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Ques: Who was appointed as the Interim Part-Time Chairman of HDFC Bank after Atanu Chakraborty's resignation?

- A) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- B) Atanu Chakraborty
- C) Keki Mistry
- D) Shaktikanta Das
- E) Uday Kotak

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Atanu Chakraborty, part-time chairman of HDFC Bank, resigned with immediate effect citing concerns related to “values and ethics.”
- Following the resignation, board members approached the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for approval to appoint Keki Mistry as interim part-time chairman, which was quickly approved.
- RBI clarified that there were no governance or conduct issues at HDFC Bank.
- The bank's stock fell by 5.1%, and its market capitalization declined significantly after the news.
- The board is also expected to approve the reappointment of MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan.





Ques: Which bank received a USD 500 million loan from an IFSC Banking Unit in GIFT City, Gujarat?

- A) Bank of Baroda
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) Punjab National Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda received a USD 500 million loan from an IFSC Banking Unit located in GIFT City.
- The loan has a tenure of five years and will be used for general banking operations and corporate purposes.
- The deal saw participation from 13 investors across Asian markets, including Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, and Singapore.
- MUFG Bank and HSBC acted as mandated lead arrangers for the loan.

About Bank of Baroda:

- Established: 1908
- Headquarters: Vadodara, Gujarat
- Tagline: India's International Bank
- MD & CEO: Debadatta Chand





RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- DCM Shriram Limited secured USD 90 million funding from the International Finance Corporation (IFC).
- The World Bank has approved a \$300 million loan for Uttar Pradesh.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$1.2 billion loan to India to support climate resilience and sustainable infrastructure development.
- 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).





Ques: The National Para Athletics Championship 2026 will be held at which stadium?

- A) Kalinga Stadium
- B) Salt Lake Stadium
- C) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
- D) DY Patil Stadium
- E) Sardar Patel Stadium

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The National Para Athletics Championship 2026 will be held at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.
- The event is scheduled from 19–21 March 2026.
- It is organised by the Paralympic Committee of India in collaboration with the Government of Odisha.
- The championship promotes sports participation among para-athletes in India.

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RECENT NEWS HEADLINES RELATED TO SPORTS

- The 2nd edition of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 was hosted by India in New Delhi.
- New Delhi, the capital of India, will host the second leg of the Asia Cup Archery in 2027.
- Armand Duplantis, a pole vaulter from Sweden, set a new world record of 6.31 metres.
- Kimi Antonelli, aged 19, won his first Formula 1 race at the Chinese Grand Prix.
- Smriti Mandhana retains No.1 position in Women's ODI batting rankings. Rankings released by International Cricket Council.
- 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.
- Mayank Chakraborty became India's 94th Chess Grandmaster (GM).
- Shubman Gill and Smriti Mandhana were named the Best International Cricketers at the BCCI Naman Awards 2026.





Ques: NTPC Renewable Energy has begun commercial supply of 165 MW electricity from which solar project?

- A) Khavda-I Solar Project
- B) Rewa Solar Project
- C) Khavda-II Solar Project
- D) Bhadla Solar Project
- E) Pavagada Solar Project

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NTPC Renewable Energy, the step-down arm of NTPC Limited, has begun commercial supply of 165 MW electricity from the Khavda-II Solar Project in Gujarat.
- The Khavda-II Solar Project has a total capacity of 1200 MW.
- With this commissioning, NTPC Group's total installed capacity has reached 88,709 MW, while commercial capacity stands at 87,629 MW.
- In a separate filing, NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) reported its commercial capacity at 9,562.68 MW.
- This reflects NTPC Group's rapid expansion in renewable energy and its push toward achieving 60 GW renewable capacity by 2032.
- It also contributes to India's broader target of achieving 500 GW renewable energy capacity by 2030.

About NTPC Limited :

- **Full Name – National Thermal Power Corporation Limited**
- **Founded – 7 November 1975**
- **Headquarters – New Delhi**
- **CMD (2026) – Gurdeep Singh**





Ques: Which country has been ranked as the happiest country in the world for the 9th consecutive year according to the World Happiness Report 2026?

- A. Iceland
- B. Denmark
- C. Finland
- D. Sweden
- E. Norway

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The World Happiness Report 2026, published by the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford, ranked Finland as the world's happiest country for the 9th consecutive year.
- Iceland and Denmark secured the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively, while Costa Rica achieved 4th rank — the highest ever for a Latin American country.
- The report covered 147 countries, and India ranked 116th, improving from its 118th position in 2025.
- A key concern highlighted was the decline in happiness levels among youth (under 25 years) in countries like the USA, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.
- Excessive use of social media over the past decade has been identified as a major factor behind this decline.





