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Ques: As per RBI stress tests, what is the expected GNPA ratio of NBFCs under the baseline scenario by September 2026?

- A) 2.3%
- B) 2.5%
- C) 2.7%
- D) 2.9%
- E) 3.5%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- **Under** the baseline scenario, RBI's stress tests project that the system-level Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio of NBFCs will rise from 2.3% in September 2024 to 2.9% by September 2026.
- This indicates a gradual deterioration in asset quality, though overall capital adequacy (CRAR) is expected to remain well above the regulatory minimum of 15%.
- RBI also highlighted uneven resilience within the NBFC sector, with 8 NBFCs potentially falling below the minimum CRAR threshold even under the baseline scenario.

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Ques: What key change has the Ministry of Corporate Affairs introduced regarding KYC compliance for company directors under the Companies Act, 2013?

- A) Mandatory monthly KYC filing
- B) Replacement of annual KYC with once-in-five-years filing
- C) Replacement of annual KYC with once-in-three-years simplified KYC
- D) Complete removal of KYC requirement for directors
- E) KYC filing applicable only to newly appointed directors

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has eased compliance norms for company directors by replacing the mandatory annual KYC filing with a simplified KYC requirement once every three years.
- This change follows a review of Rule 12A of the Companies (Appointment & Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014, based on the recommendations of the High-Level Committee on Non-Financial Regulatory Reforms and stakeholder suggestions.
- The amended rules were notified on December 31, 2025, and will come into effect from March 31, 2026.
- Under the revised framework, directors must submit a simplified KYC intimation once every three years instead of filing KYC annually.
- The revised KYC Form can be used for KYC compliance, updating mobile number, email address, residential address, and re-activation of Director Identification Number (DIN).
- Digital signature verification by the director and certification by a professional will be mandatory only when the KYC form is submitted for updating mobile number, email address, or residential address.
- Directors who have already completed their KYC requirements are covered under the new provisions, and their next KYC filing will be due by June 30, 2028.
- Directors who have not yet submitted their KYC Form can continue to get their DIN re-activated under existing provisions till March 31, 2026.





Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has simplified the procedure for issuance of duplicate securities by increasing the monetary threshold for simplified documentation from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has decided to exclude Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) bonds and delisted securities from the valuation threshold used to determine eligibility for a Basic Services Demat Account (BSDA).
- SEBI has eased the re-KYC process for existing NRI clients by removing the requirement of being physically present in India during digital re-KYC.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved Groww as an Online Bond Platform Provider (OBPP).
- National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) has received in-principle approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to launch a Mutual Fund transaction platform.
- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) received in-principle approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to register the Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (RIIT) as an Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT).

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Ques : What percentage of the FY26 Budget Estimate did India's fiscal deficit reach during April–November 2025?

- A) 52.5%
- B) 58.4%
- C) 60.1%
- D) 62.3%
- E) 65.0%

Answer : Option D

Explanation:

- According to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), India's fiscal deficit during April–November FY26 stood at ₹9.77 trillion, which is 62.3% of the Budget Estimate (BE) for the full financial year 2025–26.
- In the same period last year, the fiscal deficit was ₹8.5 trillion (52.5% of BE), indicating a higher pace of spending in the current fiscal.
- The increase was mainly driven by a 28% year-on-year rise in capital expenditure, while non-tax revenues remained strong due to higher dividends from PSUs, public sector banks, and the RBI.
- The Centre has set a fiscal deficit target of 4.4% of GDP for FY26.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **Ratan Kumar Kesh** : Executive Director (ED) of Bandhan Bank
- **Brajesh Kumar Singh** : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Canara Bank. (replaced K. Satyanarayana Raju)
- **Ms. Shahla Ayoub** : Independent Directors in J&K Bank for Tenure 3 Years (Dec 26, 2025 – Dec 25, 2028)
- **Bibhu Prasad (BP) Kanungo**, former Deputy Governor of RBI : Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of IIFL Finance Limited
- **Ashwini Kumar Tewari** : Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India
- **Ravi Ranjan (Deputy MD in SBI)** : Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (Replaced Vinay M. Tonse)
- **Ajai Kumar Shukla** : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of PNB Housing Finance
- **Vikram Sahu** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of America NA (BANA) in India for a tenure of three years.

