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Ques: Sri Lanka's first Blue Bond was listed on which exchange in India?

- A) BSE
- B) NSE
- C) NSE International Exchange (NSE IX)
- D) MCX
- E) India INX

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sri Lanka's first Blue Bond worth LKR 3 billion was issued by DFCC Bank.
- It has been dually listed on NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT City under India's IFSC jurisdiction.
- Blue Bonds are a subset of Green Bonds and finance marine conservation, sustainable fisheries, clean water supply and ocean-based sustainable activities.

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Ques: As per the Second Advance Estimates, India's GDP growth for FY26 is projected at?

- A) 7.1%
- B) 7.4%
- C) 7.6%
- D) 7.8%
- E) 6.9%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per the Second Advance Estimates based on the new GDP series, India's economic growth is projected at 7.6% for FY 2025–26.
- The growth rate is higher than the 7.4% projected in the First Advance Estimates.
- The economy recorded 7.8% real GDP growth in Q3 of FY26.
- It is released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and the Base Year (New Series) is 2022–23.

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Ques: The JPY-equivalent \$400 million External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) has been provided to which organisation?

- A) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- B) Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd (IRFC)
- C) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation
- D) Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation
- E) Railway Board

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- A JPY-equivalent \$400 million External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) has been given to Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd (IRFC).
- The loan has been provided by Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), GIFT City Branch, and MUFG Bank Ltd, GIFT City Branch.
- The tenure of the loan is five years.

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Ques: Which country was the largest source of FDI into India during April–December FY26?

- A) Singapore
- B) Mauritius
- C) USA
- D) Japan
- E) Netherlands

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- FDI into India increased 18% year-on-year to \$47.87 billion during April–December FY26.
- In the October–December quarter, FDI equity inflows rose 17% YoY to \$12.69 billion.
- Singapore was the largest source of FDI into India at \$17.65 billion during this period.
- The Computer Software & Hardware sector attracted the highest inflows at \$10.7 billion.
- The USA and Mauritius followed Singapore as other major contributors.

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Ques: India's first "Swasthya Scheme" under the National Pension System (NPS) — "ICICI PF NPS Swasthya Equity Plus" — has been launched by which company?

- A) SBI Pension Funds Pvt. Ltd.
- B) HDFC Pension Management Co. Ltd.
- C) LIC Pension Fund Ltd.
- D) ICICI Prudential Pension Funds Management Company Limited
- E) UTI Retirement Solutions Ltd.

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- ICICI Prudential Pension Funds Management Company Limited has launched India's first Swasthya Scheme — "ICICI PF NPS Swasthya Equity Plus" under the National Pension System (NPS).
- The scheme integrates retirement savings with healthcare financial support, marking an important innovation in pension planning.
- The scheme has been developed in collaboration with Apollo HealthCo Limited as the healthcare network partner and KFin Technologies Limited as the digital and technology partner.
- Under the scheme, subscribers are allowed to make multiple withdrawals up to 25% of their own contributions specifically for medical expenses.





Ques: Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of which organisation?

- A) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- B) New India Assurance Company
- C) General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)
- D) National Insurance Company
- E) United India Insurance Company

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re).
- He replaced Ramaswamy Narayanan in this position.
- GIC Re was established in 1972.
- The headquarters of GIC Re is located in Mumbai.

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Ques: IIFL Home Finance secured a \$300 million loan from which organization?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) IMF
- D) RBI
- E) AIIB

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- IIFL Home Finance signed a \$300 million (approx. ₹2,700 crore) loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank.
- The loan aims to strengthen affordable housing finance, especially for women in low-income urban and peri-urban areas.
- More than 25% of the loan amount will be allocated for green-certified affordable homes.

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Ques: Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) was originally launched in which year?

- A) 2018
- B) 2019
- C) 2020
- D) 2021
- E) 2022

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Centre has temporarily discontinued rice fortification under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).
- The decision was taken after reviewing concerns related to effectiveness and storage stability of fortified rice.
- The government clarified that foodgrain entitlements under the Public Distribution System (PDS) will not be reduced.

