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Ques: What major change has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) made under the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)?

- A) Increased investment cap to ₹5 lakh crore
- B) Removed the ₹2.5 lakh crore overall investment limit
- C) Restricted VRR only to equity investments
- D) Suspended VRR temporarily
- E) Introduced new tax on FPI debt investments

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI has removed the overall ₹2.5 lakh crore investment limit under the VRR for FPIs.
- VRR investments will now follow the existing investment ceilings of the General Route.
- The change aims to deepen domestic bond markets and improve the stability of capital flows.
- It provides foreign investors more flexibility to deploy long-term funds in Indian debt markets.
- The decision comes amid tight global financial conditions and rising government borrowing to boost FPI participation in bonds.

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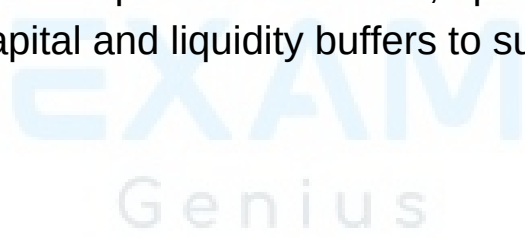
Ques: By what percentage did State Bank of India's (SBI) net profit rise in Q3FY26?

- A) 15%
- B) 18.5%
- C) 21%
- D) 24.5%
- E) 30%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- SBI reported a 24.5% year-on-year increase in standalone net profit, reaching ₹21,028 crore in Q3FY26.
- Net Interest Income (NII) rose by 9.04%, while Net Interest Margin (NIM) slightly eased to 3.12% from 3.15%.
- Gross advances increased by 15.17% to ₹46.8 lakh crore; gross deposits rose 9.02% to ₹57 lakh crore.
- Asset quality improved: Gross NPAs declined 12.3% to ₹73,637 crore, and Net NPAs fell 15.74% to ₹18,012 crore.
- Domestic Credit–Deposit ratio improved to 72.98%, up 404 basis points YoY.
- SBI maintains adequate capital and liquidity buffers to support future credit growth.





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has exempted certain NBFCs with assets below ₹1,000 crore from mandatory registration.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has doubled the collateral-free loan limit for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) from ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is set to issue revised guidelines for banks under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed a one-time compensation for bank customers affected by digital frauds.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Blackstone's acquisition of up to 9.99% stake in Federal Bank.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) unanimously decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 5.25%, continuing the pause on interest rates.
- Paysharp has received the Payment Aggregator–Physical (PA-P) licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

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Ques: How much gold did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) purchase in 2025, and what was the main reason for the sharp decline compared to 2024?

- A) 16 tonnes; weak global demand
- B) 25 tonnes; low foreign reserves
- C) 73 tonnes; stable gold prices
- D) 40 tonnes; change in RBI policy
- E) 4 tonnes; very high gold prices

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- RBI purchased only 4 tonnes of gold in 2025, sharply down from 73 tonnes in 2024.
- The main reason for this decline was very high gold prices.
- Quarter-wise purchases in 2025: Q1 – 3.4 tonnes, Q2 – 0.4 tonnes, Q3 – 0.2 tonnes, Q4 – 0 tonnes.
- Compared to previous years, RBI bought 16 tonnes in 2023 and 77 tonnes in 2021, making 2025 one of the lowest purchase years.
- Globally, central banks bought 328 tonnes of gold in 2025, slightly less than 345 tonnes in 2024; Poland, Kazakhstan, and Azerbaijan were the top buyers.

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Ques: Mission SAKSHAM, launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), is related to capacity building of which sector?

