

# EXAM GENIUS

Presents

# ***GENIUS CURRENT AFFAIRS***

**In English**

05 March 2026



**Achieve Success with Exam Genius - Your Ultimate Guide to Reasoning Mastery !**



**Ques : Central Bank of India has signed a Distribution Agreement with which Asset Management Company to offer mutual fund products to its customers?**

- A) SBI Mutual Fund
- B) HDFC Asset Management Company
- C) Nippon India Asset Management
- D) ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company
- E) Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Limited

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Central Bank of India has signed a Distribution Agreement with Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Limited (CRAMC).
- This partnership will allow the bank to offer a wide range of mutual fund products to its customers.
- Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Limited is one of India's leading asset management companies.

**About Central Bank of India:**

- Established: 1911
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- MD & CEO: Kalyan Kumar
- Tagline: Central to you since 1911





**Ques : India and Canada aim to increase bilateral trade to what amount by 2030 under CEPA?**

- A) \$30 Billion
- B) \$40 Billion
- C) \$50 Billion
- D) \$60 Billion
- E) \$75 Billion

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India and Canada agreed on a \$1.9 billion (CAD 2.6 billion) uranium supply deal for Indian nuclear power reactors.
- Both countries decided to conclude the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) within this year and issued the Terms of Reference (ToR) for negotiations.
- Under CEPA, the two nations have set a target to double bilateral trade to \$50 billion by 2030.

**About Canada:**

- Capital: Ottawa
- Currency: Canadian Dollar
- Prime Minister: Mark Carney

EXAM  
Genius





## Recently signed banking agreements

- Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank, has partnered with IndiGo (InterGlobe Aviation Limited) to launch two co-branded credit cards.
- Ashok Leyland, the flagship company of the Hinduja Group, signed an MoU with Rajasthan Gramin Bank to establish a strategic vehicle financing partnership.
- Indian Overseas Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM-K), Kerala.
- Indian Army and IDFC FIRST Bank have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide specialised banking services and enhanced insurance benefits to serving and retired Army personnel.
- Tripura Gramin Bank (TGB), in collaboration with its sponsor bank Punjab National Bank (PNB), launched a co-branded RuPay credit card.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank (Equitas SFB) signed a strategic bancassurance partnership with Bharti AXA Life Insurance, backed by Bharti Enterprises and France's AXA, to expand the reach of life insurance across India.





**Ques: “SUJVIKA”, an AI-driven Biotech Product Data Portal, was launched on the 40th Foundation Day of which department?**

- A) Department of Science & Technology (DST)
- B) Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
- C) Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)
- D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- E) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- On the 40th Foundation Day of the Department of Biotechnology, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Jitendra Singh launched “SUJVIKA”, an AI-driven Biotech Product Data Portal.
- The portal was developed in collaboration with Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE).
- SUJVIKA is a Trade Statistics Digital Intelligence Platform that provides authenticated and structured data on biotechnology product imports, biochemicals, industrial enzymes, and other biotech products.
- The Department of Biotechnology is also implementing the BioE3 Policy (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) along with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).





**Ques. Bharat Steel 2026 summit will be hosted in which city?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India will host the Bharat Steel 2026 Summit in New Delhi from 16–17 April 2026.
- The summit is a flagship global event organised by the Ministry of Steel.
- It will bring together leaders from the steel, mining, technology, and trading sectors.
- The event will be held at Bharat Mandapam and will serve as a platform for policy–business dialogue to promote sustainable industrial growth and highlight India’s strength in the steel sector.

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques : The qualification load test of the Drogue Parachute for the Gaganyaan mission was conducted at which facility?**

- A) DRDO Missile Complex, Hyderabad
- B) Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
- C) Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) Facility, Chandigarh
- D) ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri
- E) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The qualification load test of the Drogue Parachute for the Gaganyaan Mission was successfully conducted by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- The test was carried out at the Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) Facility located at the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory in Chandigarh.
- The objective was to verify whether the Drogue Parachute can withstand qualification loads, which are higher pressures than those expected during the actual mission.
- The Drogue Parachute acts as the primary braking system of the spacecraft during re-entry in the Gaganyaan Mission.
- Goal: To send 3 astronauts to Low Earth Orbit (400 km altitude) for 3 days.
- Target Date: First manned mission expected in early 2027.
- Four Indian Air Force pilots selected for the mission : Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, Group Captain Angad Pratap and Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla





## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- India & Sweden signed Statement of Intent (SoI) to deepen bilateral cooperation in Artificial Intelligence and digital technologies. As part of the partnership, both sides will jointly launch the Sweden–India Technology and Artificial Intelligence Corridor (SITAC)
- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and Google signed MOU to enable the display of authorised Aadhaar centres on Google Maps, a move that will enhance ease of access and convenience for residents across the country
- GalaxEye, an IIT-Madras incubated startup, has officially partnered with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of ISRO. Under this agreement, NSIL will act as a global reseller for GalaxEye's highresolution satellite imagery.
- India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and Nepal's Ministry of Forests and Environment signed a MOU to strengthen the bilateral cooperation in protecting shared ecosystems and restoring transboundary wildlife corridors. Key species identified under the pact are Elephant, Gangetic dolphin, Rhinoceros, Snow leopard, Tiger and Vultures





**Ques : What interest rate has been recommended on EPF deposits for 2025–26?**

- A) 8.00%
- B) 8.10%
- C) 8.25%
- D) 8.50%
- E) 7.90%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Central Board of Trustees (CBT) has recommended 8.25% interest rate on EPF deposits for the financial year 2025–26.
- Several reform measures were also approved, including auto-initiation of claim settlement in inoperative accounts.
- Reforms were also approved in Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) and Employees' Deposit-Linked Insurance (EDLI) under the Social Security Code.

**About EPFO:**

- Established: 1952
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Parent Ministry: Ministry of Labour and Employment





**Ques: The Ahmedabad Metro Rail extension from GIFT City to Shahpur will be executed by which organisation?**

- A) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)
- B) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)
- C) Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited (GMRC)
- D) National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)
- E) Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the Ahmedabad Metro Rail extension from GIFT City to Shahpur in Gujarat.
- The project aims to improve connectivity between Ahmedabad and Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).
- The project will be executed by Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited (GMRC).
- Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited is a 50:50 joint venture between the Government of India and the Government of Gujarat.

**Project Details:**

- Corridor length: 3.33 km
  - Stations: 3 elevated metro stations
  - Estimated cost: ₹1,067.35 crore
  - Expected completion: About 4 years.
- 
- The Ahmedabad Metro network, including Phase-I and Phase-II, has a total length of 68.28 kilometres with 53 stations. Phase-I, operational since September 2022, covers the APMC to Motera Stadium (North–South Corridor) and Thaltej Gam to Vastral Gam (East–West Corridor).





## Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- Teacher App 2.0 was launched by Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan.
- The Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, launched the Provincialization Management System (PMS) portal.
- Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Ministry of Minority Affairs, launched the NIGRANI App at Nalanda University, Bihar.
- Indian Army showcased 'EKAM', an indigenous AI-as-a-Service (AlaaS) cloud platform.
- India launched iLive Connect, the world's first doctor-led, Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered healthcare ecosystem, aimed at providing 24×7 medical monitoring from patients' homes.
- Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, inaugurated the STQC Lab Automation Portal named 'SATYA'.
- From March 1, 2026, the UTS (Unreserved Ticketing System) mobile app will be discontinued, and passengers must use the RailOne super app for ticket booking.





**Ques : What is the size of the renewed India–Japan Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA)?**

- A) \$50 Billion
- B) \$60 Billion
- C) \$75 Billion
- D) \$80 Billion
- E) \$100 Billion

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India and Japan renewed their Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA), which became effective on 28 February 2026.
- The size of the currency swap facility has been retained at \$75 billion.
- It is a two-way currency swap framework that allows the exchange of local currencies against the US dollar, strengthening financial safety nets and providing liquidity support during external pressures.

About the institutions managing the arrangement:

- In India, it is managed by the Reserve Bank of India (Established: 1 April 1935, HQ: Mumbai).
- In Japan, it is handled by the Bank of Japan (Established: 1882, HQ: Tokyo).





**Ques: The 3rd edition of the States' Electricity Transition (SET) Report was released by which organisations?**

- A) NITI Aayog and TERI
- B) IEEFA and Ember
- C) Ministry of Power and CEA
- D) World Bank and ADB
- E) CSE and Greenpeace

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The 3rd edition of the States' Electricity Transition (SET) Report was released by Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and Ember.
- The report highlights that electricity transition at the state (sub-national) level in India shows wider but uneven progress.
- Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, and Rajasthan emerged as leaders in EV adoption and Green Hydrogen development.

