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**Ques: Which regulator approved Allianz Jio Reinsurance and Kiwi General Insurance to start operations in India?**

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- D) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- E) Competition Commission of India

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) approved Allianz Jio Reinsurance and Kiwi General Insurance to begin insurance operations in India.
- The approval was granted during IRDAI's 134th Board Meeting, where the regulator issued Certificates of Registration to both entities.
- Allianz Jio Reinsurance will operate as a reinsurer, while Kiwi General Insurance will function as a general insurance company in the Indian insurance market.

**About Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI):**

- Established: 1999
- HQ: Hyderabad, Telangana
- Chairperson: Ajay Seth





**Ques: Which international organisation approved a \$1.2 billion loan to India to support climate resilience and sustainable infrastructure development?**

- A) World Bank
- B) New Development Bank
- C) International Monetary Fund
- D) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- E) Asian Development Bank

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$1.2 billion loan to India to support climate resilience and sustainable infrastructure development.
- Out of the total package, \$650 million will support the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.
- Around \$200 million will be provided through the Green Climate Fund.
- Another \$331 million will be invested in a wind-solar hybrid plant of ReNew Energy Global.

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## RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- German development finance institution DEG and Citi jointly provided USD 76 million (about 630 crore) financing to Shriram Finance to support lending to underserved segments, including MSMEs, smallholder farmers, and electric vehicle (EV) buyers.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided a loan of ₹4,648 crore to the West Bengal Government.
- IIFL Home Finance signed a \$300 million (approx. ₹2,700 crore) loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank.
- A JPY-equivalent \$400 million External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) has been given to Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd (IRFC).
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a senior secured debt financing package of up to USD 108 million (Mn) (about Rs 983 crore (Cr)) with Aavas Financiers Limited to expand affordable housing and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) lending in India.
- A guarantee of USD 197.67 million was provided to Citibank N.A..





**Ques: Indian Railways launched which mobile application to enable women employees to report sexual harassment at the workplace?**

- A) SAKHI
- B) SHINE
- C) Suraksha
- D) Nari Shakti
- E) Raksha

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Railways launched a customised mobile application named “SHINE” (Sexual Harassment Incident Notification for Empowerment).
- The application enables women employees to report incidents of sexual harassment at the workplace in a secure and accessible manner.
- The SHINE app was launched on the occasion of International Women's Day, observed every year on 8 March.

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

- The Health Department of Kerala has launched the 'MeHEALTH' mobile application to help citizens access information about nearby government health facilities.
- On the 40th Foundation Day of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, launched "SUJVIKA", an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven Biotech Product Data Portal.
- 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 Rijju, 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 24x7 medical monitoring from patients' homes.





**Ques: PB-SHABD platform, which provides logo-free news content, is an initiative of which organization?**

- A) Press Information Bureau
- B) Prasar Bharati
- C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) National Informatics Centre

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The PB-SHABD (Prasar Bharati – Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination) platform is an initiative of Prasar Bharati.
- The platform provides free logo-free daily news content for media organisations and digital platforms until March next year.
- It produces around 1,000 news stories daily in multiple formats with the support of 1,500+ correspondents and about 60 editorial desks working round the clock.
- The platform also provides live feeds of national events, investiture ceremonies, and press briefings, and the content can be used without logo or credit.

About PB-SHABD:

- Full Form: Prasar Bharati Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination
- Organization: Prasar Bharati
- Ministry: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting





**Ques: Which ministry launched the nationwide social media campaign “Say No To Proxy Sarpanch” to promote genuine leadership of elected women representatives in village governance?**

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched a nationwide social media campaign titled “Say No To Proxy Sarpanch.”
- The campaign aims to stop the practice known as “Sarpanch Pati,” where male relatives exercise authority instead of elected women leaders in village governance.
- The initiative promotes empowerment and independent leadership of women representatives in Panchayati Raj institutions.