About PMGKAY:

- Launched – March 2020
- Launched by – Government of India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Objective – To provide free foodgrains to poor and vulnerable sections during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Implemented through – PDS under National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.
- Beneficiaries – Around 80 crore NFSA beneficiaries.





Ques: As of February 2026, which state/UT has the highest number of fake universities declared by UGC?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Karnataka
- D) Delhi
- E) Kerala

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) has declared 32 institutions across India as fake universities as of February 2026.
- According to the latest notice, Delhi accounts for the highest number with 12 fake universities.
- Uttar Pradesh has 4 fake universities.
- Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala each have 2 fake universities.
- The notice cited provisions under Section 2(f) and Section 3 of the UGC Act.

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Ques: What is the total corpus of India's newly launched 'Zero Prize' environmental award?

- A) ₹1 Crore
- B) ₹3 Crore
- C) ₹5 Crore
- D) ₹10 Crore
- E) ₹15 Crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India has announced its first-ever results-based environmental award 'Zero Prize' targeting verified pollution reduction.
- The award focuses on scientifically validated reduction in Air, Water and Land pollution within defined geographic areas.
- The total corpus of the Zero Prize is ₹5 crore.
- ₹1 crore each will be awarded for the three categories – Air, Water and Land pollution reduction.
- Nature of Award: Results-Based Environmental Award (impact-driven and performance-linked).

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Ques: Jammu & Kashmir won their first Ranji Trophy title in which season?
जम्मू-कश्मीर ने अपना पहला रणजी ट्रॉफी खिताब किस सत्र में जीता?

- A) 2022–23
- B) 2023–24
- C) 2024–25
- D) 2025–26
- E) 2021–22

Answer: Option D

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Jammu and Kashmir created history by winning their maiden Ranji Trophy title in the 2025–26 season.
- जम्मू-कश्मीर ने 2025–26 सत्र में पहली बार रणजी ट्रॉफी जीतकर इतिहास रच दिया।
- They defeated Karnataka in the final at Hubli on the basis of first-innings lead.
- उन्होंने हुबली में खेले गए फाइनल में पहली पारी की बढ़त के आधार पर कर्नाटक को हराया।
- This marks the first Ranji Trophy triumph in the history of Jammu & Kashmir cricket.
- यह जम्मू-कश्मीर क्रिकेट इतिहास का पहला रणजी ट्रॉफी खिताब है।

About Ranji Trophy :

- Founded – 1934
- स्थापना – 1934
- Administered by – Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- संचालन – भारतीय क्रिकेट नियंत्रण बोर्ड (BCCI)
- Named After – Maharaja Ranjitsinhji
- नामकरण – महाराजा रणजीतसिंहजी के नाम पर।





Ques: Who was honoured with the “Business Leader of the Year” award at the 2026 Managing India Awards organised by AIMA?

2026 मैनेजिंग इंडिया अवॉर्ड्स (AIMA) में “बिज़नेस लीडर ऑफ द ईयर” पुरस्कार से किसे सम्मानित किया गया?

- A) Gautam Adani / गौतम अडानी
- B) Karan Adani / करण अडानी
- C) Kumar Mangalam Birla / कुमार मंगलम बिड़ला
- D) Mukesh Ambani / मुकेश अंबानी
- E) N. Chandrasekaran / एन. चंद्रशेखरन

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Karan Adani, Managing Director of Adani Ports & SEZ Ltd and Adani Cement Ltd, received the “Business Leader of the Year” award.
- अदानी पोर्ट्स एंड एसईजेड लिमिटेड तथा अदानी सीमेंट लिमिटेड के प्रबंध निदेशक करण अडानी को “बिज़नेस लीडर ऑफ द ईयर” पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया।
- The award was presented at the 2026 Managing India Awards organised by the All India Management Association (AIMA).
- यह पुरस्कार ऑल इंडिया मैनेजमेंट एसोसिएशन (AIMA) द्वारा आयोजित 2026 मैनेजिंग इंडिया अवॉर्ड्स में प्रदान किया गया।
- The ceremony was held during AIMA’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations in New Delhi.
- यह समारोह नई दिल्ली में AIMA के प्लैटिनम जुबिली समारोह के दौरान आयोजित किया गया।
- The event marked AIMA’s 70th Foundation Day and the 20th National Management Day.
- इस अवसर पर AIMA का 70वां स्थापना दिवस और 20वां राष्ट्रीय प्रबंधन दिवस भी मनाया गया।

