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Ques: What has been a major factor driving the recent surge in municipal bond issuances in India?

- A) Increase in foreign direct investment
- B) Fiscal incentives under AMRUT 2.0
- C) Mandatory bond issuance by municipalities
- D) Reduction in interest rates by RBI
- E) Privatization of urban local bodies

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- By December of the current financial year, nine municipal bond issuances had already entered the market, showing increased participation by urban local bodies.
- The total outstanding value of municipal bonds stood at ₹3,783.9 crore as of September 30, 2025.
- Nearly ₹1,000 crore was raised in the calendar year 2025 alone, the highest single-year issuance so far.
- The key driver of this momentum is the fiscal incentives provided under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0).
- Under AMRUT 2.0, first-time municipal bond issuers can receive incentives of up to ₹13 crore for every ₹100 crore raised.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Health Insurance Ecosystem and Strategic Partnerships of the General Insurance Council?

- A) Praveen Kumar
- B) Anup Kumar Saha
- C) Karthikeyan Manickam
- D) Ida Liu
- E) S Prakash

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The General Insurance Council appointed S Prakash as the Chief Executive Officer for the Health Insurance Ecosystem and Strategic Partnerships.
- He replaced Praveen Kumar in this role.
- The appointment aims to strengthen coordination and development in India's health insurance ecosystem.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the high-level committee formed to formulate guidelines for assured payouts under the National Pension System (NPS)?

- A) Ajay Tyagi
- B) Supratim Bandyopadhyay
- C) M S Sahoo
- D) Ramesh Abhishek
- E) Urjit Patel

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has constituted a high-level committee to formulate guidelines and regulations for assured payouts under the National Pension System (NPS).
- The committee is a 15-member body aimed at strengthening confidence and predictability in NPS payout mechanisms.
- The committee is chaired by M S Sahoo, former Chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

About PFRDA:

- Established: 2003
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairman: Sivasubramanian Ramann

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Ques: What restriction has the Reserve Bank of India imposed on resident Indians under the Foreign Exchange Management Regulations, 2026?

- A) Ban on foreign investments
- B) Prohibition on issuing credit guarantees to NRIs
- C) Restriction on remittances
- D) Ban on foreign borrowing
- E) Restriction on export payments

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India issued the Foreign Exchange Management Regulations, 2026.
- Under these regulations, resident Indians are prohibited from issuing credit guarantees in favour of non-resident Indians (NRIs).
- RBI clarified that no person resident in India shall be a party to a guarantee if any other party to the guarantee is resident outside India.
- Resident Indians may act as surety or principal debtor only if the underlying transaction is permitted under foreign exchange law.
- Both parties must also be eligible to lend or borrow under FEMA (Borrowing and Lending) Regulations, 2018.
- These conditions do not apply to fully collateralised dealer banks, agents of foreign shipping or airline companies, and resident-to-resident guarantees.

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Ques: Why has NHAI launched a pilot initiative to deliver real-time safety alerts on National Highways during Road Safety Month 2026?

- A) To control traffic congestion
- B) To prevent accidents caused by sudden cattle movement
- C) To promote FASTag usage
- D) To monitor vehicle speed limits
- E) To improve toll collection efficiency

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- During Road Safety Month 2026, NHAI, in collaboration with telecom service providers, launched a pilot project to deliver real-time safety alerts to National Highway users approaching stray cattle-prone zones.
- The initiative aims to reduce accidents caused by sudden cattle movement, especially during foggy and low-visibility conditions.
- The pilot is being implemented on the Jaipur–Agra and Jaipur–Rewari National Highway corridors, identified as high-risk areas for stray cattle movement.
- Location-based alerts will be sent to commuters about 10 km in advance of high-risk stretches, allowing sufficient time for precautionary measures.
- Safety advisories are delivered through Flash SMS, followed by a voice alert conveying the same message.

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Ques: What is the key objective behind the launch of the National Olympic Education and Development Programme (NOEDP) by the Indian Olympic Association?

- A) To promote professional leagues only
- B) To strengthen Olympic education and sports development through a national framework
- C) To select athletes for the next Olympic Games
- D) To manage sports funding and sponsorships
- E) To regulate international sports federations in India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) launched the National Olympic Education and Development Programme (NOEDP) and reactivated the National Olympic Academy (NOA) as a nationwide framework for Olympic education and sports development.
- The reactivated National Olympic Academy aims to promote Olympic values, education, and capacity-building across the country.
- P.T. Usha, President of the IOA, has been named President of the National Olympic Academy (NOA).
- Olympic medalist and IOA Vice President Gagan Narang has been appointed as the Director of the NOA.

About Indian Olympic Association :

- Established : 1927
- HQ : New Delhi
- President : P. T. Usha





Ques: What was the key issue reported regarding ISRO's PSLV-C62/EOS-N1 mission launched in January 2026?

- A) Satellite was not launched at all
- B) Launch was postponed due to weather
- C) Rocket failed to reach its intended orbit
- D) Communication lost after one day
- E) Successful launch with partial data loss

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ISRO's first PSLV mission of 2026, PSLV-C62, failed to reach its intended orbit.
- The rocket was carrying the Earth Observation Satellite EOS-N1.
- The failure occurred about 10 minutes after lift-off on January 12, 2026.
- PSLV-C62 was carrying a total of 16 satellites.
- These included EOS-N1 and the surveillance satellite Anvesha developed by DRDO.
- The mission also carried eight foreign satellites from countries including Thailand, Spain, Brazil, Nepal, and the United Kingdom.
- This marked the first time in PSLV's three-decade history that the rocket failed consecutively for the second time.
- In the previous mission, PSLV-C61 (May last year) carrying EOS-09 had also failed to reach its designated orbit due to third-stage issues.

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Ques: Who has been sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court?

- A) Justice Hima Kohli
- B) Justice Revati Mohite-Dere
- C) Justice Soumen Sen
- D) Justice Indira Banerjee
- E) Justice Bela M. Trivedi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Justice Revati Mohite-Dere, a judge of the Bombay High Court, was sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court.
- She succeeded Justice Soumen Sen, who has been transferred to the Kerala High Court.
- In India, High Court judges are appointed by the President under Article 217 of the Constitution of India.

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Ques: Who inaugurated the high-tech Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Nitin Gadkari
- E) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah inaugurated a high-tech Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- During the visit, he also inaugurated 9 development projects and laid the foundation stones for 2 additional projects.
- The total investment involved in these projects is ₹373 crore.
- The ICCC has been developed at a project cost of ₹229 crore.
- ICCC is a technology-driven, multi-agency security and coordination facility aimed at strengthening surveillance, security, and inter-agency coordination in the strategically important island territory.

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Ques: Which film won the maximum number of awards at the 83rd Annual Golden Globe Awards?

- A) One Battle After Another
- B) Adolescence
- C) The White Lotus
- D) Barbie
- E) Oppenheimer

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 83rd Annual Golden Globe Awards were presented at the Beverly Hilton in California, USA.
- The ceremony was hosted by comedian Nikki Glaser for the second consecutive year.
- The film One Battle After Another won the highest number of awards, securing 4 Golden Globe Awards.
- It also led the nominations with a total of 9 nominations.
- In television categories, Adolescence won the most awards (4), while The White Lotus received the highest number of nominations (6).

List of Golden Globe Awards 2026 Winners :

Films :

- Best Motion Picture (Drama) : Hamnet
- Best Motion Picture (Musical or Comedy) : One Battle After Another
- Best Screenplay : Paul Thomas Anderson (One Battle After Another)
- Best Supporting Actor : Stellan Skarsgard (Sentimental Value)
- Best Supporting Actress : Teyana Taylor (One Battle After Another)
- Best Director : Paul Thomas Anderson (One Battle After Another)
- Best Actor (Drama) : Wagner Moura (The Secret Agent)
- Best Actress (Drama) : Jessie Buckley (Hamnet)





- Best Actor (Musical or Comedy) : Timothee Chalamet (Marty Supreme)
- Best Actress (Musical or Comedy) : Rose Byrne (If I Had Legs I'd Kick You)
- Best Original Score : Ludwig Goransson (Sinners)
- Best Animated Feature : KPop Demon Hunters
- Best Original Song : Golden (KPop Demon Hunters)
- Best Non-English Language Film : The Secret Agent

Television Awards :

- Best Series (Drama) : The Pitt
- Best Series (Musical or Comedy) : The Studio
- Best Limited Series : Adolescence
- Best Actor (Drama Series) : Noah Wyle (The Pitt)
- Best Actress (Drama Series) : Rhea Seehorn (Pluribus)
- Best Actor (Comedy Series) : Seth Rogen (The Studio)
- Best Actress (Comedy Series) : Jean Smart (Hacks)
- Best Actor (Limited Series) : Stephen Graham (Adolescence)
- Best Actress (Limited Series) : Michelle Williams (Dying for Sex)
- Best Supporting Actor (Limited Series) : Owen Cooper (Adolescence)
- Best Supporting Actress (Limited Series) : Eriq La Salle (Adolescence)
- Best Stand-Up Comedy Performance : Ricky Gervais (Mortality)
- Best Podcast : Good Hang with Amy Poehler

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Ques: Which initiative has been launched by IndiaAI in collaboration with the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) to automate verification of financial documents using Artificial Intelligence?

- A) IndiaAI Audit Automation Mission
- B) IndiaAI Financial Reporting Compliance Challenge
- C) Digital India Financial AI Scheme
- D) AIKosh Compliance Accelerator
- E) NFRA Smart Accounting Programme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- IndiaAI launched the IndiaAI Financial Reporting Compliance Challenge in collaboration with the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA).
- IndiaAI functions under the Digital India Corporation (DIC) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The initiative is part of the IndiaAI Application Development Initiative (IADI).
- It aims to develop AI-based systems for automated verification of financial documents against regulatory frameworks.
- Indian startups and companies are invited to build scalable AI engines for financial compliance.
- Up to 10 shortlisted teams will receive ₹5 lakh each for solution refinement using datasets from AIKosh.
- Select teams may be invited for an on-premises development round in New Delhi.





