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Ques: Which entity launched the 'Axis Finance Vyapar Business Loan', a collateral-free credit solution for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in India?

- A) Axis Bank Limited
- B) Axis Finance Limited
- C) State Bank of India
- D) SIDBI
- E) NABARD

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Axis Finance Limited (AFL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Axis Bank Limited, launched the 'Axis Finance Vyapar Business Loan'.
- The loan is a collateral-free credit solution designed for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) across semi-urban and rural markets in India.
- The product offers collateral-free loans up to Rs 10 lakh with flexible repayment tenures.
- In addition, Axis Bank also launched the Safety Centre on its mobile banking application to enhance digital banking security for customers.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the Capital Gains Account Scheme (CGAS) authorised by the Government of India?

- A) To provide short-term loans to taxpayers
- B) To deposit unutilised long-term capital gains and claim tax exemption
- C) To promote savings among non-residents
- D) To invest capital gains directly in equity markets
- E) To replace existing capital gains tax provisions

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Capital Gains Account Scheme (CGAS) is authorised by the Government of India to help taxpayers manage uninvested long-term capital gains or sale proceeds of specified capital assets.
- The scheme allows taxpayers to deposit such uninvested amounts in a designated bank account.
- By depositing under CGAS, taxpayers can earn interest, claim tax exemption, and plan reinvestment for a period of up to three years.
- From 1 January 2026, the scheme is applicable to Resident Individuals and Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs).
- CGAS accounts can be opened at ICICI Bank branches, excluding rural branches, as per the scheme rules.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- **Axis Bank** has introduced a new feature called 'Safety Centre' on its mobile banking app to strengthen customer protection against digital fraud.
- **Federal Bank Limited** launched 'The Fortuna Wave', a refreshed brand identity, in Mumbai in the presence of Vidya Balan, the bank's brand ambassador.
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has launched a Special Revival Campaign to revive lapsed individual policies.
- **IDFC FIRST Bank** launched the Zero-Forex Diamond Reserve Credit Card as a premium offering for frequent international travellers.
- 'Gaj' is a premium metal credit card launched by IDFC First Bank Limited on an invitation-only basis.
- **NPCI** launched upihelp.npci.org.in as a centralized platform to improve transparency and user control over UPI AutoPay standing instructions, reduce dark patterns, and enable easy portability of mandates.

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Ques: According to the IRDAI Annual Report 2024–25, what does the rise in Unfair Business Practices (UFBP) grievances indicate in India’s insurance sector?

- A) Improvement in customer awareness
- B) Decline in insurance penetration
- C) Rising concerns related to mis-selling
- D) Reduction in total insurance policies
- E) Increase in global insurance density

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) released its Annual Report for 2024–25 highlighting trends in grievances, penetration, and density.
- Mis-selling refers to the sale of insurance products without proper disclosure of terms and conditions, product features, or suitability to customer needs.
- Such practices lead to higher premiums, frequent policy lapses, and erosion of customer trust.
- Total grievances related to life insurers remained almost unchanged at 1,20,726 in 2023–24 and 1,20,429 in 2024–25.
- However, UFBP-related grievances increased from 23,335 in 2023–24 to 26,667 in 2024–25.
- The share of UFBP grievances rose from 19.33 percent in FY24 to 22.14 percent in FY25, indicating growing mis-selling concerns.





Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chief Minister (CM) of Uttarakhand, launched “Meri Yojana” Portal, an online platform designed to provide citizens with comprehensive information on welfare schemes offered by the Central and State Governments, in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

- **Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi stated that over 7 crore MSMEs have been registered on the Udyam Portal so far.**

- **The Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency, and Development (UMEED) Central Portal for management of Waqf properties has been closed for uploads on 6th December**

- **Deloitte India will launch an AI-powered tax research platform named Tax Pragya on 9 December 2025.**

- **National Industries Research and Development Council under the guidelines of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), launched InDApp (India’s Industrial Empowerment Application), a single-window digital platform designed to simplify and accelerate business processes for MSMEs.**

- **The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has mandated that all smartphone makers pre-install the Sanchar Saathi app on devices sold from March 2026.**

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Ques: What is the objective and implementation framework of the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme in India?

