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Ques: Who has been appointed as the part-time Chairman of IndusInd Bank effective January 31?

- A) Rajiv Anand
- B) Sunil Mehta
- C) Arijit Basu
- D) Shaktikanta Das
- E) Dinesh Kumar Khara

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IndusInd Bank appointed veteran banker Arijit Basu as its part-time Chairman effective 31 January.
- He will succeed Sunil Mehta after the completion of his tenure.
- Arijit Basu has over 42 years of banking experience, including 37 years with State Bank of India (SBI).
- He joined SBI in 1983 and retired as Managing Director in 2020.
- Previously, he served as Managing Director & CEO of SBI Life Insurance (2014–2018) and Chairman of HDB Financial Services (HDFC Bank's NBFC arm).
- The appointment comes amid leadership changes at IndusInd Bank following governance-related issues.

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Ques: Suryoday Small Finance Bank has partnered with which company to deploy an AI-powered Video KYC (VKYC) solution?

- A) HyperVerge
- B) TCS
- C) Infosys
- D) Paytm
- E) Razorpay

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Suryoday Small Finance Bank has partnered with HyperVerge to implement an AI-powered Video KYC (VKYC) solution.
- The collaboration aims to modernize the customer onboarding process while ensuring strong regulatory compliance.
- The AI-driven VKYC solution also enhances data security and operational efficiency.
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank was established in 2017, headquartered in Navi Mumbai, with Baskar Babu Ramachandran as MD & CEO.
- Tagline: “A Bank of Smiles”.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- re-appointment of Kaizad Bharucha : Whole-Time Director (Deputy Managing Director) of HDFC Bank
- Sandeep Bakshi : MD and CEO of ICICI Bank Limited for a two-year term.
- S Prakash : Chief Executive Officer for the Health Insurance Ecosystem and Strategic Partnerships General Insurance Council (replaced Praveen Kumar)
- Anup Kumar Saha : Whole Time Director of Kotak Mahindra Bank
- Ida Liu : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HSBC Private Bank
- Nianshan Zhang : Director General for Asian Development Bank (ADB) Southeast Asia Department
- Karthikeyan Manickam, former Executive Director (ED) of Bank of India : Chairman of ESAF Small Finance Bank (ESAF SFB). (Replaced R. P. Ramakrishnan)
- Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia : interim Managing Director & CEO of Canara Bank (Replaced Satyanarayana Raju)
- Ratan Kumar Kesh : Executive Director (ED) of Bandhan Bank

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Ques: Which TReDS platform became the first in India to declare and pay an interim dividend, marking a historic milestone in the TReDS ecosystem?

- A) M1xchange
- B) A.TReDS
- C) Receivables Exchange of India Limited (RXIL)
- D) Invoicemart
- E) SIDBI TReDS

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Receivables Exchange of India Limited (RXIL), a TReDS platform, declared and paid an interim dividend of 21.6% on the face value of its shares.
- RXIL is the first TReDS platform in India to return capital to its stakeholders, marking a historic milestone in India's TReDS ecosystem.
- RXIL received RBI approval in December 2016 and executed its first TReDS transaction on 9 January 2017.
- It is a joint venture of SIDBI and NSE, with SBI, ICICI Bank, and Yes Bank as partners.

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Ques: Which Indian fintech firm received NPCI approval to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP)?

- A) PhonePe
- B) Paytm
- C) ZET
- D) BharatPe
- E) Cred

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ZET, a credit-focused Indian fintech firm, received approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP).
- The service is enabled through a banking partnership with RBL Bank (formerly Ratnakar Bank Limited).
- ZET's platform leverages Juspay's technology infrastructure for secure transaction processing.

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Recently signed banking agreements

- The Indian Army and HDFC Bank have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for another three years, extending it till 2029.
- 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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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Karnataka Bank Limited?

- A) Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma
- B) Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat
- C) Shyam Srinivasan
- D) Ashok Chandra
- E) Murali Natrajan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Karnataka Bank Limited.
- He succeeds Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma.
- Karnataka Bank, established in 1924, is headquartered in Mangaluru, Karnataka.
- Its tagline is “Your Family Bank Across India.”

