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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank Limited (CUB)?**

- A) Dr. N. Kamakodi
- B) R. Vijay Anandh
- C) S. Ramesh Kumar
- D) R. Subramanian
- E) P. Mahesh

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- R. Vijay Anandh has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB).
- His tenure will be for three years.
- He has replaced Dr. N. Kamakodi in this role.

**About City Union Bank:**

- Established: 1904
- Headquarters: Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu
- Tagline: "Trust and Excellence since 1904"





**Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to increase the aggregate ceiling of unsecured advances of Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) to what percentage of total assets?**

- A) 12%
- B) 15%
- C) 20%
- D) 25%
- E) 30%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to double the aggregate ceiling of unsecured advances for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) to 20% of total assets, from the earlier limit of 10%.
- Additional unsecured advances beyond this prudential ceiling will be allowed only for priority sector eligible loans, subject to a monetary cap of ₹50,000 per borrower.
- The lending limit to nominal members for purchasing consumer durables is proposed to be enhanced to ₹2.5 lakh per borrower.
  
- **RBI has also proposed revised individual unsecured loan limits based on the tier of UCBs:**
  - Tier 1 UCBs: ₹5 lakh
  - Tier 2 UCBs: ₹7.5 lakh
  - Tier 3 & Tier 4 UCBs: ₹10 lakh
  
- The tenor and moratorium requirements for housing loans are proposed to be deregulated for Tier-3 and Tier-4 UCBs.
- Stakeholders and the public can submit feedback on the draft norms till March 4, 2026.
- The proposed amendments are expected to come into force from October 1, 2026, or earlier if adopted fully by a UCB.





- During the monetary policy announcement, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced Mission-SAKSHAM (Sahakari Bank Kshamta Nirman) to strengthen managerial and technical capacity of UCBs.
- The mission aims to train over 1.4 lakh participants from UCBs.



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## Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **Vinay Muralidhar Tonse** : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of YES Bank
- **Mr. Rishi Gupta** : Managing Director & CEO of Fino Payments Bank
- **Arijit Basu** : part-time Chairman of IndusInd Bank (succeed Sunil Mehta)
- **Mr. Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat** : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Karnataka Bank Limited (replaced Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma)
- **re-appointment of Kaizad Bharucha** : Whole-Time Director (Deputy Managing Director) of HDFC Bank
- **Sandeep Bakshi** : MD and CEO of ICICI Bank Limited for a two-year term.
- **S Prakash** : Chief Executive Officer for the Health Insurance Ecosystem and Strategic Partnerships General Insurance Council (replaced Praveen Kumar)
- **Anup Kumar Saha** : Whole Time Director of Kotak Mahindra Bank
- **Ida Liu** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HSBC Private Bank

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Indian Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL)?**

- A) P. R. Jaishankar
- B) Sanjay Malhotra
- C) Rohit Rishi
- D) Rajnish Kumar
- E) Ashwani Kumar

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Rohit Rishi has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Indian Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL).
- His tenure will be for three years.
- Prior to this appointment, he served as Executive Director at Bank of Maharashtra.
- He has replaced P. R. Jaishankar as MD of IIFCL.

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**Ques: The Indian Army has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which bank to provide specialised banking services and enhanced insurance benefits to Army personnel?**

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) IDFC FIRST Bank
- E) Axis Bank

