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**Ques: As per the RBI report, what was the total deposits of payments banks in India as of March 2025?**

- A) ₹18,000 crore
- B) ₹22,450 crore
- C) ₹25,605 crore
- D) ₹28,900 crore
- E) ₹30,000 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- According to the RBI report, deposits in India's payments banks increased by 57% year-on-year to ₹25,605 crore as of March 2025.
- As of March 2025, a total of six payments banks were operational in India with 81 branches across the country.
- Deposits, including savings and current accounts, accounted for 68.1% of the total liabilities of payments banks.
- On the asset side, investments were mainly in Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) securities due to restrictions on lending.
- Payments banks remained profitable for the third consecutive year in FY25, indicating improving financial stability.

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**Ques: Which Russian bank has been authorised by India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry to import gold for FY 2025–26 under the Foreign Trade Policy 2023?**

- A) VTB Bank
- B) Gazprombank
- C) Sber Bank
- D) Alfa-Bank
- E) Rosbank

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has added Russia's Sber Bank to the list of banks authorised to import gold for FY 2025–26, expanding the authorised importer base.
- The authorisation has been granted under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, as amended from time to time.
- Sber Bank's authorisation is valid from June 25, 2025, to March 31, 2026, and is restricted exclusively to gold imports meant for domestic consumption.
- With this inclusion, Sber Bank becomes the third bank—after Indian Overseas Bank and Union Bank of India—authorised to import only gold during FY 2025–26.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- **Aryaman Finance (India) Limited (AFIL) has received a Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start the business of a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).**
- **The Reserve Bank of India has postponed the implementation of Phase-II of Continuous Clearing and Settlement on Realisation (CCSR) under the Cheque Truncation System, which was earlier scheduled for 3 January 2026, until further notice.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a fresh round of liquidity measures, including open-market operations (OMOs) and a foreign exchange buy-sell swap, to inject nearly ₹3 trillion into the banking system.**
- **Digital payments firm Mswipe Technologies Private Limited received the final Payment Aggregator licence from the Reserve Bank of India.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of ₹61.95 lakh on Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance with certain regulatory guidelines.**
- **The RBI released the final guidelines titled “Commercial Banks – Undertaking of Financial Services, 2025” to provide flexibility in bank group reorganisation while strengthening compliance norms.**

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**Ques: Which scheme launched in Union Budget 2024–25 aims to promote early savings and long-term financial security for minors in India?**

- A) Atal Pension Yojana
- B) Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana
- C) Public Provident Fund
- D) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana
- E) National Pension System Vatsalya

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The National Pension System Vatsalya (NPS Vatsalya) was announced in the Union Budget 2024–25 on 23 July 2024 and launched by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The scheme is administered and regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- It is a saving-cum-pension scheme for all minor citizens up to 18 years, with the account opened in the name of the minor and operated by a parent or guardian.
- The minimum contribution is ₹1,000 to open the account and ₹1,000 per annum thereafter, with no upper limit on maximum contribution.
- At the age of 18, the account automatically converts into an NPS Tier-I (All Citizen) account, subject to fresh KYC within three months.

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**Ques: According to the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2024–25, by how much did the banking system's balance sheet expand during 2024–25?**

- A) 9.5%
- B) 10.2%
- C) 11.2%
- D) 12.0%
- E) 12.5%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- As per the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2024–25, the banking system's balance sheet expanded by 11.2% during the year.
- The total size of the banking system's balance sheet reached ₹312.2 lakh crore in 2024–25.
- During the same period, bank deposits registered a growth of 11.1%.
- Bank credit, including loans and advances, increased by 11.5%, broadly matching the pace of deposit growth.
- Overall, the report reflects steady and balanced growth in India's banking sector.

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## RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- The World Bank has provided a loan of ₹9,821 crore to the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL).
- Five loan agreements worth over \$2.2 billion given by ADB to India to Support key national flagship programmes and state-level projects in skilling, renewable energy, healthcare, urban transport, and sustainable livelihoods
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 240 million loan for the expansion of the Chennai Metro Rail network.
- Petronet LNG Limited has received a loan of ₹12,000 crore. The loan has been extended jointly by State Bank of India (SBI) and Bank of Baroda.
- The World Bank has approved \$600 million financing for two clean air programmes in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.
- The International Finance Corporation invested USD 50 million (approximately ₹450 crore) in GFCL EV Products Limited through compulsorily convertible instruments.