- A) Commercial Banks
- B) Regional Rural Banks
- C) Urban Cooperative Banks
- D) NBFCs
- E) Payment Banks

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Mission SAKSHAM (Sahakari Bank Kshamta Nirman) is an RBI initiative aimed at strengthening Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs).
- It focuses on enhancing managerial skills, technical capabilities, and operational resilience of UCBs.
- The mission provides a sector-wide capacity-building and certification framework.
- Training is delivered via physical programmes and a scalable digital learning platform.
- Approximately 1.4 lakh personnel across UCB functions will be trained.
- RBI emphasized the key role of UCBs in financial inclusion and serving the unbanked population.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- State Bank of India, India's largest Public Sector Bank, launched a Global Trade Finance Centre to strengthen its trade finance and global banking operations.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched CHAKRA, a Centre of Excellence (CoE).
- State Bank of India signed an MoU with the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has awarded a ₹1,000 crore, 10-year cash outsourcing contract to CMS Info Systems Ltd.
- India's largest lender, the State Bank of India, will facilitate bilateral trade settlements between India and Israel in Indian rupees.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has extended a loan of €150 million (approximately ₹1,360 crore) to Germany's KfW Development Bank.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched YONO 2.0, the upgraded version of its digital banking platform "You Only Need One (YONO)".
- SBI Ventures, promoted by State Bank of India, plans to raise ₹2,000 crore for its third climate-focused fund to invest in startups.

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Ques: What is the theme of Financial Literacy Week (FLW) 2026 observed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) Digital Banking for All
- B) Safe Payments, Secure Nation
- C) KYC – Your First Step to Safe Banking
- D) Financial Inclusion for Growth
- E) Cyber Safety Awareness

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI will observe Financial Literacy Week (FLW) 2026 from February 9 to 13, 2026.
- The theme is “KYC – Your First Step to Safe Banking”.
- The initiative focuses on educating customers about periodic KYC updates, digital safety, and fraud prevention.
- Re-KYC is mandatory: every 2 years for high-risk, 8 years for medium-risk, and 10 years for low-risk customers, or earlier if personal details change.
- RBI has been conducting Financial Literacy Week annually since 2016.

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Ques: What are the key recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission for the period 2026–31?

- A) Reduced states' share to 40% and relaxed fiscal deficit norms
- B) Increased states' share to 45% with higher unconditional cash transfers
- C) Retained states' share at 41% with focus on fiscal discipline and outcome-based spending
- D) Abolished horizontal devolution and replaced it with fixed grants
- E) Removed deficit limits for states to boost welfare spending

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 16th Finance Commission (2026–31) has retained the States' share at 41% in the divisible pool of central taxes, same as the 15th Finance Commission.
- Vertical Devolution: 41% of central taxes will go to the states.
- Horizontal Devolution: Inter-state distribution will follow a formula-based approach considering population, area, fiscal capacity, and performance.
- Grants: Total grants of ₹9.47 lakh crore are recommended for 2026–31, focusing on local bodies, disaster management, and sector-specific performance incentives.
- Emphasis is on fiscal discipline, outcome-based spending, and performance-linked grants, ensuring efficient use of funds while maintaining state autonomy.

• Grants to Local Bodies:

- Total: ₹8 lakh crore
- ₹4.4 lakh crore for rural local bodies
- ₹3.6 lakh crore for urban local bodies

• Additional grants are earmarked for disaster management.

Fiscal Discipline Emphasis

- Caps State fiscal deficit at 3% of GSDP.
- Calls for ending off-budget borrowings and rationalising subsidies.
- Strong emphasis on outcome-based expenditure and greater transparency in tax transfer data.



All About the Finance Commission :

- Constituted by: President of India
- Constitutional Basis: Article 280 of the Indian Constitution
- Frequency: Every five years
- Total Members: 5 (1 Chairman + 4 Members)

16th Finance Commission Details :

- Tenure: 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2031
- Chairman: Dr. Arvind Panagariya
- Full-time Members : Annie George Mathew – Retired bureaucrat and Manoj Panda – Economist
- Part-time Members : Soumya Kanti Ghosh – Chief Economic Advisor, SBI and T. Rabi Sankar – Deputy Governor, RBI
- Secretary: Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey

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Ques: What is the main objective of rolling out Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in Malaysia?

