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Ques: Fitch Ratings has affirmed the long-term rating of PNB and Bank of Baroda at which level?

- A) BBB+
- B) BBB-
- C) BB+
- D) A-
- E) AA-

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Fitch Ratings affirmed the long-term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) of Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Bank of Baroda (BoB) at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook.
- The rating reflects a high probability of extraordinary government support if required, as the Government of India holds ~70% stake in PNB and 64% in BoB.
- Fitch also upgraded the Viability Rating of both banks to 'BB' from 'BB-' due to improved asset quality, capitalization, and profitability.

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Ques: According to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, India's climate action spending has increased to nearly what percentage of GDP?

- A) 5.6%
- B) 4.2%
- C) 3.7%
- D) 6.5%
- E) 7.0%

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Nirmala Sitharaman stated that India has increased its climate action spending to nearly 5.6% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), up from 3.7% six years ago.
- The Union Budget 2026–27 includes funding and incentives for carbon capture strategies.
- A ₹20,000-crore outlay has been allocated to help businesses reduce their carbon footprint.
- The initiative aims to support India's transition towards a greener and sustainable economy.

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Ques: What is the present annual remittance limit under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)?

- A) USD 25,000
- B) USD 1,00,000
- C) USD 2,50,000
- D) USD 5,00,000
- E) USD 6,00,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS), resident individuals can remit up to USD 2,50,000 per financial year for permissible transactions.
- Outward remittances under LRS fell by 4.1% to \$21.37 billion in FY26 (April–December) from \$22.28 billion last year.
- LRS was launched on 4 February 2004 with an initial limit of USD 25,000, which has now increased to USD 2,50,000 per financial year.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **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**
- **22nd Upendra Nath Brahma 'Soldier of Humanity' Award 2025 : Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, the Queen Mother of Bhutan**
- **Global Teacher Prize 2026 : Rouble Nagi, an Indian teacher and social activist**
- **"Ramoji Excellence Award 2025" in the category of Excellence in Journalism : Jaideep Hardikar, a senior journalist and researcher**
- **2026 Crafoord Prize in Geosciences : Veerabhadran Ramanathan, an 82-year-old Indian-origin climate scientist**
- **'Great Place to Work' certification for the period February 2026 to February 2027 : Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)**
- **Wiley Research Heroes Prize 2025 : Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya**





Ques: The YUVAi Global Youth Challenge is implemented in partnership with which two organisations?

- A) NITI Aayog and AICTE
- B) MyBharat and National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology
- C) MeitY and ISRO
- D) UNICEF and UNESCO
- E) Digital India Corporation and NIC

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The India AI Impact Summit 2026 announced the winners of the YUVAi Global Youth Challenge, which received over 2,500 applications from 38 countries.
- The challenge, for youth aged 13–21, provides structured learning, technical mentorship, and ecosystem support to identify, mentor, and empower young AI leaders.
- It is implemented in partnership with MyBharat and National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology to promote innovative AI solutions for real-world problems.
- Selected participants receive awards with prizes worth up to ₹85 lakh.

List of winners :

First Prize (₹15 lakh)

- Paraspeak : Mr. Pranet Khetan
- AgniSena : Mr. Samaraho Mukherjee; Mr. Maghnad Debnath
- Z-TRACS : Mr. Gaurav Yadav; Mr. Nitesh Kapildev Yadav