Other winners :

- Entrepreneur of the Year : Aravind Sanka, Pavan Guntupalli and SR Rishikesh of Rapido
- Director of the Year : Director Mohit Suri





- Outstanding Contribution to Journalism : Rahul Kanwal
- Outstanding PSU of the Year : Cochin Shipyard Limited
- Business Leader of the Decade award : Sunil Bharti Mittal
- Transformational Business Leader of the Year : V Vaidyanathan
- Young Business Leader of the Year : Ananya Birla
- AIMA Excellence Award : Sunil Kant Munjal
- MNC in India of the Year : Micron Technology Operations India LLP
- Indian MNC of the Year : Motherson Group
- Lifetime Contribution awards : Vineet Jain and Harsh Mariwala



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Ques: According to the Global AI Brain Race Report 2026, what is India's rank in global Artificial Intelligence (AI) leadership?

ग्लोबल एआई ब्रेन रेस रिपोर्ट 2026 के अनुसार, वैश्विक कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) नेतृत्व में भारत का स्थान क्या है?

- A) 3rd
- B) 4th
- C) 5th
- D) 6th
- E) 8th

Answer: Option D

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- According to the Global AI Brain Race Report 2026, the United States secured the top position in global Artificial Intelligence leadership, followed by China and Singapore, while India ranked 6th worldwide.
- ग्लोबल एआई ब्रेन रेस रिपोर्ट 2026 के अनुसार, वैश्विक एआई नेतृत्व में संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका प्रथम स्थान पर रहा, इसके बाद चीन और सिंगापुर का स्थान रहा, जबकि भारत 6वें स्थान पर रहा।
- The report has been published by EssayHumaniser.io and uses a weighted scoring model with a total of 100 points.
- यह रिपोर्ट EssayHumaniser.io द्वारा प्रकाशित की गई है और इसमें 100 अंकों के वेटेड स्कोरिंग मॉडल का उपयोग किया गया है।
- The United States secured Rank 1 with a score of 82 out of 100, maintaining its global leadership in AI innovation and research.
- संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका ने 100 में से 82 अंक प्राप्त कर पहला स्थान हासिल किया और एआई नवाचार एवं अनुसंधान में अपनी वैश्विक नेतृत्व स्थिति बनाए रखी।
- China ranked second, Singapore third, South Korea fourth, and the United Kingdom fifth in the global AI leadership rankings.
- वैश्विक एआई नेतृत्व रैंकिंग में चीन दूसरे, सिंगापुर तीसरे, दक्षिण कोरिया चौथे और यूनाइटेड किंगडम पांचवें स्थान पर रहे।
- India secured the 6th position with a score of 32 out of 100, reflecting its growing but comparatively developing AI ecosystem.





Ques: INS Anjadip, recently commissioned by the Indian Navy, is primarily designed for which purpose?

हाल ही में भारतीय नौसेना में शामिल आईएनएस अंजदीप मुख्य रूप से किस उद्देश्य के लिए डिजाइन किया गया है?

- A) Aircraft Carrier Operations / विमानवाहक पोत संचालन
- B) Anti-Submarine Warfare / पनडुब्बी रोधी युद्ध
- C) Amphibious Assault / उभयचर हमला
- D) Missile Defence / मिसाइल रक्षा
- E) Coastal Surveillance Only / केवल तटीय निगरानी