**Answer: Option D**

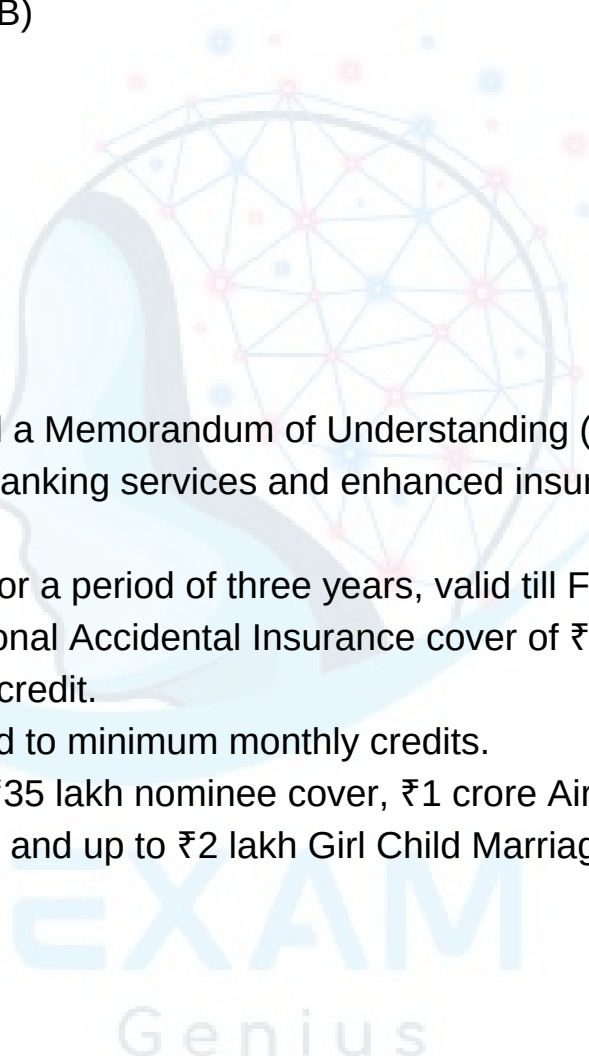
**Explanation:**

- The Indian Army has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IDFC FIRST Bank to provide specialised banking services and enhanced insurance benefits to serving and retired Army personnel.
- The MoU has been signed for a period of three years, valid till February 2029.
- Under the agreement, Personal Accidental Insurance cover of ₹60 lakh is provided without mandatory salary or pension credit.
- Insurance benefits are linked to minimum monthly credits.
- Additional benefits include ₹35 lakh nominee cover, ₹1 crore Air Accident Insurance, ₹4 lakh Higher Education Cover, and up to ₹2 lakh Girl Child Marriage Cover.

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**About IDFC First Bank**

- Established : 2015
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : V Vaidyanathan
- Tagline : Always You First





## Recently signed banking agreements

- 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.
- Central Bank of India (CBI) has signed a distribution agreement with HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited.
- The Department of Posts (DoP), Ministry of Communications, Government of India, signed an agreement with Stock Holding Services Limited (SSL) to promote access to regulated capital market services for citizens across the country.
- SMFG India Credit (SMICC) has partnered with Google Pay to offer collateral-free personal loans to users across India.
- Indian payments technology company Pine Labs has partnered with UAE-based Wio Bank to build a payment acquiring system.

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**Ques: Which company successfully deployed BHASHINI's end-to-end sovereign AI cloud transformation on India-based cloud infrastructure?**

- A) Tata Communications
- B) Reliance Jio
- C) Yotta Data Services
- D) Infosys
- E) Tech Mahindra

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Yotta Data Services successfully deployed BHASHINI's end-to-end sovereign AI cloud transformation on India-based cloud infrastructure.
- The deployment was carried out on Yotta's Government Community Cloud (GCC) and Shakti Cloud.
- With this development, BHASHINI now operates entirely on Indian cloud and GPU infrastructure, ensuring that language datasets, AI models, and citizen interactions remain within India's jurisdiction.
- The deployment was demonstrated during Maha Kumbh 2025, enabling real-time translation and voice-based assistance in 11+ Indian languages.
- The multilingual AI assistant 'Kumbh Sah'Al'yak' was a key feature of the initiative.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited from March 1, 2026?**

- A) Rajeev Kumar
- B) Deepak Gupta
- C) Anil Agarwal
- D) Suresh Mehta
- E) Rakesh Sharma

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- GAIL (India) Limited has appointed Deepak Gupta as its Chairman & Managing Director (CMD).
- His appointment will be effective from March 1, 2026.
- He will remain in office until February 28, 2029, the date of his superannuation.
- Prior to this role, he was serving as Director (Projects) at GAIL.
- The selection was made by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).