About SET Report 2026:

- Coverage: 21 states assessed, representing nearly 95% of India's total electricity demand.
- Purpose: To analyse states' transition towards clean and sustainable power systems.
- Decarbonization Leaders: Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala
- Power Ecosystem Readiness & Performance Leaders: Delhi, Haryana
- Market Enablers – Top Performers: Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan





**Ques:** The development of a Civil Enclave at Srinagar International Airport has been approved at an estimated cost of how much?

- A) ₹1,250 crore
- B) ₹1,450 crore
- C) ₹1,677 crore
- D) ₹1,850 crore
- E) ₹2,000 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the development of a Civil Enclave at Srinagar International Airport.
- The project has an estimated cost of ₹1,677 crore and aims to strengthen aviation infrastructure and improve connectivity in the Kashmir Valley.
- The airport is located about 12 km from Srinagar and is operated by the Airports Authority of India within the Budgam Airbase of the Indian Air Force.
- Srinagar International Airport was declared an International Airport in 2005, and the project will cover 73.18 acres including construction of security personnel barracks.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The 4th edition of the World Ocean Science Congress 2026 was held at the National Institute of Oceanography in Panaji, Goa.
- At the India AI Impact Summit 2026 held in New Delhi, Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani announced a ₹10 trillion investment in Artificial Intelligence over the next seven years.
- The 5th edition of the Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC-26) will be held on 21 February 2026 at the Naval War College, Goa.
- The third International AYUSH Conference and Expo concluded at the Dubai World Trade Centre.
- RISE (Research–Industry–Startup–Entrepreneurship) Conclave 2026 was organized to bridge the gap between laboratory research and market needs by bringing together researchers, industry leaders, academia, and startups.
- India attended the first Board of Peace for Gaza meeting in Washington, D.C. as an observer.
- Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare J. P. Nadda will launch two major national initiatives at the India AI Summit held at Bharat Mandapam.





**Ques : Tata Steel announced an investment of ₹11,000 crore in which state?**

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Odisha
- D) West Bengal
- E) Maharashtra

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Tata Steel has announced an investment of ₹11,000 crore at its Jamshedpur facility in Jharkhand.
- The investment aims to develop advanced grade and green steel technology with lower carbon emissions, promoting sustainable steel production.
- The project is expected to strengthen the company's global footprint and enhance environmentally responsible manufacturing practices in India.

**About Tata Steel:**

- Established: 1907
- Founder: Jamsetji Tata
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Parent Group: Tata Group

EXAM  
Genius





**Ques: What is the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Raw Jute (TD-3 Grade) approved for the Marketing Season 2026–27?**

- A) ₹5,650 per quintal
- B) ₹5,750 per quintal
- C) ₹5,925 per quintal
- D) ₹6,100 per quintal
- E) ₹6,250 per quintal

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Raw Jute (TD-3 Grade) for the Marketing Season 2026–27.
- The MSP has been fixed at ₹5,925 per quintal, which is an increase of ₹275 per quintal over the 2025–26 season.
- The MSP ensures about 61.8% return over the All-India Weighted Average Cost of Production and follows the policy announced in the Union Budget 2018–19 that MSP should be at least 1.5 times the cost of production.

**Additional Fact:**

- MSP for raw jute has increased from ₹2,400 per quintal in 2014–15 to ₹5,925 per quintal in 2026–27, showing nearly 2.5 times growth.  
during 2014–15 to 2025–26 compared to ₹441 crore during 2004–05 to 2013–14, indicating enhanced farmer income support.
- The Jute Corporation of India (JCI) will continue as the Central Government's nodal agency for Price Support Operations (PSO), and any operational losses will be fully reimbursed by the Central Government.





## India's Rankings in Different Indices

- Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 released by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) : India (7th), China (1st)
- Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) : India (91st), Denmark (1st)
- The Global Soft Power Index 2026 is published by Brand Finance : india (32nd), United States (1st)
- Global Innovation Index (GII) rank : : India (38th)
- Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI) 2026 : India (6th), China (1st)
- The Numbeo Safety Index 2026 was published by Numbeo : India (70th), UAE (1st)
- Responsible Nations Index (RNI) : India (16th) , Singapore (1st)
- Export Preparedness Index 2024 published by NITI Aayog : Maharashtra (1st in Large States ), Uttarakhand (1st in Small States)
- Henley Passport Index 2026 : India (80th), Singapore (1st)





**Ques : Sunil Bharti Mittal became the first Indian to receive which award?**

- A) Padma Vibhushan
- B) GSMA Lifetime Achievement Award
- C) Nobel Prize
- D) ITU Global Award
- E) Ramon Magsaysay Award

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, received the GSMA Lifetime Achievement Award at the Mobile World Congress 2026 held in Barcelona.
- He became the first Indian to receive this prestigious honour from the GSMA.
- The award recognises his major contribution to the global telecommunications industry and expansion of digital connectivity worldwide.