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Indian Navy commissioned INS Anjadip, its fourth indigenously designed and built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at Chennai Port.
- भारतीय नौसेना ने चेन्नई पोर्ट पर स्वदेशी रूप से डिजाइन और निर्मित चौथा एंटी-सबमरीन वारफेयर शैलो वाटर क्राफ्ट (ASW-SWC) आईएनएस अंजदीप शामिल किया।
- INS Anjadip is designed to detect, track and neutralise enemy submarines in coastal waters.
- आईएनएस अंजदीप तटीय जलक्षेत्र में दुश्मन पनडुब्बियों का पता लगाने, उनका पीछा करने और उन्हें निष्क्रिय करने के लिए डिजाइन किया गया है।
- The vessel is equipped with modern sonar systems, lightweight torpedoes and anti-submarine rockets to enhance underwater combat capability.
- यह पोत आधुनिक सोनार प्रणाली, हल्के टॉरपीडो और एंटी-सबमरीन रॉकेट्स से सुसज्जित है, जिससे जलमग्न युद्ध क्षमता में वृद्धि होती है।
- The commissioning strengthens India's coastal defence and anti-submarine warfare preparedness.
- इस पोत के शामिल होने से भारत की तटीय सुरक्षा और पनडुब्बी रोधी युद्ध क्षमता मजबूत हुई है।





Ques: The Lengtekai Bridge, also known as 'Faith Bridge', inaugurated by Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma, is built over which river?

मिजोरम के मुख्यमंत्री लालदुहोमा द्वारा उद्घाटित लेंगटेकाई ब्रिज (फेथ ब्रिज) किस नदी पर बनाया गया है?

- A) Barak River / बराक नदी
- B) Kolodyne River / कोलोडाइन नदी
- C) Tuivawl River / तुइवाल नदी
- D) Tlawng River / त्लावंग नदी
- E) Teirei River / तेरेई नदी

Answer: Option D

Explanation | व्याख्या:

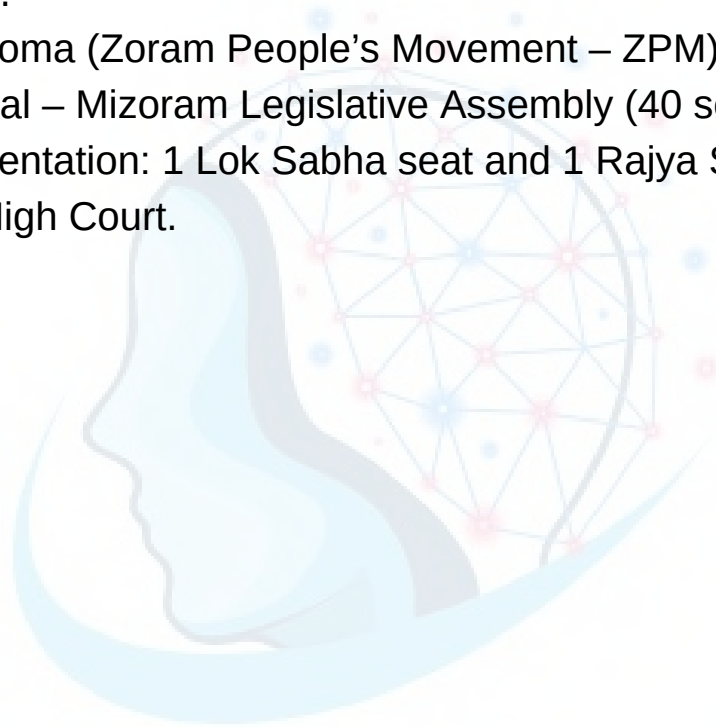
- The Lengtekai Bridge, also known as 'Faith Bridge', was inaugurated by Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma in Aizawl.
- लेंगटेकाई ब्रिज, जिसे 'फेथ ब्रिज' भी कहा जाता है, का उद्घाटन मिजोरम के मुख्यमंत्री लालदुहोमा ने आइजोल में किया।
- The bridge is constructed over the Tlawng River to strengthen regional road connectivity.
- यह पुल त्लावंग नदी पर क्षेत्रीय सड़क संपर्क को मजबूत करने के लिए बनाया गया है।
- The bridge is 100 metres long and 7.5 metres wide, with 1.5-metre footpaths on both sides.
- पुल की लंबाई 100 मीटर और चौड़ाई 7.5 मीटर है, तथा दोनों ओर 1.5 मीटर के फुटपाथ बनाए गए हैं।
- It is a steel bridge capable of carrying loads up to 385 metric tonnes (MT), enhancing transport capacity and road safety.
- यह एक स्टील पुल है, जो 385 मीट्रिक टन तक का भार वहन कर सकता है, जिससे परिवहन क्षमता और सड़क सुरक्षा में वृद्धि होगी।
- The bridge improves connectivity between Aizawl, Lengpui Airport, and Mamit district near the Tripura border.
- यह पुल आइजोल, लेंगपुई हवाई अड्डे और त्रिपुरा सीमा के पास स्थित मामित जिले के बीच संपर्क को बेहतर बनाता है।