Ques: What is the name of the first-ever joint Military–Civil Fusion exercise conducted by the Indian Army in Pune?

- A) Sanjha Shakti
- B) Sahayog Shakti
- C) Suraksha Setu
- D) Yudh Abhyas
- E) Prahar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Army conducted its first-ever two-day joint Military–Civil Fusion exercise named Sanjha Shakti.
- The exercise was held at the Diggi Range, Khadki Military Station, Pune, under the aegis of the Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Goa Area of the Southern Command.
- It saw participation from the Indian Army along with 16 key civilian agencies.
- Participating civilian agencies included Maharashtra Police, Force One, and fire and emergency services.
- More than 350 civilian personnel took part, highlighting enhanced coordination between military and civil authorities.

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Ques: Which Indian mountaineer recently scaled Mount Aconcagua, and why is this achievement significant?

- A) Anshu Jamsenpa – Fastest ascent record
- B) Aritra Roy – Part of Seven Summits challenge
- C) Arunima Sinha – First amputee climber
- D) Malavath Purna – Youngest climber
- E) Santosh Yadav – Multiple Everest climbs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian mountaineer Aritra Roy successfully summited Mount Aconcagua in Argentina.
- Mount Aconcagua, at about 6,961 metres, is the highest mountain outside Asia.
- The ascent is part of Aritra Roy's Seven Summits challenge, which involves climbing the highest peaks on all seven continents.
- This achievement highlights India's growing presence in global mountaineering.

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Ques: Human rabies has been declared a notifiable disease in which region, to ensure mandatory reporting under the Epidemic Diseases Act?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Kerala
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Delhi

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Human rabies has been declared a notifiable disease in Delhi under the Epidemic Diseases Act.
- A notifiable disease must be mandatorily reported to government health authorities.
- The reporting obligation applies to government hospitals, private hospitals, medical colleges, and private medical practitioners.
- Reporting is mandatory for suspected, probable, and confirmed cases.
- Rabies is a viral zoonotic disease affecting the central nervous system, with an almost 100% fatality rate once clinical symptoms appear.

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Ques: What does the latest data released by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy indicate about India's non-fossil fuel electricity capacity?

- A) It declined due to low renewable additions
- B) It reached 266.78 GW in 2025, showing a 22.6% increase over 2024
- C) It crossed the 500 GW target in 2025
- D) Growth was limited only to solar energy
- E) It includes only solar and wind power

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's non-fossil fuel electricity capacity reached 266.78 GW in 2025, registering a 22.6% increase over 2024.
- The capacity includes solar (131.81 GW), wind (54.51 GW), bioenergy (11.61 GW), small hydro (5.16 GW), and large hydro including pumped storage (50.91 GW).
- Around 48 GW of renewable capacity (including hydropower) was added in 2025.
- This progress supports India's target of 500 GW non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030.
- It also strengthens India's commitments under the Paris Agreement and the Net Zero by 2070 goal.

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Ques: Which statement correctly describes the Prerana program?

- A) A sports training program conducted at IIM Ahmedabad, with 50 batches completed
- B) An experiential learning program started on 15 January 2024 at Vernacular School Vadnagar, involving 20 students per batch from 10 districts, with 81 batches completed in the first cycle, focusing on nine core values and supported by an alumni network
- C) A digital learning program for online education conducted in Delhi with only boys participating
- D) A scholarship program for higher education, conducted only in private schools
- E) A medical training program conducted at IIT Gandhinagar for students of 5 states

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prerana is an experiential learning program and a national initiative of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education.
- The program was inspired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and started on 15 January 2024.
- It is conducted at the historic Vernacular School in Vadnagar, established in 1888, where the Prime Minister began his education.
- Each batch involves 20 students from 10 districts, and 81 batches were completed in the first cycle.
- The program focuses on nine core values and is supported by an alumni network.
- Each weekly batch includes 20 students, with one boy and one girl from each of 10 districts across 10 States/UTs, along with Lady Guardian Teachers for balanced gender participation.
- The first cycle completed 81 batches, involving 1,620 students and 810 Guardian Teachers, representing all 785 districts of India.
- Participants engaged with nine core human values such as Swabhiman, Shaurya, Parishram, Satyanishtha, Karuna, Navachar, Vividhta, Shraddha, and Swatantrata.
- The program is guided by teachers from Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar





Navodaya Vidyalayas, trained by experts from IIT Gandhinagar, IIM Ahmedabad, and IKS Division, among others.

- Through storytelling, heritage immersion, indigenous games, collaborative reflection, and experiential activities, students developed confidence, teamwork, leadership, and social responsibility.
- The Prerana Alumni Network supported by the Prerana Alumni Portal continues to connect students, provide mentorship, and encourage knowledge sharing.



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Ques: What highlights the growth and performance of India's fisheries sector in recent years?

- A) Fish production declined after 2014
- B) India became the largest fish producer globally
- C) Fish production more than doubled and exports reached a record high
- D) No major government schemes were launched for fisheries
- E) Seafood exports reduced due to low demand

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's fish production increased from 95 lakh tonnes in 2013–14 to around 198 lakh tonnes in 2024–25, showing a growth of over 106%.
- India is currently the world's second-largest fish producer, contributing about 8% to global fish production.
- Since 2014–15, ₹32,723 crore has been approved under schemes such as the Blue Revolution, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi SahYojana.
- India's seafood exports reached an all-time high of ₹62,408 crore in 2024–25.

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Ques: IndiaAI Mission has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which organisation to build one of India's largest state-level Artificial Intelligence skilling ecosystems?

- A) Uttar Pradesh Electronics Corporation Limited (UPLC)
- B) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- C) Uttar Pradesh Development Systems Corporation Limited (UPDESCO)
- D) Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)
- E) Digital India Corporation (DIC)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IndiaAI Mission, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), signed an MoU with Uttar Pradesh Development Systems Corporation Limited (UPDESCO).
- The MoU aims to build one of India's largest state-level AI skilling ecosystems in Uttar Pradesh.
- A total of 65 Data and AI Labs are planned across the state, equipped with modern computing infrastructure.
- Currently, two labs at NIELIT Lucknow and Gorakhpur are operational.
- One lab in Pilibhit is industry-led, 49 labs have been approved and are under implementation, and 13 additional labs will be identified to complete the network.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) by the Centre, and what is his tenure?

- A) Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor – Till October 31, 2026
- B) Daljit Singh Chaudhary – Till October 2026
- C) Praveen Kumar – Till September 2030
- D) Rakesh Agarwal – Till December 2026
- E) Nagesh Kapoor – Till March 2027

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Centre appointed senior IPS officer Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor as the Director General of ITBP.
- His tenure will continue till October 31, 2026.
- He replaced Praveen Kumar, who was earlier serving as ITBP Director General.
- Praveen Kumar has been appointed as the Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF), with tenure till September 30, 2030, replacing Daljit Singh Chaudhary.

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Ques: Which company has signed a contract with the Indian Army to overhaul, upgrade and provide long-term support for the Pinaka Multiple Launcher Rocket Systems (MLRS)?

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited
- B) Larsen & Toubro
- C) Tata Advanced Systems
- D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- E) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) signed a contract with the Indian Army, awarded by the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME), for overhauling, upgrading, and providing long-term support for the Pinaka Multiple Launcher Rocket Systems.
- Under the contract, L&T will overhaul existing launchers, replace obsolete components, modernize command and control systems, and provide lifecycle support, quality assurance, and training.
- Pinaka is India's indigenously developed Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher System, designed by DRDO and manufactured by Indian companies including L&T and Tata.
- The Pinaka MLRS was inducted into the Indian Army around 1998 and was operationally used during the Kargil conflict in 1999.
- Pinaka has a range of about 40 km in its Mk-I version, 60–75 km in Mk-II and extended-range variants, and over 90 km in advanced versions.





Ques: Where was the rare Sandalwood Leopard, exhibiting a strawberry (pale reddish-pink) colour morph, sighted for the first time in Karnataka?

- A) Bandipur National Park, Karnataka
- B) Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka
- C) Vijayanagara district, Karnataka
- D) Ranakpur, Rajasthan
- E) Gir National Park, Gujarat

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The first sighting of a rare Sandalwood Leopard in Karnataka was reported from the Vijayanagara district.
- The leopard displayed a strawberry or pale reddish-pink colour morph, also referred to as the Sandalwood Leopard.
- Globally, only about five such cases of this rare colour morph have been recorded.
- The previous recorded sighting in India occurred in Ranakpur, Rajasthan, in 2021.
- Scientists suggest hypomelanism or erythrism as the possible cause behind this unusual coloration.
- The sighting is significant from a conservation perspective as it highlights the genetic diversity within leopard populations.





Ques: Which Indian financial institution became the first Indian issuer in 2026 to raise overseas debt through a dual-tranche, long-duration US dollar-denominated bond issue worth \$1 billion?

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)
- C) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- D) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
- E) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) accepted bids worth \$1 billion for its dual-tranche, long-duration US dollar-denominated bonds, making it the first Indian issuer to raise overseas debt in 2026.
- The bond issue consisted of two tranches:
 - 10-year bond: \$500 million, coupon rate 5.00%, spread 85 basis points over the 10-year US Treasury yield.
 - 30-year bond: \$500 million, coupon rate 5.75%, spread 95 basis points over the 30-year US Treasury yield.
- The bonds are rated BBB– by Fitch Ratings, in line with EXIM Bank’s issuer rating.





Ques: What does the World Bank Group's 'Global Economic Prospects (January 2026)' report project for India's economic growth?

- A) India's GDP growth is projected to decline to below 6% in FY26
- B) India's GDP growth is projected at 7.2% in FY26, revised upward from earlier estimates
- C) India's GDP growth is projected to remain unchanged at 6.3% in FY26
- D) India's GDP growth is projected to accelerate to above 8% in FY27
- E) India's GDP growth is projected to stagnate with no moderation in FY27

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The World Bank Group released its flagship 'Global Economic Prospects (GEP): January 2026' report.
- The report revised India's GDP growth projection for FY 2025–26 upward to 7.2%, from the earlier estimate of 6.3% made in June 2025.
- India's economic growth is expected to moderate to 6.5% in FY27, lower than the previous estimate of 7.2%.
- The projections indicate strong near-term economic momentum with gradual moderation in the medium term.

