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**Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted final approval to Bain Capital affiliates to acquire joint control and up to what percentage stake in Manappuram Finance?**

- A) 26%
- B) 33%
- C) 41.66%
- D) 49%
- E) 51%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India granted final approval to affiliates of Bain Capital to acquire joint control and up to 41.66% stake in Manappuram Finance.
- This approval clears the way for Bain Capital's ₹4,385 crore investment in the gold loan-focused NBFC.
- Bain Capital was founded in 1984 and is headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
- Manappuram Finance was originally founded in 1949 and is headquartered at Valapad in the Thrissur district of Kerala.
- It is a Non-Deposit Accepting Loan Company and is classified as a Systemically Important Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC-ND-SI).
- Deepak Reddy assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Manappuram Finance on August 1, 2025.





## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- As per the master directions issued by Reserve Bank of India, the maximum permissible cap for a Default Loss Guarantee (DLG) is limited to 5% of the loan portfolio.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued draft guidelines in February 2026 to streamline the Lead Bank Scheme (LBS) with a focus on improving credit flow in rural and semi-urban areas.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed banks to extend aggregate exposure up to 20% of their eligible capital base for acquisition (M&A) financing, increased from the earlier proposed 10%.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been publishing the RBI-Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) since 1 January 2021, with March 2018 as the base year (Index = 100).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued comprehensive draft directions on advertising, marketing, and sales of financial products and services by banks.
- 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%.





**Ques: NPCI has partnered with which company to advance its sovereign AI model for digital payments?**

- A) Nvidia
- B) Google
- C) Microsoft
- D) IBM
- E) Amazon

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has partnered with Nvidia to scale and advance a sovereign AI model for India's digital payments ecosystem.
- The initiative focuses on building AI capabilities aligned with India's regulatory framework and data sovereignty requirements.
- NPCI will leverage Nvidia's advanced AI and accelerated computing platforms, including Nvidia NemoTron models.
- The collaboration aims to enhance trust, resilience, security, security, and efficiency in large-scale real-time payment systems.

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**Ques: What key change has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced regarding Default Loss Guarantees (DLGs) for non-bank lenders?**

- A) Banned the use of DLGs permanently
- B) Allowed DLGs only for banks, not NBFCs
- C) Restored the use of DLGs for NBFCs in loan loss provisioning
- D) Increased the cap on DLGs to 10% of loan portfolio
- E) Allowed DLGs only for government-backed fintechs

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India has restored the use of Default Loss Guarantees (DLGs) for non-bank lenders, reversing its curbs imposed in May 2025.
- Under the revised framework, NBFCs can again factor in DLGs while calculating loan loss provisions, and the changes take effect immediately.
- The guarantee must be an integral part of the loan arrangement and cannot be treated as a separate standalone protection.
- Loss estimates must be updated each time the DLG is invoked, as the level of protection reduces with every utilisation.
- DLGs are risk-sharing mechanisms widely used in digital lending and co-lending models, usually capped at 5% of the loan portfolio and often backed by fixed deposits from fintech partners.
- Earlier, in May 2025, RBI had required NBFCs to exclude fintech-provided DLGs from provisioning calculations, leading to higher credit costs and reduced profitability.





**Ques: Why has SEBI constituted a working group recently?**

- A) To regulate cryptocurrency exchanges
- B) To review the framework for ESG Rating Providers
- C) To revise mutual fund taxation rules
- D) To promote IPO listings
- E) To regulate commodity markets

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has constituted a dedicated working group to review the regulatory framework for ESG Rating Providers (ERPs).
- The move follows feedback from market participants regarding ESG rating practices.
- The panel includes representatives from issuers, investors, domestic and global ERPs, ESG analysts, legal experts, and academia.
- The group will review existing regulations, assess global developments, and recommend measures to enhance transparency and reliability in ESG ratings.