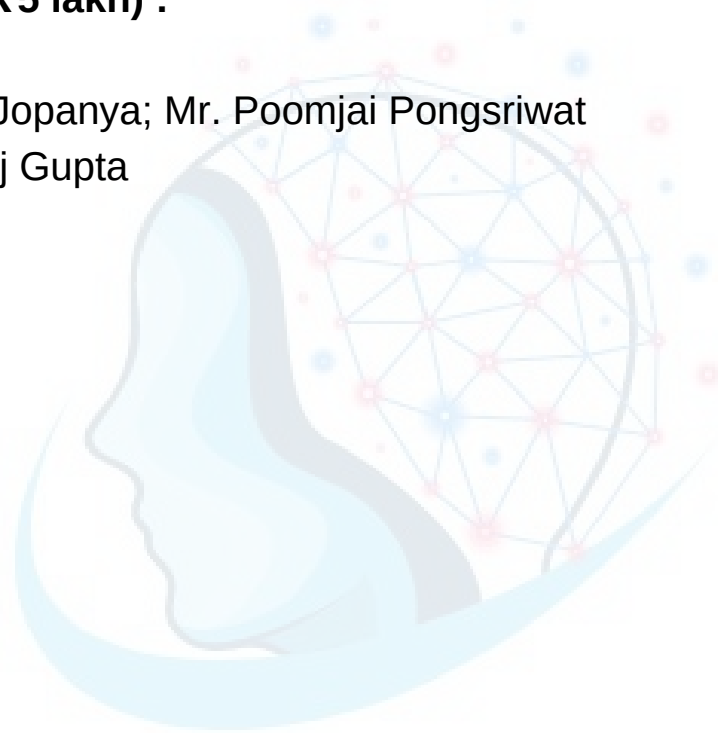


Second Prize (₹10 lakh) :

- CytoScanZ : Mr. Carl Tidtijumreonpon; Mr. Pongkun Fucheun
- WAYV : Aditya Bhandari; Manya Chaturvedi
- VOX-AID : Ms. Chirashree Pan; Ms. Debasmita Pal

Special Recognition (₹5 lakh) :

- MalariaX : Ms. Thida Jopanya; Mr. Poomjai Pongsriwat
- KedovoAI : Mr. Akshaj Gupta



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Ques: According to ISMA, the estimated sugar production for the current marketing season (Oct 2025–Sept 2026) is?

- A) 296.25 lakh tonnes
- B) 324 lakh tonnes
- C) 293 lakh tonnes
- D) 310 lakh tonnes
- E) 350 lakh tonnes

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Sugar and Bio-energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) has estimated sugar production at 324 lakh tonnes for the current marketing season (Oct 2025–Sept 2026).
- Last season's sugar production was 296.25 lakh tonnes.
- Around 31 lakh tonnes of sugar will be diverted for ethanol production, leaving a net sugar production of 293 lakh tonnes.
- Major sugar-producing states include Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Government of India has launched the PM RAHAT (Road Accident Victim Hospitalization and Assured Treatment) Scheme from the Prime Ministerial office, Seva Teerth.
- 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.





Ques: The scheme 'Banglar Yuva Sathi' has been launched by which state government?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The scheme 'Banglar Yuva Sathi' has been launched by Mamata Banerjee, Chief Minister of West Bengal.
- It will commence from April 1, 2026, aiming to provide financial assistance to unemployed youth for livelihood and skill development.
- Beneficiaries receive a monthly stipend of ₹1,500 via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for up to five years, provided they remain unemployed.
- Eligibility: Applicants must have passed the Madhyamik examination, be aged 21–40 years, and not be beneficiaries of any other West Bengal welfare scheme.

About West Bengal :

- Capital : Kolkata
- CM : Mamata Banerjee
- Governor : Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose





Ques: The “State of Energy Innovation 2026” report has been released by which organisation?

- A) World Bank
- B) International Energy Agency (IEA)
- C) International Renewable Energy Agency
- D) United Nations Environment Programme
- E) World Economic Forum

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The report “State of Energy Innovation 2026” was released by the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- It highlights that geopolitics and supply chain security are now major drivers of energy innovation alongside climate goals.
- While R&D spending is rising, public funding intensity has not reached the peak levels seen in the 1980s.
- Many mature technologies fail to scale due to a lack of early-stage funding, a phenomenon termed the “Valley of Death.”
- IEA Headquarters – Paris, France.
- Founded in 1974 following the 1973 oil crisis within the OECD framework.
- Aim – To provide analysis, data, policy recommendations and solutions to ensure secure and sustainable energy for all.
- Membership – 32 Member countries and 13 Association countries (India is an associate member).





Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- The Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, launched the Provincialization Management System (PMS) portal.
- Kiren Rijju, Union Minister of Ministry of Minority Affairs, launched the NIGRANI App at Nalanda University, Bihar.
- Indian Army showcased 'EKAM', an indigenous AI-as-a-Service (AlaaS) cloud platform.
- India launched iLive Connect, the world's first doctor-led, Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered healthcare ecosystem, aimed at providing 24×7 medical monitoring from patients' homes.
- Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, inaugurated the STQC Lab Automation Portal named 'SATYA'.
- From March 1, 2026, the UTS (Unreserved Ticketing System) mobile app will be discontinued, and passengers must use the RailOne super app for ticket booking.
- Om Birla, Speaker of the Lok Sabha (Lower House of Parliament), launched the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) at the Central Hall of the Bihar State Legislative Assembly in Patna.





Ques: The 'Rail Parcel App' has been launched by which Railway Zone?

- A) Northern Railway
- B) Western Railway
- C) South Central Railway
- D) Eastern Railway
- E) Southern Railway

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 'Rail Parcel App' was launched by South Central Railway (SCR) at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.
- It is India's first digital e-marketplace for rail freight logistics, offering doorstep pickup, delivery, real-time tracking, and digital payments.
- The app aims to modernise and streamline rail-based parcel logistics.
- SCR was established on 2 October 1966, headquartered in Secunderabad, with General Manager (2026) Sanjay Kumar Srivastava.

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Ques: The Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor is India’s first operational system under which transport network?

- A) Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)
- B) High-Speed Rail (Bullet Train)
- C) Metro Rail System
- D) Suburban Rail Network
- E) Dedicated Freight Corridor

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 82 km Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor is India’s first operational Regional Rapid Transit System.
- It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Meerut.
- Designed for speeds up to 180 kmph, it connects Delhi with Ghaziabad, Modinagar, and Meerut.
- For the first time in India, Namo Bharat trains and Metro rail operate on the same track and stations.

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Ques: What is the minimum Research Octane Number (RON) mandated for E20 petrol from April 1, 2026?

- A) 91
- B) 92
- C) 93
- D) 95
- E) 97

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- From April 1, 2026, sale of E20 petrol (20% ethanol blend) is mandatory across all States and Union Territories.
- The minimum Research Octane Number (RON) for E20 petrol is 95.
- The mandate aims to reduce oil imports, cut emissions, and promote ethanol blending.
- Higher RON ensures better engine performance and prevents knocking.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- The total project length of India's first underwater Road-cum-Rail tunnel is 33.7 km.
- The Kerala State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, approved India's first comprehensive graphene policy.
- World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen won the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Championship.
- Rekha Gupta inaugurated the first CM Shri School at Sarojini Nagar.
- 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.
- Delhi has become the first state in India to formally partner with Bharat Taxi's cooperative mobility platform, marking a major shift in the organisation of urban taxi services
- Researchers from 28 medical and research institutions across six states and two Union Territories have established India's first national biobank dedicated to Lysosomal Storage Disorders (LSDs).





Ques: The “Speaker of the Knesset Medal” is the highest honour of which country’s Parliament?

- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) France
- D) Israel
- E) Germany

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Speaker of the Knesset Medal is the highest honour of the Israeli Parliament (Knesset).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian PM to address the Knesset plenum and receive this medal during his 2026 visit.
- This award recognises distinguished contributions and strengthens India–Israel bilateral relations.

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Ques: Under the CBDC-based Food Subsidy Pilot launched in Puducherry under PMGKAY, subsidy will be credited in which form?

- A) Direct cash transfer in bank account
- B) UPI transfer
- C) Programmable CBDC tokens in CBDC wallet
- D) Food coupons
- E) Aadhaar-linked vouchers

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the CBDC-based Food Subsidy Pilot in Puducherry, the subsidy is credited as programmable CBDC tokens directly into beneficiaries' CBDC wallets.
- These tokens can be redeemed only at Fair Price Shops (FPS) for entitled foodgrains.
- The pilot integrates Digital Rupee (₹) issued by RBI with the DBT framework, implemented with support from RBI, PFMS, and Canara Bank.