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Ques: Which group has received in-principle approval from SEBI to act as sponsor and establish a new Mutual Fund?

- A) Motilal Oswal Group
- B) Edelweiss Group
- C) Ashika Group
- D) JM Financial Group
- E) IIFL Group

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ashika Group has received in-principle approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to act as a sponsor and establish Ashika Mutual Fund.
- This approval allows the group to form an Asset Management Company (AMC) and initiate preparations for launching mutual fund schemes, subject to final registration.
- Ashika Group was established in 1994 and operates as a comprehensive financial services platform.

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Ques: Who has been given additional charge as the interim Managing Director & CEO of Canara Bank?

- A) Satyanarayana Raju
- B) Brajesh Kumar Singh
- C) Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia
- D) Rajnish Kumar
- E) Ashok Chandra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Canara Bank has assigned the additional charge of Managing Director & CEO to its Executive Director, Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia, with effect from January 1, 2026.
- The interim appointment will remain valid for three months, or until a regular MD & CEO is appointed, or until further orders.
- The decision follows the superannuation of the incumbent MD & CEO, Satyanarayana Raju.
- Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia joined the banking sector in 1992 as an Agricultural Field Officer at Allahabad Bank (now Indian Bank) and has over three decades of experience across diverse banking segments.
- The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended Brajesh Kumar Singh, currently Executive Director at Indian Bank, as the next regular MD & CEO of Canara Bank.

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Ques: What major change has the Ministry of Finance introduced in the taxation of 'sin goods' such as tobacco and pan masala, effective from February 1, 2026?

- A) Complete removal of GST on tobacco products
- B) Reduction in GST rates on cigarettes and pan masala
- C) Replacement of GST with only excise duty
- D) Introduction of additional excise duty and health cess replacing GST Compensation Cess
- E) Uniform 18% GST on all tobacco products

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance has notified a revised tax framework for 'sin goods' such as tobacco, pan masala and related products, effective from February 1, 2026.
- Under the new framework, an additional excise duty and a Health and National Security Cess will replace the existing GST Compensation Cess.
- Pan masala, cigarettes and other tobacco products will continue to attract 40% GST, while biris will remain taxed at 18%.
- From February 1, 2026, tobacco products will be subject to an additional excise duty, while pan masala will also attract a Health and National Security Cess over and above GST.
- The additional excise duty rates include 91% on gutkha, 82% on chewing tobacco and jarda scented tobacco, and 33% on hookah tobacco.

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- Cigarettes will attract an excise duty ranging from ₹2,050 to ₹8,500 per 1,000 sticks, depending on length and filter type.
- सिगरेट पर लंबाई और फ़िल्टर के आधार पर प्रति 1,000 सिगरेट ₹2,050 से ₹8,500 तक का उत्पाद शुल्क लगेगा



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Ques: Who chaired the 50th meeting of PRAGATI, marking a decade of transformative governance in India?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Nitin Gadkari
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Narendra Modi

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 50th meeting of PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation), marking ten years of its role in accelerating governance and project implementation.
- During the meeting, the Prime Minister reviewed five critical infrastructure projects across key sectors such as Roads, Railways, Power, Water Resources, and Coal.
- PRAGATI has been instrumental in unlocking and fast-tracking infrastructure projects that had remained stalled for decades.
- The Bogibeel Bridge in Assam, conceived in 1997, was completed through effective PRAGATI monitoring.
- The Jammu–Srinagar Rail Link, where work began in 1995, was decisively unlocked through this platform.

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- Other long-pending projects unlocked include the Navi Mumbai International Airport (conceptualized in 1997), Bhilai Steel Plant Modernization (approved in 2007), and the Gadawara and LARA Thermal Power Projects (sanctioned in 2008–2009).

Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) :

- Launched : March 25, 2015
- Design & Support : Designed by PMO with help from National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- Platform Type : ICT-enabled, multi-modal platform (Data, Videoconferencing, Geo-spatial)
- The "PRAGATI Day" : Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 3:30 PM.
- Three-Tier System Involve : 1. PMO, 2. Union Secretaries, 3. State Chief Secretaries.
- Genesis : Based on the SWAGAT (State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology) platform launched by PM Modi in Gujarat in 2003.

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Ques: Under the draft Rules of the four Labour Codes, what is the mandated maximum work week?

- A) 40 hours
- B) 45 hours
- C) 48 hours
- D) 54 hours
- E) 60 hours

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Labour Ministry has pre-published draft Rules for the four Labour Codes on its official website and invited public feedback within a 45-day window.
- The draft Rules comprehensively define workers, wages, types of employment, gratuity, bonus, and social security, including provisions for gig and platform workers.
- As per the draft Labour Codes Rules, a uniform 48-hour work week has been mandated across establishments.
- Special provisions have been included for workplaces where women work night shifts, covering safety measures, consent, and transport facilities.
- The Code on Wages Rules subsume 18 existing rules, including Minimum Wages Rules and Equal Remuneration Rules, thereby simplifying the regulatory framework.
- Minimum wages will be fixed based on the concept of a standard working-class family, which includes an earning worker, spouse, and two children, along with defined consumption and expenditure criteria.





Ques: Who was awarded the Israel Prize for Peace, Israel's highest civilian honour?

- A) Joe Biden
- B) Benjamin Netanyahu
- C) Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- D) Emmanuel Macron
- E) Donald Trump

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Israel Prize for Peace, Israel's highest civilian honour, was conferred on US President Donald Trump.
- The award was presented during bilateral talks held in Florida at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence.
- This marks the first time the Israel Prize has been awarded to a non-Israeli citizen.
- It is also the first time that the Peace category of the Israel Prize has been awarded.
- Notably, this recognition follows Donald Trump recently receiving the FIFA Peace Prize.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, one of France's highest civilian honours : Ravi Decece
- '40 Under 40 Lawyer Award' 2025 : India Advocate Shubham Awasthi at 6th Edition of the BW Legal World 40 Under 40 Lawyers and Legal Influencers Awards 2025, held in New Delhi
- Turner Prize : British contemporary artist Nnena Kalu
- Golden Globe Horizon Award at Red Sea Film Festival : Alia Bhatt
- Best Domestic Airline award : India's national carrier Air India
- Best FIFA Men's Player : France's Ousmane Dembélé
- Best FIFA Women's Player : Spain's Aitana Bonmatí
- Geddes Gavel Award : Col Prateek Roy of the Indian Army
- Oman's highest civilian honour, 'The First Class of the Order of Oman' Awarded by Sultan Haitham bin Tarik : Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Ques: Which state has become the first in India to constitute its 8th State Pay Commission ahead of the expiry of the 7th Pay Commission?

- A) Assam
- B) Karnataka
- C) Maharashtra
- D) West Bengal
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Assam has become the first state in India to constitute its 8th State Pay Commission, taking a proactive step ahead of the scheduled expiry of the 7th Pay Commission on January 1, 2026.
- The decision has drawn significant attention from state government employees and pensioners, who have been awaiting clarity on the next round of pay and pension revision.
- With this move, Assam has taken the lead over other states, even as the Union Government's 8th Pay Commission is yet to formally commence its work.
- As per standard practice, the 8th State Pay Commission is expected to submit its recommendations within a period of around 18 months.

About Assam:

- Capital: Dispur
- Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Governor: Lakshman Acharya





Ques: What recent decision has NHA taken regarding the Know Your Vehicle (KYV) process for FASTags in the Car/Jeep/Van category?