- A) To promote semiconductor manufacturing fabs only
- B) To support imported semiconductor designs
- C) To build a strong fabless semiconductor ecosystem through design support and incentives
- D) To regulate foreign investment in electronics
- E) To provide tax relief to electronics retailers

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme aims to build a strong fabless semiconductor ecosystem in India by encouraging indigenous semiconductor design capabilities.
- The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- DLI Scheme is a key component of the Semicon India Programme.
- Under the scheme, beneficiaries are provided with financial incentives along with access to advanced semiconductor design infrastructure.
- Start-ups are eligible for both financial incentives and design infrastructure support, as defined under the DPIIT notification dated 19 February 2019.
- MSMEs are also eligible for financial incentives and design infrastructure support, as per the Ministry of MSME notification dated 1 June 2020.





Ques: Which organisation organised the BHARATI Startup Challenge during IndusFood 2026 to promote innovation in the agri-export sector?

- A) APEDA
- B) FSSAI
- C) NABARD
- D) Spices Board of India
- E) Agricultural Marketing Board

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, participated in IndusFood 2026.
- During the event, APEDA organised the BHARATI Startup Challenge to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in the agricultural and processed food export sector.
- The initiative aims to support export-ready startups through mentorship, market access, and policy facilitation.
- Selected startups will receive international exposure through participation in Gulfood (Dubai) and BIOFACH (Germany), helping them explore global markets and strengthen India's agri-export ecosystem.





Ques: Which ministry has launched the portal 'PANKHUDI' to strengthen CSR and partnership initiatives for women and child development?

- A) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- B) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D) Ministry of Rural Development
- E) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The portal 'PANKHUDI' was launched by Union Minister Annapurna Devi under the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD).
- The launch took place in Delhi.
- The objective of the portal is to strengthen Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and partnership initiatives focused on women and child development.
- PANKHUDI acts as a single unified platform for individuals, Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), NGOs, corporates, and government agencies to collaborate and contribute.

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Ques: From which international climate-related framework has the United States announced its withdrawal as part of exiting multiple international organisations?

- A) Kyoto Protocol
- B) International Solar Alliance
- C) UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- D) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- E) Green Climate Fund

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United States has announced its withdrawal from 66 international organisations, marking a major escalation in its retreat from multilateral global cooperation.
- This decision followed a comprehensive review of U.S. participation and funding in various international bodies, especially those associated with the United Nations system.
- As part of this process, the U.S. administration has also withdrawn from the India–France-led International Solar Alliance.
- A key exit announced by the United States is from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- The UNFCCC was adopted in 1992 and serves as the foundational treaty for the Paris Agreement on climate change.

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Ques: What is the name of the Aadhaar mascot launched by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to simplify public understanding of Aadhaar services?

- A) Udai
- B) Aarav
- C) Aadi
- D) Bharat
- E) Setu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched a new Aadhaar mascot as a resident-facing communication companion.
- The Aadhaar mascot is named Udai, aimed at making Aadhaar-related information more relatable and people-friendly.
- Udai will help simplify communication related to Aadhaar services such as updates, authentication, offline verification, selective sharing of information, adoption of new technologies, and responsible usage.
- Arun Gokul from Thrissur, Kerala won the first prize in the Aadhaar mascot design competition.
- Idris Dawaiwala from Pune, Maharashtra and Krishna Sharma from Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh secured the second and third prizes respectively in the design competition.
- Riya Jain from Bhopal won the first prize in the Aadhaar mascot name competition.





Ques: Who became the first Indian to stand on the Dakar Rally podium in the Cars category during Dakar Rally 2026?

- A) C.S. Santosh
- B) Gaurav Gill
- C) Arjun Maini
- D) Karun Chandhok
- E) Sanjay Takale

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Sanjay Takale delivered a historic performance at the Dakar Rally 2026, marking a milestone in Indian motorsport history.
- He finished 1st in the High Average Speed category under Group H3.
- Sanjay Takale secured the 35th position overall in the Cars category during the Prologue Stage.
- He became the first Indian to stand on the Dakar podium in the Cars category on Day 1 of the rally.
- This achievement is considered a historic feat for India in global motorsport events like the Dakar Rally.

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Ques: With which company did the Indian Army sign an Emergency Procurement contract for the Suryastra rocket launcher system?

