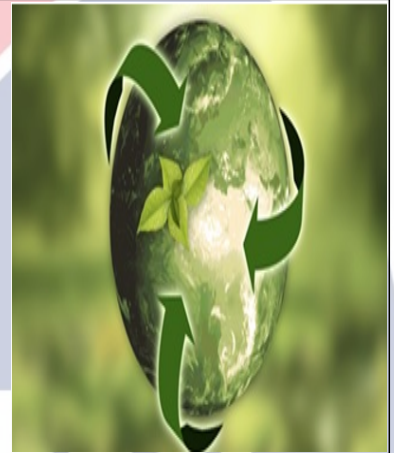
The Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme, which was launched in 2018, has been approved by the Central Government to continue till 2025-26. Its objective is to provide the benefit of Minimum Support Price (MSP) to the farmers. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is operating this scheme, which is applicable across the country. Under PM-AASHA, the government will buy 100% of tur, urad and lentils.



2. The 'Waste Recycling and Climate Change 2025' conference was organized by whom?

- A - Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
- B - Recycling and Environment Industries Association of India (REIAI)
- C - NITI Aayog
- D - Ministry of Environment and Forests

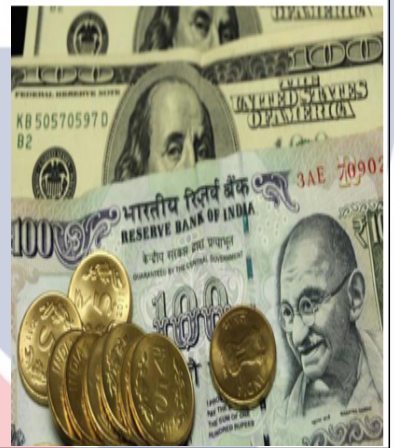
Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 'Waste Recycling and Climate Change 2025' conference, organised by REIAI. India generates 62 million tonnes of waste every year, with plastic, electronic and hazardous waste growing rapidly.



3. Under which article has the Finance Commission been established in India?

- A - Article 270
- B - Article 280
- C - Article 275
- D - Article 243

The Central Government released unrestricted grants under the 15th Finance Commission to Punjab (225 crores), Chhattisgarh (244 crores) and Uttarakhand (93 crores) in 2024-25. This grant is given to local bodies to spend according to their needs and is used in rural development under 29 subjects of the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution.



4. Who has recently been appointed as the new MD of SBI cards?

- A - Salil Deshmukh
- B - Salila Pandey
- C - Sarita Singh
- D - Mohan Yadav

SBI Cards appointed Salila Pandey as the new MD and CEO, who will take over from April 1, 2025. She will replace Abhijit Chakraborty, who is retiring on March 31, 2025. Currently, she is the Chief General Manager at SBI and has held various senior positions at SBI Singapore, Delhi, and California.



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5. When is World Social Justice Day observed?

A - 20 February

B - 22 February

C - 18 February

D - 21 February

World Social Justice Day is observed every year on 20 February to promote fairness, equality and inclusion. It originated from the 1995 Copenhagen Summit and was officially recognised by the UNGA in 2007, first observed in 2009. The theme for 2025 is "Strengthening just transitions, for a sustainable future", which focuses on tackling climate change, economic recovery and social inequality.

WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE



6. In which state was President's rule imposed by the Central Government in February 2025?

A - Manipur

B - Meghalaya

C - Tripura

D - Delhi

President's rule was imposed in Manipur on 13 February 2025 under Article 356, following the resignation of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on 9 February. President Draupadi Murmu took the decision citing failure of constitutional mechanism on the report of Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, thereby suspending the Manipur Assembly.



7. Who won the men's singles title of the 2025 Delhi Open ATP Challenger tennis tournament?

A - Kirian Jacquet

B - Hassi Dohit

C - Mitchell Starc

D - Galen Muscat

France's Kirian Jacquet won the title by defeating Billy Harris of Great Britain 6-4, 6-2 in the 2025 Delhi Open ATP Challenger final. It was his second consecutive title after the Chennai Open. The Delhi Open, a \$1,00,000 ATP 75 Challenger tournament, took place in New Delhi from 10-16 February 2025.



8. India's first open air art wall museum has been inaugurated in which city?

A - New Delhi

B - Bengaluru

C - Chennai

D - Jaipur

India's first "Open Air Art Wall Museum" was inaugurated at Mausam Bhawan, New Delhi on 18 February 2025 to commemorate the 150th year of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD). It is the headquarters building of IMD, established on 15 January 1875. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched "Mission Mausam" on 14 January 2025, the 150th Foundation Day of IMD.





One Liner

1. When was the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan launched? - **12 September 2018**
2. Who inaugurated Waste Recycling and Climate Change 2025? - **Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav**
3. In which article of the Constitution is there a provision for the Finance Commission? - **Article 280**
4. Recently, SBI cards has appointed Salila Pandey as its new MD, whom will she replace? - **Abhijit Chakraborty**
5. What is the theme of World Social Justice Day 2025? - **Strengthening equitable transition, for a sustainable future”**
6. Which state/union territory of India has been under President's rule for the longest time? - **Jammu and Kashmir 4668 days**
7. Who won the men's doubles title of the 2025 Delhi Open ATP Challenger Tennis Tournament? - **Japanese pair of Masamichi Imamura and Ryo Noguchi.**
8. Who inaugurated India's first open air art wall museum? - **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh in New Delhi.**
9. Where is the 5th multilateral naval exercise 'Komodo' being organized? - **Indonesia**
10. The target is to train how many lakh youth under the AI for Entrepreneurship initiative launched by the Government of India. - **1 lakh**

