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Question: Which UN body projected India's GDP growth at 7.2% for FY 2025–26?

- A) UNDP
- B) IMF
- C) UN DESA
- D) World Bank
- E) WTO

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) projected India's GDP growth at 7.2% for FY 2025–26.
- This projection is slightly lower than the Indian government's estimate of 7.4%.
- UN DESA highlighted that strong domestic consumption and public investment are expected to offset global trade tensions and tariffs.
- The estimate is reported in the UN DESA's World Economic Situation and Prospects report.
- India is expected to remain one of the fastest-growing major economies globally.

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Question: Which institution has sanctioned a USD 22.5 million loan to Swarna Solar Limited for developing a 100 MW solar power project in Zambia?

- A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- C) IREDA Global Green Energy Finance IFSC Limited (IGGEFIL)
- D) World Bank
- E) New Development Bank (NDB)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IREDA Global Green Energy Finance IFSC Limited (IGGEFIL) has approved a USD 22.5 million loan to Swarna Solar Limited.
- The loan is intended to develop a 100 MW photovoltaic solar power project in Serenje District, Central Province, Zambia.
- This is IGGEFIL's first international loan since its incorporation.
- IGGEFIL is incorporated at Gujarat International Finance TecCity (GIFT City), Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

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RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- The World Bank approved a loan of USD 286 million for the West Bengal Health System Reform Program (WBHSRP).
- Piramal Finance Limited has received a total loan of USD 350 million.
- Asian Development Bank provided ₹4,100 crore (USD 500 million) to the Government of Telangana.
- 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.
- 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.

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Question: Indian Army has renewed its MoU for banking and insurance services till 2029 with which bank?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Axis Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) HDFC Bank
- E) Punjab National Bank

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Indian Army and HDFC Bank have renewed their MoU for another three years, extending it till 2029.
- The MoU provides banking services and Personal Accident Insurance coverage to serving and retired Army personnel.
- It includes an enhanced Personal Accident Insurance cover of ₹1 crore for serving personnel, including Agniveers and pensioners.
- An Air Accident Insurance cover of ₹1 crore is also provided.
- Additional benefits include a child education cover of ₹5 lakh and a girl child marriage cover of ₹5 lakh.

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Question: RBI has approved the re-appointment of whom as Whole-Time Director of HDFC Bank?

- A) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- B) Kaizad Bharucha
- C) Aditya Puri
- D) Shyam Srinivasan
- E) Uday Kotak

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the re-appointment of Kaizad Bharucha as Whole-Time Director (Deputy Managing Director) of HDFC Bank.
- The approval was communicated by RBI on 20 January 2026.
- His re-appointment will be for a further period of three years starting from 19 April 2026.
- HDFC Bank disclosed this information through a regulatory filing.
- After the announcement, HDFC Bank shares closed at ₹931.15 on BSE, registering a rise of 0.38%.

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Recently signed banking agreements

- Bank of Baroda signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) to collaborate on infrastructure financing.
- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank has entered into a strategic partnership with TechFini to enhance its UPI acquiring and issuing capabilities.
- The Delhi Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Reserve Bank of India to operate under RBI's complete banking, cash management, and debt management framework for the first time.
- The Department of Posts and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed a landmark MoU to implement a nationwide Contact Point Verification system.
- Fyno has partnered with Kerala Grameena Bank (KGB) to deploy a unified customer communication platform.
- Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Limited has entered into a strategic bancassurance partnership with Equitas Small Finance Bank to expand life insurance distribution through ESFB's branch network.

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Question: State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU with which state government to extend enhanced benefits under the Corporate Salary Package for State PSU employees?

- A) Government of Karnataka
- B) Government of Kerala
- C) Government of Tamil Nadu
- D) Government of Andhra Pradesh
- E) Government of Telangana

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU with the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- The MoU aims to extend enhanced benefits under the Corporate Salary Package to employees of Tamil Nadu's State PSUs.
- Benefits include zero-balance salary accounts, concessional interest rates on home, car, and personal loans, and waiver of processing fees on select services.

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Question: The Government of India is planning the merger of which two public sector banks?