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## News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has sanctioned the North Eastern Science and Technology (NEST) Cluster Project to build a strong research and innovation ecosystem across the North East.
- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan chaired a high-level review meeting of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) to fast-track the Self-Reliance in Pulses Mission.
- Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with SIA-India (Satcom Industry Association-India), released a comprehensive Space Cyber Security Framework and Guidelines
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways approved the development of a Green Hydrogen Jetty at Paradip Port in Odisha. The estimated project cost is ₹797 crore+.
- The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) has upgraded the National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) from Schedule 'B' to Schedule 'A' category CPSE.





**Ques:** The 16th-century bronze statue of Saint Tirumankai Alvar, set to be returned to India by the Ashmolean Museum, originally belonged to which temple in Tamil Nadu?

- A) Meenakshi Amman Temple
- B) Ranganathaswamy Temple
- C) Brihadeeswara Temple
- D) Chidambaram Temple
- E) Soundararajaperumal Temple

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- A 16th-century bronze statue of Tirumankai Alvar is set to be returned to India by the Ashmolean Museum at the University of Oxford.
- The statue measures 57.5 centimetres in height and had been part of the museum's collection since 1967.
- Tirumankai Alvar is one of the twelve Alvar saints revered in the Vaishnavite tradition of Hinduism.
- These saints were poet-devotees who composed hymns praising Vishnu and played an important role in the Bhakti movement in South India.
- The bronze idol originally belonged to the Soundararajaperumal Temple located in Thadikombu village in Tamil Nadu.





**Ques: The Jal Jeevan Mission has been extended till which year by the Union Cabinet?**

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Jal Jeevan Mission has been extended by the Union Cabinet of India until December 2028.
- The Cabinet meeting was chaired by Narendra Modi and the mission will now focus on service delivery along with infrastructure development.
- The government approved an enhanced total outlay of ₹8.69 lakh crore, including ₹3.59 lakh crore as central assistance to strengthen rural drinking water supply systems.
- A national digital framework called “Sujalam Bharat” will be launched to digitally map the entire drinking water supply system from source to tap in villages.

**About Jal Jeevan Mission:**

- Launched: 15 August 2019
- Ministry: Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Total Outlay: ₹8.69 lakh crore
- Extended till: 2028





## Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- Punjab Government, led by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), has announced a monthly financial assistance scheme for women. scheme named "Mukh Mantri Mawan Dhian Satikar Yojana", ₹1,000 permonth will be directly transferred
- Siddaramaiah, the Chief Minister of Karnataka, announced the Chief Minister Krishi Vistara Scheme in the Karnataka Budget 2026–27 to increase farmers' income.
- The SANKALP (Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at strengthening India's skill development ecosystem.
- The Eligible Manufacturer Importers (EMI) scheme will be implemented from April 1 by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- The Government of India has reduced duty benefits under the RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) scheme by 50% with immediate effect.
- The "Rah-Veer" scheme has been announced by Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.





**Ques: The indigenously developed 30 kW Wide Band Gap (WBG)-based Integrated Drive System (IDS) for Electric Vehicles was launched in which city?**

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Chennai
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Pune
- E) Thiruvananthapuram

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The indigenously developed 30 kW Wide Band Gap (WBG)-based Integrated Drive System (IDS) for Electric Vehicles was launched in Chennai.
- The technology was jointly developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Indian Institute of Technology Madras, and Lucas TVS.
- The project was developed under the National Mission on Power Electronics Technology (NaMPET) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- The system was launched by S. Krishnan, Secretary of MeitY, at Indian Institute of Technology Madras.
- The Integrated Drive System (IDS) is a Wide Band Gap semiconductor-based EV powertrain system that integrates the electric motor and inverter into a single compact, high power-density unit.
- It replaces the traditional configuration where the motor and drive systems are installed separately, improving efficiency and compactness.





