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Ques: SEBI has extended the ban on futures trading in how many agricultural commodities till March 2027?

- A) 5
- B) 6
- C) 7
- D) 8
- E) 9

Answer: C) 7

Explanation:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has extended the suspension of futures trading in certain agricultural commodities till March 31, 2027.
- The ban was originally imposed in December 2021 to control rising food inflation.
- The decision aims to curb speculative trading and reduce price volatility in essential food items.
- The suspension applies to 7 key agricultural commodities: Wheat, Moong, Paddy (Non-Basmati), Chana, Mustard Seeds, Soybean, and Crude Palm Oil.
- Futures trading involves buying and selling contracts for a future date, which can lead to speculative price movements.
- The move is expected to help stabilize food prices and protect consumers.





Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- Securities and Exchange Board of India has partnered with Google to tackle fraudulent trading apps.
- 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'.





Ques: Lakshya Asset Management Company, recently approved by SEBI, is set to operate in which sector?

- A) Insurance
- B) Banking
- C) Telecom
- D) Real Estate
- E) Mutual Fund

Answer: E) Mutual Fund

Explanation:

- Lakshya Asset Management Company has received approval from Securities and Exchange Board of India to start its Mutual Fund business in India.
- The company is sponsored by Wealth First Portfolio Managers, which is listed on National Stock Exchange of India and Bombay Stock Exchange.
- It will be the first Asset Management Company (AMC) headquartered in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

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Ques: 'Payments Vision 2028' released by RBI primarily aims to focus on which area?

- A) Agricultural Credit Expansion
- B) Digital Payments Ecosystem
- C) Industrial Development
- D) Export Promotion
- E) Monetary Policy Reform

Answer: B) Digital Payments Ecosystem

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the 'Payments Vision 2028', outlining a 3-year roadmap for strengthening the digital payments ecosystem.
- The vision focuses on enhancing safeguards, improving efficiency, and promoting user empowerment in digital payments.
- RBI plans to introduce electronic cheques to modernize traditional payment systems.
- A Payments Switching Service (PaSS) is proposed to enable seamless transfer of payment instructions across banks.
- A Shared Responsibility Framework will be introduced for handling unauthorized digital transactions.
- RBI will implement a Domestic Legal Entity Identifier (DLEI) framework to improve transaction traceability.
- A Cyber Key Risk Indicators (KRI) framework will be introduced for non-bank payment operators.
- Regulatory oversight on digital payment platforms will be expanded for better compliance and security.
- RBI will review cheque design and security features to enhance reliability.
- Full interoperability across Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platforms will be explored to support MSMEs.





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India approved the budget for FY 2026–27. It also approved the Medium-Term Strategy Framework “Utkarsh 3.0” for 2026–2029.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the Scheme of Amalgamation of Lalbaug Co-operative Bank Ltd., Vadodara with Akhand Anand Cooperative Bank Ltd, Surat
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) received the “Initiative of the Year” award from Central Banking, London.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the Certificate of Registration (CoR) of 36 Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) as part of its regulatory actions, while 9 other NBFCs surrendered their licences due to business exits, structural changes, or mergers.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revised the Counterparty Credit Risk (CCR) framework to align it with Basel III international banking norms.
- Reserve Bank of India has issued revised prudential norms for dividend payouts by commercial banks, which will come into effect from FY27.





Ques: The world's first freight-only Shinkansen (bullet train) was introduced by which country?

- A) Japan
- B) Germany
- C) China
- D) France
- E) South Korea

Answer: A) Japan

Explanation:

- Japan has introduced the world's first freight-only Shinkansen (bullet train) to enable fast and efficient cargo transport.
- It is operated by East Japan Railway Company.
- The project uses the E3 Series Shinkansen, which was earlier used for passenger services and has now been modified for cargo transport.

Static Facts:

- Capital: Tokyo
- Currency: Japanese Yen
- Prime Minister: Sanae Takaichi





Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- Andhra Pradesh is set to start India's first major private-sector gold mine since Independence at Jonnagiri.
- India's first LPG ATM has been launched by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
- Rajasthan Royals has been acquired by a consortium led by US-based entrepreneur Kal Somani.
- A consortium led by Aditya Birla Group and Times of India Group has agreed to acquire Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB).
- The Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) will host the historic 150th anniversary Test match between Australia and England in March 2027.
- Gujarat achieved a major milestone by successfully launching its first sounding rocket from Bavaliyari village near Dholera.
- Sagar Defence Engineering Pvt. Ltd. has initiated the construction of the world's first Autonomous Maritime Shipbuilding and Systems Centre.





