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**Ques: What is the revised fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP for FY 2024–25 after the introduction of the new GDP series?**

- A) 4.5%
- B) 4.8%
- C) 4.9%
- D) 5.2%
- E) 5.7%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has revised fiscal deficit ratios for FY 2022–23, FY 2023–24 and FY 2024–25.
- This change comes after the introduction of a new Gross Domestic Product (GDP) series with 2022–23 as the base year.
- The fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP now stands at 6.7% for FY23, 5.7% for FY24 and 4.9% for FY25.
- Earlier estimates had put the deficit at 6.4% for FY23, 5.63% for FY24 and 4.8% for FY25.
- The fiscal deficit amounts were reported as ₹17.38 lakh crore in FY23, ₹16.55 lakh crore in FY24 and ₹15.74 lakh crore in FY25.





**Ques: Razorpay recently launched the world's first "Agent Studio" built using which AI platform's Agent SDK?**

- A) OpenAI GPT SDK
- B) Claude Agent SDK
- C) Google Gemini SDK
- D) Meta Llama SDK
- E) Amazon Bedrock SDK

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Razorpay, India's omnichannel payments and banking platform for businesses, launched the world's first "Agent Studio" at the FTX 2026 event.
- The platform has been developed using the Claude Agent SDK created by Anthropic, an AI research company.
- The initiative enables businesses to build and deploy AI agents to automate workflows, customer interactions, and operational processes.

**About Razorpay:**

- Founded – 2014
- Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Founders – Harshil Mathur and Shashank Kumar





## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- Bank of Baroda launched a special savings account for women called “bob Women Sapphire Savings Account.”
- PhonePe Limited launched the RuPay “On-The-Go” Card, a National Common Mobility Card (NCCM) designed for contactless payments across public transport systems in India.
- Yes Bank launched a specialised salary account named “YES Essence Women’s Salary Account” aimed at supporting the financial and lifestyle needs of working women ahead of International Women’s Day (March 8).
- L&T Finance Ltd, a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), launched the “Spoorthi” programme to support women entrepreneurs.
- Jio Finance Platform and Service Limited (JFPSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Jio Financial Services Limited (JFSL), has launched a new mobile app called Finsider.
- One 97 Communications Limited, the parent company of Paytm, has launched Paytm Silver on the Paytm app. The minimum investment starts from ₹20. The silver is sourced from MMTC-PAMP India Private Limited





**Ques: SBI General Insurance recently launched the “Chuniye Bharosa, Apno Sa” campaign featuring which actor?**

- A) Manoj Bajpayee
- B) Pankaj Tripathi
- C) Nawazuddin Siddiqui
- D) Rajkummar Rao
- E) Ayushmann Khurrana

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- SBI General Insurance launched a new brand campaign titled “Chuniye Bharosa, Apno Sa.”
- The campaign features actor Pankaj Tripathi and highlights the importance of trust and everyday care in health protection.
- The initiative aims to strengthen customer trust and increase awareness about the benefits of health insurance.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- State Bank of India (SBI) has entered into a strategic partnership with MUFG Bank, part of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group of Japan.
- State Bank of India (SBI) launched a \$500 million syndicated social term loan facility focused on women's empowerment initiatives.
- SBI Chairman C.S. Setty virtually inaugurated the SBI Parbung Branch from the bank's Local Head Office in Guwahati.
- State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest public sector bank, has announced a plan to increase its green advances portfolio to 7.5–10% of its total advances by 2030.
- State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Challa Sreenivasulu Setty inaugurated the first-phase Agri Robotics Lab.
- According to a report by State Bank of India (SBI), nearly 75% of India's agricultural exports to the United States will now face zero tariff.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) became India's fourth most valuable company by market capitalisation.





**Ques: Investments from Land Border Countries (LBCs) with a non-controlling stake of up to what percentage are now permitted through the automatic route under the amended FDI policy?**

- A) 5%
- B) 20%
- C) 15%
- D) 10%
- E) 25%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved amendments to India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) framework governing investments from countries that share a land border with India.
- The rules apply to China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Afghanistan.
- Investments where the beneficial owner from LBCs holds a non-controlling stake of up to 10% will now be permitted through the automatic route, subject to sectoral caps and regulatory conditions.
- Such investments will require the investee entity to report relevant details to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- The amended policy also introduces a 60-day decision timeline for investment proposals from Land Border Countries in specific sectors.