- A) KYV made mandatory for all existing FASTags
- B) KYV replaced with Aadhaar-based verification
- C) KYV discontinued for new FASTags except complaint-based cases
- D) KYV mandatory only for commercial vehicles
- E) Complete removal of vehicle verification for FASTags

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHA) has decided to discontinue the Know Your Vehicle (KYV) process for Car/Jeep/Van category FASTags.
- This change will be effective from February 1, 2026, and will apply to all new FASTag issuances for cars.
- KYV will now be required only in specific complaint-based cases such as loose FASTags, incorrect issuance, misuse, or disputes.
- In the absence of any complaint, no KYV requirement will apply.
- FASTag activation will be allowed only after vehicle details are verified from the VAHAN database.
- RC-based validation will be permitted only in exceptional cases, such as when vehicle data is unavailable on VAHAN, and issuer banks will be fully accountable.

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Ques: Parvati–Arga Bird Sanctuary, recently declared an Eco-Sensitive Zone, is designated as which of the following?

- A) Biosphere Reserve
- B) Tiger Reserve
- C) Ramsar Site
- D) National Park
- E) Community Reserve

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government has declared the Parvati–Arga Bird Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
- The sanctuary is a permanent freshwater ecosystem comprising two oxbow lakes—Parvati and Arga.
- Parvati–Arga Bird Sanctuary is a Ramsar Site, underscoring its international importance as a wetland.
- Spread over 1,084 hectares, it serves as a habitat for migratory birds arriving from Central Asia and Tibet.
- Eco-Sensitive Zones are notified to regulate activities around protected areas and conserve fragile ecosystems, and they may extend up to 10 km around such areas as per guidelines.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Indian women's cricket achieved a major milestone as Deepti Sharma became the highest wicket-taker in Women's T20 International cricket.
- Sonam Yeshey of Bhutan created history by becoming the first bowler ever to take eight wickets in a men's T20 International match.
- Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, will host eight sporting disciplines of the World Police and Fire Games (WPFNG) 2029.
- Surya Charishma Tamiri from Andhra Pradesh won the Women's Singles crown at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships held in Vijayawada.
- Virat Kohli became the fastest to score 16,000 runs in List-A cricket, achieving the milestone in just 330 innings.
- Kashi (Varanasi) will host the 72nd Senior National Volleyball Championship for both men's and women's teams from January 4 to 11, 2026.
- Indian men's hockey team vice-captain and two-time Olympic medallist Hardik Singh has been nominated for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 2025 at the National Sports Awards.

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Ques: Who was awarded a Damehood (DBE) in King Charles III's New Year Honours List 2026?

- A) Meera Syal
- B) Gurinder Chadha
- C) Parminder Nagra
- D) Anita Rani
- E) Sanjeev Bhaskar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Renowned British-Indian comedian, actress, and writer Meera Syal was awarded a Damehood (DBE) in King Charles III's New Year Honours List 2026.
- Earlier, Meera Syal had been honoured with an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in 1997 and a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) in 2015.
- A total of 1,157 individuals were honoured in the New Year Honours List 2026.
- Toby Roberts, aged 20 years, was the youngest recipient and was honoured with an MBE.
- John Hearn, aged 102 years, was the oldest recipient and received the BEM (British Empire Medal).

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the International Event Ambassador for the 21st edition of the Tata Mumbai Marathon (TMM 2025)?

- A) Usain Bolt (Jamaica)
- B) Andre De Grasse (Canada)
- C) Wayde van Niekerk (South Africa)
- D) Yohan Blake (Jamaica)
- E) Fred Kerley (USA)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Seven-time Olympic medallist sprinter Andre De Grasse of Canada has been appointed as the International Event Ambassador for the 21st edition of the Tata Mumbai Marathon (TMM 2025).
- The Tata Mumbai Marathon 2025 is scheduled to be held on January 18, 2026, in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The International Event Ambassador programme has been designed and curated by Procam International since the inception of the Tata Mumbai Marathon in 2004.

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Ques: Which country has India surpassed to become the world's fourth-largest economy?