**Ques: Which programme has connected more than 2.15 lakh Gram Panchayats in India through optical fibre networks?**

- A) Digital India Programme
- B) PM-WANI
- C) BharatNet Programme
- D) National Broadband Mission
- E) Smart Cities Mission

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The BharatNet Programme has connected more than 2.15 lakh Gram Panchayats across India through the expansion of optical fibre networks and digital infrastructure.
- 5G connectivity now covers 99.9% of districts in India, supported by more than 5.18 lakh Base Transceiver Stations (BTS).
- Under the Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) initiative, 4,09,111 public Wi-Fi hotspots have been deployed across the country as of February 2026.
- BharatNet Programme was launched in 2011 and implemented by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL).
- Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) was launched in 2020 to provide affordable public Wi-Fi access.





**Ques: India's Mahindra Group partnered with which aircraft manufacturer to establish an MRO facility in India for the C-390 Millennium aircraft?**

- A) Boeing
- B) Airbus
- C) Embraer
- D) Lockheed Martin
- E) Dassault Aviation

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Brazilian aircraft manufacturer Embraer and Mahindra Group have partnered to establish a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility in India.
- The facility will support the Embraer C-390 Millennium, a modern military transport aircraft.
- In October 2025, Embraer and Mahindra Group signed a Strategic Cooperation Agreement to manufacture the Embraer C-390 Millennium aircraft in India.

**About the C-390 Millennium Aircraft:**

- Payload Capacity: Up to 26 tons, capable of carrying heavy cargo or troops.
- Speed & Range: Faster and has a longer range than most medium-sized transport aircraft.
- Versatility: Used for military transport, medical evacuation, search and rescue, and aerial refueling.
- Runway Flexibility: Can land and take off from temporary or unpaved runways.

**About brazil :**

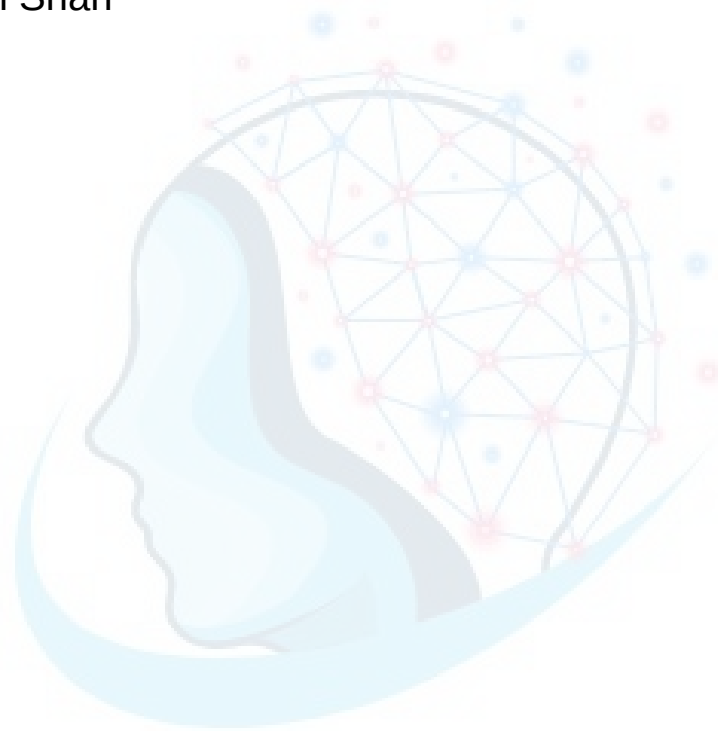
- Capital : Brasília
- Currency : Brazilian Real (BRL / R\$)
- President : Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (In office since Jan 2023)





## About Mahindra Group :

- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Anand Mahindra
- MD & CEO : Dr. Anish Shah



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## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- India and Uzbekistan launched a Pharma-Nutra Trade Corridor to expand access to the CIS and wider Eurasian healthcare market valued at about \$7–10 billion.
- Indonesia signed an initial agreement with India to acquire the BrahMos Missile, a supersonic cruise missile system.
- Kempegowda International Airport (BLR Airport), Bengaluru, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Frankfurt Airport (FRA), Germany, to strengthen air cargo connectivity between India and Europe.
- The Government of Uttar Pradesh signed an agreement with RAILONE GmbH, a Germany-based railway infrastructure company. The project has an estimated cost of ₹200 crore
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth nearly ₹11,000 crore with multiple Japanese companies during his two-day official visit to Japan.
- India and Germany have strengthened their climate partnership with a new €20 million initiative. The funding will be provided by Germany's International Climate Initiative (IKI).