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**Ques: Which institution provided a ₹300 crore loan to the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) issued by Grihum Housing Finance Limited, marking its first-ever RMBS investment in India?**

- A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B) World Bank
- C) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- D) New Development Bank (NDB)
- E) International Finance Corporation (IFC)

**Answer: Option E**

Explanation:

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan of ₹300 crore (about USD 30 million) to the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) issued by Grihum Housing Finance Limited.
- This investment marks IFC's first-ever RMBS investment in India.
- The International Finance Corporation was established in 1956 and is headquartered in Washington, D.C., United States.
- IFC focuses on private sector development in emerging economies by providing investments, advisory services, and asset management.
- The current Managing Director of IFC is Makhtar Diop.





**Ques: As per RBI, how many Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) were operational at the end of FY25?**

- A) 1,472
- B) 1,463
- C) 1,457
- D) 1,489
- E) 1,426

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- According to the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India, the number of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) declined by 15 during FY25, bringing the total down to 1,457.
- The decline in the number of UCBs was mainly due to mergers and cancellation of licences.
- During FY25, a total of 7 mergers of UCBs were carried out, with 6 mergers in Maharashtra and 1 in Telangana.
- In comparison, FY24 witnessed 6 mergers of Urban Co-operative Banks.
- The RBI initiated the consolidation process of UCBs in 2004–05, focusing on amalgamation of weak banks and closure of unviable ones.
- As a result of this long-term consolidation, the total number of UCBs declined steadily from 1,926 in March 2004 to 1,457 in March 2025.





**Ques: What percentage of India's Broad Gauge (BG) railway network has been electrified, according to the Ministry of Railways?**

- A) 82%
- B) 90%
- C) 95%
- D) 99.2%
- E) 100%

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- According to a Ministry of Railways press release, Indian Railways has electrified 99.2% of its Broad Gauge (BG) network, bringing India close to a fully electrified railway system.
- In global comparison, India's electrification level (99.2%) is higher than the UK (39%), Russia (52%), and China (82%).
- A total of 14 railway zones have achieved 100% electrification, and 25 States/UTs are fully electrified.
- Between 2014 and 2025, 46,900 route km were electrified, more than double the 21,801 route km achieved in the previous 60 years.
- In 2023–24, 7,188 route km and in 2024–25, 2,701 route km were electrified.
- Rail transport emits 89% less CO<sub>2</sub> compared to road transport, supporting environmental sustainability.

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**Ques: From which date will Australia provide 100% duty-free access to all Indian exports under the India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)?**

- A) January 1, 2025
- B) December 29, 2025
- C) January 1, 2026
- D) April 1, 2026
- E) July 1, 2026

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Australia announced that it will provide 100% duty-free access to all Indian exports starting from January 1, 2026.
- This decision has been taken under the India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA).
- The ECTA came into force on December 29, 2022, and the announcement coincides with the third anniversary of the agreement.
- The agreement has significantly boosted Indian exports, enhanced market access, and strengthened supply-chain resilience.
- The announcement was made by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal.





**Ques: Which milestone related to India's space programme was highlighted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 129th episode of Mann Ki Baat aired on 28 December 2025?**

- A) Launch of India's first space station module
- B) First Indian spacewalk mission
- C) Shubhanshu Shukla becoming the first Indian to reach the International Space Station
- D) Successful landing of Gaganyaan crew module
- E) Launch of Chandrayaan-4 mission

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- In the 129th episode of Mann Ki Baat aired on 28 December 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reflected on India's achievements in 2025 and outlined aspirations for the coming year.
- He highlighted that Shubhanshu Shukla became the first Indian to reach the International Space Station (ISS), marking a major milestone in India's space journey.
- The year 2025 also marked 150 years of Vande Mataram, celebrated through public participation using the hashtag #VandeMataram150.
- On the environmental front, PM Modi noted that India's cheetah population has crossed 30, indicating success in wildlife conservation.
- He also mentioned archaeological discoveries in Jehanpora, Baramulla (Jammu & Kashmir), revealing Kashmir's 2,000-year-old Buddhist heritage, and paid tribute to Parvati Giri of Odisha ahead of her birth centenary in January 2026.

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**Ques: Which authority reinstated Gujarat as a tiger-bearing state after 33 years?**

- A) Wildlife Institute of India (WII)
- B) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C) National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
- D) Forest Survey of India (FSI)
- E) None of these

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Gujarat has been officially reinstated as a tiger-bearing state after a gap of 33 years.
- The decision was taken by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).
- The presence of a tiger was confirmed in Ratnamahal Wildlife Sanctuary in central Gujarat.
- With this confirmation, Gujarat will now be included in the All-India Tiger Census.
- Gujarat had earlier lost its 'Tiger State' status in 1992 due to the absence of tigers.