- A) Germany
- B) China
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Japan
- E) France

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has surpassed Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy.
- India's GDP is estimated at about USD 4.18 trillion.
- India is expected to overtake Germany by 2030 to become the world's third-largest economy.
- The United States remains the largest economy, followed by China.
- Real GDP growth stood at 8.2% in Q2 of FY 2025–26, compared to 7.8% in Q1.
- The growth momentum has been driven mainly by strong private consumption and robust domestic demand.
- India continues to rank among the fastest-growing major economies in the world.

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Ques: Where was the 27th edition of the FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship 2025 held?

- A) Doha, Qatar
- B) Moscow, Russia
- C) Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- D) Almaty, Kazakhstan
- E) Oslo, Norway

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 27th edition of the FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship 2025 was held at the Sports and Events Complex, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar.
- Norwegian Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen won his sixth World Rapid Championship title in the Open category.
- In the Women's Rapid category, Russian Grandmaster Aleksandra Goryachkina won her maiden FIDE Women's World Rapid Championship.
- Magnus Carlsen also clinched his ninth World Blitz Championship title in the Open category.
- In the Women's Blitz category, Bibisara Assaubayeva of Kazakhstan emerged as the champion.





1. Magnus Carlsen (Norway) - (Open Section), Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kazakhstan) - (Women's Section)
2. Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzbekistan) - (Open Section), Anna Muzychuk (Ukraine) - (Women's Section)
3. Arjun Erigaisi (India) and Fabiano Caruana (USA) - (Open Section), Zhu Jiner (China) and Eline Roebers (Netherlands) - (Women's Section)

2025 FIDE World Rapid Chess Championships:

1. Magnus Carlsen (Norway) - (Open Section), Aleksandra Goryachkina (Russia) - (Women's Section)
2. Vladislav Artemiev (Russia) - (Open Section), Zhu Jiner (China) - (Women's Section)
3. Arjun Erigaisi (India) - (Open Section), Koneru Humpy (India) - (Women's Section)

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Ques: For the first time, a specially curated animal contingent of the Remount and Veterinary Corps will feature which of the following animals?

- A) Horses, elephants, dolphins, and sniffer dogs
- B) Bactrian camels, Zanskar ponies, raptors, and Indian breed Army dogs
- C) Arabian camels, mules, eagles, and foreign breed dogs
- D) Elephants, mules, hawks, and police dogs
- E) Horses, camels, parrots, and tracker dogs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- For the first time, the Remount and Veterinary Corps is showcasing a carefully curated animal contingent.
- The contingent will feature two Bactrian camels and four Zanskar ponies.
- It will also include four raptors and ten Indian breed Army dogs. Six conventional military dogs already in service will also be part of the contingent.
- The contingent highlights the diverse and specialised role of animals in the Indian Armed Forces.

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Ques: What new service was launched by BSNL across all telecom circles in India to improve connectivity in areas with weak cellular signals?

- A) 5G Standalone Service
- B) Satellite Calling Service
- C) Voice over WiFi (VoWiFi) or Wi-Fi Calling
- D) National Roaming Plus
- E) VoNR (Voice over New Radio)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) launched its Voice over WiFi (VoWiFi) service, commonly known as Wi-Fi Calling, across all telecom circles in India.
- The service is designed for locations with weak cellular network coverage, such as basements, high-rise buildings, and remote rural areas.
- VoWiFi operates on the IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) platform, enabling seamless call handover between Wi-Fi networks and mobile networks using Voice over LTE (VoLTE) without call drops.
- Established: 15 September 2000 | HQ: New Delhi | CMD: A. Robert J. Ravi | Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Communications

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Ques: Which country adopted the Euro as its official currency from January 1, 2026, becoming the 21st member of the Eurozone?

