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Ques: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed ODA loan agreements with India worth approximately how much amount?

- A) ¥150 billion
- B) ¥200 billion
- C) ¥300 billion
- D) ¥275 billion
- E) ¥350 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan agreements worth ¥275 billion (approx ₹16,420 crore) with the Government of India.
- The funds will support major development projects across Punjab, Maharashtra, and Karnataka.

Key Projects:

- Maharashtra Healthcare Project: ¥62,294 million (₹3,708 crore approx.)
- Punjab Climate-Resilient Horticulture Project: ¥18,684 million (₹1,112 crore approx.)
- Bengaluru Metro Rail Phase 3: ¥102,480 million (₹5,500 crore approx.) for 44.65 km elevated corridors
- Mumbai Metro Line 11: ¥92,400 million (₹6,100 crore approx.) for 17.51 km underground corridor
- These projects aim to improve healthcare, infrastructure, urban transport, and climate-resilient agriculture.





RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- Bank of Baroda received a USD 500 million loan from an IFSC Banking Unit located in GIFT City.
- 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.





Ques: RBI recently imposed penalties on which of the following entities for non-compliance with KYC and regulatory norms?

- A) SBI, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Paytm
- B) Union Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Bank of India, Pine Labs
- C) Axis Bank, Yes Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Razorpay
- D) PNB, Canara Bank, IDBI Bank, PhonePe
- E) UCO Bank, Indian Bank, Bandhan Bank, BharatPe

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed monetary penalties on:
 - Union Bank of India (₹95.40 lakh)
 - Central Bank of India (₹63.60 lakh)
 - Bank of India (₹58.50 lakh)
 - Pine Labs (₹3.10 lakh)
- The penalties were imposed for non-compliance with KYC norms, digital transaction rules, and lending practices.
- **Key issues included:**
 - Delay in crediting funds in unauthorized transactions (Union Bank)
 - Failure to upload KYC records (Central Bank)
 - Improper charges and interest issues (Bank of India)
 - Issuing PPIs without full KYC (Pine Labs)





Recent Penalties imposed on Banks:

- The RBI imposed a ₹31.8 lakh penalty on HSBC.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of ₹3.10 lakh on Cashfree Payments India Private Limited. The key issue was an impermissible debit from an escrow account. An escrow account is a temporary account where customer funds are kept securely before being transferred to merchants.
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of 2.70 lakh on Manappuram Finance Limited. The penalty was imposed for noncompliance with RBI guidelines on compensation of Key Managerial Personnel (KMP).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹11.50 lakh on Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Fair Practices Code' and 'Internal Ombudsman for Regulated Entities'.
- UCO Bank has been imposed a penalty of ₹38.60 lakh.
- A fine of ₹32.50 lakh was imposed on Bank of Maharashtra.





Ques: How much will the Government borrow in H1 FY27?

- A) ₹6.5 lakh crore
- B) ₹7.2 lakh crore
- C) ₹8.2 lakh crore
- D) ₹9.5 lakh crore
- E) ₹10 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India will borrow ₹8.20 lakh crore during April–September FY 2026–27 through dated securities.
- This is about 51% of the total annual borrowing target of ₹16.09 lakh crore.
- Borrowing will be conducted via 26 weekly auctions across maturities ranging from 3 to 50 years.
- ₹15,000 crore will be raised through Sovereign Green Bonds to support green projects.
- Borrowing is mainly done through Government Securities (G-Secs) to manage fiscal deficit and fund expenditure.

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- A) 5.8%
- B) 6.1%
- C) 6.5%
- D) 7.0%
- E) 7.6%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) revised India's GDP growth forecast downward by 10 basis points to 6.1% for FY 2026–27 in its Economic Outlook Interim Report.
- For FY 2025–26, the GDP growth rate is estimated at 7.6%.
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Recent Headlines Related to Brand Ambassador :

- A. R. Rahman : Yamaha Music India Private Limited
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : brand ambassador for the BHIM Payments App
- cricketer Ravindra Jadeja : primary Brand Ambassador of City Union Bank for 2 years
- Jasprit Bumrah : brand ambassador of Uniqlo
- Former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan : inaugural Delhi Khel Mahakumbh by the Government of Delhi
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Goodwill Ambassador for the Pune Grand Tour 2026
- Harmanpreet Kaur : Shyam Steel
- Seven-time Olympic medallist sprinter Andre De Grasse of Canada : International Event Ambassador for the 21st edition of the Tata Mumbai Marathon (TMM 2025)
- Cristiano Ronaldo : Investor and Brand Ambassador of Perplexity AI
- MS Dhoni : Panasonic AC Brand Ambassador





vQues: India signed a ₹445 crore deal with which country for Tunguska air defence systems?