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Ques: How many cryptocurrency exchanges were registered with India's Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-IND) during FY 2024–25, and under which law were crypto exchanges brought for AML–CTF compliance?

- A) 49 exchanges – PMLA
- B) 41 exchanges – IT Act
- C) 32 exchanges – FEMA
- D) 55 exchanges – RBI Act
- E) 60 exchanges – Companies Act

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- During FY 2024–25, a total of 49 cryptocurrency exchanges were registered with India's Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-IND), most of them domestic.
- As of March 2025, 45 onshore exchanges and 4 offshore exchanges were registered with FIU-IND.
- In FY25, FIU-IND imposed penalties worth ₹28 crore on certain non-compliant crypto exchanges.
- In 2023, all crypto exchanges in India were brought under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), making them reporting entities for AML–CTF compliance.
- Cryptocurrencies are classified as Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs), and crypto exchanges are designated as VDA Service Providers (VDA SPs).

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Ques: Which bank has partnered with NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL) to use its bank plugins for offering UPI services on its banking app?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) Canara Bank
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Union Bank of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Canara Bank will use NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL) bank plugins to offer UPI services on its banking payments app, Canara ai1Pe.
- This partnership allows Canara Bank to integrate the latest UPI payment launches and feature upgrades, similar to those available on the BHIM app.
- Canara Bank is the first bank to adopt NBSL's technology-sharing model for UPI services.
- In 2025, BHIM presented a proof of concept under 'BHIM Vishwas', enabling banks to leverage BHIM's technology stack.

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Ques: Which organisation has been recognised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for all Authorised Dealers under the Omnibus SRO Framework in January 2026?

- A) FIMMDA – Fixed Income Money Market & Derivatives Association
- B) FIDC – Finance Industry Development Council
- C) FEDAI – Foreign Exchange Dealers’ Association of India
- D) FACE – Fintech Association for Consumer Empowerment
- E) AMFI – Association of Mutual Funds in India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Foreign Exchange Dealers’ Association of India (FEDAI) has been recognised by the RBI as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for all Authorised Dealers under the Omnibus SRO Framework in January 2026.
- RBI noted that FEDAI has long functioned like an SRO through its rules governing the conduct of its members.
- FEDAI has been given one year to align its governance and operational framework with the Omnibus SRO Framework.
- During this period, FEDAI must also extend its membership to all categories of Authorised Dealers.
- As of January 2026, RBI has recognised four SROs under the Omnibus Framework, including FEDAI (Forex Authorised Dealers) on January 14, 2026 and FIDC (NBFCs) on October 3, 2025.

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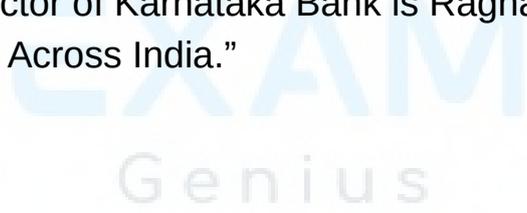
Ques: Which bank has received RBI and Karnataka Government approval to collect State government revenue through the Khajane-2 Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS)?

- A) Canara Bank
- B) Karnataka Bank
- C) Union Bank of India
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Indian Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Karnataka Bank has received authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and approval from the Department of Treasuries, Government of Karnataka.
- This approval allows the bank to collect State government revenue receipts through the Khajane-2 Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS).
- Karnataka Bank can collect various State government taxes and fees from citizens using its Internet banking services.
- Karnataka Bank was established in 1924 and is headquartered in Mangaluru, Karnataka.
- The CEO & Managing Director of Karnataka Bank is Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat, and its tagline is “Your Family Bank Across India.”





Ques: Which ministry advised Public Sector Banks to introduce a composite Salary Account Package for Central Government Employees, and what are its three core segments?

- A) Ministry of Labour – Banking, Pension, Cards
- B) Ministry of Personnel – Salary, Insurance, Pension
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs – Banking, Insurance, Loans
- D) Ministry of Finance (DFS) – Banking, Insurance, Cards
- E) Ministry of Social Justice – Banking, Welfare, Cards

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) under the Ministry of Finance advised Public Sector Banks to introduce a Composite Salary Account Package for Central Government Employees.
- The objective is to enhance the financial well-being and social security of Central Government employees.
- The package is designed as a one-stop financial solution with three core segments: Banking, Insurance, and Cards.

Key Banking & Loan Features:

- Zero-balance salary account with enhanced facilities.
- Free remittances via RTGS, NEFT, and UPI, along with cheque facilities.
- Concessional interest rates on housing, education, vehicle and personal loans, along with concessions in processing charges.
- Locker rent waivers and family banking benefits

Enhanced Insurance Coverage:

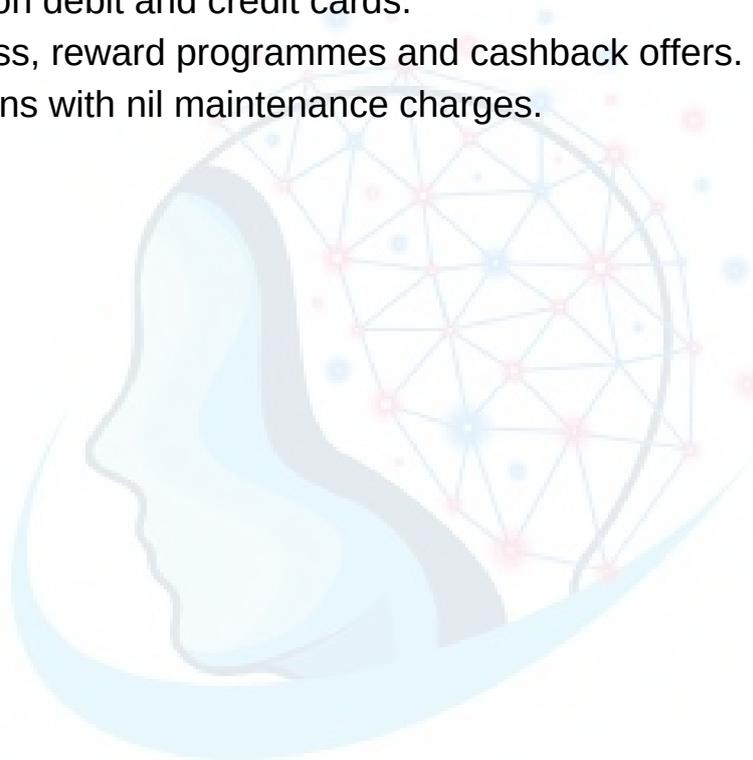
- Personal Accident Insurance cover up to ₹1.50 crore.
- Air Accident Insurance cover up to ₹2 crore.
- Permanent Total and Partial Disability cover up to ₹1.50 crore.
- Comprehensive Health Insurance for self and family with base plan and top-up options.



- In-built Term Life Insurance cover up to ₹20 lakh, with optional top-up facility.

Digital & Card Features:

- Enhanced benefits on debit and credit cards.
- Airport lounge access, reward programmes and cashback offers.
- Unlimited transactions with nil maintenance charges.



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Ques: Which university inaugurated the IIT-Mandi Catalyst Satellite Centre in Greater Noida, and what is the main objective of this centre?

- A) Amity University – Space research promotion
- B) Galgotias University – Startup support and deep-tech innovation
- C) Sharda University – Skill development in AI
- D) Gautam Buddha University – Industrial training
- E) Noida International University – Research publications

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Galgotias University inaugurated the IIT-Mandi Catalyst Satellite Centre at its campus in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- The centre has been established in collaboration with IIT Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.
- Its main objective is to support early-stage startups, promote deep-tech innovation, and bridge the gap between academic research and real-world applications.
- Galgotias University also signed MoUs with NIT Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) and Jharkhand University of Technology (JUT), Ranchi.

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Ques: Why is Marvell Technology expanding its presence in India, as announced by the Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology?

- A) To set up a semiconductor manufacturing fab in India
- B) To design cutting-edge 2-nanometer (2 nm) chips and strengthen India's chip design ecosystem
- C) To focus only on mobile phone assembly units
- D) To exit operations from other Asian countries
- E) To manufacture consumer electronics exclusively for the Indian market

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that Marvell Technology is expanding in India to design advanced 2-nanometer (2 nm) semiconductor chips.
- The 2 nm node is among the most advanced semiconductor technologies, enabling high-performance and energy-efficient computing.
- As part of this expansion, Marvell will collaborate with Indian chip design start-ups and partner with Indian universities.
- The initiative aims to strengthen India's domestic chip design capabilities and the overall semiconductor and electronics ecosystem.
- Marvell Technology is a global semiconductor company that designs chips for data infrastructure, including AI, cloud computing, data centres, enterprise networking, and the automotive sector.





Ques: What major record did Indian Railways achieve through the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) network on 5 January 2026?

- A) Longest freight train operation in India
- B) Highest number of containers transported in a day
- C) Highest number of interchange freight trains handled in a single day
- D) Fastest freight train speed achieved
- E) Maximum freight revenue earned in a day

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indian Railways, through the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) network, achieved the highest number of interchange freight trains handled in a single day.
- On 5 January 2026, a total of 892 interchange freight trains were handled between the DFC network and five zones of Indian Railways.
- This marked the highest interchange record since the commissioning of the Dedicated Freight Corridors.
- The previous record was 865 interchange freight trains, achieved on 4 January 2026.

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Ques: What is the key objective and feature of the newly launched Paripoorna Medclaim Ayush Bima for CGHS beneficiaries?

- A) It is a compulsory insurance scheme with fixed coverage for all citizens
- B) It provides cashless, AYUSH-inclusive health insurance exclusively for CGHS beneficiaries with discounted premiums
- C) It covers only outpatient treatments without hospitalization benefits
- D) It offers insurance only for government hospitals with limited sum insured
- E) It is a short-term accident insurance policy without co-payment options

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, launched the Paripoorna Medclaim Ayush Bima for CGHS beneficiaries.
- The policy provides cashless hospitalization, modern treatments, and AYUSH-inclusive healthcare through a wide hospital network across India.
- It is exclusively available to CGHS beneficiaries and covers up to six members per policy.
- Sum insured options are ₹10 lakh and ₹20 lakh.
- The policy includes co-payment options of 70:30 or 50:50, room rent caps, and pre- and post-hospitalization coverage.