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**Ques: Which organisation notified India's first dedicated standard 'IS 19445:2025' for bomb disposal systems to enhance internal security preparedness?**

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C) Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)
- D) National Security Guard (NSG)
- E) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has notified India's first dedicated standard, 'IS 19445:2025', for bomb disposal systems to strengthen internal security preparedness and safety infrastructure.
- The standard was developed at the request of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratory (TBRL) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Bomb disposal systems covered under the standard include three commonly deployed categories: bomb blankets, bomb baskets, and bomb inhibitors.

**About Bureau of Indian Standards:**

- Established: 1987
- HQ: New Delhi
- Director General: Sanjay Garg

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**Ques: Which two organisations signed an MoU to strengthen quality control and third-party testing in national highway and infrastructure projects in India?**

- A) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and NHAI
- B) National Test House (NTH) and CPWD
- C) National Test House (NTH) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- D) CSIR and NHAI
- E) IITs and NHAI

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The National Test House (NTH) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to strengthen quality control and third-party testing in national highway and infrastructure projects.
- Under the agreement, NTH will be empanelled as a recognised laboratory for NHAI, and highway construction samples may be sent to NTH laboratories across India for testing and inspection.
- Samples will be tested at NTH's regional laboratories and satellite centres located in Ghaziabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Jaipur, Guwahati, Bengaluru and Varanasi.
- NTH will provide scientific and impartial test results within an optimum time frame through its online MIS portal as well as physical reports.
- Established in 1912, the National Test House functions under the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and has a pan-India presence.

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## News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Ministry of Textiles will receive over ₹1,100 crore, which is about 22% of the total ₹6,000 crore Cotton Productivity Mission budget.
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) launched the “Comprehensive Internship Policy for MYAS and its Autonomous Bodies” with an annual budget of ₹5.30 crore.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has granted No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to two new airlines, AI Hind Air and FlyExpress.
- Union Minister Amit Shah launched India’s first national-level Organised Crime Network Database (OCND) under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- The National Commission for Women (NCW), under the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), launched the ‘SHAKTI Scholars: NCW Young Research Fellowship’ to promote policy-oriented research on women-related issues in India.
- Union Minister Amit Shah, from the Ministry of Home Affairs, convened a high-level meeting for the formation of a dedicated body called the Bureau of Port Security (BoPS).

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**Ques: What name has TRAI recommended for the new light-touch service authorisation to regulate the sale of foreign telecom service providers' SIM/eSIM cards for M2M/IoT devices meant for export?**

- A) International M2M SIM Service Authorisation
- B) Foreign Telecom SIM Authorisation
- C) Global IoT Connectivity Authorisation
- D) Export Telecom Device Authorisation
- E) Cross-Border IoT Service Licence

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released recommendations on a regulatory framework for the sale of foreign telecom service providers' SIM/eSIM cards for use in M2M/IoT devices meant for export.
- TRAI recommended that such sales be regulated through a light-touch service authorisation under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
- The proposed authorisation has been named "International M2M SIM Service Authorisation."
- Any company registered under the Indian Companies Act will be eligible for this authorisation, with NIL entry fee, equity requirement, net-worth requirement, bank guarantee, and authorisation fee; only an application processing fee of ₹5,000 is payable.
- The validity period of the authorisation will be 10 years, and foreign SIM/eSIM cards may be activated in India for testing purposes for a maximum period of six months.





About TRAI :

- Established : 1997
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Anil Kumar Lahoti



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**Ques: President Droupadi Murmu undertook a submarine sortie onboard which Indian Navy submarine?**

- A) INS Arihant
- B) INS Kalvari
- C) INS Vaghsheer
- D) INS Sindhurakshak
- E) INS Vela

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu undertook a dived submarine sortie onboard INS Vaghsheer on the Western Seaboard.
- She embarked the submarine from Karwar Naval Harbour in Karnataka.
- INS Vaghsheer is a Kalvari-class submarine built under Project-75 and is indigenously constructed.
- This marked the maiden submarine sortie undertaken by President Droupadi Murmu.
- She became the second President of India to undertake a submarine sortie, after Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in 2006.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) & Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) signed MOU to enhance collaboration on defence and internal security
- The agreement was signed between the National Test House (NTH) and the Department of Posts.
- India Optel Limited (IOL), a Mini Navratna Defence PSU, signed a collaboration agreement with France's Safran Electronics & Defence.
- Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) and International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (Telangana) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate across academics, research, training, and development
- India and the Netherlands signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation in maritime heritage, museum design, and cultural exchange.
- Indian Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Raghu Vamsi Par East Automation Private Limited to fast-track the development and induction of indigenous drone capabilities for land systems.