- A) Romania
- B) Croatia
- C) Bulgaria
- D) Hungary
- E) Czech Republic

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bulgaria adopted the Euro (EUR) as its official currency from January 1, 2026, replacing the Bulgarian lev (BGN).
- The decision followed approval by the Council of the European Union on July 8, 2025, confirming that Bulgaria met all Maastricht convergence criteria.
- The irrevocable conversion rate was fixed at 1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN.
- With this move, Bulgaria became the 21st member of the Eurozone, the group of European countries using the euro as their official currency.
- Following euro adoption, the Bulgarian National Bank (BNB) joined the Eurosystem and became part of the European Central Bank (ECB) framework.

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Ques: What will be the name of Goa's third district, recently announced by the Chief Minister?

- A) Kushavati
- B) Zuari
- C) Mandovi
- D) Mahadayi
- E) Kalay

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Goa is set to get its third district named Kushavati, marking a significant administrative reorganisation in the state.
- The announcement was made by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.
- The new district has been named after the ancient Kushavati river that flows through parts of the region.
- Currently, Goa has only two districts: North Goa and South Goa.

About Goa:

- Capital: Panaji
- CM: Pramod Sawant
- Governor: Ashok Gajapathi Raju

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Ministry of Defence signed defence contracts worth ₹4,666 crore in New Delhi to strengthen India's military capabilities.
- Department of Telecommunications (DoT), under the Ministry of Communications, released the National Frequency Allocation Plan 2025 (NFAP-2025) for the management and allocation of radio-frequency spectrum in India.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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.





Ques: What major reform has the Department of Posts implemented regarding international mail services, effective from January 1, 2026?

- A) Complete suspension of all international mail services
- B) Discontinuation of untracked and non-compliant international mail services
- C) Introduction of free international parcel services
- D) Restricting international mail only to government use
- E) Replacement of postal services with private couriers

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Posts has undertaken a major rationalization of its international mail services in line with Universal Postal Union (UPU) standards.
- These reforms aim to modernize global e-commerce, improve security, and ensure 100% trackability of international shipments.
- Effective January 1, 2026, services lacking adequate tracking or modern customs compliance have been discontinued.
- Registered Small Packet Service has been restricted to document-only items.
- Outward Small Packet Service for goods sent via Sea, SAL (Surface Air Lifted), or Air has been discontinued.
 - Traditional Surface and SAL outward international letter mail services have also been stopped.
- The move is driven by global security and customs norms, as many countries now mandate Electronic Advance Data (EAD), which untracked services cannot provide.
 - Certain services remain unchanged, including free Blind Literature services (except air surcharge), M-Bags governed by existing UPU norms, and registration of documents sent via Air mod e.





Ques: What major digital milestone did India achieve in November 2025 according to PIB data?

- A) Crossing 500 million internet users
- B) Achieving 100% broadband penetration
- C) Broadband subscriber base crossing 1 billion
- D) Launch of nationwide 6G services
- E) Doubling broadband users within one year

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India achieved a significant digital milestone in November 2025 as its broadband subscriber base crossed 1 billion (100 crore) users for the first time.
- According to data released by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), India had 100.37 crore broadband subscribers by the end of November 2025.
- This marks the first instance of the country crossing the 1 billion subscriber threshold.
- In November 2015, broadband subscribers numbered 131.49 million (13.15 crore).
- By November 2025, the subscriber base had expanded to 100.37 crore, representing more than a six-fold increase in ten years.





Ques: Which ministry unveiled a new institutional identity with a revamped logo and a first-of-its-kind mascot themed “Data for Development”?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Electronics & IT
- C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- E) NITI Aayog

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) unveiled its new institutional identity, featuring a redesigned logo and a first-of-its-kind mascot.
- The initiative is themed “Data for Development” and aims to humanize official statistics while bridging the gap between complex data and the general public.
- The Ashoka Chakra in the logo symbolizes truth, transparency, and good governance in data collection.
- The Rupee symbol (₹) placed at the center highlights the importance of statistics in economic planning, national growth, and policymaking.
- An upward growth bar represents the nation’s progress and reflects how reliable data forms the foundation of sustainable economic growth.

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