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Ques: Why did the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) impose a penalty of ₹150 crore on telecom operators?

- A) Failure to expand 5G services
- B) Delay in spectrum payments
- C) Failure to effectively curb spam calls and unsolicited messages
- D) Non-compliance with tariff regulations
- E) Poor quality of mobile network services

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- TRAI imposed a penalty of ₹150 crore on telecom operators for failing to effectively curb spam calls and unsolicited commercial communications.
- The penalty pertains to violations spread over a three-year period beginning in 2020.
- As per TRAI regulations, a financial disincentive of up to ₹50 lakh per month per Licensed Service Area (LSA) can be imposed on telecom operators.
- To enhance consumer protection, TRAI extended the complaint registration window for subscribers from 3 days to 7 days.
- TRAI also tightened action thresholds against spammers, where five complaints within the last 10 days are sufficient to trigger regulatory action.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for the Pune Grand Tour 2026 and where will this international cycling race be held?

- A) MS Dhoni – Pune
- B) Sachin Tendulkar – Nagpur
- C) Virat Kohli – Mumbai
- D) Rohit Sharma – Bengaluru
- E) Kapil Dev – Chandigarh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Former Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for the Pune Grand Tour 2026.
- The Pune Grand Tour 2026 is a five-day international road cycling race to be held in Pune from January 19 to January 23, 2026.
- The race will cover a total distance of 437 kilometres.
- The event will feature 171 riders from 29 professional teams representing 35 countries.
- MS Dhoni's appointment is expected to boost the popularity of cycling and promote sports culture in India.

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Ques: Which country has announced its immediate withdrawal from seven United Nations agencies following an internal review, and how many UN bodies are involved?

- A) Russia – Five agencies
- B) Israel – Seven agencies
- C) Iran – Six agencies
- D) United States – Seven agencies
- E) China – Eight agencies

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Israel has announced its immediate withdrawal from seven United Nations agencies and affiliated bodies following a comprehensive internal review.
- The review was initiated after the United States exited 66 international organisations.
- **The seven UN entities from which Israel has decided to withdraw include:**
 1. **Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict**
 2. **United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)**
 3. **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**
 4. **UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**
 5. **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations**
 6. **UN Energy**





Ques: What are the key measures taken by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to improve toll payment efficiency and commuter experience on National Highways?

- A) Introduction of FASTag Annual Pass, reduced penalty for UPI payments, and rollout of barrier-free MLFF tolling
- B) Complete removal of toll plazas and free highway travel for all vehicles
- C) Mandatory cash-only payments with higher toll rates
- D) Suspension of FASTag system and manual toll collection
- E) Uniform toll charges across all highways regardless of road condition

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- MoRTH, in collaboration with NHAI, has implemented commuter-centric reforms to simplify toll payments and reduce congestion.
- The FASTag Annual Pass, launched on 15 August 2025, allows users to pay ₹3,000 for 200 toll trips or one year of travel across 1,159 toll plazas nationwide.
- Digital payment penalties have been reduced: non-FASTag payments previously charged 2x, now UPI payments are charged 1.25x, promoting cashless options.
- Barrier-free Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling is being rolled out to enable seamless toll collection and faster movement on highways .
 - India's first barrier-free Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system has been awarded at Choryasi Fee Plaza on NH-48 in Gujarat and is scheduled to be operational in 2026, with five more such projects awarded.
- MoRTH has also ensured that during highway widening works, users pay only 50% of the earlier toll until construction is completed.
- The FASTag ecosystem has been strengthened through measures like One Vehicle –One FASTag, VAHAN-linked issuance, double fee for loose FASTags, and multiple grievance redressal channels.





Ques: Which company signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Madras to establish a Corporate Research Centre at the IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai?

- A) Coromandel International Limited
- B) UPL Limited
- C) Rallis India Limited
- D) PI Industries Limited
- E) Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Coromandel International Limited signed an MoU with IIT Madras to set up a Corporate Research Centre at the IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai.
- The centre will function as a hub for joint research programs, technology incubation, talent development, and international collaboration.
- It aims to promote translational research in agriculture, sustainability, crop nutrition, and advanced agri-input technologies.

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Ques: Which Australian university has announced plans to establish a new campus at Manyata Tech Park in Bengaluru by August 2026, and under which bilateral programme is this initiative aligned?

- A) University of Melbourne – Australia–India Skill Initiative
- B) University of Sydney – New Colombo Plan
- C) University of New South Wales – India–Australia Education and Research Cooperation Programme
- D) Monash University – Quad Education Framework
- E) Australian National University – Indo-Pacific Academic Partnership

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The University of New South Wales (UNSW) will set up a new campus at Manyata Tech Park, Bengaluru, by August 2026.
- Initially, it will offer undergraduate programmes in commerce, media, computer science, and data science, and a postgraduate programme in cybersecurity.
- This initiative is aligned with the India–Australia Education and Research Cooperation Programme (2025–2030).
- Out of the 19 international universities approved to establish campuses in India, seven are Australian universities.
- La Trobe University, Victoria University, Western Sydney University, and the University of Western Australia have received Letters of Intent, while Deakin University and the University of Wollongong already operate campuses in GIFT City.
- Apart from UNSW, University of Liverpool and University of Lancaster (England) have also announced plans to open campuses in Bengaluru.





Ques: What was the key outcome of the 6th ASEAN–India Digital Ministers’ (ADGMIN) Meeting held virtually?

- A) Reaffirmation of ASEAN–India cooperation in the digital domain
- B) Signing of a free trade agreement between ASEAN and India
- C) Establishment of a common digital currency for ASEAN–India
- D) Withdrawal of India from ASEAN digital dialogue mechanisms
- E) Launch of a joint defence cyber command

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 6th ASEAN–India Digital Ministers’ (ADGMIN) Meeting was held virtually, reaffirming ASEAN Member States’ and India’s commitment to strengthen cooperation in the digital domain.
- The meeting was co-chaired by Shri Amit Agrawal, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, India, and Shri Nguyen Manh Hung, Minister of Science and Technology, Vietnam.
- ADGMIN serves as an annual forum for Telecom and Digital Ministers from 11 ASEAN countries and dialogue partners, including India.
- The meeting acknowledged the adoption of the ASEAN–India Joint Statement on Advancing Digital Transformation at the 21st ASEAN–India Summit held on 10 October 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

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Ques: Which international financial institutions jointly provided a USD 350 million loan to Piramal Finance Limited?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Piramal Finance Limited has received a total loan of USD 350 million.
- The loan has been jointly provided by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- Out of the total amount, IFC has contributed USD 200 million, while ADB has provided USD 150 million.
- The loan tenure is five years.
- Piramal Finance Limited is headquartered in Mumbai.
- The Managing Director and CEO of the company is Jairam Sridharan.

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Ques: What major change did SEBI propose to ease liquidity strain for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)?

- A) Introduction of weekly settlement cycle
- B) Same-day fund netting of buy and sell obligations
- C) Reduction in securities transaction tax
- D) Mandatory escrow funding for FPIs
- E) Extension of trading hours for FPIs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SEBI proposed allowing Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to offset their purchase and sale obligations within the same trading day.
- The proposal aims to replace the existing gross-based settlement system.
- Currently, FPIs must separately fund every buy order and deliver securities for every sell order, even if both transactions occur on the same day.
- Even when the value of buy and sell transactions is equal, investors are required to arrange full funds for the purchase leg.
- For example, an investor buying and selling shares worth ₹100 crore each still needs to arrange ₹100 crore in funds under the current system.

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Ques: Why is JPMorgan Chase replacing Goldman Sachs as the issuer of the Apple Card?

- A) To exit the premium digital credit card segment
- B) To transfer Apple Card operations to a fintech company
- C) To strengthen JPMorgan's consumer banking business while Goldman scales back retail finance
- D) Due to Apple ending its credit card partnership
- E) Because of regulatory penalties on Goldman Sachs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- JPMorgan Chase will replace Goldman Sachs as the issuer of the Apple Card.
- The move will transfer over USD 20 billion in Apple Card credit balances to JPMorgan's platform.
- For JPMorgan Chase, the deal strengthens its credit card and consumer banking business.
- It also expands JPMorgan's presence in the premium digital credit card segment.
- For Goldman Sachs, the decision aligns with its strategy to scale back consumer finance operations.
- It reflects Goldman Sachs' continued retreat from retail-focused ventures such as co-branded credit cards.

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Ques: What is the key provision introduced under the RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2026 to strengthen customer grievance redressal?