Ques: Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay, selected for the 35th Saraswati Samman (2025), is associated with which field?

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

Answer: E) Literature

Explanation:

- Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay, an eminent Bengali writer, has been selected for the 35th Saraswati Samman (2025).
- He is honoured for his novel Hara Parbati Katha (2020).
- The award is a major recognition for Bengali literature.

About Saraswati Samman:

- Instituted in 1991 by K. K. Birla Foundation
- Named after Saraswati (Goddess of knowledge and learning)
- One of India's highest literary awards
- Given for outstanding literary work published in the last 10 years in any of the 22 languages of Schedule VIII





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFD 2026 : Nandamuri Balakrishna (Padma Bhushan (2025))**
- **"Women Empowerment Trailblazer Award" : Kalpana Soren**
- **2026 Stockholm Water Prize : Kaveh Madani, Director of the United Nations University Institute for Water Environment and Health**
- **KISS Humanitarian Award 2025 : Nita Ambani**
- **Mark Lynton History Prize 2026 : Historian William Dalrymple**
- **Women Empowerment Award for Art and Culture at House of Commons, UK : Renowned Indian actress Rituparna Sengupta**
- **Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) : Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Chairman of the Tata Group**
- **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)**





Ques: Jawed Ashraf, recently awarded France's Legion of Honour (Commandeur rank), served as India's Ambassador to which country?

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

Answer: E) France

Explanation:

- Jawed Ashraf, former Ambassador of India to France and Chairman of the India Trade Promotion Organisation, has been awarded France's prestigious Legion of Honour (Commandeur rank).
- The Commandeur rank is the third-highest rank in France's Legion of Honour.
- He was honoured for his significant contribution to strengthening the India–France Strategic Partnership.
- He became the first Indian Ambassador to receive this honour.
- The award was presented by Thierry Mathou in the presence of Ajit Doval.

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Ques: The nationwide implementation of Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan in schools is planned for how many years?

- A) 3 year
- B) 2 years
- C) 4 years
- D) 5 years
- E) 10 years

Answer: A) 3 year

Explanation:

- Ministry of Education issued a joint advisory with Ministry of Home Affairs for nationwide implementation of Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan in schools.
- The advisory was sent to Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs for mission-mode implementation.
- The action plan will be implemented over a 3-year period.
- The aim is to create a drug-free India by preventing substance abuse among students and spreading awareness about harmful effects of drugs.
- Schools are required to declare a 500-metre radius as drug-free zones.
- The decision was taken during the 9th Apex Meeting of NCORD (Narco-Coordination Centre) chaired by Amit Shah.
- The initiative focuses on preparing a roadmap till 2029 to combat drug abuse.





Ques: 'Prahar' Light Machine Guns (LMGs), recently delivered to the Indian Army, are manufactured by which company?

- A) DRDO
- B) HAL
- C) BEL
- D) Adani Defence and Aerospace
- E) OFB

Answer: D) Adani Defence and Aerospace

Explanation:

- Adani Defence and Aerospace delivered the first batch of 2,000 'Prahar' Light Machine Guns (LMGs) to the Indian Army.
- These weapons are of 7.62 mm calibre.
- They are manufactured under the Make in India initiative.
- The LMGs were produced at the Small Arms Complex in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

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Ques: India's first "Port of Refuge" initiative, recently operationalised, is associated with which company?

- A) Adani Ports
- B) Reliance Ports
- C) Essar Ports
- D) JSW Infrastructure
- E) Shipping Corporation of India

Answer: A) Adani Ports

Explanation:

- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd has operationalised India's first Port of Refuge to assist ships in distress.
- This initiative creates a structured system for emergency assistance to vessels, filling a major gap in India's maritime infrastructure.

Identified Ports:

- Dighi Port (West Coast) → Covers Arabian Sea & Persian Gulf routes
- Gopalpur Port (East Coast) → Covers Bay of Bengal & Malacca Strait routes

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Ques: 'Speaking of History: Conversations about India's Past and Present' is authored by which of the following?