**About GSMA:**

- Full form: Global System for Mobile Communications Association
- Established: 1995
- Headquarters: London.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Award of Merit at the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation : Our Lady of Grace Cathedral, located in Papydy village, Vasai in Maharashtra
- “Business Leader of the Year” award : Karan Adani
- FIPI Award 2025 for ‘Oil & Gas Production Company of the Year’ : Oil India Limited
- Chang–Crandall Humanitarian Award 2026 : Dr. Haripriya Aravind and Dr. R. Venkatesh from Puducherry
- Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025 : Paradip Port Authority (PPA), Odisha
- 22nd Upendra Nath Brahma ‘Soldier of Humanity’ Award 2025 : Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, the Queen Mother of Bhutan
- Global Teacher Prize 2026 : Rouble Nagi, an Indian teacher and social activist
- “Ramoji Excellence Award 2025” in the category of Excellence in Journalism : Jaideep Hardikar, a senior journalist and researcher





**Ques : National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated on 28 February to commemorate which scientific discovery?**

- A) Discovery of Electron
- B) Discovery of Raman Effect
- C) Discovery of Radioactivity
- D) Discovery of DNA Structure
- E) Discovery of X-Rays

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- National Science Day is celebrated every year on 28 February in India.
- It commemorates the discovery of the Raman Effect in 1928 by C. V. Raman.
- C. V. Raman received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930 for this discovery.
- 2026 marks the 40th National Science Day.

Theme 2026: “Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat.”

EXAM  
Genius





## Important days :

- 1 February : Raising Day of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- 2 February : 50th World Wetlands Day (Theme 2026 Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage)
- 4 February : World Cancer Day (theme : “United by Unique”)
- 9 February : International Epilepsy Day (Theme 2026 #EpilepsyPledge campaign)
- 10 February : 8th World Pulses Day (WPD) (theme for 2026 is “Pulses of the World: From Modesty to Excellence.”)
- 11 February : World Unani Day (theme 2026 is “Innovation and Evidence in Unani Practice”.)
- 11 February : International Day of Women and Girls in Science (Theme : 2026 is “Synergizing AI, Social Science, STEM and Finance: Building Inclusive Futures for Women and Girls”.)
- 13 February : World Radio Day (theme of World Radio Day 2026 is “Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice.”)
- 13 February : National Women’s Day
- 15 February : International Childhood Cancer Day 2026
- 16 February : 79th Raising Day ceremony of Delhi Police
- 17 February : 3rd Global Tourism Resilience Day (GTRD) (First Observance in 2023)
- 20 February : World Day of Social Justice (Theme for 2026: “Renewed Commitment to Social Development and Social Justice”)
- 20 February : Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day (India’s 24th state in 1987)
- 20 February : Mizoram Foundation Day (23rd state of India in 1987)
- 21 February : International Mother Language Day (Theme 2026 – “Youth voices on multilingual education.”)
- 21 February (third Saturday of February) : World Pangolin Day
- 22 February : 100th World Thinking Day (Theme 2026 Our Friendship)
- 23 February : World Peace and Understanding Day 2026
- 24 February : Central Excise Day
- 27 February : International Polar Bear Day
- 27 February : World non-governmental organizations (NGOs) Day 2026 (13th Edition)





## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

**Facebook Overseas Acquires 30% Stake in Reliance Enterprise Intelligence Limited (REIL) for Rs.256.6 Crore**

**One 97 Communications Limited, the parent company of Paytm, has launched Paytm Silver on the Paytm app. The minimum investment starts from ₹20. The silver is sourced from MMTC-PAMP India Private Limited**

**"Bharat GI," a new unified national brand created by the DPIIT to promote India's Geographical Indication products globally under the tagline "A World Exclusive.**

**Two MoUs were signed by ESIC. first MoU for healthcare convergence was signed between the National Health Authority (NHA) and ESIC. second MoU was signed between ESIC and the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL).**

**India received a major boost in its fight against road accidents with the launch of a Sustainable Road Safety Financing Project by the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) in New Delhi. The United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) was established in 2018 by the United Nations as a global trust fund.**

**India has achieved a major breakthrough in battery technology by developing a new cathode material for Aqueous Zinc-Ion Batteries. This innovation was developed by scientists at the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru.**