About Mizoram | मिजोरम के बारे में:

- State Formation: 20 February 1987.
- Capital & Largest City: Aizawl.
- Number of Districts: 11.
- Governor: V. K. Singh.
- Chief Minister: Lalduhoma (Zoram People's Movement – ZPM).
- Legislature: Unicameral – Mizoram Legislative Assembly (40 seats).
- Parliamentary Representation: 1 Lok Sabha seat and 1 Rajya Sabha seat.
- High Court: Gauhati High Court.



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Ques: The Strait of Hormuz connects which two water bodies?

होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य किन दो जल निकायों को जोड़ता है?

- A) Red Sea and Arabian Sea / लाल सागर और अरब सागर
- B) Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea / भूमध्य सागर और काला सागर
- C) Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman / फारस की खाड़ी और ओमान की खाड़ी
- D) Caspian Sea and Black Sea / कैस्पियन सागर और काला सागर
- E) Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal / अरब सागर और बंगाल की खाड़ी

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Iran temporarily closed sections of the Strait of Hormuz for live-fire missile drills.
- ईरान ने लाइव-फायर मिसाइल अभ्यास के लिए होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य के कुछ हिस्सों को अस्थायी रूप से बंद कर दिया।
- The Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman.
- होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य फारस की खाड़ी को ओमान की खाड़ी से जोड़ता है।
- Around 20% of the world's oil trade passes through this narrow waterway, making it one of the most strategically important chokepoints globally.
- विश्व के लगभग 20% तेल व्यापार का परिवहन इसी संकीर्ण जलमार्ग से होता है, जिससे यह वैश्विक स्तर पर अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण सामरिक मार्ग बन जाता है।
- This is the first official closure of sections of the Strait by Iran since the United States recently threatened military intervention.
- हाल ही में संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका द्वारा सैन्य हस्तक्षेप की धमकी के बाद यह पहली बार है जब ईरान ने आधिकारिक रूप से जलडमरूमध्य के कुछ हिस्सों को बंद किया।
- Iran stated that the closure was for "safety and maritime concerns" during its "Smart Control" military exercises.
- ईरान ने कहा कि यह बंदी "सुरक्षा और समुद्री चिंताओं" के कारण "स्मार्ट कंट्रोल" सैन्य अभ्यास के दौरान की गई।
- Because there is no easy alternative route for oil flowing through the Strait, even temporary closures cause global energy prices to fluctuate and create economic uncertainty worldwide.





Ques: Nine cheetahs (6 females and 3 males) were recently brought from Botswana to which National Park?

हाल ही में बोत्सवाना से लाए गए 9 चीते किस नेशनल पार्क में छोड़े गए?

- A) Jim Corbett National Park / जिम कॉर्बेट नेशनल पार्क
- B) Kaziranga National Park / काजीरंगा नेशनल पार्क
- C) Kuno National Park / कुनो नेशनल पार्क
- D) Kanha National Park / कान्हा नेशनल पार्क
- E) Bandhavgarh National Park / बांधवगढ़ नेशनल पार्क

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav announced the arrival of nine cheetahs from Botswana.
- केंद्रीय पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री भूपेंद्र यादव ने बोत्सवाना से 9 चीतों के आगमन की घोषणा की।
- The cheetahs (6 females and 3 males) were released into quarantine enclosures at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh on February 28, 2026.
- 28 फरवरी 2026 को 6 मादा और 3 नर चीतों को मध्य प्रदेश के कुनो नेशनल पार्क के क्वारंटीन बाड़ों में छोड़ा गया।
- They will undergo acclimatisation and health monitoring before being released into the wild.
- इन्हें जंगल में छोड़े जाने से पहले अनुकूलन और स्वास्थ्य निगरानी प्रक्रिया से गुजरना होगा।
- Earlier, 8 cheetahs were brought from Namibia (September 2022) and 12 from South Africa (February 2023).
- इससे पहले 8 चीते नामीबिया (सितंबर 2022) और 12 दक्षिण अफ्रीका (फरवरी 2023) से लाए गए थे।