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Ques: What is India's rank in AI investment as per the WEF White Paper?

- A) 5th
- B) 6th
- C) 7th
- D) 8th
- E) 9th

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India is ranked 8th among 11 countries in AI investment, based on accumulated investments from 2010–2024, measured as a percentage of 2024 GDP.
- The ranking comes from the WEF white paper “Rethinking AI Sovereignty”, prepared with Bain & Company.
- Top 4 countries in AI investment are USA, Singapore, South Korea, and China.
- India's accumulated AI investment is 1.2%–1.8% of its 2024 GDP.
- India has committed over \$67 billion in AI-related investments for the next three years.
- Since 2010, global AI infrastructure investment (data centres) has exceeded \$600 billion, with hyperscale data centres expected to cross 2,000 by 2030.

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Ques: The SAMPANN pension management system has been integrated with which government digital platform?

- A) DigiLocker
- B) NSP Portal
- C) e-Shram
- D) BharatPay
- E) UMANG

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The SAMPANN (System for Accounting and Management of Pension) system has digitized the complete pension lifecycle, including case initiation, processing, issuance of e-PPOs, disbursement, accounting, reconciliation, financial reporting, audit facilitation, and grievance redressal.
- SAMPANN services available on UMANG:
 - a) Know your PPO number – Users can enter their bank/post office account number and date of birth to retrieve the PPO number.
 - b) Life Certificate validity date – Users can enter their bank/post office account number, SAMPANN-registered mobile number or PPO number, and date of birth to check the Life Certificate validity.
- This integration ensures pensioners have easy and round-the-clock access to vital pension-related information via UMANG's web portal and mobile app.

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- Currently, two SAMPANN services are available on UMANG:
- वर्तमान में UMANG पर SAMPANN की दो सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं:

a) Know your PPO number

Users can enter their bank/post office account number and date of birth to retrieve the PPO number.

a) अपना PPO नंबर जानें

उपयोगकर्ता बैंक/डाकघर खाता संख्या और जन्मतिथि दर्ज कर PPO नंबर प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

b) Life Certificate validity date

Users can enter their bank/post office account number, SAMPANN-registered mobile number or PPO number along with date of birth to check the Life Certificate validity.

b) जीवन प्रमाण पत्र की वैधता तिथि

उपयोगकर्ता बैंक/डाकघर खाता संख्या, SAMPANN में पंजीकृत मोबाइल नंबर या PPO नंबर तथा जन्मतिथि दर्ज कर जीवन प्रमाण पत्र की वैधता देख सकते हैं।

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Ques: Which global food and beverage exhibition will host India as Partner Country for the first time in 2026?

- A) World Food Expo
- B) Gulfood 2026
- C) Global Trade Fair
- D) FoodTech Asia
- E) Expo Dubai Fair

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Gulfood 2026, the world's largest annual food and beverage exhibition, will host India as Partner Country for the first time.
- The event will be held from 26 to 30 January 2026.
- It will be conducted simultaneously at Dubai World Trade Centre and Dubai Expo City, making it the world's first dual-venue exhibition of its kind.
- India's participation includes 161 exhibitors showcasing the country's agri-food ecosystem.
- The Bharat Pavilion, curated by APEDA, will promote export-ready agri-food and agri-tech startups from India.
- Gulfood 2026 will feature over 8,500 exhibitors from 195 countries, displaying around 1.5 million products across more than 280,000 sq. metres of exhibition space.

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Ques: What is ECINET launched by the Election Commission of India?

- A) Voter ID verification tool
- B) Online election result portal
- C) Unified digital platform for election services
- D) Political party registration system
- E) Campaign monitoring app

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ECINET is a one-stop digital platform launched by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to integrate all election-related information and services.
- It is described as the world's largest electoral service platform, combining 40+ ECI applications and portals into a single system.
- The platform is available in English and all 22 scheduled Indian languages.
- ECINET connects citizens, candidates, political parties, and election officials on a secure platform.