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**Ques: Which scheme of the Ministry of MSME aims to promote innovation, rural industry, and entrepreneurship with a focus on skill development, incubation, and job creation in rural areas?**

- A) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)
- B) MSME Champions Scheme
- C) ASPIRE Scheme
- D) National SC–ST Hub Scheme
- E) Yashasvini Campaign

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- ASPIRE stands for A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industry, and Entrepreneurship and is implemented by the Ministry of MSME.
- The objective of ASPIRE is to promote entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities in rural areas.
- The Government runs outreach and awareness programmes for women and SC/ST entrepreneurs through MSME field offices in collaboration with States/UTs.
- Under the National SC–ST Hub Scheme, capacity building of SC/ST entrepreneurs is undertaken.
- Vendor Development Programmes (VDPs) for SC/ST and women are organised under PMSS, with CPSUs also conducting VDPs.
- As announced in Union Budget 2025, term loans up to ₹2 crore are provided for first-time women, SC, and ST entrepreneurs.
- Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a credit-linked subsidy scheme for self-employment, with 39% women beneficiaries; women receive a higher subsidy of 35%, while the general category gets up to 25%.





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- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma
- C) Union Home Minister Amit Shah
- D) Minister of Culture G. Kishan Reddy
- E) Governor of Assam

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the Jyoti–Bishnu International Art Centre in Guwahati, Assam.
- The Jyoti–Bishnu Auditorium has been constructed at a cost of approximately ₹291 crore.
- The centre has been built in memory of two great Assamese litterateurs and artists—Jyoti Prasad Agarwala and Bishnu Prasad Rabha.
- Jyoti Prasad Agarwala made Assam’s first film Joymoti, laying the foundation of Assamese cinema.
- Guru Bishnu Prasad Rabha played a significant role in strengthening the freedom movement through art and culture.

**About Assam :**

- Capital : Dispur
- CM : Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Governor : Lakshman Acharya





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**Ques: Who won the Women's Singles title at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships held in Vijayawada?**

- A) Tanvi Patri
- B) Ashmita Chaliha
- C) Malvika Bansod
- D) Surya Charishma Tamiri
- E) Aakarshi Kashyap

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Surya Charishma Tamiri from Andhra Pradesh won the Women's Singles crown at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships held in Vijayawada.
- She defeated Tanvi Patri in a closely contested final match.
- In the Men's Singles final, Rithvik Sanjeevi S of Tamil Nadu emerged as the champion after defeating Bharat Raghav in straight games.
- The Senior National Badminton Championships is one of India's most prestigious domestic badminton tournaments.

**Winners 2025 – Senior National Badminton Championships:**

- Men's Singles: Rithvik Sanjeevi S
- Women's Singles: Surya Charishma Tamiri
- Men's Doubles: A. Hariharan & Ruban Kumar
- Women's Doubles : Shikha Gautam & Ashwini Bhat K
- Mixed Doubles : Sathwik Reddy K & Radhika Sharma





**Ques: The Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) and Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) were notified by which ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Heavy Industries
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
- D) Ministry of Defence
- E) Ministry of Finance

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) has notified the operational guidelines for two major shipbuilding initiatives—Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) and Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS).
- The objective of these schemes is to strengthen India's domestic shipbuilding capacity and enhance global competitiveness.
- SBFAS has a total corpus of ₹24,736 crore and provides financial assistance ranging from 15% to 25% per vessel, depending on the category.
- SbDS has a budgetary outlay of ₹19,989 crore and focuses on long-term capacity and capability creation in the shipbuilding sector.

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**Ques: Where did the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2026 commence with the “Sarv Dharm Pooja”?**

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
- B) Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt
- C) Red Fort, Delhi
- D) India Gate Lawns, New Delhi
- E) National War Memorial, Delhi

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2026 commenced at the Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt, with the “Sarv Dharm Pooja”.
- The month-long camp includes various inter-directorate competitions and events showcasing discipline, leadership, and cultural unity.
- A total of 2,406 cadets, including 898 girl cadets, from 28 states and 8 Union Territories are participating—the highest number ever in RDC history.
- Cadets and officers from 25 Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) are also participating under the Youth Exchange Programme (YEP).
- National Cadet Corps (NCC) was established in 1948, headquartered in New Delhi, and is led by Director General Lt. Gen. Virendra Vats.