- A) Punjab National Bank & Canara Bank
- B) Union Bank of India & Bank of India
- C) Bank of Baroda & Central Bank of India
- D) Indian Bank & UCO Bank
- E) SBI & Bank of Maharashtra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India is planning a merger between Union Bank of India and Bank of India as part of banking sector consolidation.
- The objective is to strengthen Public Sector Banks (PSBs).
- The merger aims to improve operational efficiency, scale of operations, and overall financial capacity.
- Bank consolidation is seen as a reform to create globally competitive and resilient banks.

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Question: What is one of the key objectives of the RBI's revised Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines effective from April 1, 2025?

- A) To completely eliminate priority sector lending
- B) To ensure more effective delivery of bank credit to priority sectors
- C) To increase service charges on small PSL loans
- D) To restrict lending to cooperative institutions
- E) To allow multiple banks to claim the same PSL loan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI issued revised Priority Sector Lending guidelines to ensure more effective delivery of bank credit to priority sectors.
 - These guidelines will be effective from April 1, 2025.
 - Measures include external auditor certification to prevent multiple banks claiming the same PSL loan.
 - Loans to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) are now eligible for PSL, capped at 5% of a bank's total PSL.
 - Banks cannot charge fees on PSL loans up to ₹50,000.
 - Regional Rural Banks must achieve 75% PSL of ANBC, with lending to Medium Enterprises, Social Infrastructure, and Renewable Energy capped at 15% of ANBC.
 - Under amended norms, PSL targets for Small Finance Banks and Urban Co-operative Banks have been reduced from 75% to 60% of ANBC.
 - Co-lending for PSL is now permitted among Scheduled Commercial Banks themselves.
 - Loans to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) are now eligible for PSL, capped at 5% of the bank's total PS
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Question: What was the credit-to-deposit (CD) ratio of Indian banks as of December 31, according to RBI data?

- A) 75.25%
- B) 78.60%
- C) 80.10%
- D) 81.75%
- E) 85.00%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- **According** to RBI data, Indian banks' credit-to-deposit (CD) ratio reached an all-time high of 81.75% as of December 31.
- This means banks lent ₹81.75 for every ₹100 deposited.
- The record-high CD ratio indicates that bank credit growth is outpacing deposit growth.
- In 2025, bank credit grew by 11.4%, whereas deposits increased by 10.1%.
- Outstanding deposits were around ₹248.5 lakh crore, while total credit stood at nearly ₹202 lakh crore.

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Question: India's installed power generation capacity crossed which milestone in 2025?

- A) 400 GW
- B) 450 GW
- C) 500 GW
- D) 510 GW
- E) 550 GW

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's installed power generation capacity increased from 249 GW in 2014 to over 510 GW in 2025, more than doubling in just over a decade.
- The announcement was made by Union Power Minister Manohar Lal during the curtain raiser of Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 in New Delhi.
- With this, India became the world's third-largest producer and consumer of electricity.
- The share of non-fossil fuel capacity rose from 32% in 2014 to 52% in 2025, marking significant progress in energy transition.
- This milestone highlights India's position among global leaders in clean and renewable energy.

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Question: The 17th edition of the trilateral Coast Guard exercise 'DOSTI' was held at which location?

- A) Colombo, Sri Lanka
- B) Kochi, India
- C) Malé, Maldives
- D) Port Blair, India
- E) Hambantota, Sri Lanka

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 17th edition of the trilateral Coast Guard exercise 'DOSTI 17' was held at Malé, Maldives.
- The exercise involves the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SLCG), and Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) Coast Guard.
- It included a Harbour Phase from 17–19 January, followed by an Operational Sea Phase.
- The Indian delegation was led by Director General Paramesh Sivamani.
- The DOSTI exercise, initiated in 1991, aims to enhance maritime cooperation and regional security.

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Question: India and Germany are close to finalising a defence deal related to which military platform?