**Ques: The Union Cabinet recently approved declaring which airport in Tamil Nadu as an International Airport?**

- A) Coimbatore Airport
- B) Madurai Airport
- C) Tiruchirappalli Airport
- D) Salem Airport
- E) Tuticorin Airport

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet of India, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved declaring Madurai Airport in Tamil Nadu as an International Airport.
- Madurai Airport is located in Madurai, popularly known as the Temple City, and is one of the oldest airports in Tamil Nadu.
- Granting international status will enhance regional connectivity, boost tourism and pilgrimage, and promote trade and economic development in Southern Tamil Nadu.

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**Ques: Which organisation signed a Statement of Intent with NITI Aayog to improve nutrition and health outcomes in Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks?**

- A) World Health Organization
- B) UNICEF India
- C) World Bank
- D) Asian Development Bank
- E) UNDP

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- NITI Aayog and UNICEF India signed a Statement of Intent to improve nutrition and health outcomes in Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks across India.
- The partnership aims to strengthen maternal and child nutrition outcomes, particularly in underserved regions.
- UNICEF India will provide technical expertise through the IMPAct4Nutrition (I4N) platform.

**National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog):**

- Established: January 1, 2015
- HQ: New Delhi
- Chairperson: Narendra Modi
- Vice Chairperson: Suman Bery





**Ques: Who has taken interim charge of IndiGo after the resignation of CEO Pieter Elbers?**

- A) Rakesh Gangwal
- B) Rahul Bhatia
- C) Ronojoy Dutta
- D) Ajay Singh
- E) Vinay Dube

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Pieter Elbers, CEO of IndiGo (parent company InterGlobe Aviation), has resigned with immediate effect.
- Rahul Bhatia, Managing Director and Co-founder of IndiGo, has taken interim charge until a new CEO is appointed.
- Pieter Elbers joined IndiGo as CEO in September 2022, succeeding Ronojoy Dutta, and earlier served as CEO of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

**About IndiGo:**

- Parent Company: InterGlobe Aviation
- Founded: 2006
- HQ: Gurugram, Haryana
- Founders: Rahul Bhatia & Rakesh Gangwal





## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi** : Drugs Controller General of India (Extended for 1 year from 1st march 2026)
- **South Korean filmmaker Park Chan-wook** : jury president for the 79th edition of the Cannes Film Festival
- **Baroruchi Mishra** : CEO of Hindustan Oil Exploration Company
- **Saba Shawl** : First Kashmiri woman to head (Superintendent) Central Jail Srinagar, Which is a high security correctional facility in Jammu and Kashmir
- **Alois Zwinggi** : Interim President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the World Economic Forum (WEF) (replaced Børge Brende of Norway)
- **Alireza Araf** : Iran's Supreme Leader (Replaced Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (since 1989))
- **Deepak Gupta** : Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited (replaced Sandeep Kumar Gupta)
- **Senior bureaucrat Nidhi Chibber** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog





**Ques: Which ministry announced three flagship festivals — Tribes Art Fest, Living Roots Festival, and Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 — to showcase India's tribal heritage?**

- A) Ministry of Culture
- B) Ministry of Tourism
- C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) Ministry of Minority Affairs

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) announced three flagship festivals to showcase the richness of India's tribal heritage and culture.

About the Three Flagship Festivals:

- Tribes Art Fest (TAF) 2026: Held from 2–13 March 2026 at Travancore Palace Art Gallery, New Delhi.
- Living Roots Festival (LRF): Scheduled from 13–15 March 2026 at Bikaner House and India Gate, New Delhi.
- Bharat Tribes Fest 2026: Focuses on promoting tribal arts, crafts, and traditions across India.