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**Ques: What did the Pune Rural Intervention in Young Adolescents (PRIYA) trial indicate?**

- A) Vitamin A supplementation improves adolescent immunity only
- B) Iron supplementation reduces anaemia but has no intergenerational impact
- C) Vitamin B12 supplementation during adolescence improves neonatal health through epigenetic mechanisms
- D) Calcium intake during pregnancy alone determines foetal growth
- E) Nutrition interventions have no long-term metabolic impact

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Pune Rural Intervention in Young Adolescents (PRIYA) trial showed that vitamin B12 supplementation during adolescence improves neonatal health through epigenetic mechanisms.
- The trial was conducted between 2012 and 2020 under the Pune Maternal Nutrition Study.
- The study examined whether improving vitamin B12 levels in adolescents could reduce intergenerational metabolic risks in a population with widespread B12 deficiency.

**Objectives of the PRIYA Trial:**

- Improve foetal growth and neonatal health outcomes.
- Reduce long-term metabolic disease risk across generations.
- Strengthen public health nutrition policy.
- Improve human capital and long-term population health.
- Target Groups are Adolescents and Women of reproductive age
- Vitamin B12 (Cyanocobalamin) is a water-soluble vitamin mainly obtained from animal-origin foods.
- It plays a key role in red blood cell formation, DNA synthesis, and proper nervous system function.
- Deficiency of vitamin B12 can lead to anaemia and neurological disorders.
- Epigenetic mechanisms involve changes in gene expression without altering DNA sequence, often influenced by nutrition, environment, or lifestyle, and these changes can sometimes be passed to the next generation.





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the inaugural Delhi Khel Mahakumbh by the Government of Delhi?**

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Gautam Gambhir
- C) Shikhar Dhawan
- D) Rohit Sharma
- E) Suresh Raina

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the inaugural Delhi Khel Mahakumbh by the Government of Delhi.
- The Delhi Khel Mahakumbh will be held on 13 February 2026 across 16 locations in all 12 districts of Delhi.
- He was awarded the Arjuna Award in 2018 for his outstanding performance in cricket.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of ICAI for the 2026–27 term?**

- A) Mangesh Kinare
- B) Prasanna Kumar D
- C) Suresh Prabhu
- D) Rakesh Sharma
- E) Anil Mehta

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Prasanna Kumar D will take over as President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the 2026–27 term.
- The ICAI President chairs all standing committees and serves as an ex-officio member of non-standing committees.
- He will also oversee ICAI's research and development wings, including the Accounting Research Foundation and XBRL India.
- Prasanna Kumar has been a Chartered Accountant since 1984 and has held several leadership roles within ICAI.
- Mangesh Pandurang Kinare has been appointed as the Vice-President of ICAI.

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## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Nivedita Dubey** : Director (Human Resources) of the Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- **Amelia Valverde** : head coach of the Indian Senior Women's Football Team by the All India Football Federation (AIFF)
- **Kota Ravi** : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). (replaced Dr. D.K. Sunil)
- **Sunetra Pawar** : first woman Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra
- **Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani** : President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) ( Replaced Randhir Singh)
- **Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award 2026** : Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (institutional category), Lieutenant Colonel Sita Ashok Shelke (individual category)
- **Ganesh Lakshminarayanan** : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tata Communications Limited (succeed A. S. Lakshminarayanan)
- **Blinkit founder and CEO Albinder Dhindsa** : Group CEO of Eternal Ltd. (Deepinder Goyal)

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**Ques: Which initiative was launched by the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh to strengthen digital education, along with signing an MoU to explore geothermal energy?**

- A) Vidya Setu
- B) Padhai with AI
- C) e-Gurukul
- D) Digital Himalaya
- E) Smart Shiksha Abhiyan

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of Himachal Pradesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Geotropy India Private Limited to explore and harness the state's geothermal energy potential.
- Chief Minister Sukvinder Singh Sukhu launched the 'Padhai with AI' initiative in Bilaspur.
- 'Padhai with AI' is an Artificial Intelligence–based digital learning platform aimed at strengthening access to digital education in the region.
- The initiative is backed by NTPC Limited.
- It is designed to support students preparing for competitive examinations.