- A) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- B) NIBE Limited
- C) Larsen & Toubro
- D) Tata Advanced Systems
- E) Solar Industries India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Army signed an Emergency Procurement contract worth Rs. 293 crores with NIBE Limited for the procurement of the Suryastra rocket launcher system.
- Suryastra is India's first indigenously developed, multi-calibre, long-range, precision-guided rocket launcher system.
- The system is being produced in collaboration with Israel's Elbit Systems, adapted from the Israeli PULS technology.
- It can strike targets at a range of about 150–300 kilometres with very high accuracy.
- Emergency Procurement contracts allow the armed forces to quickly acquire critical equipment for urgent operational needs, with simplified procedures and fast delivery timelines.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Venus Williams (45) has been awarded a wildcard entry to the Australian Open.
- Hockey India has appointed Sjoerd Marijne as the chief coach of the Indian women's hockey team.
- 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.
- 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 (WPFG) 2029.
- Surya Charishma Tamiri from Andhra Pradesh won the Women's Singles crown at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships held in Vijayawada.

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Ques: Why is India planning to lift restrictions on Chinese companies bidding for government contracts?

- A) As part of a cautious recalibration of economic ties amid easing border tensions
- B) Due to pressure from domestic industry
- C) To comply with WTO rulings
- D) To privatise public procurement
- E) To replace domestic suppliers

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India is set to lift five-year-old restrictions on Chinese companies bidding for government contracts, signalling a cautious recalibration of economic relations with China.
- The move comes amid easing tensions along the India–China border.
- The proposed policy change is being led by the Ministry of Finance.
- If implemented, the move could reopen access to public procurement projects worth an estimated \$700–750 billion.
- The restrictions were originally imposed in 2020 after a deadly military clash along the India–China border.
- A high-level committee headed by former Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba reviewed the existing policy framework.

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Ques: Which district in India is set to become the country's first Bio-Happy District?

- A) Ziro district, Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Tawang district, Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Keyi Panyor district, Arunachal Pradesh
- D) East Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh
- E) Longding district, Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The newly formed Keyi Panyor district in Arunachal Pradesh is set to become India's first Bio-Happy District, integrating biodiversity conservation with human well-being.
- The initiative revives the concept of "Biohappiness", originally coined by legendary agricultural scientist M. S. Swaminathan.
- The project aims to create a sustainable development model rooted in ecology, livelihoods, public health, and community well-being.
- The initiative is being implemented by the M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in collaboration with the district administration.

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Ques: What is the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) implemented by the European Union?

- A) A subsidy scheme for green industries
- B) A carbon tax on domestic industries only
- C) A carbon-related levy on imports from countries with weaker climate policies
- D) A global climate fund managed by the EU
- E) A trade agreement to reduce tariffs on clean energy goods

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The European Union has implemented the world's first carbon tax on imports through the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), fully effective from January 1, 2026.
- CBAM imposes a carbon-related levy on imports of certain carbon-intensive products, such as steel, from countries with less stringent climate policies.
- Although introduced in 2023, CBAM moved from a transitional phase to full enforcement by 2026.
- The main objective is to prevent carbon leakage by discouraging companies from shifting production to countries with weaker environmental regulations.
- Sectors covered under CBAM include cement, aluminium, fertilisers, iron and steel, hydrogen, and electricity.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the breakthrough of the second tunnel in Palghar, Maharashtra, marking the first mountain tunnel of the Bullet Train Project in the state.
- The first Gen Z Post Office in Jammu and Kashmir has been inaugurated at AIIMS Vijaypur.
- Surat, widely known as India's "Diamond Capital", is on track to become the country's first fully slum-free city.
- The Ophthalmology Department at the Army Hospital (Research & Referral), Delhi Cantt, performed India's first-ever 3D Flex Aqueous Angiography combined with iStent surgery.
- Tesla has set up its first charging station in India at the DLF Horizon Centre in Gurugram, Haryana.
- VoxelGrids, a Zoho-backed startup, has developed and deployed India's first fully indigenous 1.5T MRI scanner at the Chandrapur Cancer Care Foundation, near Nagpur, Maharashtra.

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Ques: What is the name of the first-of-its-kind national digital land governance portal launched under the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme?

- A) Dharani
- B) e-Dharohar
- C) Bhu-Setu
- D) Bhoomi Portal
- E) Land Stack

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Ministry of Rural Development, launched the Land Stack portal, a first-of-its-kind national digital land governance initiative.
- The portal was launched in pilot locations in the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the state of Tamil Nadu.
- It marks a major step towards modernising land administration under the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP).
- Through the Land Stack portal, users can access property details, ownership information, deed records, encumbrance details, and litigation status for each land parcel.
- The portal also covers areas traditionally classified as villages in Chandigarh, providing access to hadbast, khewat, mustil, and khasra numbers.
- Along with the portal, the Glossary of Revenue Terms (GoRT) was released by the Department of Land Resources under the Ministry of Rural Development.
- The glossary has been prepared in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence in Land Administration and Management at Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration, Pune.
- GoRT helps people understand land-related revenue terms in vernacular languages, Hindi, English, and Roman scripts.
- The Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at digitising land records to improve transparency, accessibility, and accuracy.
- The programme was revamped and renamed in 2016 from the earlier National Land Records Modernisation Programme and is fully funded by the Central Government.