- **Bharat Tribes Fest (BTF) 2026:**

Will take place from 18–30 March 2026 at Sunder Nursery, New Delhi.

Bharat Tribes Fest (BTF) 2026:





## Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- The National Arogya Fair 2026 was held at Shegaon in Buldhana district of Maharashtra.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami virtually inaugurated the Khadi Holi Festival organised by the Kalash Sangeet Kala Samiti in Champawat (Kumaon region).
- Herath Poshte, or "Congratulations on Herath," is the traditional greeting for the Kashmiri Pandit celebration of Maha Shivaratri (Herath) in Jammu and Kashmir, celebrated on Phalgun Krishna Paksha Trayodashi.
- 'Spituk Gustor' : two-day annual monastic festival has begun at Spituk Monastery in Ladakh
- Dhanu Yatra : 11-day open-air theatre festival held annually in Bargarh, Odisha, depicting the mythological story of Lord Krishna and King Kansa.
- Losar : traditional New Year festival of Ladakh, celebrated with devotion and joy.
- Charaichung Festival : hosted on Majuli Island in Assam to revive awareness about Asia's first protected royal bird sanctuary.





**Ques: Which countries were recently added to the FATF Grey List?**

- A) Sri Lanka and Nepal
- B) Iran and North Korea
- C) Kuwait and Papua New Guinea
- D) Myanmar and Pakistan
- E) Bangladesh and Thailand

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has added Kuwait and Papua New Guinea to its “Grey List,” placing them under increased monitoring.
- The Grey List includes countries that have strategic deficiencies in anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorist financing (CFT) systems but have committed to working with FATF to resolve these issues.
- FATF works globally to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing.

**About Financial Action Task Force (FATF):**

- Established: 1989
- Founded by: Group of Seven (G7) countries
- HQ: Paris, France
- President: Elisa de Anda Madrazo (Mexico)





**Ques: Which leader of the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) is set to become the next Prime Minister of Nepal after strong results in the parliamentary elections?**

- A) Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- B) Sher Bahadur Deuba
- C) Balendra “Balen” Shah
- D) KP Sharma Oli
- E) Madhav Kumar Nepal

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Balendra Shah, popularly known as “Balen,” is set to become the next Prime Minister of Nepal after strong results in the parliamentary elections.
- He is the leader of the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), a political party that has recently emerged as a major force in Nepalese politics.
- The 35-year-old rapper-turned-politician previously served as the Mayor of Kathmandu.
- The election followed the 2025 Gen Z protests, which led to the fall of the government led by K. P. Sharma Oli.
- The Rastriya Swatantra Party was founded on 1 July 2022 and has quickly become a significant political force in Nepal.





## Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- Supreme Leader of Iran : Mojtaba Hosseini Khamenei
- President of Peru : Jose Maria Balcazar
- Prime Minister of the Netherlands : Rob Jetten
- 8th Prime Minister of Barbados : Mia Mottley
- Prime Minister of Thailand : Anutin Charnvirakul
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh : Tarique Rahman, chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP)
- Prime Minister of Yemen : Yemen's Foreign Minister Shaya Mohsen Zindani (replaced Salem bin Breik)
- President of Uganda : Yoweri Museveni
- Interim President of Venezuela : Delcy Rodríguez
- 38th President of Chile : José Antonio Kast of Chile's Republican Party (Replaced Gabriel Boric)





**Ques: India recently dispatched 1,000 metric tons of rice as humanitarian aid to which country affected by the El Niño drought?**

- A) Zambia
- B) Malawi
- C) Kenya
- D) Ethiopia
- E) Mozambique

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India dispatched 1,000 metric tons of rice to Malawi as humanitarian aid to support the country facing drought due to the El Niño effect.
- The aid shipment was dispatched from Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Nhava Sheva).
- The initiative highlights India's commitment to humanitarian assistance, food security, and South–South cooperation among Global South partner countries.