- A) Manual review of complaints by RBI offices
- B) Auto-transfer of unresolved complaints to Internal Ombudsman
- C) Closure of complaints by the same bank branch
- D) Extension of complaint resolution time to 60 days
- E) Limiting the scheme only to public sector banks

Answer: Option B

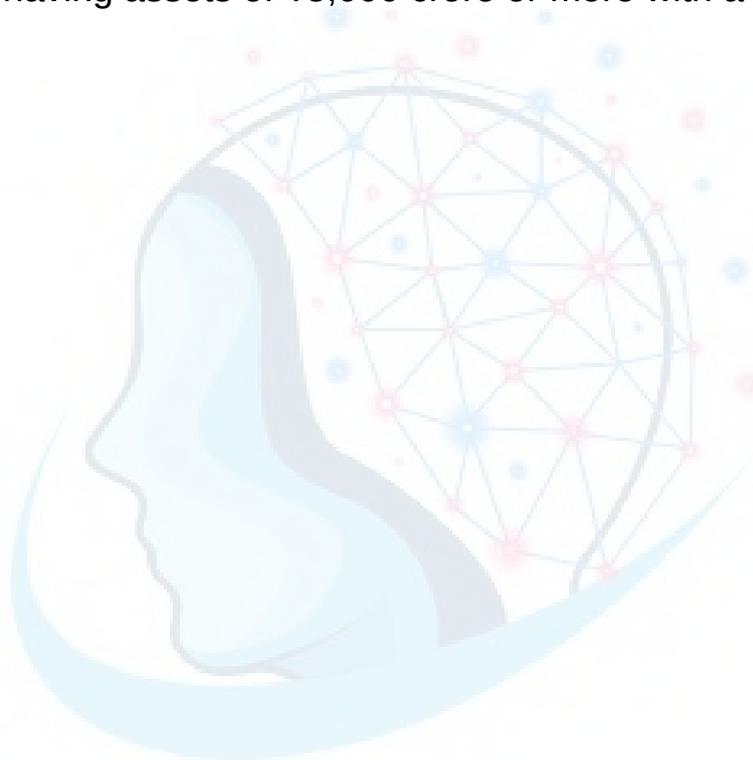
Explanation:

- To strengthen customer protection in the financial system, the Reserve Bank of India issued new directions on grievance redressal.
- RBI issued Master Circular–1 under the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2026, which will come into force from 1 July 2026.
- Under the revised norms, banks and eligible NBFCs must automatically transfer unresolved complaints to their Internal Ombudsman.
- This provision ensures that the final decision is communicated to customers within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.
- RBI has also mandated banks and eligible NBFCs to establish a fully automated Complaint Management System (CMS).
- The CMS must allow seamless access to the Internal Ombudsman (IO) and Deputy Internal Ombudsman (DIO).
- For complaints where RBI, NPCI, or card network rules prescribe timelines, the IO must be given at least 10 days for review.
- For all other complaints, a 20-day timeline from the date of receipt applies for IO review.
- Banks must classify complaints into three categories within the CMS: fully resolved, partially resolved, and wholly rejected.
- Only partially resolved or wholly rejected complaints will be transferred to the Internal Ombudsman.





- RBI clarified that the same branch or unit cannot close a complaint, whether resolved or rejected, to avoid conflict of interest and ensure fairness.
- These norms apply to banks having 10 or more outlets in India as on 31 March 2025.
- For NBFCs, the rules apply to deposit-taking NBFCs with 10 or more branches and non-deposit-taking NBFCs having assets of ₹5,000 crore or more with a public customer interface.



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Ques: What is the key objective behind Amazon Pay launching fixed deposit (FD) services on its fintech app?

- A) To offer cryptocurrency-based investments
- B) To expand into fixed-income investment products
- C) To replace traditional bank fixed deposits
- D) To provide unsecured personal loans
- E) To act as a full-fledged commercial bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Amazon Pay has launched fixed deposit (FD) services on its fintech app to expand into fixed-income investment products.
- The FD offerings provide interest rates of up to 8%.
- Amazon Pay has partnered with two NBFCs—Shriram Finance and Bajaj Finance—and five banks.
- The partner banks include Shivalik Small Finance Bank, Suryoday Small Finance Bank, South Indian Bank, Slice, and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank.
- Users can start investing in FDs with a minimum amount of ₹1,000 without opening separate bank accounts with each institution.
- Deposits made through the platform are insured up to ₹5 lakh per depositor per bank under DICGC rules.

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Ques: Who became India's 92nd Chess Grandmaster after securing the final GM norm in Armenia?

- A) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
- B) Nihal Sarin
- C) Vidit Gujrathi
- D) Arjun Erigaisi
- E) Aaryan Varshney

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indian chess player Aaryan Varshney became India's 92nd Chess Grandmaster.
- He secured his final Grandmaster norm at the Andranik Margaryan Memorial Tournament in Armenia.
- Aaryan Varshney is from Delhi.
- With this achievement, he became the eighth Grandmaster from Delhi.
- The achievement marks a significant milestone in his chess career.

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Ques: On which date did the Lokpal of India observe its Foundation Day in 2026?

- A) 15 January
- B) 16 January
- C) 18 January
- D) 26 January
- E) 30 January

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Lokpal of India observed its Foundation Day on 16 January 2026.
- The Foundation Day commemorates the coming into force of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.
- The Lokpal institution was established in the year 2014.
- The 2026 celebration marked the second edition of the Foundation Day.
- This day is significant as it marks the legal establishment of the Lokpal under Section 3 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.
- The event was held in the presence of Lokpal Chairperson Justice A. M. Khanwilkar.
- Several Judicial and Non-Judicial Members of the Lokpal were also present at the event.
- Members must be from SC/ST/OBC, minorities, and women.
- Members are appointed by the President of India.
- Appointments are made on the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
- The Selection Committee consists of the Prime Minister (Chairperson), Speaker of Lok Sabha, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Chief Justice of India or a Judge nominated by him/her, and one eminent jurist.
- The tenure of the Chairperson and Members is five years from the date of assuming office or until attaining the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.





Ques: Which state topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2024 among large states, and which state led among small states?

- A) Gujarat and Goa
- B) Tamil Nadu and Nagaland
- C) Maharashtra and Uttarakhand
- D) Uttar Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir
- E) Andhra Pradesh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Maharashtra topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2024 among large states with a score of 68.01.
- Tamil Nadu secured the second position with a score of 64.41, followed by Gujarat with 64.02.
- Among small states, Uttarakhand ranked first with a score of 52.07.
- Jammu and Kashmir ranked second with 51.08, followed by Nagaland with 46.42.
- The Export Preparedness Index 2024 is the 4th edition of the report, published by NITI Aayog.
- States were grouped into Large States, Small States, North Eastern States, and Union Territories.
- The index categorizes states into Leaders, Challengers, and Aspirers based on export preparedness.
- The index supports India's goal of achieving USD 1 trillion merchandise exports by 2030 and is based on 4 pillars, 13 sub-pillars, and 70 indicators.
- Pillar weightage includes Export Infrastructure (20%), Business Ecosystem (40%), Policy & Governance (20%) and Export Performance (20%).

Top 5 Performing States and Union Territories in EPI 2024:

Large States :

- 1 Maharashtra - 68.01
- 2 Tamil Nadu - 64.41



- 3 Gujarat - 64.02
- 4 Uttar Pradesh - 62.09
- 5 Andhra Pradesh - 60.65

Small States

- 1 Uttarakhand - 52.07
- 2 Jammu and Kashmir - 51.08
- 3 Nagaland - 46.42
- 4 Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu - 46.24
- 5 Goa - 44.60



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Ques: Which two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance collaboration in research, innovation, and capacity building across the dairy sector?

- A) ICAR and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
- B) NDDB and NITI Aayog
- C) ICAR and NABARD
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and FSSAI
- E) ICAR and AMUL

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).
- The MoU aims to strengthen multidisciplinary research, innovation, and capacity building across the dairy sector.
- It seeks to integrate ICAR's scientific and research expertise with NDDB's extensive field-level experience and institutional capabilities.
- The collaboration is intended to address emerging challenges in the dairy sector and promote sustainable growth through innovation-driven solutions.

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Ques: Who became the first Indian to receive the rare Samurai martial arts honour of Kenjutsu?

- A) Pawan Kalyan
- B) Rajinikanth
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Akshay Kumar
- E) Vishwanathan Anand

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan received a rare Samurai martial arts honour.
- He became the first Indian to be formally inducted into the Samurai martial arts tradition of Kenjutsu.
- Kenjutsu is an ancient Japanese samurai swordsmanship tradition.
- The honour highlights international recognition of Indian leaders in cultural and martial traditions.

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Ques: What is the objective of the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) initiative Womaniya?

- A) To promote exports by women entrepreneurs
- B) To provide subsidies to women-owned industries
- C) To strengthen participation of women-led MSEs and SHGs in public procurement
- D) To establish exclusive industrial parks for women
- E) To provide tax exemptions to women entrepreneurs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) launched its flagship initiative Womaniya on 14 January 2019 to enhance the participation of women-led Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in public procurement.
- As of 14 January 2026, more than two lakh women-led MSEs are registered on the GeM portal and have secured public procurement orders worth over ₹80,000 crore, accounting for 4.7% of GeM's total order value.
- This exceeds the mandated 3% reservation for women-owned and women-led enterprises in government procurement.
- The initiative addresses the “Triple Challenge” faced by women entrepreneurs—access to markets, access to finance, and access to value addition.
- It enables direct market access without intermediaries and supports gender-inclusive economic growth.

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Ques: What is the significance of the Mumbai–Nagpur Natural Gas Pipeline (MNPL) project implemented by GAIL (India) Limited?

- A) It connects Mumbai to Kolkata through a coastal gas corridor
- B) It is a 694-km expressway-aligned gas pipeline along the Samruddhi Mahamarg
- C) It is a city gas distribution project limited to urban areas
- D) It transports crude oil instead of natural gas
- E) It is a cross-border gas pipeline project

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Mumbai–Nagpur Natural Gas Pipeline (MNPL) is described as GAIL’s 694-km expressway gas pipeline.
- The project is implemented by GAIL (India) Limited.
- The pipeline has a total length of 694 kilometres and is located entirely in Maharashtra.
- It connects the key cities of Mumbai and Nagpur.
- The pipeline is laid along the Samruddhi Mahamarg (Mumbai–Nagpur Expressway) using an approximately 3-metre-wide utility corridor.
- It has a gas transportation capacity of about 16.5 MMSCMD.
- The project aligns with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, promoting integrated infrastructure development.

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Ques: Who was appointed as the new Prime Minister of Yemen after the resignation of the previous Prime Minister?

- A) Salem bin Breik
- B) Rashad Mohammed Al-Alimi
- C) Shaya Mohsen Zindani
- D) Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak
- E) Ali Mohsen Al-Ahmar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Prime Minister of Yemen resigned from his position.
- Following the resignation, Yemen's Foreign Minister Shaya Mohsen Zindani was appointed as the new Prime Minister.
- He replaced Salem bin Breik as Prime Minister.
- The capital of Yemen is Sanaa, and the currency is the Yemeni Rial.

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Ques: Why is the Ministry of Defence adding a dedicated counter-drone security layer under the “Delhi Dome” air defence grid?