- A) USA
- B) France
- C) Israel
- D) Russia
- E) UK

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹445 crore deal with JSC Rosoboronexport to procure Tunguska air defence systems.
- The 2S6 Tunguska will strengthen India's multi-layered air defence against drones, aircraft, and cruise missiles.
- It is a self-propelled system equipped with both guns and missiles, operated by a crew of four.
- The deal is part of efforts to boost defence capabilities under Mission Sudarshan Chakra.
- System Range: Approx. 8 km (missile)
- The deal enhances India's air defence preparedness with advanced short-range air defence systems.





Ques: Which airport has been declared the 'Airport of the Year 2026' at the Skytrax World Airport Awards?

- A) Hamad International Airport
- B) Singapore Changi Airport
- C) Dubai International Airport
- D) Heathrow Airport
- E) Indira Gandhi International Airport

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The World Airport Awards 2026 published by Skytrax declared Singapore Changi Airport as the 'Airport of the Year 2026'.
- The award ceremony was held at PTE World in London.
- **Singapore Changi Airport has won this title 13 times and also received multiple awards including:**
 - World's Best Airport Dining
 - Best Airport (60–70 million passengers category)
 - Best Airport Immigration Service
 - Best Airport in Asia
- Indira Gandhi International Airport ranked 28th globally (improved from 32nd in 2025) and is the only Indian airport in the top 30.
- It also won 'Best Airport in India & South Asia' for the 8th consecutive year.

Other Indian Winners

- Best Airport Staff (India & South Asia) : Rajiv Gandhi International Airport – Ranked 43rd globally (5th time winner)





- Cleanest Airport (India & South Asia) : Manohar International Airport – Ranked 64th globally (2nd consecutive year)
- Best Regional Airport (India & South Asia) : Kempegowda International Airport – Ranked 41st globally

List of top 5 airports of Skytrax Awards 2026:

- 1 Singapore Changi Airport
 - 2 Incheon International Airport
 - 3 Tokyo International Airport (Haneda)
 - 4 Hong Kong International Airport
 - 5 Narita International Airport
- 28 Indira Gandhi International Airport

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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- **World's Wealthiest Individuals Report 2026 (40th edition) is published by Forbes : Mukesh Ambani (21st), Elon Musk (1st)**
- **Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2026 Published by Institute for Economics and Peace 18th Edition : India (13th), Pakistan (1st)**
- **World Happiness Report 2026, published by the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford : India (116th), Finland (1st)**
- **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)**





Ques: The PRISM-SG Portal, recently launched, is related to which sector?

- A) Banking
- B) Agriculture
- C) Education
- D) Health
- E) Infrastructure & Bridge Construction

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways launched the PRISM-SG Portal in New Delhi.
- PRISM-SG stands for Portal for Rail-Road Inspection and Stages Management – Steel Girders.
- It is a digital platform designed to streamline bridge construction processes.
- The portal focuses on Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and railway bridges to improve coordination and reduce delays.
- It enhances efficiency, transparency, and real-time monitoring of infrastructure projects.

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, launched 'Nivesh Mitra 3.0', an upgraded digital single-window platform aimed at enhancing Ease of Doing Business in the state.
- Indian Railways launched a customised mobile application named “SHINE” (Sexual Harassment Incident Notification for Empowerment).
- The Health Department of Kerala has launched the ‘MeHEALTH’ mobile application to help citizens access information about nearby government health facilities.
- On the 40th Foundation Day of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, launched “SUJVIKA”, an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven Biotech Product Data Portal.
- Teacher App 2.0 was launched by Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan.
- The Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, launched the Provincialization Management System (PMS) portal.





Ques: The Noida International Airport, whose Phase 1 was inaugurated recently, is located in which district of Uttar Pradesh?

- A) Lucknow
- B) Gautam Buddha Nagar
- C) Ghaziabad
- D) Meerut
- E) Agra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The first phase of Noida International Airport was inaugurated at Jewar.
- It is located in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh.
- The airport is one of India's largest greenfield airport projects, developed under the PPP model.
- Initial capacity: 12 million passengers per annum (expandable up to 70 million).
- The project will boost connectivity, trade, employment, and economic growth in Western Uttar Pradesh, benefiting regions like Agra and Mathura.