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**Ques: Where was the Self-Reliance (Aatmanirbharta) in Pulses Mission finalised?**

- A) Amlaha, Madhya Pradesh
- B) Ludhiana, Punjab
- C) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- D) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- E) Raipur, Chhattisgarh

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Self-Reliance (Aatmanirbharta) in Pulses Mission was finalised at the Food Legumes Research Centre, Amlaha.
- It is a centrally sponsored scheme with a total outlay of ₹11,440 crore.
- The mission aims to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses during 2025–26 to 2030–31.
- Focus crops under the mission are Tur (Arhar), Urad, and Masoor.
- Key targets include expanding cultivation by 35 lakh hectares, increasing the total area to 310 lakh hectares, and raising production to 350 lakh tonnes by 2030–31.

Traceability & Holistic Inventory) developed by the Ministry of Agriculture and National Informatics Centre.

- The government has assured 100% procurement of Tur, Urad and Masoor for the next four years.
- Procurement will be undertaken by NAFED and NCCF under the PM-AASHA scheme.
- A cluster-based approach will be adopted, with 1,000 pulse mills planned, including 55 mills in Madhya Pradesh, each receiving a ₹25 lakh subsidy.
- Farmers will receive seed kits, and India continues to be the largest producer and consumer of pulses, contributing about 25% of global production.





## Recent Headlines Related to Brand Ambassador :

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Goodwill Ambassador for the Pune Grand Tour 2026
- Harmanpreet Kaur : Shyam Steel
- Seven-time Olympic medallist sprinter Andre De Grasse of Canada : International Event Ambassador for the 21st edition of the Tata Mumbai Marathon (TMM 2025)
- Cristiano Ronaldo : Investor and Brand Ambassador of Perplexity AI
- MS Dhoni : Panasonic AC Brand Ambassador
- Ishaan Khatter : brand ambassador for EUME
- Indian cricketer Abhishek Sharma : newest brand ambassador of global logistics firm DP World.
- Harmanpreet Kaur : first-ever female brand ambassador of Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna : AU Small Finance Bank
- Indian cricketer Abhishek Sharma : Brand ambassador of Global logistics firm DP World

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**Ques: Soundala village, which declared itself “caste-free”, is located in which state?**

- A) Gujarat
- B) Karnataka
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Telangana

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Soundala village has declared itself a “caste-free” village to promote social harmony and equality.
- The village is located in Newasa taluka of Maharashtra.
- Administratively, it falls under Ahilyanagar district, earlier known as Ahmednagar.
- Soundala claims to be Maharashtra’s first and possibly India’s first caste-free village.
- The initiative aims to eliminate caste-based discrimination and encourage inclusive community participation.

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**Ques: Which Indian minister attended the first-ever Critical Minerals Ministerial hosted by the United States during a three-day diplomatic visit?**

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Nirmala Sitharaman
- C) S. Jaishankar
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) Amit Shah

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- S. Jaishankar attended the first-ever Critical Minerals Ministerial hosted by the United States during his three-day diplomatic visit.
- During the visit, he held a bilateral meeting with Marco Rubio, focusing on the India–USA strategic partnership, including trade, energy, defence, technology, nuclear cooperation, and critical minerals.
- He also met Scott Bessent to strengthen economic partnership and strategic cooperation between the two countries.
- The ministerial was attended by officials from over 50 countries and the European Commission.

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**Ques: Why did the Competition Commission of India impose a fine on Intel?**

- A) For tax evasion
- B) For cartelisation in chip pricing
- C) For abuse of dominant position through territorial warranty restrictions
- D) For data privacy violations
- E) For misleading advertisements

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Competition Commission of India imposed a penalty of ₹27.38 crore on Intel Corporation.
- The penalty was imposed for abuse of dominant position in the desktop processor market.
- CCI found that Intel's India-specific warranty policy discriminated against products purchased outside India.
- Processors bought through parallel import channels were denied warranty services in India.
- The ruling strengthens the legal standing of parallel imports and signals that geographic segmentation through after-sales restrictions may attract regulatory scrutiny.