- A) To monitor civilian air traffic over Delhi
- B) To counter threats from unmanned aerial vehicles targeting sensitive military installations
- C) To replace existing missile defence systems
- D) To support commercial drone operations
- E) To integrate foreign-made air defence technology

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Defence is adding a dedicated counter-drone security layer to protect sensitive military installations within the “Delhi Dome” air defence grid.
- The move gained urgency after Pakistan’s failed attempt to target Delhi during the 88-hour-long Operation Sindoor.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) leads tri-services operational oversight of India’s air defence systems.
- Counter-drone systems have already been installed at Vayu Sena Bhavan and are being deployed at Nausena Bhavan.
- The objective is to counter threats posed by unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), especially drones.
- The Vajra Sentinel Anti-Drone System has been installed at Vayu Sena Bhavan.
- It is manufactured by Big Bang Boom Solutions, a Chennai-based company.





Ques: In what role did India Post deliver its first order booked through the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)?

- A) Seller on ONDC
- B) Buyer on ONDC
- C) Logistics Service Provider (LSP)
- D) Payment Service Provider
- E) Technology Platform Operator

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Post delivered its first online order booked through the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- India Post acted as a Logistics Service Provider (LSP) under ONDC.
- The Department of Posts is operational on ONDC under the “Click & Book” model.
- Sellers can digitally generate pickup requests and select India Post as their logistics partner on the ONDC platform.
- Parcels are collected directly from the sellers’ premises for delivery.

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Ques: The Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme, which provides subsidy on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, is implemented by which authority?

- A) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- B) Department of Fertilizers
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Food Corporation of India
- E) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme was launched on 1 April 2010.
- It is implemented by the Department of Fertilizers under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- The scheme provides a fixed subsidy on Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, calculated based on nutrient content (N, P, K, S).
- Its objective is to promote balanced fertilisation and discourage excessive use of nitrogen-based fertilizers such as urea.
- For Rabi 2025–26, Ammonium Sulphate has been newly included under the NBS scheme, with an estimated budgetary allocation of ₹37,952.29 crore.

About ₹736 crore higher than Kharif 2025 allocation - NBS Rates (Rabi 2025–26)

- Nitrogen (N): ₹ 43.02/kg
- Phosphorus (P): ₹ 47.96/kg
- Potassium (K): ₹ 2.38/kg
- Sulphur (S): ₹ 2.87/kg





Ques: Who secured a seventh term as President of Uganda after winning the recent general elections?

- A) Yoweri Museveni
- B) Paul Kagame
- C) Uhuru Kenyatta
- D) Samia Suluhu Hassan
- E) Hakainde Hichilema

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Yoweri Museveni secured a seventh term as the President of Uganda.
- He has been in power since 1986.
- Museveni won the election with a decisive majority.
- Uganda follows a presidential system of government.
- The capital of Uganda is Kampala, and the official currency is the Ugandan Shilling.

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Ques: Which state cabinet approved the Dagadarthi Greenfield Airport Project in Nellore district?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka
- C) Telangana
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Odisha

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet approved the Dagadarthi Greenfield Airport Project in Nellore district.
- The approval will significantly boost the state's aviation and industrial infrastructure.
- After approval, Dagadarthi will become the 8th airport of Andhra Pradesh.
- The project reflects the state's commitment to creating a future-ready, multi-modal logistics and industrial network.
- Phase-I of the project is designed to handle 1.4 million passengers annually.
- In the future, the airport's capacity can be scaled up to handle 15 million passengers annually.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission under the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003?

- A) Shri Sanjay Kothari
- B) Shri Praveen Vashista
- C) Shri Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- D) Shri T. M. Bhasin
- E) Shri K. V. Chowdary

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The President of India appointed Shri Praveen Vashista as Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) under Section 4(1) of the CVC Act, 2003.
- Shri Praveen Vashista took oath before the Central Vigilance Commissioner, authorised by the President under Section 5(3) of the CVC Act.
- The CVC Act, 2003 provides for one Central Vigilance Commissioner and two Vigilance Commissioners.
- The tenure of a Vigilance Commissioner is four years or until the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

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Ques: Which government scheme focuses on the development of theme-based tourist circuits in India?

- A) Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM-JUGA)
- B) Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)
- C) Swadesh Darshan Scheme
- D) Swadesh Darshan 2.0
- E) Incredible India Campaign

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Swadesh Darshan Scheme was launched in January 2015 by the Ministry of Tourism.
- Its main objective is the development of theme-based tourist circuits across India.
- Under the scheme, 76 projects have been sanctioned with a total outlay of ₹5,290.33 crore, out of which 75 projects have been physically completed.
- Swadesh Darshan 2.0 is the revamped version, focusing on sustainable and responsible tourism with a destination-centric approach.
- A sub-scheme under SD 2.0 is Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), aimed at enhancing the tourist experience across the entire value chain.

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Ques: Who won the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement for groundbreaking research on underground fungal networks?

- A) Toby Kiers
- B) Vandana Shiva
- C) Jane Goodall
- D) Sylvia Earle
- E) Rachel Carson

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- American evolutionary biologist Toby Kiers won the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement.
- She was awarded for her groundbreaking research on underground fungal networks.
- Her research highlights the role of fungal networks in climate regulation and ecosystem stability.
- The Tyler Prize is often referred to as the “Nobel Prize for the environment.”
- The prize money associated with the Tyler Prize is \$250,000.

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Ques: Which institution is hosting the India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM)–2026 in New Delhi?

- A) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- B) India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM)
- C) Election Commission of India (ECI)
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- 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 conference is hosted by the Election Commission of India (ECI) and organised by the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM).
- It is the largest global conference hosted by India in the field of democracy and election management.
- The theme of the conference is: “Democracy for an inclusive, peaceful, resilient and sustainable world.”
- The Chief Election Commissioner is Gyanesh Kumar, and the Election Commissioners are Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.

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Ques: How many illegal betting and gambling website links were blocked by the Government in a single enforcement action?

- A) 120
- B) 180
- C) 242
- D) 500
- E) 7,800

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government intensified its crackdown on illegal online betting and gambling platforms.
- In a single enforcement action, 242 illegal betting and gambling website links were blocked.
- This is part of a broader nationwide enforcement drive, under which more than 7,800 illegal betting and gambling websites have been taken down across India.
- The move aims to curb illegal online gambling activities and protect users from financial fraud.

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Ques: Which institution organised a Foundation Day and Industry Conclave and is recognised as an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry?

- A) National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)
- B) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi
- C) Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI)
- D) National Institute of Design (NID)
- E) Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI)

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), an Institution of National Importance under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, organised a Foundation Day and Industry Conclave.
- FDDI is a premier academic institution in India dedicated to footwear, leather products, fashion, and retail management, established in 1986.
- In 2017, FDDI was declared an Institution of National Importance (INI), placing it alongside elite institutions such as IITs and NIFTs.
- FDDI currently operates through 12 state-of-the-art campuses across India, with its headquarters in Noida and other campuses in Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Jodhpur, and more.





Ques: What is the objective of the Union Cabinet–approved ₹1,788 crore proposal related to banknote paper production?

- A) To establish a new currency printing press in Western India
- B) To set up a new high-security banknote paper production line at Narmadapuram
- C) To privatise Security Paper Mill operations
- D) To increase coin minting capacity across India
- E) To import advanced banknote paper from foreign countries

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet approved a ₹1,788 crore proposal to set up a new banknote paper production line.
- The objective is to boost the output of high-security banknote paper.
- The project will be implemented at Narmadapuram, Madhya Pradesh, by the Security Paper Mill (SPM).
- The new line will use cylindrical mould watermark-based technology with an annual capacity of 6,000 metric tonnes.
- It will replace two ageing production lines and increase total capacity from 7,500 to about 12,000 metric tonnes per year.
- India prints around 26 billion banknotes annually, with banknote paper demand rising by 7–8%.
- Printing is carried out by SPMCIL and its subsidiary BRBNMPL.
- The expansion ensures domestic availability of high-security and CBRN-resistant paper for currency, passports, and other secure documents.





Ques: When is National Startup Day observed in India?

- A) 12 January
- B) 15 January
- C) 16 January
- D) 26 January
- E) 1 February

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Startup Day 2026 was observed on 16 January.
- The day aims to recognise and promote the startup ecosystem in India.
- As of December 2025, India hosts over 2 lakh startups.
- This places India among the world's largest startup ecosystems.
- National Startup Day has been observed since 2016.

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Question: What was the key outcome of Bajaj Finserv's acquisition of Allianz SE's stake in its insurance businesses?

- A) Complete exit of Bajaj Group from insurance business
- B) Reduction of Bajaj Finserv's ownership below majority level
- C) Increase in Bajaj Group's ownership to 97% with full management control
- D) Merger of Bajaj General Insurance and Bajaj Life Insurance
- E) Listing of Allianz SE as a majority partner in India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bajaj Finserv, along with Bajaj Holdings & Investment Limited and Jamnalal Sons Private Limited, acquired Allianz SE's 23% stake in its insurance subsidiaries.
- The acquisition involved Bajaj General Insurance and Bajaj Life Insurance.
- The transaction value was ₹12,190 crore for Bajaj General Insurance and ₹9,200 crore for Bajaj Life Insurance.
- The total consideration amounted to ₹21,390 crore.
- After the acquisition, Bajaj Group's ownership increased from 74% to 97%, giving it full management control.

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Question: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Bank Limited for a two-year tenure starting October 04, 2026?

- A) Uday Kotak
- B) Shikha Sharma
- C) Sandeep Bakshi
- D) Chanda Kochhar
- E) N. S. Kannan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sandeep Bakshi has been appointed as the MD and CEO of ICICI Bank Limited for a two-year term.
- His tenure will be effective from October 04, 2026 to October 03, 2028.
- He was first appointed as MD and CEO of ICICI Bank in October 2018.
- His term was extended earlier until October 2026 before the current reappointment.

About ICICI Bank:

- Established: 1994
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakshi





Question: Which bank won the 'Best Fintech & DPI Adoption' award at the 21st Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Banking Technology Awards 2026, and where was the event held?