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Ques: India's first major private-sector gold mine since Independence is being launched in which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Telangana
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Odisha

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's first major private-sector gold mine since Independence is being launched in Andhra Pradesh at Jonnagiri.
- The mine will be operated by Geomysore Services.
- Commercial production is expected to begin in April 2026.
- The project aims to produce around 750 kg of gold annually, boosting domestic production.
- Famous old gold mine: Kolar Gold Fields (KGF)
- Last major mine in India: Hutti Gold Mines
- The Jonnagiri project is a significant step toward increasing domestic gold production and achieving self-reliance.





Ques: INS Sudarshini, recently seen in news, reached which country under the Lokayan-26 expedition?

- A) Spain
- B) Italy
- C) France
- D) Greece
- E) Portugal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- INS Sudarshini arrived at Sète, France as part of the Lokayan-26 transoceanic expedition.
- The expedition aims to promote India's maritime heritage, cultural ties, and global outreach.
- Such missions are conducted by the Indian Navy to strengthen international cooperation and naval diplomacy.
- INS Sudarshini is a sail training ship used for cadet training and international goodwill missions.
- These expeditions enhance India's global engagement and showcase its rich maritime traditions.

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Ques: The 14th Ministerial Conference (MC-14) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) was held in which city?

- A) Yaoundé
- B) Geneva
- C) Nairobi
- D) Doha
- E) Paris

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 14th Ministerial Conference (MC-14) of the World Trade Organization was held in Yaoundé, Cameroon.
- The conference was chaired by Luc Magloire Mbarga Atangana, Minister of Trade of Cameroon.
- The World Trade Organization (WTO) succeeded the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).
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About WTO:

- Established: 1 January 1995
- Headquarters: Geneva
- Members: 166 countries (166th member: Timor-Leste)





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- 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.
- 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





Ques: Kalinjar Fort Hill, recently declared a National Geo-Heritage Site, is located in which state?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Bihar
- E) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Geological Survey of India has declared Kalinjar Fort Hill as a National Geo-Heritage Site.
- It is located in Banda district, Uttar Pradesh, and is part of the Vindhya Range.
- The site features ~2.5 billion-year-old Bundelkhand granite beneath ~1.2 billion-year-old Kaimur sandstone, representing distinct geological eras.
- This unique formation helps scientists study the long-term evolution of the Earth.

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Ques: BHASHINI platform, recently in news, is related to which field?

- A) Language translation & digital services
- B) Banking services
- C) Agriculture technology
- D) Space research
- E) Defence communication

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The BHASHINI platform is an AI-powered language translation platform developed by the Government of India.
- It enables users to access digital services in their regional languages, promoting digital inclusion.
- The initiative is part of the BHASHINI Sahayogi programme, aiming to deliver services in 22 languages (Eighth Schedule).
- Recently, an MoU was signed under “BHASHINI for Seva-Sanchalan” to provide pension-related services in multiple languages.
- It is managed by the Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Key Points:

- Initiative: BHASHINI for Seva-Sanchalan
- Programme: BHASHINI Sahayogi
- Coverage: 22 languages
- Focus: Digital inclusion through language technology
- Aim: Improve accessibility of government services





Ques: Who became the first batter in IPL history to score 4,000 runs in run chases?

- A) Rohit Sharma
- B) David Warner
- C) Virat Kohli
- D) KL Rahul
- E) MS Dhoni

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Virat Kohli became the first batter in IPL history to score 4,000 runs in run chases.
- He achieved this milestone during the IPL 2026 opener between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Sunrisers Hyderabad at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.
- He is regarded as one of the greatest run-chasers, especially in T20 cricket.
- His consistency and dominance in chasing targets make him one of the best players in IPL history.

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Ques: Where was the World Buddhist Peace Conference 2026 held?

- A) Hyderabad
- B) Delhi
- C) Mumbai
- D) Chennai
- E) Kolkata

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Hyderabad hosted the World Buddhist Peace Conference 2026, with delegates from over 20 countries.
- The conference focused on peace, reconciliation, ethical leadership, and Buddhist approaches to conflict resolution.
- Telangana aims to develop a Buddhist tourism circuit linking Phanigiri, Dhulikatta, and Nagarjunakonda.
- The event was organized by the Buddhavanam Project with international collaboration and concluded with a global peace declaration.
- It emphasized peace, ethical values, and Buddhist philosophy for global harmony, while promoting tourism and cultural ties.

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Ques: As per the new Indian Railways refund policy (2026), within how many hours before departure is no refund allowed on ticket cancellation?