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**Ques: Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) expanded its start-up focused banking network by launching exclusive branches in which cities?**

- A) Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune
- B) Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru
- C) Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Jaipur
- D) Kochi, Trivandrum, Coimbatore
- E) Noida, Gurugram, Faridabad

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Overseas Bank expanded its dedicated Start-up Banking Network by launching exclusive start-up focused branches in Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru.
- This expansion builds on the success of its first start-up focused branch in Chennai, launched in June 2024.
- The initiative was announced on the occasion of the bank's 90th Foundation Day.
- These specialised branches offer a tailored Startup Current Account with benefits such as waiver of Quarterly Average Balance (QAB) for the first 18 months.
- Additional features include 200 free cheque leaves per month and free NEFT, RTGS, and IMPS transactions.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- A SEBI survey revealed that out of 33.72 crore Indian households, only 3.21 crore households (9.5%) invest in securities such as equities, mutual funds, and corporate bonds.
- PhonePe has received approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to launch its IPO.
- SEBI proposed allowing Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to offset their purchase and sale obligations within the same trading day.
- SEBI has proposed a uniform 30-day time lag for sharing and using price data in investor education and awareness programmes.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) mandated that compliance officers of Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) managers must obtain certification from the National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) by passing the NISM Series-III-C: Securities Intermediaries Compliance (Fund) Certification Examination, effective from January 1, 2027

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**Ques: What is the key impact of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) new lending norms for capital market intermediaries effective from April 1?**

- A) Banks can freely lend for brokers' proprietary trading
- B) Unsecured loans to stock brokers are permitted
- C) All credit to securities firms must be fully collateral-backed
- D) Bank guarantees for proprietary trades need no cash collateral
- E) Commodity brokers are exempted from the new norms

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India has tightened lending norms for capital market intermediaries, including stock and commodity brokers engaged in proprietary trading.
- Under the new prudential framework effective April 1, all loans to securities firms must be fully backed by collateral, eliminating unsecured exposure to speculative activities.
- Banks are prohibited from lending for brokers' own-account (proprietary) trading or for investments made by brokers.
- Bank guarantees issued for proprietary trades must be fully secured, with at least 50% collateral in cash and the remaining portion in cash equivalents or government securities.





**Ques: Vast Space signed an order with NASA for its sixth Private Astronaut Mission (PAM) to which destination?**

- A) Lunar Gateway
- B) International Space Station (ISS)
- C) Tiangong Space Station
- D) Haven-1 Commercial Station
- E) Low Earth Orbit Free Flyer

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Vast Space signed an order with NASA for its sixth Private Astronaut Mission (PAM) to the International Space Station (ISS).
- The mission is targeted for launch no earlier than Summer 2027 from Florida, USA.
- Astronauts will spend up to 14 days aboard the ISS.
- The mission will use SpaceX's Falcon 9 launch vehicle and Dragon spacecraft for crew transport.
- Vast is also developing Haven-1, planned for launch in 2027, aiming to become the world's first commercial space station.

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**Ques: The Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) was created by which authority?**

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Monetary Authority of Singapore
- C) World Bank
- D) Asian Development Bank
- E) International Monetary Fund

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) announced a strategic collaboration with the Startup Policy Forum (SPF) to accelerate fintech and digital innovation.
- The partnership was announced at the Black Swan Summit India 2026 held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- GFTN is based in Singapore and was created by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).
- The collaboration focuses on building global innovation corridors, strengthening regulator–tech dialogue, and supporting Indian startups in international expansion.
- SPF represents over 65 fast-growing Indian startups with a combined valuation of more than USD 100 billion.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The high-level CSR Conclave was organised by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- PLASTINDIA 2026, one of the world's largest plastics exhibitions, was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 was organized to make India a global hub of content creation and promote the "Orange Economy", which integrates content, creativity, and culture into economic growth.
- The Conference of Chief Wildlife Wardens of Tiger Range States and Field Directors of Tiger Reserves was held in Alwar, Rajasthan.
- The 4th edition of the India–Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting was held in Zanzibar.
- 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.





**Ques: Google's new undersea cable project will directly connect which two countries?**

- A) India and UK
- B) India and Australia
- C) India and United States
- D) India and Japan
- E) India and Singapore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced an undersea cable project directly linking India and the United States.
- This will be the second planned subsea cable system directly connecting the two nations.
- The first such initiative was Meta's Project Waterworth.
- Currently, most internet traffic between the two countries passes through relay hubs like Singapore.
- The new project is expected to improve digital connectivity, data security, and internet speed between India and the U.S.





## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- Indian Institute of Technology ,Madras Research Park, in partnership with Unicorn India Ventures, launched a 'IITM-Unicorn Frontier Fund I' , a venture capital fund, worth Rs.600 crores to support deeptechology startups in India. It plans to invest in over 25 startups and will allocate about 60% for initial investments and 40% for follow-on funding.
- Indian National Science Academy and National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote collaborative activities in science communication and evidence-based science policy research.
- India and France amended the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) to boost bilateral trade and investments.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. (GRSE) and Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Kolkata to form a strategic consortium for executing a large-scale national shipbuilding programme.
- Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an MoU with Bharat Taxi to improve last-mile connectivity at select airports.





**Ques: Which ministry is organising the National Conference on Safety of Women at Workplace (SHe-Box) on 14 February 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi?**

- A) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) Ministry of Education

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The National Conference on Safety of Women at Workplace (SHe-Box) is being organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development on 14 February 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan.
- The objective is to reaffirm the Government's commitment to ensuring safe, dignified and harassment-free workplaces for women.
- It also aims to strengthen the implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.
- The SHe-Box (Sexual Harassment electronic Box) portal was launched by the Ministry on 29 August 2024 as a secure, user-friendly, and multilingual digital platform. online complaint filing and ensures automatic forwarding of complaints to the Internal Committee (IC) or Local Committee (LC).
- It provides real-time complaint tracking along with strict confidentiality safeguards for complainants.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan, launched the 'Sthree Suraksha Scheme'.
- The Delhi Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana has replaced the Delhi Ladli Scheme (2008) and supports girls from birth to graduation.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) approved the construction of over 3.53 lakh houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0).
- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs unveiled the upgraded National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS 2.0) web portal to significantly expand the reach and inclusivity of the Youth Parliament Programme across India.
- Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana (MGY) was launched by Bhupendra Patel, the Chief Minister of Gujarat.
- The Cashless Treatment for Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025 has been notified under Section 162 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
- The Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Duti Paat Scheme was launched by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.





**Ques: The AI models 'Vikram' launched by Sarvam AI are primarily designed for what feature?**

- A) Only English text processing
- B) Voice-command usage and support for 22 Indian languages
- C) Military surveillance applications
- D) Cryptocurrency trading
- E) Space research simulations

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Sarvam AI unveiled two AI language models named 'Vikram' at an AI Summit in New Delhi.
- The models are specifically designed to function through voice commands.
- They support and are accessible in 22 Indian languages, strengthening multilingual AI capability.
- The initiative aims to significantly improve AI performance in Indian languages, marking a milestone in India's AI ecosystem.

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**Ques: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved India's first underwater road-rail tunnel beneath which river?**

- A) Ganga
- B) Yamuna
- C) Brahmaputra
- D) Godavari
- E) Narmada

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the construction of India's first underwater twin-tube road-cum-rail tunnel beneath the Brahmaputra River in Assam.
- The total length of the project is 33.7 km, which includes a 15.79 km long underwater twin-tube tunnel.
- The project will be developed under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode at an estimated cost of ₹18,662 crore.
- The tunnel will improve connectivity between Gohpur (NH-15) and Numaligarh (NH-715).
- The distance between the two points will reduce from about 240 km to just 34 km, while travel time will drop from nearly 6 hours to around 20 minutes.
- Additionally, the Cabinet approved three multitracking railway projects: Kasara–Manmad, Delhi–Ambala, and Ballari–Hosapete third and fourth lines across multiple states.