INDIA'S RANKINGS IN DIFFERENT INDICES

- Hurun Global Rich List 2026 for billionaires : India (3rd), China (1st)
- “Global Mind Health in 2025” report released by Sapien Labs (USA) : India (60th)
- Brand Finance Banking 500 Report 2026 : State Bank of India (SBI) (16th)
- Global Residence Programme Index 2026, published by Henley & Partners : Greece (1st)
- Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 released by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Research & Development (R&D) expenditure in 2024 : India (7th), China (1st)
- Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) : India (91st), Denmark (1st)
- The Global Soft Power Index 2026 is published by Brand Finance : india (32nd), United States (1st)
- Global Innovation Index (GII) rank : India (38th)
- Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI) 2026 : India (6th), China (1st)





Ques: N. Chandrasekaran was awarded the honorary title of Knight Commander of which order by the UK government?

- A) Order of the British Empire
- B) Order of the Garter
- C) Order of the Thistle
- D) Royal Victorian Order
- E) Order of Merit

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Chairman of the Tata Group, was awarded an honorary knighthood by the UK government.
- He was conferred the title of “Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE)”.
- The honour was given for his outstanding contribution to strengthening India-UK business relations.
- Honorary knighthood is awarded to foreign nationals for significant contributions in various fields.

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RECENT NEWS HEADLINES RELATED TO AWARDS & WINNERS :

- Academy Awards (98th edition) Best Picture award : One Battle After Another
- Governance Now PSU National Award (12th edition) “Excellence in Innovation” category : Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)
- 60th Jnanpith Award (2025) : Renowned Tamil poet and lyricist Vairamuthu
- 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 Papedy village, Vasai in Maharashtra
- “Business Leader of the Year” award : Karan Adani





Ques: President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Nand Kishor Somani Oncology Block at which hospital?

- A) AIIMS, Lucknow
- B) Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama Hospital, Vrindavan
- C) Sanjay Gandhi PGI, Lucknow
- D) BHU Hospital, Varanasi
- E) Medanta Hospital, Lucknow

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Nand Kishor Somani Oncology Block at Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama Hospital.
- The initiative aims to strengthen cancer care facilities in the region.
- The Oncology Block is equipped with advanced radiotherapy and diagnostic facilities, improving access to quality cancer treatment.
- During her three-day visit to Uttar Pradesh, she also visited Premanand Ji Maharaj Ashram.
- She paid floral tributes at the Samadhi of Neeb Karori Baba in Vrindavan.
- She is also scheduled to visit Vatsalya Gram, a welfare organisation working for elderly, women, and children.

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Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- The ConnectSafe Cyber Security Facility has been launched by Deloitte in Bengaluru
- Narendra Modi inaugurated the Haldia Bulk Terminal at the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port.
- Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Project in Assam.
- Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated the 40th edition of the AAHAR International Food and Hospitality Fair in New Delhi.
- Raksha Rajya Mantri (Minister of State for Defence) Sanjay Seth inaugurated the restored Chungthang–Lachen axis and the 400-ft Bailey Suspension Taram Chu Bridge in Sikkim.
- Tamil Nadu's Forest Minister R. S. Rajakannappan inaugurated the State's first Dark Sky Park at Ariyur Shola Reserve Forest in Kolli Hills, Namakkal district.
- Mohan Yadav, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, inaugurated the National Divyangjan Cricket Sports Festival-2026 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.





Ques: India has become the world's ____ largest metro network in terms of length.

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Fourth
- D) Third
- E) Fifth

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has become the world's third-largest metro network.
- India now operates over 1,143 km of metro lines, with nearly 936 km under construction.
- Metro coverage has expanded from just 5 cities in 2014 to 26 cities in 2025.
- The metro network increased significantly from 248 km in 2014 to around 1,095 km by 2025.
- The annual metro budget rose from ₹5,798 crore (2013–14) to ₹29,550 crore (2025–26), showing strong government focus on urban transport.

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Ques: Which stadium has been selected to host the 2028 World Athletics Indoor Championships in India?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi
- B) Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, Delhi
- C) Kalinga Indoor Stadium, Bhubaneswar
- D) Sardar Patel Stadium, Ahmedabad
- E) Barabati Stadium, Cuttack

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The World Athletics Council allotted the 2028 World Athletics Indoor Championships to India.
- The event will be held at the Kalinga Indoor Stadium, Bhubaneswar, as confirmed by AFI President Bahadur Singh Sagoo.
- The decision was taken during the World Athletics Council meeting in Torun, Poland, which is also the venue for the 2026 edition.
- The Kalinga Indoor Stadium is the first of its kind indoor athletics facility in India.
- A two-member World Athletics delegation inspected the venue in January before final approval.
- The stadium is also a front-runner to host the 2028 Asian Indoor Championships.
- India last hosted a global athletics event in 2004 — the World Half-Marathon.