- A) To promote cryptocurrency transactions
- B) To enable seamless cross-border digital payments
- C) To replace Malaysia's banking system
- D) To introduce a new currency in Malaysia
- E) To establish a joint central bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The rollout of UPI in Malaysia aims to enable seamless cross-border digital payments between India and Malaysia.
- This initiative is expected to boost trade, tourism, and remittance flows between the two countries.
- It reflects India's position as a trusted partner for growth, strengthening regional economic cooperation.
- The move is part of the India–Malaysia “IMPACT” framework – India-Malaysia Partnership for Advancing Collective Transformation – promoting deeper financial and economic integration.

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Ques: Which bank has become India's first custodian to enable Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) registration and account opening through Electronic Signatures?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank is India's first custodian bank to allow FPI registration and account opening via Electronic Signatures.
- The entire process, including account opening and licensing, is completed digitally without any physical paperwork.
- This follows SEBI's unified digital workflow, operationalised in January 2026.
- The initiative reduces processing time, enhances ease of doing business, and increases India's attractiveness for foreign investors.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank – Established 1986, HQ: Mumbai, MD & CEO: Ashok Vaswani, Tagline: "Let's make money simple".

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Ques: The United States Congress approved a USD 200 million security assistance package for which group of countries amid rising concerns over Russian military activity along NATO's eastern flank?

- A) Nordic countries
- B) Balkan states
- C) Baltic States
- D) Eastern European states
- E) Black Sea countries

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The US Congress approved USD 200 million in security assistance for the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania).
- This move comes amid concerns over increased Russian military activity along NATO's eastern flank.
- The package is part of the USD 838.7 billion FY 2026 US defence budget.
- Additionally, an extra USD 10 million for Estonia was approved under the Foreign Military Financing (FMF) programme.

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Ques: According to the report titled “India’s 155 Million Student Mandate”, which city has emerged as the world’s most affordable student city, ranked first globally?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The report “India’s 155 Million Student Mandate” was published jointly by Knight Frank India, Deloitte India, and QS.
- Cities were evaluated based on affordability, employer activity, university rankings, city desirability, student voice, and student mix.
- New Delhi emerged as the world’s most affordable student city, securing 1st position globally.
- Mumbai ranked 11th and Bengaluru 15th in the global rankings.
- The study references data from QS Best Student Cities 2026 and the QS International Student Survey 2025.
- India has the largest 18–23 age group population, totaling nearly 155 million young adults.

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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- 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)
- “Top Cities for Women in India 2025” report was published by Chennai-based workplace inclusion firm Avtar : Bengaluru (1st)
- The Global Food City Rankings 2025–26 were published by TasteAtlas : Mumbai (5th), Naples (1st)





Ques: India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 1.0 was approved in which year?

- A) 2019
- B) 2020
- C) 2021
- D) 2022
- E) 2023

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 1.0 was approved by the Union Cabinet in December 2021 with an incentive outlay of ₹76,000 crore.
- By December 2025, 10 semiconductor projects worth ₹1.60 lakh crore were approved across six states: Gujarat, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh.
- The Union Budget 2026–27 allocated ₹1,000 crore for ISM 2.0, focusing on advanced semiconductor manufacturing with a roadmap to achieve 3-nanometre and 2-nanometre technology nodes.
- India aims to become one of the top global semiconductor nations by 2035, with its semiconductor market projected to grow from \$38 billion in 2023 to \$100–110 billion by 2030.

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Ques: Which team won the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2026 title after a record chase against Delhi Capitals in the final at Vadodara?

