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**Ques: SEBI has partnered with which company to introduce verified badges for trading apps?**

- A) Microsoft
- B) Amazon
- C) Google
- D) Meta
- E) Apple

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Securities and Exchange Board of India has partnered with Google to tackle fraudulent trading apps.
- A “Verified Tick Mark Badge” will be introduced for legitimate stock trading apps.
- The badge will appear on apps of registered stockbrokers/intermediaries on the Play Store.
- The initiative aims to protect investors from fraud and scam apps.
- Google will use AI technology to identify and remove rule-violating apps and influencers.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- Securities and Exchange Board of India has reduced the minimum investment limit in Social Impact Funds (SIFs) from ₹2 lakh to ₹1,000.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed changes to simplify nomination rules for demat accounts and mutual fund folios.
- SEBI has formed a high-level expert working group. The group will prepare short-term and long-term technology roadmaps for India's securities market ecosystem. It is chaired by D. B. Phatak, Professor Emeritus at IIT Bombay.
- Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, in collaboration with the SEBI, will organise a 'Niveshak Shivir' in Bhubaneswar.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has deployed an in-house Artificial Intelligence system named 'Sudarshan'.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced major reforms in the ₹81 lakh crore Indian mutual fund industry.





**Ques: Gujarat has become the second state in India to pass the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill. Which was the first state to implement UCC?**

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Goa

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Gujarat has become the second state in India to pass the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill.
- Uttarakhand was the first state in India to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).
- Uniform Civil Code (UCC) is a law that provides the same personal laws for all citizens, irrespective of religion.
- It covers areas like marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption, ensuring equality and uniformity in civil matters.

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**Ques: What is the maximum accident insurance cover provided under PM Jan Dhan Yojana?**

- A) ₹1 lakh
- B) ₹2 lakh
- C) ₹5 lakh
- D) ₹10 lakh
- E) ₹50,000

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana is a flagship financial inclusion scheme of the Government of India.
- The scheme provides zero-balance bank accounts with no minimum balance requirement.
- Beneficiaries receive a free RuPay debit card with ₹2 lakh accident insurance cover.
- An overdraft facility of up to ₹10,000 is available.
- Deposits earn interest at the rate of 3% to 4%.

**Static Facts:**

- Launch Date: 28 August 2014
- Launched by: Government of India





## Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- Directorate General of Foreign Trade under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched the RELIEF (Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) scheme.
- K Ram Mohan Naidu announced the development of Arasavalli Sri Surya Narayana Swamy Temple under the PRASAD Scheme. The temple is located in Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh. A foundation stone was laid for modernization of the Indrapushkarini temple tank with ₹24 crore sanctioned
- Small Hydro Power Development Scheme has been approved by the Union Cabinet for the period FY 2026–27 to 2030–31 with an outlay of ₹22,584.60 crore.
- Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA) has been approved by the Union Cabinet with an outlay of ₹33,660 crore.
- The Andhra Pradesh government is set to launch a free bus travel scheme for differently abled persons under the “Divyang Shakti” scheme.
- The Chhattisgarh government has launched the “Gaudham Yojana” to promote cattle welfare and protection.





**Ques:** As per NIRYAT data for FY 2024–25, which state emerged as the top textile-exporting state in India?

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry released the NIRYAT data for FY 2024–25.
- Tamil Nadu emerged as the top textile-exporting state with exports worth USD 7,997.17 million, accounting for 21.84% of India's total textile exports.
- India's total textile exports stood at USD 36,610 million in FY25.
- Other top exporting states include Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- The NIRYAT portal, launched in 2022, provides real-time comprehensive foreign trade data.

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**Ques: The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026 amends which Act?**

- A) Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016
- B) Transgender Persons Act, 2019
- C) Human Rights Act, 1993
- D) Juvenile Justice Act, 2015
- E) Equality Act, 2010

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026 has been passed by the Parliament of India.
- It was approved by the Rajya Sabha after being passed by the Lok Sabha.
- The Bill amends the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.
- The amendment redefines transgender identity and modifies certification procedures, shifting towards a biological (intersex-based) framework.
- It introduces stricter punishments for offences, including imprisonment up to 14 years for serious crimes like forced labour or forced identity change.
- The Bill sparked political debate and demands for further scrutiny.

**Static Facts :**

- **Original Act Year: 2019**
- **Ministry: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**





**Ques: Exercise Kakadu 2026, in which INS Nilgiri participated, is hosted by which country's navy?**

- A) India
- B) United States
- C) Australia
- D) Japan
- E) United Kingdom

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- INS Nilgiri, an Indian Navy frigate, participated in the sea phase of Exercise Kakadu 2026 in Australia.
- Exercise Kakadu 2026 is the 17th edition of the multinational naval exercise.
- The exercise is hosted by the Royal Australian Navy.
- It aims to enhance maritime cooperation, interoperability, and regional security among participating nations.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- The Indian Army's Southern Command conducted Exercise Amogh Jwala at the Babina Field Firing Ranges, Uttar Pradesh.
- The Indian Navy participated in Exercise Sea Dragon 2026, a US-led multinational anti-submarine warfare exercise.
- Exercise Cold Response 2026 was organised by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
- Freedom Shield joint military exercise between the United States and South Korea is conducted across multiple military bases and training areas throughout South Korea.
- An Indian Armed Forces contingent arrived in Seychelles to participate in the 11th edition of the joint military exercise 'Lamitiye 2026' with the Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF).
- The Southern Air Command of the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully conducted a high-tempo joint maritime exercise named Kalari Leap in the Lakshadweep and Minicoy archipelago





**Ques: NITI Aayog has sanctioned ₹1.55 crore for which centre in Andhra Pradesh?**

- A) MSME Centre
- B) RISE Centre
- C) Startup India Hub
- D) Skill India Centre
- E) Digital India Centre

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- NITI Aayog has sanctioned ₹1.55 crore for the RISE Centre in Andhra Pradesh.
- RISE stands for Rural Innovations, Incubation, Skilling and Entrepreneurship.
- The centre is located at Guntupalli in the NTR district.
- The initiative aims to empower rural women through development and entrepreneurship.
- Focus areas include AI-based skill training, infrastructure development, and entrepreneurship support.
- The initiative aligns with the vision of “One Family–One Entrepreneur.”

