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## 1. Bharat Net Project

Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj SP Singh Baghel told the Rajya Sabha that out of 2.68 lakh gram panchayats in the country, 2.18 lakh gram panchayats have been prepared to provide high-speed internet services under the BharatNet project. The government plans to complete this project by March 2027. The BharatNet project was started in October 2011 and is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunications in a phased manner.



## 2. Abel Prize 2025

Japanese mathematician Masaaki Kashiwara was awarded this year's Abel Prize. He was honored for his fundamental contributions to algebraic analysis and representation theory, especially for the development of the theory of D-modules and the discovery of crystal bases. The discovery of crystal bases helped mathematicians to transform complex calculations into simple graphs, thereby improving the understanding of mathematical theories and calculations.



## 3. New Pamban Rail Bridge on Pamban Bridge

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the new Pamban Rail Bridge on 6 April 2025 (Ram Navami). The bridge connects Ramanathapuram to Rameswaram Island and has been built at a cost of ₹ 535 crore. It will strengthen railway connectivity and infrastructure in the region. On the occasion of the inauguration, PM Modi will also flag off a new train service between Tambaram-Rameswaram.



## 4. Punjab to develop Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary for leopard safari

The Punjab government will develop the Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary as a leopard safari park to promote ecotourism. Located near Sri Anandpur Sahib, the sanctuary will become the state's first wildlife sanctuary. It was declared a protected sanctuary in 1998 under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972. It is spread over 1.16 sq km in Rupnagar district.



## 5. Central Government Discontinues Gold Monetisation Scheme

The central government has decided to close the medium and long-term deposits of the Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS) from March 20, 2025. This decision has been taken in view of the changing market conditions and the performance of the scheme. However, short-term deposits will continue at the discretion of banks. RBI has clarified that existing deposits will not be affected till maturity.



## 6. Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)

DRDO and Indian Navy successfully test-fired VL-SRSAM missile from Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha. The missile was successful in destroying a high-speed aerial target at low altitude after being fired from a land-based vertical launcher. The test is an important step towards enhancing the Indian Navy's ability to deal with aerial threats.



## 7. 5 years of National Technical Textiles Mission

India's textile industry plays a vital role in the national economy and has become a hub of innovation. India is the sixth largest textile exporter globally, accounting for 3.9% of world textile exports. The sector contributes about 2% to the country's GDP and is projected to reach \$350 billion by 2030, generating about 35 million jobs.

5 Years of  
National  
Technical  
Textiles Mission



## 8. 14th exercise of India and Russian Navy "Indra 2025" begins in Chennai

The 14th edition of the India-Russia joint naval exercise Indra began on 28 March 2025 off the Chennai coast in the Bay of Bengal. The exercise will be conducted in two phases from 28 March to 2 April 2025. The first edition of the Indra exercise took place in the Arabian Sea in May 2003. It aims to improve operational interoperability and strengthen bilateral naval cooperation.



## 1. When did the Bharat Net project start?

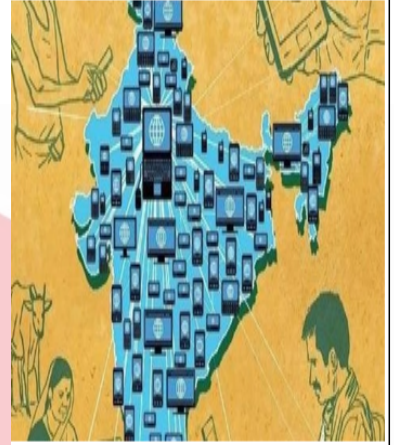
A - Year 2011

B - Year 2009

C - Year 2008

D - Year 2010

Union Minister SP Singh Baghel told the Rajya Sabha that 2.18 lakh gram panchayats are ready for high-speed internet under the BharatNet project, which is planned to be completed by March 2027. The project is being implemented under the Digital India program and will be used for fiber to the home (FTTH) and mobile tower backhaul services.



## 2. Who was awarded the Abel Prize for the year 2025?

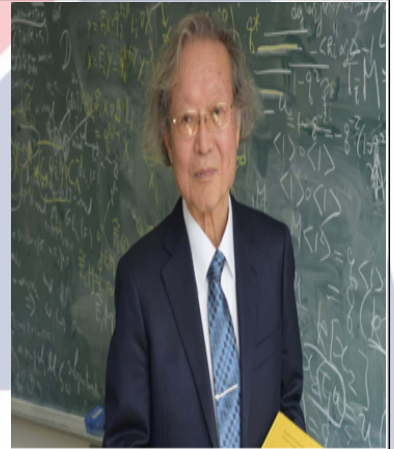
A - William Beitik

B - Masaaki Kashiwara

C - Andrew Symond

D - Nishtha Mukherjee

Japanese mathematician Masaaki Kashiwara received the Abel Prize for contributions to algebraic analysis and representation theory, particularly for the theory of D-modules and the discovery of crystal bases. The Abel Prize recognizes pioneering achievements in mathematics and is awarded by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.