About Malawi:

- Capital: Lilongwe
- Currency: Malawian Kwacha
- President: Peter Mutharika

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**Ques: The first Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) 2026 will be held in which state?**

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Odisha
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Telangana

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The first Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) 2026 will be held from 25 March to 6 April 2026 in Chhattisgarh.
- The games will be organised across three cities – Raipur, Jagdalpur, and Surguja.
- The announcement was made by Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya.
- The Games will include seven medal sports – athletics, football, hockey, weightlifting, archery, swimming, and wrestling.
- Mallakhamb and Kabaddi will be included as demonstration sports.
- The Games will be organised jointly by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India, Indian Olympic Association, National Sports Federations, and the Chhattisgarh State Organising Committee.





**Ques: Who unveiled the “Defence Forces Vision 2047: A Roadmap for a Future-Ready Indian Military”?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Ajit Doval

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Rajnath Singh, the Defence Minister of India, unveiled the Defence Forces Vision 2047 titled “A Roadmap for a Future-Ready Indian Military.”
- The vision document outlines a long-term strategy to transform the Indian Armed Forces into a modern, integrated, and technologically advanced military by 2047.
- A key focus of the roadmap is greater jointness and coordination among the Army, Navy, and Air Force to improve operational efficiency.

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**Ques: Lance Havildar K.G. George (Retd.), who passed away recently, was a recipient of which gallantry award?**

- A) Param Vir Chakra
- B) Maha Vir Chakra
- C) Vir Chakra
- D) Ashoka Chakra
- E) Kirti Chakra

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- K. G. George, a Lance Havildar (Retd.) and hero of the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965, passed away recently.
- He was honoured with the Vir Chakra, India's third-highest wartime gallantry award, for his bravery in the war.
- The award recognises acts of exceptional courage and valour shown by members of the armed forces during wartime.

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**Ques: Jan Aushadhi Diwas is observed every year on which date?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Jan Aushadhi Diwas is observed every year on 7 March to promote awareness about affordable generic medicines in India.
- The year 2026 marks the 8th edition of Jan Aushadhi Diwas.
- The observance started in 2019.
- The day is associated with the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), which aims to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices through dedicated stores across the country.

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## Important days :

- 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)
- 27 February : 7th National Protein Day (started in the year 2020)
- 28 February : National Science Day (Theme 2026: Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat)
- 28 February : Rare Disease Day 2026 (2026 Theme: More than you can imagine: the realities behind rare diseases)
- 1 March : Zero Discrimination Day (theme for 2026 was “People First”)
- 1 March : World Seagrass Day
- 3 March : World Hearing Day (theme for 2026 is “From communities to classrooms: hearing care for all children.”)
- 4 March : 18th World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation 2026 (Started in 2009)
- 4 March : National Safety Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Engage, Educate & Empower People to Enhance Safety)
- 8 March : International Women's Day (Theme "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls.")
- 10 March : CISF Raising Day





## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

The state-owned National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)-sponsored Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (RIIT) is set to launch a ₹6,000 crore Initial Public Offering (IPO), marking a major step in infrastructure asset monetisation.

Axis Bank has been named a preferred financing partner in India for Tesla, the global electric vehicle manufacturer to strengthen financing support for premium electric vehicles (EVs) in India. Axis Bank becomes the first lender in India to offer vehicle loan tenures of up to 10 years for premium EVs, improving affordability for customers.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued the NBFC–Miscellaneous Amendment Directions, 2026 to support the functioning of National Urban Co-operative Finance and Development Corporation Ltd. (NUCFDC) as the Umbrella Organisation (UO) for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs). These special provisions will remain effective until 31 March 2029, unless modified, withdrawn, or extended by the Reserve Bank of India.

The India and the European Union agreed to grant Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to each other for five years starting from the date the India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) comes into force. The India–EU Free Trade Agreement negotiations were relaunched in 2022 and finalised in January 2026.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) signed a Flexi-MoU with Bajaj Auto Limited to promote industry-driven training for youth. The tenure of the agreement is 10 years. The initiative aims to provide industry-integrated training in advanced automotive manufacturing systems at facilities located in Maharashtra and Uttarakhand.