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Ques: The 'Chintan Shivir' organized by the Ministry of Minority Affairs in February 2026 was held at which university?

- A) Nalanda University
- B) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- C) Banaras Hindu University
- D) Aligarh Muslim University
- E) Patna University

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) organized 'Chintan Shivir' to review and strengthen minority welfare policies.
- The event was held from 18–19 February 2026 at Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar.
- It was led by Union Minister Kiren Rijju and Union Minister of State George Kurian.
- Digital initiatives like the NIGRANI App under PMJVK were launched to enable real-time monitoring and enhance transparency of infrastructure projects.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Indian shooting legend Abhinav Bindra announced the end of his eight-year tenure as Vice-Chair of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athletes' Commission.
- Tejaswin Shankar clinched a historic gold medal at the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships.
- Pankaj Advani, Indian billiards and snooker player and Padma awardee, won the inaugural Liber Win Champions Cup 2026.
- The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) lifted the ban on athletes from Russia and Belarus.
- Paras Dogra, captain of Jammu and Kashmir, created history by becoming the fastest batter to score 10,000 runs in the Ranji Trophy.
- Pramod Bhagat clinched the men's SL3 gold medal at the BWF Para World Championships held in Bahrain.
- At the Winter Olympics 2026, Brazil achieved a historic milestone by winning its first-ever Winter Olympic medal.
- Smriti Mandhana, Vice-Captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team, was named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year (ISWOTY) 2025.





Ques: Night-time pilotage has been introduced for the first time in the upper reaches of which river?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority (SMPA) conducted night-time pilotage for the first time in its 155-year history.
- The operation took place in the upper reaches of the Hooghly River to improve navigation efficiency.
- The initiative is expected to reduce vessel turnaround time and enhance overall port productivity.
- SMP Port (Kolkata Port) is located on the Hooghly River in Kolkata, West Bengal, under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

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Ques: The Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games were hosted by which country?

- A) France
- B) Switzerland
- C) Italy
- D) Austria
- E) Germany

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games were held in northern Italy from February 6 to 22, 2026.
- It was the 25th edition of the Winter Olympics and the fourth time Italy hosted an Olympic event.
- The Games were primarily conducted in Milan (Milano) and Cortina d'Ampezzo, marking the first time two cities officially co-hosted the Winter Olympics.
- The 2026 Games featured the debut of ski mountaineering as a Winter Olympic sport.
- These were the first Olympics under the International Olympic Committee (IOC) presidency of Kirsty Coventry.

Ranking of top 3 in medal tally:

- 1 Norway : (18) Gold, (12) Silver, (11) Bronze, (41) Total
- 2 USA : (12) Gold, (12) Silver, (9) Bronze, (33) Total
- 3 Netherlands : (10) Gold, (7) Silver, (3) Bronze, (20) Total

About Winter Olympic Games:

- Venues : 1. Milan (ice events) 2. Cortina d'Ampezzo (women's alpine and sliding sports) 3. Valtellina/Livigno (freestyle and snowboard) 4. Val di Fiemme (Nordic events)





- Organiser : International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- Sports : 116 in 16 sports
- Motto : IT's Your Vibe
- Mascot : Tina and Milo
- 26th Edition : Hosted by French Alps, France
- India : India fielded a two-member contingent—Arif Mohammad Khan (Alpine Skiing) and Stanzin Lundup (Cross-Country Skiing)— though the country did not secure a medal



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Ques: India's highest total in T20 World Cup history (256/4) came against which country?

- A) England
- B) Australia
- C) Zimbabwe
- D) South Africa
- E) New Zealand

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India scored 256/4 against Zimbabwe in Chennai, marking its highest-ever total in T20 World Cup history.
- This surpassed India's previous best of 218/4 against England in Durban (2007).
- Overall, it is the second-highest total in T20 World Cup history, after Sri Lanka's 260/6 vs Kenya (2007).