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**Ques: Who released India's first nationally developed, evidence-based Lung Cancer Treatment and Palliation Guidelines?**

- A) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- B) Mansukh Mandaviya
- C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D) Harsh Vardhan
- E) Rajeev Chandrasekhar

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Jagat Prakash Nadda released India's first nationally developed, evidence-based Lung Cancer Treatment and Palliation Guidelines.

Purpose of the Guidelines:

- To provide a standardised national framework for the diagnosis, treatment, and palliative care of lung cancer across India.

Core Features:

- The guidelines contain 15 evidence-based recommendations covering both treatment and palliation.

**Focus Areas:**

- Early diagnosis of lung cancer
- Screening of high-risk populations
- Standardised treatment pathways
  
- Strengthening palliative care services
- Developed By Department of Health Research and Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)
- Prepared in consultation with oncology experts.





**Ques: Who became India's youngest male analog astronaut after completing a lunar habitat simulation mission?**

- A) Aryan Mishra
- B) Aditya Pandya
- C) Rohan Mehta
- D) Kunal Shah
- E) Vivaan Joshi

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Aditya Pandya, a 17-year-old student and young space technologist from Gujarat, became India's youngest male analog astronaut.
- He achieved this milestone after successfully completing a lunar habitat simulation mission organised by AAKA Space Studio.
- The 8-day mission was conducted on the white plains of Dholavira in the Kutch region of Gujarat.
- The mission involved a four-member analog astronaut crew who lived inside a container-based lunar analog habitat, simulating living conditions on the Moon.

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**Ques: Under the amended IT Rules 2026, within how many hours must non-consensual sexual imagery (including deepfakes) be removed after a user complaint?**

- A) 1 hour
- B) 2 hours
- C) 3 hours
- D) 6 hours
- E) 24 hours

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India notified amendments to the Information Technology Rules, 2026, which will come into effect from 20 February 2026.
- Under the amended rules, non-consensual sexual imagery, including AI-generated deepfakes, must be removed within 2 hours of receiving a user complaint.
- Earlier, platforms were allowed 24 hours to remove such content; the new rule significantly tightens the timeline.
- For general unlawful content, the takedown window has been reduced from 36 hours to 3 hours after receiving a government or court order.
- The response time for urgent user complaints has been reduced from 72 hours to 36 hours, and grievance redressal must now be completed within 7 days instead of 15 days.

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**Ques: The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with which of the following organisations to enhance drug safety and healthcare quality standards in India?**

- A) Goa State Pharmacy Council, Quality Council of India, HLL Infra Tech Services Limited
- B) Medical Council of India, NABH, AIIMS
- C) FSSAI, CDSCO, ICMR
- D) NITI Aayog, WHO India, UNICEF
- E) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation only

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission signed three major MoUs to enhance drug safety, pharmacovigilance, and healthcare quality standards across India.
- The first MoU was signed between IPC and the Goa State Pharmacy Council to strengthen pharmacovigilance (drug safety monitoring) and promote professional development of pharmacists in Goa.
- The second MoU was signed with the Quality Council of India to promote healthcare quality, public awareness, and institutional capacity building.
- The third MoU was signed with HLL Infra Tech Services Limited (HITES) to enhance medicine safety and quality standards through professional and technical collaboration and public sector synergy.
- These collaborations aim to improve patient safety, regulatory compliance, and overall healthcare delivery in India.





## Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- Mumbai's Coastal Road has become India's first 'musical path'.
- V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port, located in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, has become the first port in India to initiate the installation of an advanced Anti-Drone System.
- Amaravati will emerge as India's first Quantum Valley, as announced by Union Minister for Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- Alwar district in Rajasthan became the first district in India to achieve 100% insurance coverage under the "Insurance for All by 2047" initiative.
- Oman Airports became the world's first airport operator to fully deploy Wi-Fi 7 technology across its entire national network.
- The National Statistical Office (NSO) announced plans to conduct India's first-ever National Household Income Survey (NHIS) and Annual Survey of Incorporated Service Sector Enterprises (ASISSE).
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Akasa Air.
- Indian Railways successfully operationalised the country's first-ever LNG-diesel dual-fuel DEMU train.

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**Ques: Under White Revolution 2.0, the government aims to increase milk procurement to how many lakh kilograms per day by 2028–29?**

- A) 850 lakh kg/day
- B) 900 lakh kg/day
- C) 950 lakh kg/day
- D) 1,007 lakh kg/day
- E) 1,100 lakh kg/day

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Minister of State for Cooperation Murlidhar Mohol informed the Rajya Sabha about the targets under White Revolution 2.0.
- The government aims to increase milk procurement by dairy cooperatives from 660 lakh kg/day to 1,007 lakh kg/day.
- The target is expected to be achieved by the end of 2028–29.
- White Revolution 2.0 aims to raise milk procurement by 50% over the next five years.
- The initiative focuses on expanding dairy cooperative coverage, employment generation, and women's empowerment.
- The government has proposed setting up 75,000 new multipurpose Dairy Cooperative Societies across the country.

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**Ques: What did the Supreme Court of India rule regarding the use of stem cell therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?**

- A) It can be freely used in all hospitals
- B) It is completely banned for all purposes
- C) It can be used only within officially approved clinical trials
- D) It is declared the standard treatment for autism
- E) It can be used with state government approval only

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Supreme Court of India ruled that stem cell therapy cannot be used as a treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder except within officially approved clinical trials.
- The Court directed the Union Government to establish a specialised regulatory authority for stem cell research.
- It observed that the therapy does not currently meet acceptable standards of medical care due to lack of sufficient scientific evidence regarding safety and effectiveness.
- Stem cells are special human cells capable of developing into different specialised cells such as blood, bone, and muscle, and play an important role in tissue repair and regeneration.

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**Ques: Under which Article of the Constitution can the Lok Sabha Speaker be removed from office?**

- A) Article 93
- B) Article 94(c)
- C) Article 95
- D) Article 102
- E) Article 85

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The procedure for removal of the Lok Sabha Speaker is governed by Article 94(c) of the Constitution of India.
- As per Article 94(c), the Speaker or Deputy Speaker may be removed by a resolution passed by a majority of all the then members of the House.
- A minimum 14 days' prior notice is mandatory before moving such a resolution.
- Once the motion is admitted, at least 50 members must rise in support of the motion for it to be taken up for discussion.
- Historically, no-confidence motions against Lok Sabha Speakers were moved in 1954, 1966, and 1987. The first such motion was against G. V. Mavalankar in 1954. against Sardar Hukum Singh in 1966 and Balram Jakhar in 1987.
- Despite these attempts, no Lok Sabha Speaker has ever been removed through this constitutional process so far.





**Ques: What was India's score in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2025?**

- A) 35
- B) 37
- C) 39
- D) 41
- E) 43

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India ranked 91st out of 182 countries in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2025, improving its position by five places compared to the previous year.
- India's CPI score improved by one point to 39.
- The CPI is released annually by Transparency International and measures perceived levels of public sector corruption.
- CPI scores range from 0 to 100, where 0 indicates highly corrupt and 100 indicates very clean.
- Denmark topped CPI 2025 with a score of 89, reflecting very low perceived corruption.
- Selected country scores include: Brazil (35), Mexico (27), Pakistan (28), and Iraq (28).