Ques: Which state has emerged as the top contributor to India's mining economy as per the Assocham-ICRA report?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Odisha
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Odisha has emerged as the top contributor to India's mining economy, according to the ASSOCHAM-ICRA report.
- Odisha contributes around 14% of India's mining Gross Value Added (GVA).

- **Other major contributing states include:**
 - Gujarat – 12.9%
 - Maharashtra – 12.1%
 - Rajasthan – 9.6%
 - Madhya Pradesh – 8.6%

- These top 5 states together contribute more than 57% of India's mining GVA.





Ques: The Election Commission of India has extended the postal ballot facility to electors above which age and which category?

- A) Above 75 years & Senior Citizens
- B) Above 80 years & PwD
- C) Above 85 years & PwD
- D) Above 90 years & PwD
- E) Above 70 years & Women

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Election Commission of India has extended the postal ballot facility to electors above 85 years of age and Persons with Disabilities (PwD).
- This step has been taken ahead of assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, along with by-elections in six states.
- Eligible voters can apply using Form 12D within five days of election notification with the help of Booth Level Officers (BLOs).
- Polling teams will visit voters' residences to collect votes, ensuring convenience and secrecy.
- The facility is also extended to essential service workers and authorised media personnel through nodal officers.
- Service voters will receive ballots through the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS).

Static Part — Election Commission of India (ECI) :

- **Established – 25 January 1950**
- **Headquarters – Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi**
- **Chief Election Commissioner (2026) – Gyanesh Kumar**
- **Constitutional Provision – Article 324 of Indian Constitution**





Ques: What is the name of the AI chatbot launched as part of PRARAMBH 2026 by the Income Tax Department?

- A. Kar Saathi
- B. Tax Mitra
- C. Seva Bot
- D. Aykar Setu
- E. Digi Tax

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched 'PRARAMBH 2026', a nationwide multimedia campaign by the Income Tax Department to educate taxpayers about the new Income Tax Act, 2025 effective from April 1, 2026.
- As part of this initiative, an AI chatbot named "Kar Saathi" was introduced to assist taxpayers and provide guidance for a smooth transition to the new tax system.
- The campaign also includes 300+ workshops and the launch of Income Tax Website 2.0 with improved usability and navigation.
- The initiative, guided by Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), aims to simplify taxation, reduce disputes, improve compliance, and build trust among taxpayers.
- It also marks a significant step as both direct and indirect tax systems are being reformed simultaneously for the first time in independent India.

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, launched the upgraded RAJMARG PRAVESH web portal to enable hassle-free issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for facilities along National Highways.
- South Central Railway (SCR) launched the next-generation 'Rail Parcel App' at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.
- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has urged telecom consumers to download and actively use the DND (Do Not Disturb) app to report spam calls and SMS instead of only blocking numbers.
- The Union Government launched PANCHAM (Panchayat Assistance & Messaging Chatbot).
- Sujalam Bharat App Launched by Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri C.R. Patil and Developed by Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N). Its aim is to make rural drinking water systems easier to track, manage, and improve
- The Tele MANAS App, launched by Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, now supports 10 regional languages in addition to English and Hindi to expand mental health access across India.





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Ques: At which summit was the International Conference on Carbon Markets 'Prakriti 2026' inaugurated?

- A. India Energy Summit 2026
- B. Bharat Electricity Summit 2026
- C. Green India Summit 2026
- D. Climate Action Summit 2026
- E. Renewable Energy India Expo 2026

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the International Conference on Carbon Markets — 'Prakriti 2026' and the Indian Carbon Market Portal at the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 in New Delhi.
- He emphasized that climate responsibility and economic development can progress together under the leadership of Narendra Modi.
- India is developing a transparent and credible carbon market framework, which will act as a long-term national asset and strengthen India's global climate leadership.
- India has already launched a Carbon Credit Trading Scheme with 9 notified methodologies and over 40 registered entities working in sectors like biogas, hydrogen, and forestry.





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The International Rail Coach Expo 2026 was inaugurated at the Integral Coach Factory premises in Chennai.
- Mobile World Congress 2026 was held at Fira Barcelona Gran Via in Barcelona, Spain. The theme of the event was “The IQ Era.”
- The 21st edition of the Asian Women’s Film Festival (AWFF) 2026 has begun in New Delhi, celebrating women’s voices and stories from across Asia.
- The International Malaria Conference 2026 was held in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises held the 5th National MSME Council meeting in New Delhi. Union Minister Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi launched two major digital initiatives The Udyami Bharat Portal and the MSME Technology Transfer Platform
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi reaffirmed that women-led development is central to the government’s policy framework during the inaugural session of the “Sashakt Nari–Viksit Bharat” Conference in New Delhi.