- A) Ramachandra Guha & Shashi Tharoor
- B) Romila Thapar & Namit Arora
- C) Irfan Habib & Bipin Chandra
- D) Amish Tripathi & Devdutt Pattanaik
- E) Chetan Bhagat & Durjoy Datta

Answer: B) Romila Thapar & Namit Arora

Explanation:

- The book *Speaking of History: Conversations about India's Past and Present* explores India's historical and contemporary issues.
- It is authored by renowned historian Romila Thapar and writer Namit Arora.
- The book presents conversations and discussions on India's past and its relevance in the present.
- It encourages critical thinking and historical understanding among readers.
- The book is published by Allen Lane India.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- **“Karuna: The Power of Compassion”** : Kailash Satyarthi
- **Mahatma: A Great Communicator** : Dhiraj Kakadia
- **Atal Bihari Vajpayee: The Eternal Statesman** : Former Union Minister Vijay Goel
- **Vishwaguru Srila Prabhupada** : Dr. Usha Upadhyay
- **The Sage Who Reimagined Hinduism: The Life, Lessons and Legacy of Sree Narayana Guru** : Member of Parliament Dr. Shashi Tharoor
- **‘Four Stars of Destiny’** : General M.M. Naravane, former Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of India
- **“Red Lines Redrawn: Operation Sindoor and India’s New Normal”** : Major General Bipin Bakshi (Retd), Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar (Retd), Ambassador Anil Trigunayat (Retd), and Brig Akhelesh Bhargava (Retd)
- **“Lightning Kid”** : Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand
- **Hindi edition of ‘Palanivelu GUTS’** : Dr. C. Palanivelu





Ques: The National Commission for Women (NCW) partnered with which company to launch the 'TrueCyberSakhi' digital safety initiative?

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

Answer: D) Truecaller

Explanation:

- National Commission for Women partnered with Truecaller to launch a digital safety initiative for women.
- The initiative aims to raise awareness about online risks and improve access to support systems, including the NCW 24×7 helpline.
- It launched "TrueCyberSakhi: A Digital Safety Toolkit, Created for Her."
- National Commission for Women is an autonomous statutory body, established under the NCW Act, 1990, and set up in 1992 to protect and promote women's rights.

About National Commission for Women:

- Established: 1992
- HQ: New Delhi
- Chairperson: Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar





Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- Digital India BHASHINI Division and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority signed an MoU under the “BHASHINI for Seva-Sanchalan” initiative.
- The Indian Army signed an MoU with the Ladakh Forest Department. The agreement was signed on World Wildlife Day (3 March 2026). Its objective is to protect iconic species like the Snow Leopard and other Himalayan wildlife, promoting sustainable development in border regions.
- Navratna defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RRP Group to explore opportunities in advanced defence and technology sectors.
- India and Vietnam signed agreement to Enhanced cooperation in tribal and ethnic development following a high-level ministerial meeting held in New Delhi
- India and Bhutan have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Postal Cooperation. Both countries also agreed to deepen technological collaboration, focusing on sharing best practices and experiences related to India Post's evolving digital and technological ecosystem.
- The Ministry of Ayush signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Industrial Security Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It focuses on improving the health of CISF personnel and their families. The MoU will remain valid for a period of five years from the date of signing.





Ques: The Tunguska Air Defence Missile System, recently in news, was procured from which country/company?

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

Answer: B) Russia

Explanation:

- Ministry of Defence signed two defence contracts worth ₹858 crore to strengthen India's defence capabilities.
- A ₹445 crore contract was signed with JSC Rosoboronexport (Russia) for the Tunguska Air Defence Missile System for the Indian Army.
- The Tunguska system is used to counter aircraft, drones, and cruise missiles, enhancing India's air defence network.
- Another ₹413 crore contract was signed with Boeing India Defense Private Limited for MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul) of P-8I aircraft of the Indian Navy.





Ques: Under PM E-DRIVE scheme, incentives for electric two-wheelers are available till which date?

- A. March 31, 2027
- B. July 31, 2026
- C. December 31, 2026
- D. March 31, 2028
- E. January 1, 2026

Answer: B. July 31, 2026

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries has extended the PM E-DRIVE scheme till March 31, 2028 to promote electric mobility in India.
- The scheme has a total outlay of ₹10,900 crore.
- Incentives for electric two-wheelers are available only for vehicles registered till July 31, 2026.
- However, incentives for electric three-wheelers (e-rickshaws, e-carts) will continue till 2028.
- The scheme focuses on improving last-mile connectivity in both urban and rural areas.
- It also aims to promote clean energy adoption and reduce carbon emissions.
- Full Form – PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement
- Launched – 1 oct 2024
- Ministry – Ministry of Heavy Industries
- Outlay – ₹10,900 crore

Major Financial Allocations :

- Subsidies (₹3,679 Crore): For demand incentives on e-2W, e-3W, e-ambulances, and e-trucks.