- A) Mumbai Indians
- B) Delhi Capitals
- C) Gujarat Giants
- D) Royal Challengers Bengaluru
- E) UP Warriorz

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) defeated Delhi Capitals with a record run chase in the WPL 2026 final held at Kotambi Stadium, Vadodara.
- This marked RCB's second WPL title; their first was in 2024, won by eight wickets.
- Prize Money (WPL 2026):
 - Champions (RCB): ₹6 crore
 - Runners-up (Delhi Capitals): ₹3 crore
- The Women's Premier League started in 2023, and 2026 was its 4th edition.
- Most Successful Teams (2 titles each): Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bengaluru.
- Most Successful Teams: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (2 titles)
- Player of the Series: Sophie Devine (Gujarat Giants)
- Most Runs (Orange Cap): Smriti Mandhana (RCB) – 377 runs
- Most Wickets (Purple Cap): Sophie Devine (Gujarat Giants) – 17 wickets
- Emerging Player: Nandani Sharma (Delhi Capitals) – 17 wickets





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 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**
- **2026 Crafoord Prize in Geosciences : Veerabhadran Ramanathan, an 82-year-old Indian-origin climate scientist**
- **'Great Place to Work' certification for the period February 2026 to February 2027 : Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)**
- **Wiley Research Heroes Prize 2025 : Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya**
- **President's Police Colour Award (Nishaan) : Sikkim Police**
- **Padmapani Award : Renowned music maestro Ilaiyaraaja**
- **SKOCH Award-2025 : Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) for its Cell Broadcast Solution (CBS)**

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Ques: Which organisation won the First Prize at the Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025, awarded by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)?

- A) Paradip Port Authority
- B) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
- C) Deendayal Port Authority
- D) Chennai Port Authority
- E) Visakhapatnam Port Authority

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Paradip Port Authority (PPA), Odisha won the First Prize at the Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025.
- The award was given by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
- The award was presented by Union Minister Sarbanand Sonowal.
- The Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025 were based on three key pillars: Jan Bhagidari, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, and Safai Mitra Suraksha.

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Ques: How many countries have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with India for cooperation in Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)?

- A) 10
- B) 15
- C) 20
- D) 23
- E) 30

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has signed MoUs and agreements with 23 countries to collaborate on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- The initiative strengthens India's role as a global leader in digital governance and fintech innovation.
- India's flagship digital payments platform UPI is now operational in eight countries: UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, France, Mauritius, and Qatar.
- The international expansion of UPI is facilitating cross-border remittances and enhancing financial inclusion.
- India has also signed specific MoUs on DigiLocker cooperation with Cuba, Kenya, UAE, and Lao PDR.
- DigiLocker is India's digital document storage and verification platform under the DPI ecosystem.





Ques: Where was the 4th edition of the India–Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting held?

- A) Zanzibar
- B) New Delhi
- C) Nairobi
- D) Dar es Salaam
- E) Addis Ababa

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 4th edition of the India–Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting was held in Zanzibar.
- The Indian delegation was led by Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary (Defence Cooperation).
- Both countries agreed to initiate cooperation between their Air Forces.
- The delegations explored capacity building in advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, and Electronic Warfare.
- The meeting reflects the growing defence partnership between India and African nations, especially Tanzania.

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Ques: What is India's total cheetah population after the birth of five cubs at Kuno National Park?

- A) 30
- B) 32
- C) 35
- D) 40
- E) 28

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Five cheetah cubs were born to Namibian cheetah 'Aasha' at Kuno National Park (KNP), Madhya Pradesh.
- With this new litter, India's total cheetah population has increased to 35.
- The population includes 24 India-born cheetah cubs and 11 translocated adult cheetahs from Africa.
- Apart from Kuno, three adult cheetahs are currently housed at Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Mandsaur and Neemuch districts of Madhya Pradesh.
- Project Cheetah was launched on 17 September 2022 to reintroduce cheetahs into India.
- The last confirmed sighting of wild cheetahs in India was in 1947 in present-day Chhattisgarh, and the species was declared extinct in India in 1952.
- Under Project Cheetah, India is set to receive eight cheetahs from Botswana in the future.

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Ques: Which organisation successfully conducted the flight demonstration of the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur?

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- D) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- E) Indian Air Force (IAF)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted a flight demonstration of the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology.
- The test was carried out at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.
- The successful demonstration places India among a select group of elite nations possessing SFDR technology.
- SFDR technology enables the development of long-range air-to-air missiles.
- The technology provides a significant tactical advantage to the armed forces over adversaries.

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Ques: Amaravati is being developed as India's first what under the National Quantum Mission?