**Ques: Lt Gen Dheeraj Seth, who will take charge on 1 April 2026, has been appointed to which position in the Indian Army?**

- A) Chief of Defence Staff
- B) Vice Chief of Army Staff
- C) Northern Army Commander
- D) Director General of Military Operations
- E) Chief of Integrated Defence Staff

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Lt Gen Dheeraj Seth, the current Southern Army Commander, will take over as the Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) of the Indian Army.
- He will assume office on 1 April 2026 in New Delhi.
- The Vice Chief of Army Staff is the second-highest-ranking officer in the Indian Army.
- The VCOAS assists the Chief of Army Staff in operational and administrative responsibilities.

**Static Facts:**

- Indian Army Founded – 1 April 1895
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chief of Army Staff – General Upendra Dwivedi





## Recent Defence related appointments :

- **Lieutenant General (Lt Gen) Dhiraj Seth : Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) (Replaced Lt Gen P. P. Singh)**
- **Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia : Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the Indian Air Force's Eastern Air Command (EAC). (succeeded Air Marshal Surat Singh)**
- **Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor : Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force**
- **IPS officer Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor : Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) (replaced Praveen Kumar)**
- **Praveen Kumar : Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF) (replaced Daljit Singh Chaudhary)**
- **Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor : 50th Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) (Replaced Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari)**
- **Field Marshal Asim Munir : Pakistan's first Chief of Defence Forces (CDF)**
- **Major General Roman Gofman (currently Netanyahu's military secretary) : Director of Mossad, Israel's intelligence (Replaced David Barnea)**





**Ques: The Government recently introduced an amendment bill to strengthen which Act for protecting transgender rights in India?**

- A) Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016
- B) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- C) Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act
- D) Juvenile Justice Act, 2015
- E) Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India introduced an amendment bill to strengthen the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 in the Lok Sabha.
- The Bill aims to strengthen the legal framework protecting the rights of transgender persons in India.
- It proposes rigorous life imprisonment and a minimum fine of ₹5 lakh for the forced conversion of children into a transgender identity through mutilation or surgery.
- In cases involving adults, coercive acts may lead to imprisonment up to 10 years (extendable to life) and a fine of ₹2 lakh.
- The Bill widens the definition of transgender persons, including socio-cultural aspects.  
identities such as kinner, hijra, aravani and jogta, along with individuals with intersex variations.
- It also proposes measures to protect children from trafficking, forced labour, begging and exploitation.
- The Bill also aims to streamline administrative procedures for changing gender identity in official documents.





**Ques: The “Golden Dome” programme, recently in news with Japan planning to join it, is related to what?**

- A) Satellite navigation system
- B) Multi-layer missile defence system
- C) Space exploration mission
- D) Cyber security network
- E) Nuclear disarmament initiative

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Japan plans to join the United States’ next-generation missile defence programme called “Golden Dome.”
- Golden Dome is a proposed multi-layer missile defence system developed by the United States.
- It is designed to detect, track and intercept ballistic, cruise and hypersonic missiles.
- The system can also handle missile threats launched from long distances.

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**Ques: Who were named the Best International Cricketers at the BCCI Naman Awards 2026?**

- A) Shubman Gill & Smriti Mandhana
- B) Rohit Sharma & Smriti Mandhana
- C) Virat Kohli & Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) KL Rahul & Mithali Raj
- E) Hardik Pandya & Shafali Verma

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Shubman Gill and Smriti Mandhana were named the Best International Cricketers at the BCCI Naman Awards 2026.
- Shubman Gill won the Polly Umrigar Award for Best International Cricketer (Men).
- Smriti Mandhana won the Best International Cricketer (Women) award for the fifth time.
- Roger Binny, Rahul Dravid and Mithali Raj received the Col. C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honour of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- Harshit Rana won Best International Debut (Men) and Shree Charani won Best International Debut (Women).

**About Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) :**

- Founded – 1928
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- President – Mithun Manhas





## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **META Lifetime Achievement Award 2026** : Veteran actor and filmmaker **Amol Palekar** at 21st edition of the Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards, New Delhi
- **CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award** : Former India captain **Rahul Dravid**
- **GSMA Lifetime Achievement Award** : **Sunil Bharti Mittal**, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises
- **Award of Merit at the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation** : Our Lady of Grace Cathedral, located in Papydy village, Vasai in Maharashtra
- **“Business Leader of the Year” award** : **Karan Adani**
- **FIPI Award 2025 for ‘Oil & Gas Production Company of the Year’** : **Oil India Limited**
- **Chang–Crandall Humanitarian Award 2026** : **Dr. Haripriya Aravind** and **Dr. R. Venkatesh** from Puducherry
- **Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025** : **Paradip Port Authority (PPA)**, Odisha





**Ques: Mission Karmayogi, launched by the Government of India, aims to build what type of civil service?**

- A) Military-based civil service
- B) Citizen-centric and technology-enabled civil service
- C) Private sector-based administration
- D) State-controlled governance system
- E) Decentralised judicial service

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Global edtech platform Coursera has collaborated with the Government of India to provide advanced upskilling for civil servants and government officials.
- Under this collaboration, Coursera will deliver curated courses through the Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT) platform.
- The initiative is part of Mission Karmayogi, which focuses on improving the capacity and skills of government employees.
- Mission Karmayogi is a Government of India initiative launched in September 2020. Official name is National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB).
- The mission aims to build a future-ready, citizen-centric and technology-enabled civil service in India.
- It is implemented by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).