- **Key services include:**
 - Voter registration
 - Electoral roll search
 - Application tracking
 - Know Your Candidate
 - e-EPIC download
 - Grievance redressal
 - Booth-level officer connectivity

- It has been developed in compliance with the Constitution of India, Representation of the People Acts (1950 & 1951), Registration of Electors Rules (1960), and Conduct of Election Rules (1961).
- Cybersecurity is a core focus of the platform.





- Election Commission of India (ECI) was established on 25 January 1950 under Article 324 of the Constitution.

ABOUT :

- Appointment: CEC and ECs are appointed by the President of India.
- Tenure: 6 years or up to 65 years of age.
- First CEC of India: Sukumar Sen
- First Female CEC: V.S. Ramadevi
- Current Chief Election Commissioner: Shri Gyanesh Kumar
- Current Election Commissioners: Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu & Dr. Vivek Joshi

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Ques: What is India's rank in the Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI) 2026?

- A) 6th
- B) 7th
- C) 8th
- D) 9th
- E) 10th

Answer: Option A

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI) 2026 is the 3rd edition of the report.
- Published by Dezan Shira & Associates, a Hong Kong-based advisory firm.
- The index evaluates the manufacturing competitiveness of 11 Asian countries.
- India retained its 6th rank among these 11 countries in AMI 2026.
- The report emphasizes the need for stronger reforms and faster execution to further improve India's manufacturing position.

Top 5 countries in AMI 2026:

1. China
2. Malaysia
3. Vietnam
4. Singapore
5. South Korea

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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- The Numbeo Safety Index 2026 was published by Numbeo : India (70th), UAE (1st)
- Responsible Nations Index (RNI) : India (16th) , Singapore (1st)
- Export Preparedness Index 2024 published by NITI Aayog : Maharashtra (1st in Large States), Uttarakhand (1st in Small States)
- Henley Passport Index 2026 : India (80th), Singapore (1st)
- “Top Cities for Women in India 2025” report was published by Chennai-based workplace inclusion firm Avtar : Bengaluru (1st)
- The Global Food City Rankings 2025–26 were published by TasteAtlas : Mumbai (5th), Naples (1st)
- Bloomberg published the World’s Richest Families 2025 report : The Ambani Family (8th), Walton (1st)
- 2025 Passport Index published by Arton Capital : India (67th) United Arab Emirates(UAE) (1st)
- Global AI Vibrancy Tool (GVT) 2025 Published by Stanford Institute : India (3rd), USA (1st)





Ques: Who inaugurated the GI Mahotsav titled “Promoting India’s Heritage through GI Products” in Assam?

- A) Sarbananda Sonowal
- B) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- C) Lakshman Prasad Acharya
- D) Rameswar Teli
- E) Kiren Rijiju

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya inaugurated the GI Mahotsav titled “Promoting India’s Heritage through GI Products.”
- The event promotes Geographical Indication (GI) tagged products and showcases India’s cultural heritage.
- Assam is known for GI-tagged products like Muga Silk and Assam Tea.
- Other notable GI products include Kaji Nemu (Assam Lemon), Joha Rice, Tezpur Litchi, and handicrafts like Assamese Gamosa, Majuli Masks, Sarthebari Metal Craft, and Axomiya Gohona (jewellery).
- Recently, Bodo community products such as Bodo Napham (fermented fish) and Bodo Aronai (handloom cloth) also received GI tags.
- The initiative emphasizes Assam’s rich cultural, traditional, and natural heritage.

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Ques: How much cancer medicine has India recently delivered to Kabul as humanitarian assistance?

- A) 5 tonnes
- B) 6 tonnes
- C) 7.5 tonnes
- D) 10 tonnes
- E) 12 tonnes

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- India recently delivered 7.5 tonnes of life-saving cancer medicines to Kabul as part of its humanitarian medical assistance.
- Over the past four years, India has supplied a total of 327 tonnes of medicines and vaccines to Afghanistan.
- This shipment reaffirms India's commitment to providing medical aid to the Afghan people.

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Ques: Which two blocs signed the historic Free Trade Agreement in Paraguay after 25 years of negotiations?