- A) State Bank of India – New Delhi
- B) HDFC Bank – Bengaluru
- C) Canara Bank – Chennai
- D) ICICI Bank – Hyderabad
- E) Karnataka Bank – Mumbai

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Karnataka Bank won the 'Best Fintech & DPI Adoption' award.
- The award was presented at the 21st Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Banking Technology Awards 2026.
- The award ceremony was held in Mumbai.
- The recognition highlights Karnataka Bank's effective adoption of FinTech innovations and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in banking services.

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Question: Bank of Baroda has signed an MoU with which institution to boost infrastructure financing?

- A) NABARD
- B) SIDBI
- C) IIFCL
- D) NHB
- E) EXIM Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) to collaborate on infrastructure financing.
- The partnership will facilitate joint lending and loan syndication for a wide range of infrastructure projects across India.
- The objective is to accelerate infrastructure development and support long-term economic growth.
- IIFCL will provide sectoral expertise, while Bank of Baroda will contribute its banking and credit capabilities.

About IIFCL:

- Established: 2006
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Managing Director: Palash Srivastava

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Question: In which year did Public Sector Banks launch a Credit Assessment Model based on digital footprints for MSMEs?

- A) 2022
- B) 2023
- C) 2024
- D) 2025
- E) 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Public Sector Banks launched a Credit Assessment Model based on digital footprints for MSMEs in 2025.
- Between 1 April and 31 December 2025, more than 3.96 lakh MSME loan applications amounting to over ₹52,300 crore were sanctioned under digital credit underwriting programmes.
- The model uses digitally fetched and verifiable data to enable automated MSME loan appraisal and model-based limit assessment for both Existing-to-Bank (ETB) and New-to-Bank (NTB) borrowers.
- Digital footprints include KYC authentication, mobile and email verification, GST data analysis, bank statement analysis via Account Aggregator, ITR verification, Credit Information Companies (CICs) data, and fraud checks.
- Benefits to MSMEs include online application from anywhere, reduced paperwork and branch visits, instant in-principle sanction, faster turnaround time, objective credit decisions, and integration with CGTMSE credit guarantee schemes.
- Loan applications are sourced through an end-to-end digital journey on the Jan Samarth Porta





Question: The World Bank approved a USD 286 million loan for which programme in India?

- A) National Health Mission (NHM)
- B) Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission
- C) West Bengal Health System Reform Program (WBHSRP)
- D) National Digital Health Mission
- E) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The World Bank approved a USD 286 million loan for the West Bengal Health System Reform Program (WBHSRP).
- The loan is provided through the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).
- It has a tenure of 16.5 years with a grace period of 3 years.
- The programme aims to strengthen and reform the health system in West Bengal.

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Question: The Union Cabinet approved ₹5,000 crore equity support to which institution?

- A) NABARD
- B) SIDBI
- C) RBI
- D) EXIM Bank
- E) NHB

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet approved equity support of ₹5,000 crore to the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- The decision was taken under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The equity will be infused by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) in three tranches.
- ₹3,000 crore will be infused in FY 2025–26, while ₹1,000 crore each will be provided in FY 2026–27 and FY 2027–28.
- The move will enhance SIDBI's lending capacity, improve credit flow to MSMEs, and help maintain a healthy CRAR.

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Question: Till which year has the Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Atal Pension Yojana (APY)?

- A) 2027–28
- B) 2028–29
- C) 2029–30
- D) 2030–31
- E) 2035–36

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the continuation of the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) up to FY 2030–31.
- Government support will continue for promotional and developmental activities as well as gap funding to ensure the scheme's sustainability.
- APY was launched on 9 May 2015 to provide old-age income security to workers in the unorganised sector.
- The scheme is open to Indian citizens aged 18–40 years and offers a guaranteed minimum monthly pension of ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 after the age of 60.

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Question: Where was the 9th International Spice Conference (ISC 2026) held?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Mumbai
- D) Chennai
- E) Kochi

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 9th International Spice Conference (ISC 2026) was held in Kochi, Kerala.
- It was organised by the All-India Spices Exporters Forum (AISEF).
- The theme of ISC 2026 was “Spice 360 – Getting Future Ready.”
- The conference was inaugurated by Amitabh Kant, former G20 Sherpa.
- The Guest of Honour was Martin Sonntag, CEO of Oterra (Denmark).

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Question: What was India's total exports (merchandise and services combined) in December 2025, and how did it perform compared to December 2024?

- A) US\$ 74.01 billion with negative growth of 1.01%
- B) US\$ 72.80 billion with zero growth
- C) US\$ 70.15 billion with positive growth
- D) US\$ 76.50 billion with negative growth of 2.5%
- E) US\$ 80.94 billion with positive growth

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's total exports (merchandise and services combined) in December 2025 were estimated at US\$ 74.01 billion.
- This represented a negative growth of 1.01% compared to December 2024.
- Merchandise exports stood at US\$ 38.51 billion, while merchandise imports were US\$ 63.55 billion.
- Services exports amounted to US\$ 35.50 billion and services imports to US\$ 17.38 billion.
- Total imports (merchandise + services) during December 2025 were US\$ 80.94 billion.
- As a result, India recorded a trade deficit of US\$ 6.92 billion in December 2025.

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Question: The financial approval limit of the Central Silk Board has been increased to how much?

- A) ₹50 lakh
- B) ₹75 lakh
- C) ₹1 crore
- D) ₹2 crore
- E) ₹5 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government increased the Central Silk Board's (CSB) financial approval limit to ₹1 crore.
- The Ministry of Textiles raised the ceiling from ₹50 lakh to ₹1 crore by amending Rule 22 of the Central Silk Board Rules, 1955.
- The move aims to speed up project clearances, reduce administrative delays, and improve implementation of schemes in the silk sector.

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Question: What is the significance of Wings India 2026 in the context of India's civil aviation sector?

- A) It is a defence-only aviation exhibition
- B) It is Asia's largest civil aviation event showcasing the future of Indian aviation
- C) It is a regional aviation meet limited to South India
- D) It focuses only on airline ticketing reforms
- E) It is an annual training programme for pilots

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Wings India 2026 is Asia's largest civil aviation event.
- It will be formally launched with a grand inaugural ceremony led by the Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Rammohan Naidu.
- The event will be held from 28 to 31 January 2026.
- The venue is Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad.
- The theme is: "Indian Aviation: Paving the Future – From Design to Deployment, Manufacturing to Maintenance, Inclusivity to Innovation and Safety to Sustainability."

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Question: What key provision is included in the OECD's global minimum corporate tax agreement involving the United States?

- A) Increase of global minimum tax rate to 20%
- B) Complete withdrawal of the United States from the agreement
- C) Uniform tax rate without any exemptions for all countries
- D) Mandatory carbon tax on multinational corporations
- E) Carve-out exempting U.S.-based multinational companies from the 15% global minimum tax

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The OECD finalised an agreement on the global minimum corporate tax with participation from the United States and over 100 countries.
- A key provision is a carve-out that effectively exempts U.S.-based multinational companies from the 15% global minimum tax framework.
- U.S. officials stated that American companies already face a 15% domestic corporate minimum tax.
- The U.S. international tax regime already ensures adequate taxation of multinational corporations.

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Question: Why did Prime Minister Narendra Modi participate in the Somnath Swabhiman Parv celebrations during his visit to Gujarat?

- A) To mark the completion of a new temple construction project
- B) To commemorate 500 years of the Somnath Temple
- C) To mark 1,000 years since the first recorded attack on Somnath Temple and 75 years of its post-Independence reconstruction
- D) To launch a national religious tourism scheme
- E) To announce a new cultural heritage law

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Somnath Temple at Prabhas Patan, Veraval, and participated in Omkar mantra chanting during the Somnath Swabhiman Parv celebrations.
- The celebrations marked 1,000 years since the first recorded attack on the Somnath Temple in 1026 CE by Mahmud of Ghazni.
- 2026 also marks the 75th anniversary of the temple's post-Independence reconstruction and reopening to devotees on 11 May 1951.
- PM Modi led the Shaurya Yatra at the Somnath Temple complex and paid floral tributes to Veer Hamirji Gohil and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel for their roles in protecting and restoring the temple.
- During the visit, PM Modi also inaugurated the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference for the Kutch and Saurashtra regions at Marwadi University, Rajkot.
- The conference aims to promote investment, industrial growth, and regional development in western Gujarat





Question: Who has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2025?

- A) Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
- B) Graca Machel
- C) Malala Yousafzai
- D) Michelle Bachelet
- E) Graça Silva

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2025 was awarded to Graca Machel, a Mozambican rights activist.
- The award carries a cash prize of ₹1 crore, a citation, and a trophy.
- She was selected by an international jury chaired by former National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon.
- Graca Machel has served as First Lady of South Africa (wife of Nelson Mandela) and Mozambique (widow of Samora Machel).
- She was honoured for her outstanding contributions to peace, women's rights, and the wellbeing of women and adolescents.
- In 2018, she received the WHO Gold Medal, the highest honour of the World Health Organization.

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Question: Port Infrastructure and Digital Governance projects worth ₹235 crore were launched at Chennai under which programme?

- A) Sagarmala Programme
- B) Maritime India Vision 2030
- C) Viksit Bharat, Viksit Ports
- D) National Logistics Policy
- E) Smart Ports Initiative

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched Port Infrastructure & Digital Governance projects in Chennai under the Viksit Bharat, Viksit Ports programme.
- The projects are implemented by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and cover Chennai Port Authority and Kamarajar Port Limited (Ennore), Tamil Nadu.
- Total project value is ₹235 crore, with ₹129.36 crore for Chennai Port and ₹105.64 crore for Kamarajar Port.
- Key digital initiative includes the e-Port Clearance Portal, launched under the One Nation–One Port Process (ONOP).
- A ₹18 lakh cheque was provided to the Royal Madras Yacht Club for sailing training of students from Chennai Port School.

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Question: Who will take over as Group CEO of Eternal from February 1?