**Ques: Mayank Chakraborty, who recently became India's 94th Chess Grandmaster, belongs to which Indian state?**

- A) Assam
- B) West Bengal
- C) Odisha
- D) Tripura
- E) Manipur

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Mayank Chakraborty became India's 94th Chess Grandmaster (GM).
- He is also the first Grandmaster from the state of Assam.
- The 16-year-old achieved the title at the First Hotels Chess Talents tournament held in Stockholm, Sweden.
- He won the tournament with 7 points from 9 rounds.
- His performance helped him cross the required 2500 Elo rating, necessary to become a Grandmaster.
- Grandmaster (GM) title is awarded by FIDE (International Chess Federation).
- Minimum rating required – 2500 Elo.





## Recent News headlines related to Sports

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- India's badminton player Lakshya Sen finished runner-up at the All England Open Badminton Championships 2026.
- Iran announced its withdrawal from the FIFA World Cup 2026.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a cash reward of ₹131 crore for the entire Indian squad after its third title victory at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026.
- George Russell of the Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team won the Australian Grand Prix 2026. It marked the opening race of the Formula One World Championship 2026 season.
- Indian cricket star Smriti Mandhana has achieved a unique milestone after becoming the first cricketer to receive her own Barbie doll. The Barbie doll dedicated to Smriti Mandhana has been created by Mattel as part of its initiative to celebrate trailblazing women across the world.
- The first Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) 2026 will be held from 25 March to 6 April 2026 in Chhattisgarh.





**Ques: Which organisation is developing the 220 MW Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMR-200) in India?**

- A) Indian Space Research Organisation
- B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- C) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- E) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) is developing 220 MW Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMR-200).
- The project has a capacity of 220 MW and an estimated project cost of ₹75,960 crore.
- Additionally, two units of 55 MW Small Modular Reactors (SMR-55) are also being developed at a cost of ₹7,000 crore.
- The project is being developed under the Nuclear Energy Mission announced in the Union Budget 2025–26.
- The mission has a budget allocation of ₹20,000 crore for Small Modular Reactors (SMRs).





**Ques: The ₹57,381 crore Economic Stabilisation Fund proposed in 2026 aims to address which issue?**

- A) Global economic shocks and supply disruptions
- B) Agricultural subsidy reforms
- C) Infrastructure development
- D) Digital payments expansion
- E) Rural employment generation

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Nirmala Sitharaman, the Finance Minister of India, proposed a ₹57,381 crore Economic Stabilisation Fund.
- The fund aims to counter global economic shocks, energy supply disruptions, and global uncertainties.
- It is part of the Second Supplementary Demand for Grants for FY 2025–26, amounting to ₹2.81 lakh crore.
- The Lok Sabha approved the supplementary demand for grants.
- The fund will provide fiscal space to manage economic shocks such as sharp rises in oil prices (around \$100 per barrel).

**Supplementary Demand for Grants**

- Total Amount – ₹2.81 Lakh Crore
- Net Cash Outgo – ₹2.01 Lakh Crore





**Ques: The WHO Foundation has collaborated with which company to prevent childhood obesity in India?**

- A) Pfizer
- B) AstraZeneca
- C) Johnson & Johnson
- D) Roche
- E) Novo Nordisk

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The WHO Foundation and Novo Nordisk have announced a collaboration to prevent childhood obesity in India.
- The objective of the collaboration is to reduce the rising cases of obesity among children in India.
- The initiative will also strengthen health-system preparedness and prevention programs.
- The collaboration is part of Novo Nordisk's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

**World Health Organization (WHO):**

- Formation – 7 April 1948
- Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- Director-General – Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (Ethiopia)





**Ques: Who has been selected for the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025)?**

- A) Perumal Murugan
- B) Vairamuthu
- C) Ruskin Bond
- D) Amitav Ghosh
- E) Arundhati Roy

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Renowned Tamil poet and lyricist Vairamuthu has been selected for the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025), India's highest literary honour.
- He becomes the third Tamil writer to receive this prestigious award.
- Earlier, Akhilan (1975) and Jayakanthan (2002) from Tamil literature had received the Jnanpith Award.
- The award has been presented annually to writers in Indian languages since 1964.
- The award carries ₹11 lakh cash prize, a bronze statuette of Goddess Saraswati, and a citation.