- A) EU – ASEAN
- B) EU – Mercosur
- C) NAFTA – Mercosur
- D) EU – African Union
- E) BRICS – Mercosur

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The European Union (EU) and Mercosur (South American bloc) signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in Paraguay after 25 years of negotiations, marking the EU's largest-ever trade deal.
- Mercosur members include Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay.
- The agreement aims to reduce tariffs and boost trade between the EU and Mercosur countries.
- The pact requires approval from the European Parliament and ratification by Mercosur national legislatures.
- Trade between EU and Mercosur reached €111 billion in 2024, covering a market of 700 million people.
- The deal is expected to create the world's largest free trade zone.

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- Digital governance in India has taken another step forward with the integration of SAMPANN, a pension management system, with the UMANG platform
- The Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD), Government of Karnataka, launched the 'Gruha Lakshmi Digital Marketing' portal at Karmani Utsav-2026 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The Indian Army has launched Depot Integration Management Edition (DIME), a new digital platform aimed at transforming logistics management.
- The portal 'PANKHUDI' was launched by Union Minister Annapurna Devi under the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD).
- 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.
- 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.

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Ques: Where will the 4th edition of India Energy Week (IEW) 2026 be held?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Chennai
- D) Goa
- E) Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The 4th edition of India Energy Week (IEW) 2026 will be held from 27 to 30 January 2026 in Goa.
- The event is organised under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- Over 75,000 participants are expected to attend the global energy event.
- More than 600 exhibitors, including 180 international exhibitors, will participate.
- Ministers or deputy ministers from 17 countries will attend, including Canada, UAE, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Trinidad and Tobago, Oman, and Brunei.
- The event aims to promote a secure, sustainable, and affordable energy future.
- The announcement was made by Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.

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Ques: Who delivered the Inaugural Address at the 22nd Subroto Mukerjee International Seminar?

- A) General Anil Chauhan, CDS
- B) Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff
- C) Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff
- D) Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane
- E) Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff, delivered the Inaugural Address at the 22nd Subroto Mukerjee International Seminar.
- The seminar was organised by the Centre for Aerospace Power and Strategic Studies (CAPSS).
- It is an annual event held in honour of Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee, the first Indian Chief of the Air Staff and a visionary founder of the Indian Air Force.
- The theme of the seminar was 'National Security Imperatives'.

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Ques: What is the theme of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2026?

- A) Global Economic Reset
- B) Inclusive Growth
- C) A Spirit of Dialogue
- D) Sustainable World
- E) Digital Transformation

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The 56th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) is held from 19 to 23 January 2026 in Davos, Switzerland.
- The theme for WEF Annual Meeting 2026 is “A Spirit of Dialogue”.
- The meeting gathers global leaders, policymakers, business heads, and experts to discuss pressing global issues.
- WEF headquarters is located in Cologny, Switzerland, and the forum was founded in 1971 by Klaus Schwab.

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Ques: How many tableaux will be showcased during the 77th Republic Day Parade on Kartavya Path?

- A) 25
- B) 28
- C) 30
- D) 32
- E) 35

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- 30 tableaux will roll down Kartavya Path, New Delhi during the 77th Republic Day Parade on 26 January 2026.
- Out of these, 17 tableaux are from States and Union Territories, and 13 are from Ministries, Departments, and Services.
- Themes for the tableaux: “Swatantrata ka Mantra: Vande Mataram” and “Samriddhi ka Mantra: Atmanirbhar Bharat”.
- The event also celebrates 150 years of the national song ‘Vande Mataram’.
- The tableaux will showcase India’s cultural diversity, freedom struggle, innovation, and achievements in self-reliance.
- States such as Assam, Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Punjab will highlight their regional heritage and development themes.

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Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- The Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Regulatory Affairs in the Power Sector was inaugurated at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for the world's largest green hydrogen and green ammonia plants at Kakinada.
- Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence, inaugurated a Medium Calibre Ammunition Manufacturing Facility at Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL).
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of a BSL-4 (Bio-Safety Level-4) containment facility in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Galgotias University inaugurated the IIT-Mandi Catalyst Satellite Centre at its campus in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah inaugurated a high-tech Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the National Improvised Explosive Device Data Management System (NIDMS) of the National Security Guard (NSG).