Ques: Which platform has partnered with FIFA to stream the first 10 minutes of FIFA World Cup 2026 matches?

- A) YouTube
- B) Amazon Prime
- C) Netflix
- D) Disney+ Hotstar
- E) Facebook

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- FIFA has partnered with YouTube to introduce a new streaming format for the FIFA World Cup 2026.
- Under this plan, global fans will be able to watch the first 10 minutes of matches live on YouTube.
- After the initial 10 minutes, viewers will be redirected to official broadcasters.
- The 2026 edition will be the largest in history, featuring 48 teams and 104 matches.
- It will be hosted by United States, Canada, and Mexico.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) signed a Supply and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with Samsung C&T Corporation.
- Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) signed an agreement with Honeywell.
- Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) signed an Memorandum of Understanding with NMDC Ltd. for collaboration in the Rare Earth Elements (REE) sector.
- The WHO Foundation and Novo Nordisk have announced a collaboration to prevent childhood obesity in India.
- Global edtech platform Coursera has collaborated with the Government of India to provide advanced upskilling for civil servants and government officials.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the European Space Agency (ESA) signed a new agreement to strengthen cooperation in Earth observation missions. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) was established on 15 August 1969.





Ques: Prambanan Temple, recently in news, is dedicated to which Hindu concept?

- A) Dashavatara
- B) Trimurti (Shiva, Vishnu, Brahma)
- C) Shakti
- D) Navagraha
- E) Panchatatva

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and Indonesia have announced a joint initiative to restore the Prambanan Temple complex.
- The temple is located in Sleman near Yogyakarta in Java and is the largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia.
- It is also known as “Roro Jonggrang,” meaning the Temple of the Slender Virgin.
- The temple was built in the 9th century by the Sanjaya Dynasty.
- It is dedicated to the Hindu Trimurti—Brahma (creator), Vishnu (preserver), and Shiva (destroyer).
- The site was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991.
- The complex consists of around 240 temples, showcasing advanced architecture and craftsmanship.





Ques: What is the Theme of International Day of Forests 2026?

- A. Forests and Innovation
- B. Forests and People
- C. Forests and Economies
- D. Forests and Water
- E. Forests and Biodiversity

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Day of Forests (IDF) is observed every year on 21st March and was proclaimed in 2012 by the United Nations General Assembly to raise awareness about the importance of forests.
- The theme for 2026 is "Forests and Economies", highlighting the vital role of forests in supporting economic development and livelihoods.
- Union Minister Bhupender Yadav urged citizens to protect forests, emphasizing that forests are not just resources but are essential for life.
- Countries across the world organise activities like tree plantation drives and awareness campaigns to promote forest conservation and sustainability.

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Ques: World Sparrow Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) 15th March
- B) 20th March
- C) 22nd March
- D) 25th March
- E) 5th June

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Sparrow Day is observed every year on 20th March across the world.
- It was launched in 2010 by Nature Forever Society in collaboration with Eco-Sys Action Foundation.
- The objective is to raise awareness about the rapid decline in sparrow populations due to urbanization, pollution, and habitat loss.
- Sparrows play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance by controlling insects and aiding pollination.
- Various activities like awareness campaigns, art competitions, and community initiatives are organized globally.
- Simple steps like installing bird feeders, planting native vegetation, and reducing pesticide use can help conserve sparrows.





Ques: National Vaccination Day is observed in India on which date?

- A) 14 March
- B) 15 March
- C) 18 March
- D) 17 March
- E) 16 March

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- National Vaccination Day is observed on 16 March every year in India.
- It commemorates the first dose of the Pulse Polio Programme administered on 16 March 1995.
- India was declared polio-free by the World Health Organization on 27 March 2014.
- The day highlights the importance of immunization in preventing life-threatening diseases.

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Important days :

- 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
- 10 March : 5th International Day of Women Judges (Theme 2026 Women Judges on the Bench and Beyond: Protecting Access to Justice)
- 11 March (second Wednesday of March) : No Smoking Day 2026
- 12 March (second Thursday of March) : World Kidney Day (theme for 2026 was “Kidney Health for All: Caring for People, Protecting the Planet.”)
- 14 March : Pi Day & International Day of Mathematics (Theme 2026 Mathematics and Hope)
- 14 March : 29th International Day of Action for Rivers Theme 2026 Protect Rivers, Protect People
- 15 March : International Day to Combat Islamophobia
- 15 March : World Consumer Rights Day (theme focuses on “Safe Products, Confident Consumers.”)
- 16 March : National Vaccination Day (commemorates the launch of the Pulse Polio Programme in 1995)
- 20 March : International Day of Happiness