## 3. In which state is the Pamban Bridge located?

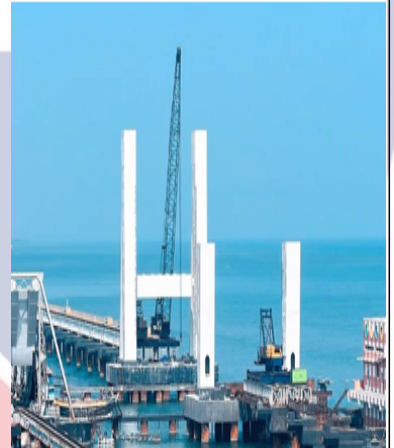
A - Rajasthan

B - Andhra Pradesh

C - Tamil Nadu

D - Maharashtra

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## 4. In which district of Punjab is Jhajjar Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary located?

A - Rupnagar

B - Jalandhar

C - Gurdaspur

D - Patiala

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5. Recently, the Government of India has decided to close the medium and long-term deposits of which gold scheme?

A - Sovereign Gold Bond

B - Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS)

C - Run by Mathur Finance

D - None of the following

The central government decided to close the medium and long-term deposits of the Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS) from 20 March 2025, while short-term deposits will continue at the discretion of banks. RBI clarified that existing deposits will not be affected till maturity. The scheme was started in 2015 to bring idle gold into the formal economy.



6. Which organization recently successfully tested the VL-SRSAM missile in collaboration with the Indian Navy?

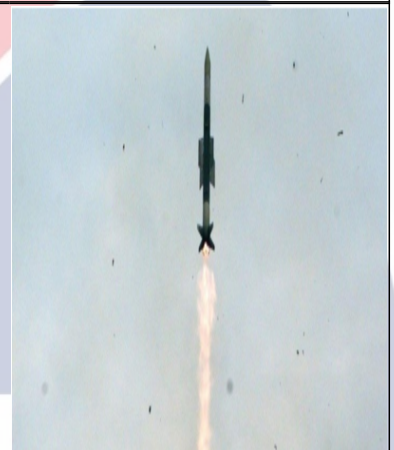
A - DRDO

B - ISRO

C - BHEL

D - HAL

DRDO and the Indian Navy successfully tested the VL-SRSAM missile in Chandipur, Odisha, which is capable of destroying high-speed aerial targets. This fully developed missile can be fired from Indian Navy warships and provides 360° protection. It can destroy fighter jets, helicopters, drones and sea-borne missiles.



7. When was the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) launched?

A - Year 2017

B - Year 2018

C - Year 2020

D - Year 2021

India's textile industry contributes 2% to GDP and is expected to reach \$350 billion by 2030, creating 35 million jobs. India is the sixth largest exporter with a 3.9% share in global textile exports. The growing use of technical textiles is transforming the industry. The government launched the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) in 2020, for which a budget of ₹1,480 crore has been allocated.



8. Where was the 14th edition of the India-Russia bilateral naval exercise 'Indra-2025' held?

A - Chennai, Bay of Bengal

B - Arabian Sea

C - Jaisalmer

D - Punjab

The 14th edition of the India-Russia joint naval exercise Indra began on 28 March 2025 off the Chennai coast and will continue till 2 April. It will be held in two phases—the harbour phase (28-31 March) and the sea phase (31 March-2 April) in the Bay of Bengal. The first edition took place in 2003.





## One Liner

1. By when is the government planning to complete the Bharat Net project - **By March 2027**
2. Abel Prize - 2025 winner Masaki Kashiwara is a resident of which country - **Japan**
3. The new Pamban rail bridge will be inaugurated by - **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
4. The Punjab government will set up the state's first leopard safari in which wildlife sanctuary - **'Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary'**
5. Recently, the central government has decided to discontinue the Gold Monetization Scheme, when was it started - **In November 2015**
6. When was the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) formed - **Year 1958**
7. How much budget has been allocated for the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) scheme till the year 2026 - **₹ 1480 crore**
8. When was the first edition of the India-Russia bilateral naval exercise 'Indra' held - **"In the year 2003"**
9. When is Universal Acceptance Day celebrated across the world - **March 28**
10. Recently, the submarine that sank off the coast of Egypt has been discovered What is the name of the incident in which 6 foreign tourists were killed - **'Sindbad'**