**About NITI Aayog:**

- Established: 1 January 2015
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairperson: Prime Minister of India





**Ques:** Under the 'Namo Drone Didi' scheme, what percentage of financial assistance is provided by the government for purchasing drones?

- A) 50%
- B) 60%
- C) 80%
- D) 90%
- E) 100%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 'Namo Drone Didi' scheme is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at empowering rural women.
- It provides drones to Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) for agricultural services like spraying fertilizers and pesticides.
- The government provides 80% Central Financial Assistance (CFA) on the cost of drones (including accessories), up to ₹8 lakh per SHG.
- The remaining cost can be financed through loans under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund with 3% interest subvention.
- The drone package includes spray system, batteries, propellers, nozzle sets, fast charger, and training for pilot and assistant.
- Training is provided through Directorate General of Civil Aviation-authorized Remote Pilot Organisations (RPOs).
- The scheme improves agricultural productivity, promotes modern farming, and increases income opportunities for rural women.





**Ques: The recent Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) outbreak in Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home occurred in which state?**

- A) Bihar
- B) West Bengal
- C) Odisha
- D) Assam
- E) Jharkhand

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The outbreak of Herpes Simplex Virus was reported in Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home located in West Bengal.
- The incident highlighted poor health conditions in Indian prisons, including overcrowding, lack of medical staff, and poor hygiene infrastructure.
- According to Prison Statistics India 2023, the national prison occupancy rate is 120.8%.
- Some district jails reach 200–300% occupancy, indicating severe overcrowding.
- In West Bengal, prisons exceed 160% occupancy, with some jails historically crossing even higher levels.

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**Ques: The IVFRT scheme is related to which sector?**

- A) Agriculture
- B) Banking
- C) Immigration & Visa Services
- D) Education
- E) Health

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- IVFRT (Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration & Tracking) scheme has been extended for 5 years by the Union Cabinet.
- It will run from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031 with a total outlay of ₹1800 crore.
- The scheme aims to modernise immigration and visa services in India.
- It enables 100% contactless visa processing with online appointment and payment facilities.
- Around 91% of e-visa applications are processed within 72 hours.

**Static Facts:**

- Scheme Start Year: 2010
- Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs
- Type: E-Governance / Immigration System





**Ques:** Datta Meghe, who recently passed away, was associated with which field?

- A) Politics
- B) Sports
- C) Science
- D) Literature
- E) Business

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- Datta Meghe was a veteran leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party and a former Member of Parliament.
- He was first elected as a Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council in 1978 and served three consecutive terms till 1991.
- He was a four-time Member of the Lok Sabha, representing constituencies like Nagpur, Ramtek, and Wardha.
- He also served as a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 2002 to 2008.





**Ques: The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed on which date?**

- A) 20 March
- B) 22 March
- C) 23 March
- D) 25 March
- E) 27 March

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed annually on 25 March.
- The date marks the passage of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act, 1807 in the United Kingdom.
- Theme: "Justice in Action: Confronting History, Advancing Dignity, Empowering Futures"
- The day aims to honor victims of slavery and promote awareness about the history and impact of the transatlantic slave trade.

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**Ques: World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is observed on which date?**

- A) 15 March
- B) 18 March
- C) 20 March
- D) 22 March
- E) 25 March

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is observed globally on 20 March every year.
- The day aims to promote the cultural rights of children and youth.
- It highlights the importance of live theatre and performing arts in education and development.

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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)
- 18 March : 9th Global Recycling Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Don't Think Waste – Think Opportunity)
- 20 March : International Day of Happiness (theme for 2026 is "Caring and Sharing".) (first observed in 2013)





## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

The Manipur Government has launched the "Ningol Van Initiative" to strengthen forest conservation efforts and promote community participation.

Karnataka Grameena Bank was awarded the National Award for Outstanding Performance in Self-Help Groups (SHGs) Bank Linkage for 2024–25 by the Ministry of Rural Development. It was presented during the National Conference on Financial Literacy and Capacity Building and the 25th Central Level Coordination Committee meeting held in Hyderabad. It was launched by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development in 1992.

The next edition, Bharat Electricity Summit 2028, will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The Summer Olympics 2028 (LA28) has revealed its official design and branding inspired by California's "Superbloom." The design is based on the Bird of Paradise flower, which is the official flower of Los Angeles. The 2028 edition will be the 34th Summer Olympics.

The Government has announced the launch of SHE (Self Help Entrepreneur) Marts to improve market access for women-led enterprises under the SHG ecosystem. The initiative will be implemented under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission.

India has secured its position as the world leader in coconut production, contributing about 30.37% of the global output. A total of ₹350 crore has been allocated under "High-Value Agriculture" for coconut, cashew, and cocoa. Major coconut-producing states include Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and West Bengal.