Static Facts | स्थैतिक तथ्य:

- Project Cheetah launched – 17 September 2022
- प्रोजेक्ट चीता प्रारंभ – 17 सितंबर 2022
- Launched under – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)





- प्रारंभ – पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत
- Spearheaded by – National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
- संचालन – राष्ट्रीय बाघ संरक्षण प्राधिकरण द्वारा
- Aligns with – United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15 (Life on Land)
- संबंधित – संयुक्त राष्ट्र सतत विकास लक्ष्य 15 (स्थल पर जीवन)
- Last confirmed wild cheetah sighting in India – 1947 (Koriya district, present-day Chhattisgarh)
- भारत में अंतिम बार जंगली चीता देखे जाने की पुष्टि – 1947 (कोरिया जिला, वर्तमान छत्तीसगढ़)
- Officially declared extinct in India – 1952
- भारत में आधिकारिक रूप से विलुप्त घोषित – 1952
- Scientific name – *Acinonyx jubatus*
- वैज्ञानिक नाम – *Acinonyx jubatus*
- IUCN Status – Vulnerable (VU)
- IUCN स्थिति – असुरक्षित (VU)
- “Mukhi” – First cheetah cub born in India under Project Cheetah; later gave birth to five healthy cubs.
- “मुखी” – प्रोजेक्ट चीता के तहत भारत में जन्मा पहला शावक; बाद में पाँच स्वस्थ शावकों को जन्म दिया।

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Ques: Which airport won the Asia-Pacific's Best Airport for Departures (Over 40-million passengers category) at the 2025 Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards?

प्रश्न: 2025 एयरपोर्ट सर्विस क्वालिटी (ASQ) पुरस्कार में 40 मिलियन से अधिक यात्रियों की श्रेणी में एशिया-प्रशांत का सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रस्थान हवाई अड्डा कौन सा बना?

- A) Indira Gandhi International Airport / इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा
- B) Kempegowda International Airport / केम्पेगौड़ा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा
- C) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport / नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा
- D) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport / राजीव गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा
- E) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport / छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) won the Asia-Pacific's Best Airport for Departures in the Over 40-million passengers category at the 2025 ASQ Customer Experience Awards.
- मुंबई का छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा (CSMIA) 2025 ASQ ग्राहक अनुभव पुरस्कार में 40 मिलियन से अधिक यात्रियों की श्रेणी में एशिया-प्रशांत का सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रस्थान हवाई अड्डा बना।
- The award was presented by Airports Council International (ACI).
- यह पुरस्कार एयरपोर्ट्स काउंसिल इंटरनेशनल (ACI) द्वारा प्रदान किया गया।
- CSMIA is operated by Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL).
- CSMIA का संचालन मुंबई इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (MIAL) द्वारा किया जाता है।
- MIAL is a joint venture between Adani Airport Holdings Limited and the Airports Authority of India.
- MIAL, अदानी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड और भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के बीच एक संयुक्त उपक्रम है।





Ques: What is the maximum amount Bank of Baroda plans to raise through green infrastructure bonds?

- A) ₹5,000 crore
- B) ₹7,000 crore
- C) ₹8,000 crore
- D) ₹10,000 crore
- E) ₹12,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda plans to raise up to ₹10,000 crore through green infrastructure bonds.
- The base issue size is ₹5,000 crore with a green shoe option of ₹5,000 crore, totaling ₹10,000 crore.
- The bonds will have a 7-year tenure and will mature in 2033.
- They have been rated 'AAA' (Stable) by CARE Ratings and ICRA.
- Green bonds are debt instruments used to finance environmentally sustainable projects.

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Ques: The newly inaugurated SBI Parbung Branch is located in which district of Manipur?