- A) Fighter jets
- B) Warships
- C) Submarines
- D) Missile systems
- E) Aircraft carriers

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Germany are nearing an \$8 billion submarine manufacturing deal, potentially India's largest-ever defence agreement.
- The deal includes technology transfer for submarine production ahead of German Chancellor Friedrich Merz's visit to India.
- Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems (Germany) and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) (India) are expected to jointly manufacture submarines in India.
- The submarines will feature Air-Independent Propulsion (AIP) systems, allowing them to remain submerged longer.
- The agreement will strengthen India's naval capabilities in the Indian Ocean Region amid rising Chinese presence and aligns with the 'Make in India' initiative, reducing dependence on defence imports.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- State Bank of India (SBI) has awarded a ₹1,000 crore, 10-year cash outsourcing contract to CMS Info Systems Ltd.
- India's largest lender, the State Bank of India, will facilitate bilateral trade settlements between India and Israel in Indian rupees.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has extended a loan of €150 million (approximately ₹1,360 crore) to Germany's KfW Development Bank.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched YONO 2.0, the upgraded version of its digital banking platform "You Only Need One (YONO)".
- SBI Ventures, promoted by State Bank of India, plans to raise ₹2,000 crore for its third climate-focused fund to invest in startups.
- SBI report states that implementing the four labour codes—Code on Wages (2019), Industrial Relations Code (2020), Code on Social Security (2020), and Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code (2020)—may create 77 lakh jobs and boost consumption by ₹75,000 crore.

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Question: What is the key feature of the APAAR ID system?

- A) It is a state-wise temporary student ID
- B) It is a 10-digit ID linked only to school records
- C) It is a 12-digit lifelong digital ID storing complete academic records
- D) It is applicable only for higher education
- E) It replaces Aadhaar completely for students

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- APAAR (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry) is a 12-digit unique, lifelong digital ID for Indian students.
- It stores complete academic records—marks, certificates, and achievements—in a single digital repository.
- The system is part of the 'One Nation, One Student ID' initiative.
- APAAR ensures seamless academic tracking, transparency, and smooth mobility across educational institutions.
- As of January 7, Chhattisgarh generated over 50 lakh APAAR IDs, leading among large states.

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Question: Digital India BHASHINI recently signed an agreement with which state government to enable multilingual digital governance through AI-powered language tools?

- A) Government of Madhya Pradesh
- B) Government of Maharashtra
- C) Government of Rajasthan
- D) Government of Uttar Pradesh
- E) Government of Gujarat

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Digital India BHASHINI (BHASHa INterface for India) signed an agreement with the Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- The agreement was signed during the Regional AI Impact Conference 2026 held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Its objective is to integrate BHASHINI's AI-powered language tools and translation services into the state's digital platforms.
- The initiative promotes multilingual digital governance and improves accessibility of digital services for citizens.

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Question: Who has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) for contributions to time-domain astronomy?

- A) Vikram Sarabhai
- B) Shrinivas Kulkarni
- C) Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar
- D) Jayant Narlikar
- E) Rakesh Sharma

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Professor Shrinivas Kulkarni, a US-based Indian-origin astronomer, has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS).
- The RAS Gold Medal is the society's highest honour.
- He was recognized for his pioneering contributions to time-domain astronomy, which studies astronomical objects and events that change over time, such as supernovae, gamma-ray bursts, and other transient cosmic phenomena.
- Prof. Kulkarni has significantly advanced observational techniques and played a key role in discovering transient cosmic events.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- The Indian Army conducted its first-ever two-day joint Military–Civil Fusion exercise named ‘Sanjha Shakti’.
- Exercise Avialndra-2025 Held in India between Indian Air Force (IAF) & Russian Federation Aerospace Force (RFASF). Aircraft participated are Su-30 MKI, Tejas, IL-78 aircraft, and Mi-17 helicopters. It is Started in 2014.
- Exercise Ektah 2025 8th Edition Held at Maldives between Indian Navy and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF). It is Started in 2017.
- Exercise DESERT CYCLONE 2025 is the 2nd edition of the joint army exercise between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The 8th edition of Exercise Garuda, a bilateral air exercise between India and France, concluded in France on 27th November 2025.
- The 5th edition of the India–Malaysia joint military exercise Harimau Shakti-2025 began at Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan from 5–18 December 2025.

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Question: Who was awarded the Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar, the highest service honour of Indian Railways, for her outstanding service?