**Ques: What is the purpose of NHAI's bee corridor initiative?**

- A) To increase highway toll revenue
- B) To reduce ecological stress and promote biodiversity
- C) To build expressways in rural areas
- D) To promote electric vehicles
- E) To develop industrial zones

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will develop bee corridors along national highways.
- The initiative aims to reduce ecological stress, improve pollination, and promote biodiversity conservation.
- At least three bee corridors are expected to be developed in the next financial year starting April 1.
- The announcement was made by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

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**Ques: Which two Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) signed an MoU to collaborate on thermal captive power and renewable energy projects?**

- A) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and Coal India Limited
- B) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and NLC India Limited
- C) Hindustan Copper Limited and NLC India Limited
- D) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and NTPC
- E) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and NTPC

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise, signed an MoU with NLC India Limited (NLCIL).
- The MoU aims to strengthen collaboration on a 1080-MW Thermal Captive Power Project and renewable energy development.
- NALCO is a Navratna CPSE under the Ministry of Mines and is a major player in bauxite, alumina, aluminium, and power generation.
- NLC India Limited is a CPSE under the Ministry of Coal, engaged in lignite mining, thermal power generation, and renewable energy projects.

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**Ques: Why was Galgotias University removed from the India AI Impact Summit 2026?**

- A) Technical malfunction at the stall
- B) Security violation
- C) Presenting a Chinese-made robot as its own in-house innovation
- D) Non-payment of participation fees
- E) Political protest at the venue

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Galgotias University was asked to vacate its stall at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 on February 18, 2026.
- The action followed allegations that the university showcased the Chinese-manufactured robotic dog Unitree Go2 as its own in-house innovation under the name “Orion.”
- The controversy led to claims of misrepresentation, after which the university issued a clarification and apology stating there was no institutional intent to mislead.

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**Ques: The Shahpurkandi Dam is built on which river?**

- A) Chenab
- B) Ravi
- C) Jhelum
- D) Beas
- E) Sutlej

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Shahpurkandi Dam has been constructed on the Ravi River.
- After its completion, additional water that earlier flowed into Pakistan will now be diverted for irrigation use in India.
- The dam is located on the Punjab–Jammu border and is expected to become operational soon.
- The project will significantly boost irrigation in Jammu and Kashmir (especially the Kathua region) and Punjab.
- Work on such projects has accelerated following developments related to the Indus Waters Treaty.

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**Ques: The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed a landmark MoU with which institution to promote telecom innovation and cybersecurity research?**

- A) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- B) Rashtriya Raksha University
- C) National Defence College
- D) Indian Institute of Science
- E) National Institute of Electronics & IT

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, signed a landmark MoU with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU).
- The collaboration focuses on promoting telecom innovation and advanced cybersecurity research.
- A key initiative under the MoU is the establishment of an Innovation-cum-Experience Centre at RRU.
- The centre will deploy TRINETRA, a unified AI-powered cyber security solution developed indigenously by C-DOT.
- Rashtriya Raksha University is an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Home Affairs, focusing on internal security, cyber defence, national security studies, and technology-driven security solutions.





**Ques: What was the theme of the 18th Foundation Day of the National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA)?**

- A) Strengthening Digital Governance for India
- B) Reimagining Capacity Building for Official Statistics to achieve Vision of Viksit Bharat@2047
- C) Data-Driven Growth for Atmanirbhar Bharat
- D) Modernising Statistical Systems for Global Competitiveness
- E) Inclusive Development through Evidence-Based Policy

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, celebrated its 18th Foundation Day.
- The theme of the Foundation Day was “Reimagining Capacity Building for Official Statistics to achieve Vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.”
- NSSTA was established to strengthen India's National Statistical System (NSS) by enhancing skills and capacities in official statistics.

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**Ques: Why did the Government of India lift the wheat export ban after four years?**

- A) To control domestic inflation only
- B) Due to surplus production and to ensure remunerative prices for farmers
- C) To meet WTO obligations
- D) Due to decline in wheat acreage
- E) To reduce buffer stock costs

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India lifted the wheat export ban after four years due to comfortable domestic availability and to ensure remunerative prices for farmers.
- Wheat is a Rabi crop grown mainly in tropical, sub-tropical and temperate regions.
- It requires cool and moist weather during the vegetative growth period, followed by dry and warm weather for grain maturity and ripening.
- The optimum temperature for wheat cultivation is 20–25°C with ideal rainfall of 50–75 cm.
- India is the world's second-largest producer of wheat, contributing around 14% of global output, and has the largest area under wheat cultivation.
- The top wheat-producing states in India are Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Punjab.