- A) Deepinder Goyal
- B) Nandan Reddy
- C) Albinder Dhindsa
- D) Amit Agarwal
- E) Ritesh Agarwal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Deepinder Goyal has stepped down as Group CEO of Eternal Ltd. (formerly Zomato).
- Blinkit founder and CEO Albinder Dhindsa will take over as Group CEO from February 1.
- Deepinder Goyal will continue as Vice-Chairman, focusing on new ideas and high-risk innovations outside Eternal's core business.
- The board approved Albinder Dhindsa's appointment as part of a leadership restructuring to keep Eternal focused and disciplined as a public company.

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Question: What were the key outcomes of German Federal Chancellor Friedrich Merz's official visit to India?

- A) Signing of a single defence agreement and expansion of military cooperation only
- B) Focus solely on cultural exchanges without economic commitments
- C) Strengthening of the India–Germany Strategic Partnership through multiple MoUs, green development funding, and people-to-people initiatives
- D) Announcement of a free trade agreement between India and Germany
- E) Limiting cooperation only to the renewable energy sector

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- German Federal Chancellor Friedrich Merz visited India for a two-day official trip.
- He and Prime Minister Narendra Modi jointly inaugurated the International Kite Festival 2026 at the Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad (10–14 January 2026).
- Both leaders held a high-level bilateral meeting in Gandhinagar to review the India–Germany Strategic Partnership, which has completed 25 years.
- During the visit, 19 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and Joint Declarations were signed between India and Germany, covering economic cooperation, green development funding, and people-to-people initiatives.
- An MoU was signed between NIELIT (MeitY) and Infineon Technologies AG for cooperation in electronics and semiconductor manufacturing and design.
- A Joint Declaration was signed to establish a National Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Skilling in Renewable Energy at the National Skill Training Institute, Hyderabad.
- An MoU was signed between the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC), Lothal, and the German Maritime Museum–Leibniz Institute for Maritime History for development of NMHC.
- Hockey India and the German Hockey Federation signed an MoU for youth hockey development.
- Germany announced visa-free transit for Indian passport holders travelling through Germany.





- Germany committed new funding of €1.24 billion under the Green and Sustainable Development Partnership for projects in renewable energy, green hydrogen, PM e-Bus SEWA, and climate-resilient urban infrastructure.
- India–Germany Triangular Development Cooperation projects will be scaled up in Ghana, Cameroon, and Malawi.
- Germany also opened an Honorary Consulate in Ahmedabad to enhance cultural, economic, and people-to-people ties.



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Question: Which company ranked first as the most valuable IT service brand in 2026?

- A) TCS
- B) Infosys
- C) IBM
- D) Accenture
- E) NTT Data

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- According to Brand Finance, the world's top 25 IT service brands reached a total value of \$167.2 billion in 2026, up 2% from 2025.
- Accenture retained its position as the most valuable IT services brand globally for the 8th consecutive year.
- Accenture's brand value stood at \$42.3 billion, ranking it first globally.
- India's TCS and Infosys secured the 2nd and 3rd positions, respectively.
- The top five most valuable IT service brands in 2026 were Accenture, TCS, Infosys, IBM, and NTT Data.
- The rankings reflect the continued global dominance of large IT service companies despite uncertainty in global technology spending.





Question: What is the main objective of the agreement signed between India and Israel at the Second Global Summit on “Blue Food Security: Sea the Future 2026”?

- A) Joint naval exercises in the Mediterranean Sea
- B) Establishment of Indo–Israel Centres of Excellence in fisheries and aquaculture
- C) Promotion of marine tourism between India and Israel
- D) Development of offshore wind energy projects
- E) Joint research on deep-sea mining

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The agreement was signed at the Second Global Summit on “Blue Food Security: Sea the Future 2026” held in Eilat, Israel.
- The Indian delegation was led by Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh.
- The primary objective is to establish new Indo–Israel Centres of Excellence in fisheries and aquaculture.
- These centres will be modelled on the existing 43 Indo–Israel Agricultural Centres of Excellence already functioning under bilateral cooperation.

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Question: Which brand ranked first among Indian brands in the 2026 rankings?

- A) Infosys
- B) LIC
- C) Reliance Group
- D) Tata Group
- E) SBI Group

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Tata Group ranked 1st among Indian brands in 2026 with a global rank of 61.
- Infosys secured 2nd position among Indian brands with a global rank of 150.
- LIC ranked 3rd among Indian brands with a global rank of 169.
- Reliance Group stood 4th among Indian brands with a global rank of 231.
- SBI Group ranked 5th among Indian brands with a global rank of 256.
- The rankings reflect the strong global presence and growing brand value of leading Indian companies.

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Question: Why is the global conference on women in agri-food systems being organised in India in March 2026?

- A) To discuss declining agricultural productivity worldwide
- B) To highlight the growing role and participation of women in agri-food systems
- C) To announce new fertilizer subsidy schemes
- D) To promote mechanisation replacing women workers
- E) To focus only on export-oriented agriculture

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Leading organisations like ICAR, TAAS, CGIAR, and PPV&FRA are jointly organising the conference in Pusa, New Delhi, from 12–14 March 2026.
- The main aim is to highlight and address the expanding role of women in agriculture and agri-food systems globally and in India.
- Women's share in India's agricultural workforce increased from ~30% in 2017–18 to ~49% in 2023–24, while men's share declined from 40% to 36%.
- The conference underscores the need for gender-responsive policies, innovation, and institutional support in agri-food systems.

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Question: What is the theme of the Ministry of Culture's tableau at the Republic Day Parade 2026?

- A) Indian Freedom Struggle
- B) 75 Years of Independence
- C) 150 Years of Vande Mataram
- D) Cultural Diversity of India
- E) National Symbols of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Culture will present a tableau themed "150 Years of Vande Mataram" at the Republic Day Parade 2026.
- Vande Mataram was composed in 1875 by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and published in his novel Anandamath in 1882.
- Rabindranath Tagore first performed it publicly at the 1896 Indian National Congress session in Kolkata.
- The song played a vital role in India's freedom struggle and was adopted as the National Song of India in 1950.

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Question: What is the objective of the Aravalli Green Wall Project launched by the Government of India?

- A) To create a new national park in the Aravalli range
- B) To promote urban infrastructure development in Aravalli districts
- C) To restore degraded land and strengthen eco-restoration of the Aravalli landscape
- D) To expand mining activities in the Aravalli region
- E) To develop a new wildlife safari corridor

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Aravalli Green Wall Project aims to restore degraded land and strengthen eco-restoration of the Aravalli landscape.
- It was inaugurated during the National Conference on Eco-restoration of the Aravalli Landscape in New Delhi by Union Environment Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav.
- The project aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision and India's commitment under the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land.
- A report titled "Eco-restoration of the Aravalli Landscape" prepared by the Sankala Foundation was also released during the conference.
- The initiative focuses on rejuvenating ecological balance, preventing desertification, and enhancing green cover in the Aravalli region.
- Under the initiative, 6.45 million hectares of degraded land in the Aravalli region has been identified.
- Greening work has been initiated over 2.7 million hectares across Gujarat, Delhi, Haryana, and Rajasthan.
- The project is being implemented by Divisional Forest Officers from 29 Aravalli districts.
- The Aravalli ecosystem is ecologically significant and is protected by four tiger reserves and 18 protected areas.





Question: Which NASA astronaut retired after completing a 27-year career and holds the record for the most spacewalk time by a woman?

- A) Peggy Whitson
- B) Kalpana Chawla
- C) Sunita Williams
- D) Christina Koch
- E) Sally Ride

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sunita Williams, a NASA astronaut, retired after a 27-year career with the space agency.
- She flew on three missions to the International Space Station (ISS) and spent a total of 608 days in space, the second-highest by any NASA astronaut.
- She completed nine spacewalks totaling over 62 hours, the most by any woman astronaut.
- Williams also became the first person in history to run a marathon in space, highlighting her pioneering achievements in human spaceflight.

EXAM
Genius





Question: What did the Supreme Court of India rule regarding unreserved (general category) seats in public recruitment?

- A) Unreserved seats are open to all candidates purely on merit, irrespective of category
- B) Reserved category candidates cannot compete for unreserved seats
- C) Unreserved seats are only for general category candidates
- D) Reserved candidates must always be counted in their reserved quota
- E) Reservation benefits apply equally in unreserved category

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Supreme Court of India ruled that unreserved (general category) seats are open to all candidates purely on merit, regardless of whether they belong to reserved or non-reserved categories.
- If a candidate from a reserved category (SC/ST/OBC/EWS) scores higher than the general cut-off without using any reservation relaxations, they must be counted under the unreserved category.
- The Bench of Justice M. M. Sundresh and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma clarified that the unreserved category is an open competition pool.
- This ruling arose from a dispute related to the 2013 recruitment drive of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for Junior Assistant (Fire Service) posts.

Genius





Question: Digital Green has launched an AI-backed, localised climate-smart advisory initiative for smallholder farmers. What is the core tool used under this initiative?

- A) AgriBot
- B) Kisan AI Portal
- C) FarmerChat
- D) e-NAM Plus
- E) CropSense

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Digital Green has launched an AI-backed, localised climate-smart advisory initiative to support smallholder farmers.
- The initiative is implemented with support from Cisco India and the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- The core tool of this initiative is FarmerChat, an AI-powered, multimodal mobile application.
- FarmerChat provides crop management guidance and pest diagnosis through photo uploads.
- The app delivers climate-smart, practical, and actionable recommendations to farmers.





Question: Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya were granted full statehood on which date?

- A) 15 August 1947
- B) 26 January 1950
- C) 21 January 1972
- D) 1 November 1966
- E) 2 October 1963

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya were granted full statehood on 21 January 1972.
- This was done under the North Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971.
- President Droupadi Murmu extended Statehood Day greetings to the people of these states, highlighting their rich cultural heritage, vibrant traditions, and natural beauty.
- She also appreciated the contribution of the people of these states to India's national progress and wished them a future of peace and prosperity.

EXAM
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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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
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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%.

EXAM
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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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
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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.

EXAM
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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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
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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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
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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.

EXAM
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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.

EXAM
Genius





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.





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
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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

EXAM
Genius





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.

EXAM
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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.

EXAM
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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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