Ques: What is the monthly financial assistance provided to research scholars under the 'Atal Vichal Agragami Assam' scheme?

- A) Rs 20,000 per month
- B) Rs 25,000 per month
- C) Rs 30,000 per month
- D) Rs 40,000 per month
- E) Rs 50,000 per month

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the 'Atal Vichal Agragami Assam' scheme to support research scholars through monthly financial assistance.
- Eligible PhD research scholars under this scheme will receive ₹25,000 per month.
- Divyang (differently-abled) research scholars will get enhanced assistance of ₹40,000 per month.
- The scheme is for permanent residents of Assam enrolled in full-time PhD programs at Central or State Universities within Assam.

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Ques: Which digital platform developed by Tim Berners-Lee gives users control over their personal data?

- A) Web3 Vault
- B) MetaData Hub
- C) OpenID
- D) Data Secure Net
- E) SoLiD

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- SoLiD (Social Linked Data), developed by Sir Tim Berners-Lee, is designed to give users full control over their personal data.
- Users can decide who can access, use, and share their data.
- Data is stored in data pods, acting as personal data wallets, which can be kept on cloud servers or personal devices.
- SoLiD promotes minimum data sharing to strengthen privacy protection.
- India's robust digital infrastructure (Aadhaar, UPI, Digital ID) makes it suitable for SoLiD integration.

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Ques: Where was the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) hosted?

- A) Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi
- B) Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi
- C) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
- D) Hyderabad International Convention Centre
- E) Maharashtra Vidhan Bhavan, Mumbai

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The 28th CSPOC was hosted by the Government of India and organized by the Parliament of India.
- The conference took place at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, part of the Parliament House Complex, New Delhi.
- The meeting was chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.
- This was the fourth time India hosted CSPOC, with previous editions in 1970–71, 1986, and 2010.
- CSPOC was established in 1969 on the initiative of Lucien Lamoureux, then Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada, and follows a biennial cycle.
- CSPOC (Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth) brings together Speakers and Presiding Officers from National Parliaments, State/Provincial Legislatures, and Territorial Assemblies of 53 Commonwealth countries and 14 semi-autonomous legislatures.
- The 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' (P20) Summit was held on the sidelines of CSPOC 2026 in New Delhi.
- The 2026 edition saw the largest participation, with 61 Speakers and Presiding Officers from 42 Commonwealth countries and representatives of 4 semi-autonomous parliaments.





- CSPOC countries not represented: Barbados, Bermuda, Cyprus, New Zealand, Uganda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Vanuatu, and Eswatini.
- Semi-autonomous parliaments not represented: British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Niue, and St. Helena.
- During the event, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla handed over the chairmanship of the 29th CSPOC to Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the UK House of Commons.
- The 29th CSPOC will be held in London in 2028.



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Ques: What is the total outlay of PMGSY-IV approved by the Union Cabinet?

- A) ₹70,125 crore
- B) ₹62,500 crore
- C) ₹50,000 crore
- D) ₹80,000 crore
- E) ₹1 lakh crore

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Centre has sanctioned over 10,000 km of rural road projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV (PMGSY-IV).
- The projects cover Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim.
- The new projects will provide all-weather road connectivity to around 3,270 habitations that earlier lacked such access.
- The initiative aims to improve access to healthcare, education, markets, and essential services in remote and rural areas.
- Under PMGSY-IV, the government plans to connect around 25,000 unconnected habitations as per Census 2011 norms.
- The overall objective of PMGSY-IV is to construct about 62,500 km of all-weather rural roads along with necessary bridges.
- PMGSY-IV was approved by the Union Cabinet on 11 September 2024 and will be implemented from 2024-25 to 2028-29.
- The total financial outlay of PMGSY-IV is ₹70,125 crore, with a central share of ₹49,087.50 crore and a state share of ₹21,037.50 crore.