- A) Seema Kumari
- B) Archana Ramasundaram
- C) Rekha Sharma
- D) Anju Rathi Rana
- E) Chandana Sinha

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Chandana Sinha, an officer of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), was conferred with the Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar, the highest service honour of Indian Railways.
- She led key operations under “Operation Nanhe Farishte” (Operation Little Angels), an RPF initiative aimed at protecting vulnerable children travelling through or stranded at railway stations.
- Her work demonstrates exceptional dedication to child safety and humanitarian service within the Indian Railways ecosystem.

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Question: Where is India's first state-funded BSL-4 bio-containment laboratory being established?

- A) Pune
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Gandhinagar
- D) Bhopal
- E) Chennai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for India's first state-funded BSL-4 (Bio-Safety Level-4) laboratory in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The facility will operate under the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC) and is designed to study the world's most lethal and infectious pathogens.
- The lab will conduct research on viruses like Ebola, Marburg, Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), Nipah, and Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD).
- It will support vaccine development, diagnostics, outbreak investigation, and response mechanisms.
- The project has an estimated cost of ₹362 crore and spans about 11,000 square metres.
- BSL-4 represents the highest level of biological containment, ensuring safe handling of deadly pathogens.

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Question: Who authored the book “Chalice of Ambrosia: Ram Janmabhoomi – Challenge and Response”?

- A) Ram Madhav
- B) Arif Mohammad Khan
- C) Surendra Kumar Pachauri
- D) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- E) K. N. Govindacharya

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book “Chalice of Ambrosia: Ram Janmabhoomi – Challenge and Response” was authored by Shri Surendra Kumar Pachauri, a former Secretary to the Government of India.
- The book was released by the Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, at the Vice President’s Enclave in New Delhi.
- It explores the historical, social, and legal challenges and responses related to the Ram Janmabhoomi movement.

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Question: Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat (BVMB) campaign aims to make India child marriage free by which year?

- A) 2026
- B) 2027
- C) 2028
- D) 2030
- E) 2035

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat (BVMB), also called Child Marriage Free India, was launched on 27 November 2024 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).
- The campaign aims to eradicate child marriage across India and is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5.3, which targets elimination of child, early, and forced marriages by 2030.
- The initiative is legally supported by the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA), 2006, replacing the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 (Sarda Act), to provide stronger protection against child marriages.
- Under the Act, a child is defined as a male below 21 years and a female below 18 years.
- The campaign is grounded in Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, which guarantees the Right to Life and Personal Liberty.
- Adult males marrying children may face punishment up to 2 years of rigorous imprisonment and/or a fine up to ₹1 lakh.
- It aims to reduce the prevalence of child marriage by 10% by 2026.
- Balod district in Chhattisgarh became India's first child marriage-free district in 2025.





Question: Who won the women's blitz title at Tata Steel Chess India 2026?

- A) Vantika Agrawal
- B) Divya Deshmukh
- C) Carissa Yip
- D) Aleksandra Goryachkina
- E) R. Vaishali

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Carissa Yip, an American chess player, won the women's blitz title at Tata Steel Chess India 2026.
- She defeated Vantika Agrawal of India 1.5–0.5 in the tie-break to claim the title.
- The event was held at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium, Kolkata.
- Carissa Yip demonstrated strong composure under pressure, securing the championship in this prestigious tournament.

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Question: What is 'Creator's Corner' launched by Prasar Bharati?

- A) A digital-only OTT platform
- B) A training programme for journalists
- C) A platform on DD News showcasing content by digital creators
- D) A radio-only programme
- E) A private media initiative

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Creator's Corner is a dedicated platform on DD News to showcase content created by digital creators from across India.
- The initiative aims to empower content creators, expand DD News' reach among youth, and create new employment opportunities.
- It supports the Prime Minister's vision of the 'Orange Economy', driven by creativity, culture, and intellectual property.
- The platform will feature diverse themes including news, culture, travel, cuisine, art, literature, music, health, education, science, technology, environment, and entertainment.

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Question: India's first open-sea Marine Fish Farming Project (MFFP) was launched in which location?