Ques: Which country has become the first in the world to commercially produce bio-bitumen for use in road construction?

- A) India
- B) Germany
- C) United States
- D) Japan
- E) China

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India has become the first country in the world to commercially produce bio-bitumen for road construction.
- The announcement was made by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari at the CSIR Technology Transfer Ceremony in New Delhi.
- The development was led by the CSIR–Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP), Dehradun, over five years, scaling laboratory prototypes to commercial viability through pilot plants.
- Successful trials, including a 100-metre test stretch on the Jorabat–Shillong Expressway in Meghalaya, confirmed that bio-bitumen meets required performance standards.

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Ques: Nyaya Setu Legal Service, recently launched, is associated with which platform and ministry?

- A) Telegram – Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Web Portal – Ministry of Electronics & IT
- C) WhatsApp – Ministry of Law and Justice
- D) Mobile App – Ministry of Social Justice
- E) SMS Service – Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Nyaya Setu Legal Service was launched on 1 January 2026 by the Ministry of Law and Justice.
- It is a WhatsApp-based legal service/chatbot designed to promote Ease of Justice through digital access.
- Nyaya Setu provides free expert legal assistance to citizens through a unified digital interface after mobile verification.
- The service integrates with existing legal aid mechanisms such as Tele-Law, Nyaya Bandhu, and Legal Services Authorities.
- It helps users understand available legal aid and advisory options, including benefits under Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

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Ques: The Indian Air Force recently marked the 25th anniversary of the maiden flight of which indigenously developed aircraft?

- A) Sukhoi Su-30MKI
- B) Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)
- C) Mirage 2000
- D) AMCA
- E) Jaguar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Air Force marked the 25th anniversary of the maiden flight of the indigenously developed Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA).
- The LCA programme was initiated in 1983 to develop an indigenous fighter aircraft to replace the IAF's obsolete fleet.
- The Tejas LCA made its maiden flight on 4 January 2001, flown by Wing Commander Rajiv Kothiyal from HAL airport in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- In late 2025, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) secured an order for 97 additional Tejas Mk-1A jets worth over ₹62,370 crore.
- In May 2025, VEM Technologies delivered the first centre fuselage assembly for LCA Tejas Mk-1A to HAL in Hyderabad, Telangana, followed by a second assembly in September 2025.

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Ques: What is the scale and composition of the Indian government's newly unveiled three-year PPP project pipeline?

- A) 500 projects worth ₹10 lakh crore, only Central projects
- B) 700 projects worth ₹15 lakh crore, mostly State projects
- C) 1,000 projects worth ₹25 lakh crore, fully private projects
- D) 900 projects worth ₹20 lakh crore, only State projects
- E) 852 projects worth over ₹17 lakh crore, involving Centre and States/UTs

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Government of India has unveiled a three-year Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project pipeline covering 852 infrastructure projects for FY26 to FY28.
- The combined estimated cost of these projects is over ₹17 lakh crore (approx. US\$ 206 billion).
- Of the 852 projects, 232 are Central government projects worth ₹13.15 lakh crore.
- The remaining 620 projects, worth about ₹3.84 lakh crore, will be undertaken by State governments and Union Territories.
- The pipeline reflects a coordinated Centre–State approach to accelerate infrastructure development through the PPP mode.





Ques: Galaxy frog, recently in news for its disappearance from certain areas, is endemic to which region of India?

- A) Western Ghats
- B) Indo-Gangetic Plains
- C) Eastern Himalayas
- D) Deccan Plateau
- E) Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Galaxy frog (*Melanobatrachus indicus*) is endemic to the Western Ghats of south-western India.
- It is the only known species of its genus.
- The species is mainly found in high-altitude evergreen forests and shola forests.
- It is terrestrial, associated with leaf litter, rocks, and ground cover in moist evergreen tropical forests.
- Recent studies report declines due to increased photo-tourism.
- The IUCN conservation status of the Galaxy frog is Vulnerable.

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Ques: Which Union Minister inaugurated Asia's first National Environmental Standard Laboratory designed for pollution monitoring device calibration?