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**Ques: What is the objective of the FORGE Initiative, which India supported recently?**

- A) To regulate global oil prices
- B) To strengthen cooperation on critical mineral supply chains
- C) To promote nuclear energy cooperation
- D) To develop global food storage reserves
- E) To create an international space alliance

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- FORGE (Forum on Resource, Geostrategic Engagement) is a global initiative supported by India to strengthen cooperation on critical mineral supply chains.
- It is the successor to the USA-led Mineral Security Partnership and is chaired by Republic of Korea until June 2026.
- The initiative builds on Project Vault, a strategic minerals reserve programme launched by the Donald Trump administration to reduce US dependence on foreign sources.
- FORGE focuses on collaboration among countries to secure critical minerals essential for technology, defense, and clean energy sectors, ensuring resilient and transparent supply chains.
- Funding mechanisms include long-term loans and private sector investment to maintain strategic mineral reserves.  
60-day emergency supply buffer.
- Critical minerals such as Lithium, Cobalt, Nickel, Copper, Graphite, Gallium, Germanium, Vanadium, Molybdenum and Rare Earth Elements are vital for clean energy, electronics, and defence but are vulnerable to supply disruptions.





**Ques: On whose birth anniversary did President Droupadi Murmu pay tributes on 8 February?**

- A) Dr Rajendra Prasad
- B) Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- C) Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed
- D) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- E) Dr Zakir Husain

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- On 8 February, President Droupadi Murmu paid tributes on the birth anniversary of Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.
- Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed served as the 5th President of India from 1974 until his death in 1977.
- He was known for his commitment to constitutional values and public service.
- The tribute reflects respect for his contributions to the nation and his legacy in Indian politics.

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**Ques: When is the 8th World Pulses Day (WPD) observed, and what is its theme for 2026?**

- A) February 9 – Pulses for Nutrition
- B) February 10 – Pulses of the World: From Modesty to Excellence
- C) February 11 – Sustainable Pulses
- D) February 12 – Power of Pulses
- E) February 13 – Global Pulses Mission

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The 8th World Pulses Day is observed on February 10.
- The theme for 2026 is “Pulses of the World: From Modesty to Excellence.”
- The global event is being organised in Spain by the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- World Pulses Day emphasises the importance of pulses in nutrition, food security, sustainable agriculture, and global food systems.

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## Important days :

- 20 January : Penguin Awareness Day (Started in 1972 )
- 23 January : Parakram Diwas (Marks the 129th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose)
- 24 January : International Day of Education (Theme 2026 The power of youth in co-creating education)
- 24 January : 19th National Girl Child Day (NGCD) (Started in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD))
- 25 January : National Tourism Day (Started in 1982)
- 25 January : National Voters' Day (Theme : "My India, My Vote")
- 25 January (last Sunday of January): World Leprosy Day ( Theme : "Leprosy is curable, the real challenge is stigma".)
- 26 January : International Customs Day (ICD) (Theme 2026 : Customs protecting society through vigilance and commitment)
- 26 January : 3rd International Day of Clean Energy (Theme : "Clean Energy for People and Planet.")
- 27 to 30 January 2026 : 4th edition of India Energy Week (IEW) 2026
- 27 January : National Geographic Day
- 27 January : International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, also known as International Holocaust Remembrance Day (theme for 2026 is "Holocaust Remembrance for Dignity and Human Rights.")
- 30 January : Martyrs' Day, also known as Sarvodaya Day or Shaheed Diwas (commemorates the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi on 30 January 1948)
- 30 January : National Leprosy Day
- 31 January : International Zebra Day
- 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)





## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

- Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth will lead Indian delegation to Saudi Arabia for the 3rd World Defence Show at Saudi Arabia. Mr. Sanjay Seth will inaugurate the first-ever India Pavilion at WDS, spread over an area of 400 square meters will showcase India's capabilities in defence.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a special economic assistance package worth \$175 million for Seychelles following talks with Seychelles President Patrick Herminie in New Delhi.
- National Test House signed MoU with STQC Directorate - Electronics Regional Test Laboratory (North) for drone testing. Drones will undergo Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) and Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) testing, which will strengthen India's drone testing and certification ecosystem.
- India's defence minister "Rajnath Singh" and Greece's minister of national defence "Nikolaos Georgios Dendias" signed MOU for Greece's 'Agenda 2030' aims at modernising its armed forces and defence industry.

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