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The 86th edition of the All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) 2026 was held at the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha in Lucknow.
- The 9th edition of the International Spice Conference (ISC 2026) was held in Kochi, Kerala.
- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the National Conference on Eco-restoration of the Aravalli Landscape: Strengthening the Aravalli Green Wall in New Delhi.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, the Federation of Indian Export Organisations and other Government partners and industry stakeholders, organised the National Conference on Strategic Trade Controls (NCSTC) 2026 in New Delhi
- The India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM)-2026 is a three-day conference starting from 21 January 2026, held in New Delhi.
- The 6th ASEAN-India Digital Ministers' (ADGMIN) Meeting was held virtually, reaffirming the shared commitment of ASEAN Member States and India to deepen cooperation in the digital domain.

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Ques: Which company has signed a ₹270 crore sponsorship agreement with the BCCI for the IPL starting from the 2026 season?

- A) Tata Group
- B) Dream11
- C) Apollo Tyres
- D) Gemini
- E) Reliance

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has signed a ₹270 crore, three-year sponsorship agreement with Gemini for the Indian Premier League, starting from the 2026 season.
- Tata Group continues as the title sponsor of the IPL.
- Apollo Tyres replaced Dream11 as the official jersey sponsor and secured the rights for ₹579 crore.

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Ques: NDRF Raising Day is observed on which date?

- A) 15 January
- B) 18 January
- C) 19 January
- D) 20 January
- E) 26 January

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Raising Day is observed every year on 19 January.
- NDRF was constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and established in 2006 for effective disaster response.
- It functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) with its headquarters in New Delhi; the Director General (DG) is Shri Piyush Anand.
- NDRF is India's premier specialized force for handling natural and man-made disasters.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah extended greetings on NDRF Raising Day and praised its contribution towards building a disaster-resilient India.
- Motto of NDRF is "Saving Lives & Beyond".





Important days :

- 25 December : 12th Good Governance Day (theme “Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore (Governance Towards Villages)”)
- 19th to 25th December : Good Governance Week
- 26 December : 4th Veer Bal Diwas
- 27 December : 6th International Day of Epidemic Preparedness 2025 (Started in 2020)
- 1 January : Global Family Day (Started in 2000)
- 2 January : World Introvert Day (Theme 2026 Quietly Changing Tomorrow)
- 3 January : International Mind-Body Wellness Day
- 4 January : World Braille Day (Started in 2018)
- 5 January : National Bird Day (started in 2002)
- 6 January : World Day of War Orphans (Started in 1995)
- 6 January : 9th National Siddha Day (“Siddha for Global Health.”)
- 8 January : Earth’s Rotation Day
- 9 January : Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)
- 10 January : World Hindi Day, also known as Vishwa Hindi Diwas
- 12 January : National Youth Day, also known as Rashtriya Yuva Divas and Vivekananda Jayanti
- 15 January : Indian Army Day (theme 2026 “Year of Networking and Data Centricity.”)
- 16 January : Foundation Day of Lokpal of India
- 16 January : National Startup Day (Started in 2016)
- 19 January : 21st National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Raising Day
- 20 January : Penguin Awareness Day (Started in 1972)
- 23 January : Parakram Diwas (Marks the 129th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose)





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

- **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Viasat, Inc., an American satellite communications firm, announced a partnership to support the next phase of the Indian Navy's Satellite Communications (SatCom) upgrade programme.**
- **With the launch of the Shivari Solid Waste Management Plant, Lucknow marks a major milestone in urban sustainability, achieving 100% scientific processing of municipal solid waste under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban. The newly commissioned plant has a processing capacity of 700 metric tonnes per day.**
- **The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), in collaboration with the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) organised a Pre-Summit Event of the India – AI Impact Summit 2026 on the theme “AI in Telecommunication” at the STPI Conference Facility in New Delhi.**
- **Governments of Odisha and Meghalaya Signed MOU at Bhubaneswar, Odisha to enhance cooperation in Early Childhood Care, Education and Development (ECCED) through inter-state collaboration, focusing on mutual learning and best practice exchange**

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