**Static Facts:**

- Jnanpith Award Established – 1961
- It was instituted to mark the 50th birthday of Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain, founder of Bharatiya Jnanpith.
- First Award Given – 1965





**Ques: Jal Mahotsav 2026, launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, begins on which day that is observed as “Sujalam Shakti Diwas”?**

- A) 5 March
- B) 8 March
- C) 12 March
- D) 15 March
- E) 22 March

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Jal Mahotsav 2026 was launched on 8 March 2026 by Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil.
- The event was launched at Rahej village, Gandevi Block, Navsari district, Gujarat.
- It is organized by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The festival is held every year from 8 March to 22 March.
- It concludes on World Water Day (22 March).
- 8 March is observed as “Sujalam Shakti Diwas”, highlighting the role of women in rural water management.
- The campaign begins with Jal Arpan Diwas, involving the transfer of rural drinking water assets to Gram Panchayats under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).





## News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- Giriraj Singh, Union Minister for Textiles, launched Bharat Tex 2026 in New Delhi.
- Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi said that the government aims to reduce India's logistics cost to below 10% of GDP by 2030, to strengthen economic competitiveness.
- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched a nationwide social media campaign titled "Say No To Proxy Sarpanch".
- 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





**Ques: Who won the “Sportstar of the Year (Male)” award at the Sportstar Aces Awards 2026 (Popular Choice)?**

- A) Shubman Gill
- B) Mohammed Siraj
- C) R. Praggnanandhaa
- D) Lakshya Sen
- E) Murali Sreeshankar

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

• The Sportstar Aces Awards 2026 honoured outstanding Indian and international sportspersons for their achievements across Olympic, non-Olympic, team and para sports categories.

Major Jury Awards:

- Sportsman – Olympic Sports: Samrat Rana
- Sportswoman – Olympic Sports: Mirabai Chanu & Suruchi Singh
- Sportsman – Non-Olympic Sports: R. Praggnanandhaa
- Sportswoman – Non-Olympic Sports: Jyothi Surekha Vennam
- Sportsman – Team Sports: Shubman Gill
- Sportswoman – Team Sports: Deepti Sharma

Popular Choice Awards:

- Sportstar of the Year – Male: Mohammed Siraj
- Sportstar of the Year – Female: Smriti Mandhana
- National Team of the Year: India women's national cricket team
- Club/State Team of the Year: Vidarbha cricket team

**Other Important Awards :**

- Sportsman of the Year (Para Sports): Harvinder Singh
- Sportswoman of the Year (Para Sports): Sheetal Devi
- Special Jury Recognition: Preethi Pal
- Coach of the Year: Amol Muzumdar, Naval Singh





- Mentor of the Roots: Pritam Siwach
- Sports for Social Good: Project Nanhi Kali
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Male): Nari Contractor
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Female): M. D. Valsamma
- Young Achiever of the Year (Boy): Jonathan Gavin Antony
- Young Achiever of the Year (Girl): Suruchi Singh
- Captain of the Year: Harmanpreet Kaur
- Special Recognition Award: India blind women's national cricket team
- Award of Excellence: Tania Sachdev, Manika Batra, Rani Rampal
- Ace of Aces: Sakshi Malik, M. C. Mary Kom
- International Icon: Glenn McGrath
- Comeback of the Year: Murali Sreeshankar
- Moment of the Year: Harmanpreet Kaur's last catch in the 2025 Women's Cricket World Cup Final.

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**Ques: Which state will host the seventh season of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) in July 2026?**

- A) Goa
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Gujarat
- E) Karnataka

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Goa will host the seventh season of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) in July 2026.
- The tournament will be held at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium.
- Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) was launched in 2017.
- It has become one of India's prominent professional table tennis leagues.
- The league is conducted by the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).

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**Ques: What was the theme of World Kidney Day 2026?**

- A) Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere
- B) Kidney Health for All: Caring for People, Protecting the Planet
- C) Prevent Kidney Disease Early
- D) Healthy Kidneys for Healthy Life
- E) Act Early for Kidney Health

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- World Kidney Day is observed every year on the second Thursday of March.
- In 2026, it was observed on 12 March.
- The year 2026 marked the 20th edition of World Kidney Day.
- The theme for 2026 was “Kidney Health for All: Caring for People, Protecting the Planet.”

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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 : Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) celebrated its 79th Foundation Day as Khanij Diwas
- 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)
- 7 March : Jan Aushadhi Diwas
- 8 March : International Women's Day (Theme "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls.")
- 10 March : CISF Raising Day