- A) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- B) Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani
- C) Bhupender Yadav
- D) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- E) Rajiv Gauba

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh (Ministry of Science and Technology) inaugurated the National Environmental Standard Laboratory and the National Primary Standard Facility for Solar Cell Calibration.
- This is Asia's first and the world's second pollution monitoring facility after the UK.
- The laboratory is designed to test, calibrate, and certify air pollution monitoring devices.
- It will support regulators, industries, and startups for reliable performance testing of systems like CAAQMS and OCEMS.
- For particulate matter (PM) testing, only Germany has a comparable facility apart from India.
- CAAQMS is a fixed, automated station that continuously measures ambient (outdoor) air quality in cities and industrial areas.
- OCEMS is a real-time monitoring system installed at industrial stacks and chimneys to continuously measure pollutants released by industries.





Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh) inaugurated the Smart Green Aquaculture Farm and India's first commercial-scale tropical RAS-based Rainbow Trout Aquaculture Farm and Research Institute in Kandukur Mandal, Ranga Reddy district, Telangana.
- Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Governor of Assam, inaugurated Sanskaar Shaala, also known as Shankar Shaala, at the Lohia Lions Auditorium in Guwahati.
- India inaugurated its first government hospital-based AI clinic at the Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) in Kasna, Greater Noida.
- Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the redeveloped Batadrava Than at Borduwa village in Nagaon district, Assam.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the Jyoti-Bishnu International Art Centre in Guwahati, Assam.
- Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, along with Madhya Pradesh CM Dr. Mohan Yadav, laid the foundation stones for India's first medical colleges under the PPP model.

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Ques: How many Indian states will participate in the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2026 at Davos?

- A) 6
- B) 8
- C) 10
- D) 12
- E) 15

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- 10 Indian states will be represented at the WEF Annual Meeting 2026 in Davos, Switzerland.
- Among these, 5 states will be represented by Chief Ministers and 2 states by Deputy Chief Ministers.
- Four Union Ministers will attend, including Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Ashwini Vaishnaw, along with Pralhad Joshi and K. Ram Mohan Naidu.
- Prominent Indian business leaders, including N. Chandrasekaran and Mukesh Ambani, as well as representatives from major PSUs and private companies, are expected to attend.
- The delegation aims to promote investments, exports, and global partnerships.

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Ques: Former World Billiards Champion Manoj Kothari, who recently passed away, was honoured with which national sports award in 2005?

- A) Arjuna Award
- B) Major Dhyan Chand Award
- C) Dronacharya Award
- D) Padma Shri
- E) Khel Ratna Award

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Former World Billiards Champion and chief national coach Manoj Kothari passed away recently.
- In 2005, he was honoured with the Major Dhyan Chand Award for his outstanding contribution to sports.
- He won his first IBSF World Billiards Championship title in 1990 and the World Doubles Billiards Championship in 1997 with Ian Williamson.
- Post-retirement, he served as national coach of the Indian billiards team from 2011.
- He was a 16-time State Champion and in 2025 received a Lifetime Achievement Award from IBSF.
- He was also honoured by the Government of West Bengal with the Kriraguru Samman, and the Calcutta Sports Journalists Club conferred upon him a Lifetime Achievement Award.





Ques: Senior Indian National Congress leader Suresh Kalmadi, who recently passed away, served as Minister of State in which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Defence
- B) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- C) Ministry of Railways
- D) Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs
- E) Ministry of External Affairs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister of State Suresh Kalmadi passed away recently.
- He served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways from 1995 to 1996.
- Kalmadi was a pilot in the Indian Air Force (1964–1974) and became a Rajya Sabha member in 1982, later representing Pune in the Lok Sabha multiple times.
- He served as President of the Indian Olympic Association (1996–2012) and was appointed Life President in 2016.
- He chaired the 2010 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee and was President of the Asian Athletics Association (2000–2013), later becoming its Life President.

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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

- Unsecured retail loan slippages formed 53.1% of total retail loan slippages of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) as of September-end 2025.
- South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) a Chhattisgarh-based coal PSU has signed a MOU with Sri Sathya Sai Health & Education Trust for the establishment of a Healthcare Skill Development Centre at Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh, under its Corporate Social Responsibility programme. The project will be supported with a financial assistance of ₹35.04 crore.
- Saudi Arabia has unveiled mandatory beach operator regulations and a digital coastal tourism guide for its Red Sea coastline, effective January 2026.
- The Centre has granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to 'Nagauri Ashwagandha', giving Nagaur district of Rajasthan a distinct global agricultural identity.

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