- A) AI Research Hub
- B) Semiconductor City
- C) Quantum Valley
- D) Space Technology Park
- E) Biotechnology Corridor

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Amaravati will emerge as India's first Quantum Valley, as announced by Union Minister for Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for the Amaravati Quantum Valley project.
- The initiative is aligned with the National Quantum Mission, which aims to position India as a global leader in advanced and emerging technologies.
- Amaravati is being developed as a major hub for quantum research, innovation, and advanced technology development.
- The project strengthens India's quantum ecosystem and supports the country's long-term deep-tech strategy.

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Ques: Which neighbouring country received the highest aid allocation from India in the Union Budget 2026–27?

- A) Nepal
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Maldives
- D) Mauritius
- E) Bhutan

Answer: Option E – Bhutan

Explanation:

In the Union Budget 2026–27, Bhutan received the highest aid allocation of ₹2,288.55 crore, making it the largest beneficiary among India's neighbouring countries. Aid to Nepal, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, and Mongolia increased, while allocations to Bangladesh, Maldives, and Myanmar were reduced compared to FY26.

FY27 Aid Allocations to Neighbouring Countries:

- Bhutan: ₹2,288.55 crore (FY26 BE: ₹2,150 crore)
- Nepal: ₹800 crore (FY26 BE: ₹700 crore)
- Mauritius: ₹550 crore (FY26 BE: ₹500 crore)
- Maldives: ₹550 crore (FY26 BE: ₹600 crore)
- Sri Lanka: ₹400 crore (FY26 BE: ₹317 crore)
- Myanmar: ₹300 crore (FY26 BE: ₹350 crore)
- Afghanistan: ₹150 crore (FY26 BE: ₹100 crore)
- Bangladesh: ₹60 crore (FY26 BE: ₹120 crore)
- Mongolia: ₹25 crore (FY26 BE: ₹5 crore)
- Seychelles: ₹19 crore (FY26 BE: ₹19 crore)





Ques: Which company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop and operationalise India's first large-scale Green Urea production facility at the Pudimadaka Green Hydrogen Hub near Visakhapatnam?

- A) Indian Oil Corporation
- B) NTPC Limited
- C) Reliance New Energy
- D) GAIL India Limited
- E) NTPC Green Energy Limited

Answer: Option E – NTPC Green Energy Limited

Explanation:

NTPC Green Energy Limited has signed an MoU to develop and operationalise India's first large-scale Green Urea production facility. The plant will be established at the Pudimadaka Green Hydrogen Hub near Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, with a planned total capacity of 2.5 million tonnes per annum of green chemicals. The hub will produce Green Ammonia, Green Methanol, Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), and Green Urea. This initiative supports India's Green Hydrogen Mission and promotes sustainable, low-carbon industrial production.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The 14th edition of the World Government Summit 2026 was held in Dubai, UAE.
- The AI India Impact Summit 2026 has been curated around three core pillars — People, Planet and Progress.
- The second India–Arab Foreign Ministers’ Meeting was held on 31 January 2026 in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Jal Shakti organised a ‘Samvad Samaroh’ and recognition programme in New Delhi.
- The 6th edition of the National Crop Nutrition Summit was held in Mumbai.
- Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 was held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, and hosted by India.
- The National Health Authority (NHA) organized a Federated Intelligence Hackathon at IIT Kanpur.
- The 3rd meeting of the Inland Waterways Development Council was held in Kochi, Kerala.
- Wings India 2026 was inaugurated in Hyderabad by Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu.





Ques: Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off a joint Indian mountaineering expedition to which mountain, the highest peak in South America?

- A) Mount Aconcagua
- B) Mount Denali
- C) Mount Kilimanjaro
- D) Mount Elbrus
- E) Mount Vinson

Answer: Option A – Mount Aconcagua

Explanation:

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off a joint Indian mountaineering expedition to Mount Aconcagua from New Delhi. Located in Argentina, Mount Aconcagua is the highest peak in South America with an elevation of approximately 6,960 metres, making it the tallest mountain outside Asia.