- A) 4 hours
- B) 6 hours
- C) 22 hours
- D) 12 hours
- E) 8 hours

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- As per the new Indian Railways refund policy (2026), no refund is allowed if tickets are cancelled within 8 hours before departure.
- This replaces the earlier 4-hour rule.
- The changes are being implemented between April 1 and April 15, 2026.

New Refund Rules:

- 0–8 hours: No refund
- 8–24 hours: 50% deduction
- 24–72 hours: 25% deduction
- 72+ hours: Full refund (minus charges)

Comparison with Old Rules |

- Earlier no refund rule: within 4 hours
- Earlier deduction slab: 48–12 hours → 25%
- New rules tighten the cancellation window significantly

Additional Reforms





- Counter ticket passengers can now upgrade class up to 30 minutes before departure
- Counter tickets can now be cancelled at any station (earlier only at originating/terminating station)
- Passengers can change boarding station up to 30 minutes before departure



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Ques: Carolina Marín, who recently retired, is associated with which sport?

- A) Tennis
- B) Badminton
- C) Table Tennis
- D) Squash
- E) Hockey

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Carolina Marín is associated with badminton and is one of the greatest players in the sport.
- She won Olympic Gold at Rio 2016, becoming the only non-Asian woman to win badminton singles gold.
- She also won 3 World Championships, was World No.1 for 66 weeks, and secured 7 European titles.
- She announced her retirement due to a serious ACL knee injury suffered during the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- She is regarded as one of the most successful badminton players in history.

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Ques: 'Operation Urja Suraksha' launched by the Indian Navy is aimed at protecting which area?

- A) South China Sea
- B) Strait of Hormuz
- C) Suez Canal
- D) Malacca Strait
- E) Persian Gulf

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Navy launched 'Operation Urja Suraksha' to secure energy supply routes.
- The operation focuses on protecting ships near the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil transit chokepoint.
- It was launched amid rising tensions in West Asia.
- The mission ensures uninterrupted energy supply and maritime security for India.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Operations:

- **Operation Shastra** : Delhi Police launched Operation Shastra to target individuals who were sharing photographs with weapons and using objectionable language on online social media platforms.
- **Operation Hawkeye Strike** : The United States and Jordan have carried out a major military operation in Syria after an ISIS attack that killed two US soldiers and wounded three others in the Syrian city of Palmyra
- **Operation Thunder 2025** : Interpol conducted a month-long global campaign to combat wildlife trafficking
- **Operation Trident** : naval offensive carried out by the Indian Navy against Pakistan during the 1971 Indo-Pak War.
- **'Operation Sagar Bandhu'** : India launched to support Sri Lanka after Cyclone Ditwah, delivering essential relief supplies via INS Vikrant and INS Udaygiri





Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to attend the G7 Summit in which country?

- A) Germany
- B) Japan
- C) Italy
- D) Canada
- E) France

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit France to attend the G7 Summit scheduled from June 15 to 17.
- The G7 is a group of major advanced economies that discuss global economic and political issues.
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar also participated in the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting with partner countries.

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Ques: World Down Syndrome Day is observed on which date?

- A) 20 March
- B) 21 March
- C) 22 March
- D) 23 March
- E) 24 March

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Down Syndrome Day is observed every year on 21 March.
- The day aims to raise awareness about Down Syndrome, a genetic condition caused by an extra partial or full copy of chromosome 21.
- The theme for the year is "Together Against Loneliness."

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Ques: World Day for Glaciers is observed on which date?

- A) 20 March
- B) 21 March
- C) 22 March
- D) 23 March
- E) 24 March

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Day for Glaciers is observed every year on 21 March.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of glaciers and the need for their protection.
- Global organizations and scientists emphasize urgent action to protect glaciers.
- The Decade of Action for Cryospheric Sciences (2025–2034) has been launched to promote research, awareness, and policy action for protecting glaciers and the cryosphere.

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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

India and Italy Hold 9th Round of Foreign Office Consultations in New Delhi. Its objective is to review their bilateral strategic partnership and discuss regional and global issues of mutual interest.

The Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers partnered with IIT Madras Pravartak Technologies Foundation. The aim is to strengthen indigenous defence technology development. The Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers is known as the technical backbone of the Indian Army.

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry signed an agreement with KRAFTON India Pvt. Ltd. Krafton is a South Korean video game holding company headquartered in Seoul.

Union Cabinet of India has approved a target to reduce emissions intensity by 47% by 2035 from 2005 levels. India aims to increase the share of installed clean energy capacity to 60% in the next decade (from current ~52%). India has already achieved a 36% reduction in emissions intensity between 2005 and 2020.