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Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- **8th Prime Minister of Barbados : Mia Mottley**
- **Prime Minister of Thailand : Anutin Charnvirakul**
- **Prime Minister of Bangladesh : Tarique Rahman, chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP)**
- **Prime Minister of Yemen : Yemen's Foreign Minister Shaya Mohsen Zindani (replaced Salem bin Breik)**
- **President of Uganda : Yoweri Museveni**
- **Interim President of Venezuela : Delcy Rodríguez**
- **38th President of Chile : José Antonio Kast of Chile's Republican Party (Replaced Gabriel Boric)**
- **Czech Republic's new Prime Minister (12th) : Andrej Babis (2nd Term) (Replaced Petr Fiala)**
- **10th President of Ireland : Catherine Martina Ann Connolly (3rd Women)**
- **President of Tanzania : Samia Suluhu Hassan**





Ques: Rob Jetten has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Belgium
- B) Denmark
- C) Netherlands
- D) Sweden
- E) Norway

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rob Jetten (38) has been appointed as the youngest Prime Minister of the Netherlands.
- At 38 years, he became the youngest person in the country's history to hold the office.
- Previously, the youngest Prime Minister was Ruud Lubbers, who took office in 1982 at 43 years.

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Ques: The semiconductor plant inaugurated in Sanand by PM Narendra Modi belongs to which company?

- A) Intel
- B) TSMC
- C) Micron Technology
- D) Samsung
- E) AMD

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Micron Technology's ATMP semiconductor plant in Sanand, Gujarat.
- The plant is an ATMP (Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging) facility, India's first of its kind.
- It will assemble and test DRAM and NAND memory products, and manufacture SSDs for domestic and global markets.
- Micron Technology has invested ₹22,516 crore in the project, currently employing around 2,000 people, with potential for 5,000 direct jobs.
- Micron's headquarters is in Boise, Idaho, USA.
- Sanand is located in Gujarat.
- The project is aligned with the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).
- DRAM stands for Dynamic Random Access Memory and NAND is a flash memory technology.





Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala, inaugurated the International Research Institute of Ayurveda (IRIA) at Kalliad in Kannur.
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, visited DRDO's Gas Turbine Research Establishment in Bengaluru, and reviewed the status of ongoing projects relating to indigenous military gas turbine engine development.
- HCL-Foxconn Joint Venture project – India Chip Pvt. Ltd Inaugurated at Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority at Jewar in Greater Noida of Uttar Pradesh by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Tata Advanced Systems Limited inaugurated India's first private-sector helicopter Final Assembly Line (FAL) for the Airbus H125 at Vemagal (Kolar District), Karnataka.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) of the Northeast in Dibrugarh, Assam.
• प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने असम के डिब्रूगढ़ में पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र की पहली इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग फैसिलिटी (ELF) का उद्घाटन किया।
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu in Guwahati, Assam.





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Vice President (VP) C.P. Radhakrishnan launched the Constitution of India in Gujarati and Tamil on International Mother Language Day(21st February) at Uprashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. The official translations are also available in Boro, Dogri, Santali, and other languages for the first time.

India's GDP is estimated to grow at 8.1 per cent in the October-December 2025 quarter, maintaining above 8 per cent expansion for the two consecutive quarters, on the back of strong consumption, SBI Research

At the India AI Impact Summit 2026 held in New Delhi, Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani announced a ₹10 trillion investment in Artificial Intelligence over the next seven years.

Three years after the ambitious reintroduction began, Kuno National Park has recorded the birth of three more cubs, pushing India's total cheetah population to 38.

The United States Department of State announced the launch of the Edge AI Package, a foreign assistance initiative worth up to USD 200 million.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that India has increased its climate action spending to nearly 5.6% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), up from 3.7% six years ago.