The expedition was organised by the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM), Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, in collaboration with the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS), Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. The Indian mountaineering team consists of six members and is led by Colonel Hem Chandra Singh, Principal of NIM.

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Ques: Where was India's first women-led industrial park, inaugurated by FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) Bangalore, established?

- A) Tumakuru
- B) Mysuru
- C) Hubballi
- D) Belagavi
- E) Gowribidanur, Chikkaballapur

Answer: Option E – Gowribidanur, Chikkaballapur

Explanation:

FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) Bangalore, the women's wing of FICCI, inaugurated India's first women-led industrial park in Gowribidanur, Chikkaballapur district, Karnataka. The park spans about 50 acres and is planned exclusively for FLO Bangalore members.

The initiative aims to address entry barriers for first-generation women entrepreneurs, especially in the manufacturing sector. The project is being developed through a public-private partnership (PPP) with the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) and Karnataka Udyog Mitra (KUM). It promotes women entrepreneurship, inclusive industrial growth, and gender equity in manufacturing.

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Ques: Under India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0, India aims to produce semiconductor chips up to which node size?

- A) 5 nm
- B) 3 nm
- C) 2 nm
- D) 7 nm
- E) 10 nm

Answer: Option C – 2 nm

Explanation:

Under India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0, the Government of India aims to produce advanced semiconductor chips up to 2 nanometer (nm) node size. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched Qualcomm's 2 nm semiconductor chip in Bengaluru, marking a major milestone in India's capability to design, validate, and tape-out advanced chips domestically.

ISM 2.0 focuses on indigenous chip design, productisation, ecosystem partnerships, and talent development. The Union Budget 2026–27 allocated ₹1,000 crore for ISM 2.0 to promote industry-led research and training centres.

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Ques: India secured the hosting rights for the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2027 after a successful bid by which organisation?

- A) Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- B) Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
- C) Asian Shooting Confederation (ASC)
- D) International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)
- E) National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)

Answer: Option E – National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)

Explanation:

India secured the hosting rights for the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2027 following a successful bid by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI). The championship will be held from 1 to 10 December 2027 at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges, New Delhi.

This will be the second consecutive time India hosts the premier continental championship for rifle and pistol shooters. India is also hosting the Asian Shooting Championship 2026 at the same venue. The 2027 championship will offer eight Olympic quota places, increasing the competitive significance of the event.

- Additionally, India will host the ISSF World Cup (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun) in New Delhi in April 2027.
- The ISSF World Cup 2027 will offer 12 Olympic quota places for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Haryana Thunders won the Pro Wrestling League (PWL) 2026 title by defeating Delhi Dangal Warriors 5–4 in a closely contested final.
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) elected Soraya Aghaei as its first female member from Iran.
- India won its record 6th ICC Under-19 World Cup title by defeating England by 100 runs in the final.
- Indian squash player Anahat Singh defeated England's top seed Georgina Kennedy to win the Squash on Fire Open held in Washington.
- Young Indian shuttler Devika Sihag won her maiden BWF Super 300 women's singles title at the Thailand Masters 2025.
- Uzbek Grandmaster Nodirbek Abdusattorov won the Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2026 (Masters).
- Spanish tennis star Carlos Alcaraz defeated Novak Djokovic to win his first Australian Open title.
- The 6th edition of the Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2026 was inaugurated on 20 January 2026. In the medal tally, Haryana topped the chart with 5 Gold, 1 Silver, and 2 Bronze medals.
- Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina won the 2026 Australian Open women's singles title.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has provisionally banned USA batter Aaron Jones from all formats of cricket under its Anti-Corruption Code.
- Novak Djokovic achieved his 400th singles match win at Grand Slam tournaments during the Australian Open.





- Vidarbha achieved a historic milestone in Indian domestic cricket by winning its maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy title.
- India has submitted a bid to host the 2028 World Indoor Athletics Championships in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The Sixth Edition of Khelo India Winter Games 2026 began at NDS Stadium in Leh, Ladakh.



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