- E-Buses (₹4,391 Crore): To deploy 14,028 electric buses across 9 major cities (40L+ population).
- Charging Infrastructure (₹2,000 Crore): To install Public Charging Stations (EVPCS) nationwide.
- Testing Infrastructure (₹780 Crore): For upgrading MHI testing agencies to handle new EV technology



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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Union Cabinet approved the modified UDAN scheme with an outlay of ₹28,850 crore for 10 years (2026–36).
- The Immigration Visa Foreigners Registration and Tracking Scheme has been extended for 5 years by the Union Cabinet of India.
- 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.





Ques: 'Vayu Baan', India's first helicopter-launched drone project, was launched by which organization?

- A) Indian Army
- B) DRDO
- C) Indian Air Force
- D) ISRO
- E) HAL

Answer: C) Indian Air Force

Explanation:

- Indian Air Force launched 'Vayu Baan' in March 2026, India's first helicopter-launched drone project.
- With this, India joins countries like United States and China in advanced drone warfare capabilities.
- The drone is designed to be dropped mid-air from a moving helicopter.
- It enables stand-off attacks from over 50 km, keeping helicopters safe from enemy air defence systems.

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Ques: IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) TTX 2026 was hosted by which country?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) India
- C) France
- D) Indonesia
- E) Maldives

Answer: B) India

Explanation:

- The Indian Navy hosted the IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) TTX 2026 in Kochi.
- The exercise was conducted at the Maritime Warfare Centre under the Southern Naval Command.
- It brought together naval representatives from countries of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- Participating IONS member countries included Bangladesh, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Maldives, and Sri Lanka among others.
- The exercise was conducted in a simulated table-top (TTX) environment.
- It focused on non-traditional threats, coordination, and information sharing among navies.
- The aim was to address emerging maritime security challenges and enhance cooperation.
- India is set to take over the chairmanship of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium for 2026–2028 after 16 years.





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: Gurjant Singh, who recently announced his retirement, is associated with which sport?

- A) Cricket
- B) Football
- C) Hockey
- D) Badminton
- E) Wrestling

Answer: C) Hockey

Explanation:

- Gurjant Singh is a member of the Indian hockey team who announced his retirement during the Hockey India Awards ceremony held in New Delhi.
- He was part of the Indian team that won bronze medals at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paris 2024 Olympics.
- Gurjant Singh has scored 33 goals since making his international debut in 2017.
- He was born in Khailar village in Amritsar, Punjab.

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Recently Retired Players :

- **Carolina Marín** : retirement from badminton
- **Sarfaraz Ahmed** : retirement from international cricket
- **Saina Nehwal** : Retirement from competitive badminton
- **Australia Women's cricket team captain Alyssa Healy** : Retirement from all forms of international cricket
- **Jinson Johnson** : Retirement from competitive middle-distance running
- **Pakistan-born Australian cricketer Usman Tariq Khawaja** : Retirement from international cricket
- **Mohit Sharma (India)** : Retirement from all formats of cricket
- **Andre Russell (Jamaica)** : Retirement from IPL cricket
- **Kane Williamson (New Zealand)** : retired from Twenty20 internationals
- **Amit Mishra** : Retirement from international cricket





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Indian Army has started inducting Shaurya Squadrons, specialised drone units within armoured regiments. First squadron raised by White Tiger Division under Sudarshan Chakra Corps Tested during Exercise Amogh Jwala at Babina Field Firing Range.

Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad has launched the Krishnamurthy Tandon School of Artificial Intelligence. The initiative is supported by a ₹100 crore endowment. The funding has been provided by Chandrika Krishnamurthy Tandon and Ranjan Tandon.

Ministry of Culture signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with YouTube to promote India's folk and tribal music worldwide. The MoU was signed in the presence of Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Vivek Aggarwal, and Gunjan Soni.

As on 28.02.2026, unclaimed deposits transferred by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund of RBI stood at ₹60,518 crore. Unclaimed insurance amount stood at ₹8,973.89 crore, while unclaimed mutual fund amounts were ₹3,749.34 crore.

SEBI has proposed allowing Gift Cards / Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) for investing in mutual funds to boost financial inclusion. Each Gift PPI will have a validity of one year from the date of issuance, ensuring timely utilisation. A cap has been proposed where total investments through Gift PPIs cannot exceed ₹50,000 per investor annually.