**Ques: When is GalaxEye's 'Mission Drishti' scheduled to be launched?**

- A) 2024
- B) 2025
- C) 2026
- D) 2027
- E) 2028

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- GalaxEye has announced that its upcoming satellite mission 'Mission Drishti' is scheduled for launch in 2026.
- The satellite will integrate Nvidia's Jetson Orin GPU architecture to enable advanced AI processing directly in orbit.
- It aims to enhance real-time processing and delivery of Earth observation data and will feature GalaxEye's SyncFused OptoSAR architecture.
- The announcement was made at the IndiaAI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi.

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**Ques: Which of the following are the Umbrella Missions of the Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD)?**

- A) Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0, Mission Shakti, Mission Vatsalya
- B) Mission Poshan Abhiyaan, Mission Swachh Bharat, Mission Vatsalya
- C) Mission Shakti, Mission Jal Jeevan, Mission Poshan 2.0
- D) Mission Saksham Anganwadi, Mission Ayushman Bharat, Mission Vatsalya
- E) Mission Poshan Abhiyaan, Mission Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Mission Vatsalya

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

• The Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) implements three Umbrella Missions to streamline and strengthen women- and child-centric schemes.

### **1. Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 (Also known as Mission Poshan 2.0)**

- **Objective:** Improve nutrition and health indicators of women, children, and adolescent girls.
- **Key Components (Reorganisation of):** – Anganwadi Services – POSHAN Abhiyaan – Scheme for Adolescent Girls

### **2. Mission Shakti**

- Objective: Ensure safety, security, and empowerment of women.
- It has two verticals:

#### **A. Sambal (Safety & Protection)**

- One Stop Centres (OSC)
- Women Helpline (181)
- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)
- Nari Adalat





## B. Samarthya (Empowerment)

- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)
- Shakti Sadan
- Sakhi Niwas
- National Hub for Empowerment of Women (NHEW)
- Palna (Crèche Facility)

## 3. Mission Vatsalya

- Focus: Protection, care, and welfare of children in difficult circumstances.
- **Includes:**
  - Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)
- **Objectives:**
  - Support children in difficult circumstances
  - Provide holistic development
  - Encourage innovation
  - Ensure convergence across departments

## Evaluation & Monitoring

- A third-party evaluation of these missions (FY 2019–2024) was conducted by NITI Aayog.
- The study found the schemes to be relevant, impactful, and well-aligned with national development goals.





**Ques: Which event will be hosted by the Indian Army as the first-ever international military adventure competition in February 2026?**

- A) International Mountain Warfare Cup
- B) International Military Adventure Challenge Cup (IMACC)
- C) Global Armed Forces Endurance Meet
- D) Himalayan Joint Military Games
- E) International Defence Sports Championship

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Army will host the first-ever International Military Adventure Challenge Cup (IMACC) 2026 from 18–23 February 2026.
- The event will be held in the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas.
- The objective of IMACC is to enhance military cooperation, build camaraderie, and test soldiers' endurance in challenging mountainous terrain.
- Military teams from seven friendly foreign nations will participate: Bhutan, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Saudi Arabia.
- Indian participants will include the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Indian Coast Guard, and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

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**Ques: How much Special Economic Package did India announce during the visit of Seychelles President Dr. Patrick Herminie?**

- A) USD 100 million
- B) USD 150 million
- C) USD 175 million
- D) USD 200 million
- E) USD 250 million

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Patrick Herminie, President of Seychelles, visited India on his first official visit since assuming office in 2025. The visit coincided with the 50th anniversary of India–Seychelles diplomatic relations (1976–2026).
- India announced a USD 175 million Special Economic Package, including:
  - USD 125 million Line of Credit (low-interest loan)
  - USD 50 million Grant Assistance (free aid)
- Key assistance included 10 ambulances, 1,000 metric tonnes of grains & lentils, refit of petrol ship Zoraster, 10 utility vehicles, and 5 Laser Radial boats.
- Both nations adopted the India–Seychelles Joint Vision for Sustainability, Economic Growth and Security through Enhanced Linkages (SESEL Vision) to deepen cooperation in health, digital infrastructure, maritime security, environment, and economic development.