- A) Arabian Sea near Kochi
- B) Bay of Bengal near Chennai
- C) Andaman Sea at North Bay, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- D) Lakshadweep Sea near Kavaratti
- E) Gulf of Mannar, Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- **The project was launched in the Andaman Sea at North Bay, Sri Vijaya Puram, located in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.**
- It is India's first open-sea Marine Fish Farming Project (MFFP).
- Implemented collaboratively by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), and the UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- The initiative aims to promote sustainable marine aquaculture and strengthen India's blue economy.

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Question: Which Arundhati Roy debut film is set to premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival after 37 years?

- A) The God of Small Things
- B) Fireflies of Delhi
- C) In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones
- D) Midnight Stories
- E) The Last Screen

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The restored version of “In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones” (1989) is set to premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale).
- This film marks Arundhati Roy’s debut, where she acted and also wrote the story and screenplay.
- Directed by Pradip Krishen, it won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in English.
- The restored version brings the film to international audiences 37 years after its original television screening.
- Arundhati Roy later gained global recognition with her debut novel “The God of Small Things”, winning the Booker Prize in 1997.





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 'Best Fintech & DPI Adoption' award : Karnataka Bank
- The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2025 : Graca Machel, a Mozambican rights activist
- Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement : American evolutionary biologist Toby Kiers
- Samurai martial arts honour : Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan
- UN Secretary-General's Award 2025 : Indian Army officer Major Swathi Shantha Kumar
- 2026 IEEE Medal of Honor : Jensen Huang, CEO of NVIDIA
- Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia : Goa-based industrialist Shrinivas Dempo (Conferred by Walter Ferrara, the Consul General of Italy in Mumbai)
- Asia Best Employer Brand Award 2026 : Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (BSE)- Asia's 1st and oldest stock exchange at Hong Kong Leadership Awards
- 'Best International Military Student' Award : Commander Akhil Nair
- Damehood (DBE) in King Charles III's New Year Honours List 2026 : Meera Syal





Question: Where did the Sixth Edition of Khelo India Winter Games 2026 begin?

- A) Shimla
- B) Gulmarg
- C) NDS Stadium, Leh
- D) Manali
- E) Gangtok

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Sixth Edition of Khelo India Winter Games 2026 began at NDS Stadium in Leh, Ladakh.
- The opening ceremony was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta.
- The games are held from 20 January to 26 January 2026 across three venues: NDS Stadium, Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre, and Gupuk Pond.
- About 1,000 participants, including 472 athletes, are competing in ice sports like Ice Hockey and Skating.
- Figure Skating, an Olympic sport, was introduced for the first time in Khelo India Winter Games.

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Question: The Public Investment Board (PIB) has approved which hydroelectric project recently?

- A) 1200 MW Dibang Hydroelectric Project
- B) 1500 MW Subansiri Lower Project
- C) 1720 MW Kamala Hydroelectric Project
- D) 2000 MW Siang Upper Project
- E) 800 MW Lohit Hydroelectric Project

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Public Investment Board (PIB) has approved the 1720 MW Kamala Hydroelectric Project.
- It is a storage-based hydroelectric scheme with a flood moderation component.
- The project is proposed on the Kamala River, a major tributary of the Subansiri River.
- It is located across Kamle, Kra Daadi, and Kurung Kumey districts of Arunachal Pradesh.
- The project aims to enhance renewable energy capacity and provide flood moderation benefits in the region.

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Question: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh recently announced the deployment of 200 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) under Mission Mausam Phase II. In which cities will these AWS be installed?

- A) Delhi, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad
- B) Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Pune
- C) Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow
- D) Chennai, Kochi, Visakhapatnam, Thiruvananthapuram
- E) Pune, Nagpur, Indore, Bhopal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announced the deployment of 200 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) under Mission Mausam Phase II.
- These AWS will be installed in major metropolitan cities to enhance urban weather observation.
- Specifically, 50 AWS each will be set up in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Pune during 2026.
- The announcement was made during the 151st Foundation Day of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) at Mausam Bhawan, New Delhi.
- This initiative falls under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and aims to strengthen weather monitoring, forecasting, and early warning systems in urban areas.

About India Meteorological Department :

- Established : 1875
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director General : Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra





Question: Who is the author of the book “Adhunik Bharat Ke Nirmata: Atal Bihari Vajpayee”?