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**Ques: By when does the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) plan to expand the total number of Aadhaar Seva Kendras to 473 across India?**

- A) September 2025
- B) December 2025
- C) September 2026
- D) March 2027
- E) June 2027

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- UIDAI has inaugurated a new Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) at Mangaluru in Dakshina Kannada district, Karnataka.
- UIDAI plans to open a total of 22 Aadhaar Seva Kendras across Karnataka.
- The total number of Aadhaar Seva Kendras across India will be expanded to 473 by September 2026 to improve accessibility and service delivery.
- Aadhaar Seva Kendras provide Aadhaar enrolment, biometric updates, and demographic correction services, especially for adults.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched the “Atal Canteen Scheme” to provide nutritious and hygienic meals at a highly subsidised rate of ₹5 per plate.
- The Union Home Ministry revised the guidelines under the ‘Support to Poor Prisoners’ scheme, which was launched in 2023.
- The Supreme Court ruled that families of doctors who died while performing COVID-19 duties are entitled to ₹50 lakh insurance under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY).
- The Government has approved Namu Drone Didi as a Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of ₹1,261 crore for 2023–24 to 2025–26.
- PM E-DRIVE scheme was notified on 29 September 2024 with a total allocation of ₹4,391 crore.
- System for Pension Administration – Raksha (SPARSH) has onboarded over 31 lakh defence pensioners across India and Nepal as of November 2025. SPARSH is a flagship Digital India initiative of the Ministry of Defence
- The Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) was launched to enhance the quality and reliability of electricity supply across India.

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**Ques: Which Indian institution will host eight sporting disciplines of the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) 2029?**

- A) Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)
- B) National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)
- C) Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- D) Gujarat University
- E) Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, will host eight sporting disciplines of the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) 2029.
- WPFG is a biennial, Olympic-style international event for police, fire, and emergency service personnel.
- RRU will host: Wrist Wrestling, Bench Press, Bodybuilding, Cross Country (10 km), Push–Pull Lifting, Muster, Indoor Rowing, and Darts.
- In 2025, over 9,000 athletes participated in the USA edition, and India won more than 600 medals.
- RRU will also host the 2nd International Olympic Research Conference (IORC) in Gandhinagar from January 27–30, 2026.
- The theme of IORC 2026 is “Building a Sustainable Olympic Ecosystem through Education, Governance and Research.”





**Ques: Which institutions signed the Work Plan 2025–27 to strengthen agricultural cooperation between India and Argentina?**

- A) ICAR and INTA
- B) Ministry of Agriculture (India) and INTA
- C) ICAR and FAO
- D) NITI Aayog and INTA
- E) ICAR and Ministry of Agriculture, Argentina

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- India and Argentina signed the Work Plan 2025–27 in New Delhi to enhance bilateral agricultural cooperation.
- The agreement was signed between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Argentina's National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA).
- Collaboration focuses on agricultural research and technology exchange, natural resource management, and sustainable agronomy practices.
- Sustainable agronomy initiatives include zero tillage, mechanisation, micro-irrigation, and fertigation.
- Other areas include germplasm exchange, expert exchanges, training in advanced agricultural technologies, oilseeds and pulses value chains, agricultural mechanisation (e.g., cotton harvesting machinery), and use of drones in agriculture.

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**Ques: Which cricketer became the first bowler in history to take eight wickets in a men's T20 International match?**

- A) Sonam Yeshey
- B) Wanindu Hasaranga
- C) Rashid Khan
- D) Mustafizur Rahman
- E) Kuldeep Yadav

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation | व्याख्या:**

- Sonam Yeshey of Bhutan became the first bowler in men's T20 International history to take eight wickets in a single match.
- This achievement occurred during the third T20I against Myanmar at Gelephu.
- The 22-year-old left-arm spinner took 8 wickets for just 7 runs in 4 overs, including a maiden over.
- His economy rate of 1.80 made it one of the best bowling performances in T20I history.
- This historic feat sets a new benchmark in men's T20I cricket.

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## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Tripura Assembly Speaker Biswa Bandhu Sen passed away. He was serving as the 11th speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly since March 2023.

The Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, has achieved a significant milestone by awarding 12 Government Approved Test Centre (GATC) certificates to 11 private entities, strengthening India's legal metrology verification ecosystem through a structured public-private partnership framework.

Department of Social Justice & Empowerment signed MOU with Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Dhanwantari Ashram and University of Patanjali under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan, India's flagship mission to create a drug-free society.

Software Development Institute (SDI) of Indian Air Force (IAF) & Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) signed a MOU to jointly design and develop an indigenous digital communication system for airborne applications

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