- A) Ramachandra Guha
- B) Vijay Kelkar
- C) Vijai Trivedi
- D) Shashi Tharoor
- E) Arun Shourie

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book “Adhunik Bharat Ke Nirmata: Atal Bihari Vajpayee” is authored by Vijai Trivedi.
- It highlights the life, leadership, governance, diplomacy, and inclusive politics of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The book is part of the ‘Modern India’s Makers’ series, focusing on notable contributors to India’s modern development.

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Question: The Gujarat Government recently exchanged an investment letter with which automobile company for setting up a major new car manufacturing facility at Khoraj?

- A) Tata Motors
- B) Hyundai Motor India
- C) Maruti Suzuki India Limited
- D) Mahindra & Mahindra
- E) Toyota Kirloskar Motor

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Gujarat Government and Maruti Suzuki India Limited exchanged an investment letter to establish a new car manufacturing facility.
- The plant will be located at Khoraj, Gujarat, with a total investment of approximately ₹35,000 crore.
- The facility will span around 1,750 acres and production from the first unit is expected by FY 2029.
- The Khoraj project is projected to become one of the largest automobile manufacturing projects in India.

About Gujarat:

- Capital: Gandhinagar
- CM: Bhupendra Patel
- Governor: Acharya Devvrat

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Question: PNGRB signed an MoU with Germany's DVGW for what purpose?

- A) Expansion of LNG terminals
- B) Integration of hydrogen into natural gas infrastructure
- C) Oil exploration in deep-sea areas
- D) Coal gasification projects
- E) Petroleum pricing reforms

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PNGRB (Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board) signed an MoU with Germany's DVGW.
- The MoU aims to create a cooperative framework for integrating hydrogen into India's natural gas infrastructure.
- It focuses on knowledge sharing on hydrogen safety methodologies, technical visits, and anonymised data sharing.
- This collaboration supports India's clean energy transition and the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

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Question: Indian boxing icon Vijender Singh recently joined which international boxing body, marking a major step beyond his boxing career?

- A) International Boxing Association (IBA)
- B) World Boxing Council (WBC)
- C) Asian Olympic Council
- D) International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- E) Asian Boxing Council

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Vijender Singh has joined the Asian Boxing Council (ABCO), marking a significant step beyond his active boxing career.
- He became India's first Olympic medallist in boxing after winning bronze at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.
- His role in ABCO reflects his continued contribution to boxing development and administration in Asia.
- ABCO was established in 1985, headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand, with 20 national members.

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Question: Who will be the Chief Guests at India's 77th Republic Day celebrations in 2026?

- A) Emmanuel Macron & Olaf Scholz
- B) António Costa & Ursula von der Leyen
- C) Joe Biden & Kamala Harris
- D) Justin Trudeau & Charles Michel
- E) Rishi Sunak & Keir Starmer

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- António Luís Santos da Costa, President of the European Council, and Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, will be the Chief Guests at India's 77th Republic Day on 26 January 2026 at Kartavya Path.
- Both leaders will be on a three-day State Visit to India from 25 January at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- They will co-chair the 16th India–EU Summit on 27 January and meet President Droupadi Murmu and the Prime Minister for delegation-level talks.
- An India–EU Business Forum will also be organised alongside the summit.
- The India–EU Strategic Partnership has been in place since 2004.

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Donald Trump publicly accepted a Nobel Peace Prize medal from Maria Corina Machado, Venezuela's opposition leader, marking the first instance in history where a Nobel laureate voluntarily handed over the medal to another individual.

The District-Led Textiles Transformation (DLTT) Initiative was launched by the Ministry of Textiles at the National Textile Ministers Conference in Guwahati.

Tamil Nadu has unveiled India's first Deep Tech Startup Policy 2025–26 to promote cutting-edge research and innovation. The policy earmarks an investment of ₹100 crore to support 100 deeptech start-ups across the state.

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Dharwad (IIIT-D) will deploy India's first commercial quantum computer at its Centre for Excellence in Quantum AI and Computing. The deployment will be carried out in collaboration with Bengaluru-based deeptech startup QpiAI

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