- A) Imphal West
- B) Churachandpur
- C) Pherzawl
- D) Ukhrul
- E) Thoubal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India Chairman C.S. Setty virtually inaugurated the SBI Parbung Branch from the bank's Local Head Office in Guwahati.
- The branch is located in Pherzawl district and marks the first-ever banking facility in the district.
- The initiative strengthens financial inclusion by providing access to savings accounts, deposits, and essential banking services locally.
- SBI was established on 1 July 1955 and its headquarters is in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The tagline of SBI is "The Banker to Every Indian."

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Ques: Waaree Energies Limited has announced the establishment of India's largest integrated Lithium-ion Battery Gigafactory in which state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Karnataka

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Waaree Energies Limited has announced the establishment of India's largest integrated Lithium-ion Battery Gigafactory at Rambilli in Anakapalli district of Andhra Pradesh.
- The project will significantly strengthen India's energy storage capacity and clean-energy manufacturing ecosystem.
- The total planned investment is ₹8,175 crore (approx. USD 890 million).
- The facility is expected to have a production capacity of 16 Gigawatt-hours (GWh), making it one of the largest battery manufacturing units in the country.

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Ques: From March 1, 2026, messaging apps like WhatsApp must be linked to what?

- A) Aadhaar Card
- B) Email ID
- C) Active SIM card in the device
- D) PAN Card
- E) Bank Account

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- From March 1, 2026, major digital security and telecom changes will come into effect across India.
- Messaging apps like WhatsApp, Telegram, and Signal must be linked to an active SIM card physically present in the device.
- If the SIM card associated with the account is removed, the app will stop functioning.
- WhatsApp Web and desktop versions will auto log out every 6 hours and require re-authentication via QR scan from the phone.
- Under UPI changes, high-value transactions may require biometric or multi-factor authentication instead of only UPI PIN.
- Newly registered UPI users may face a 24-hour transaction restriction, generally capped at ₹5,000.
- Indian Railways is phasing out the old UTS mobile app for unreserved and platform tickets.
- The new RailOne App will replace UTS for booking unreserved and platform tickets.
- These measures aim to curb fraud, fake accounts, cybercrime, and unauthorized access.





Ques: The 'Vanjeevi Didi' initiative, aimed at empowering women for forest and wildlife protection, has been launched in which Tiger Reserve?

- A) Simlipal Tiger Reserve
- B) Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- C) Palamu Tiger Reserve
- D) Sundarbans Tiger Reserve
- E) Kanha Tiger Reserve

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Palamu Tiger Reserve has launched the 'Vanjeevi Didi' initiative, a community-based conservation programme focused on empowering women to protect forests and wildlife.
- The initiative has been introduced by the South Division of PTR to strengthen grassroots participation in biodiversity conservation.
- Under the programme, 18 women from 17 villages have been selected and designated as 'Vanjeevi Didis' (Forest Sisters).
- These Vanjeevi Didis will act as conservation ambassadors, spreading awareness and encouraging communities to avoid poaching, illegal logging, and deforestation.





Ques: The Bihar State Cabinet has approved the construction of a Greenfield International Airport at which location in the state?

- A) Sonpur (Saran district)
- B) Purnea
- C) Darbhanga
- D) Muzaffarpur
- E) Bhagalpur

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Bihar State Cabinet, chaired by Nitish Kumar, approved the construction of a Greenfield International Airport at Sonpur in Saran district.
- The airport will become the 24th Greenfield Airport in India.
- An estimated ₹1,302 crore has been sanctioned for land acquisition, and the project is targeted for completion by 2030.
- The airport will be developed over approximately 4,200 acres in the Dariyapur Chanwar area.

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Ques: The Our Lady of Grace Cathedral, which received the Award of Merit at the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation, is located in which state?

- A) Goa
- B) Kerala
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Karnataka

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Our Lady of Grace Cathedral, located in Papdy village, Vasai in Maharashtra, received the Award of Merit at the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation announced in Bangkok.
- The recognition honours the successful community-led restoration of the 475-year-old Portuguese-era cathedral.
- Built in the 16th century during Portuguese rule in India, it symbolises the spread of Catholicism in Maharashtra.
- The cathedral was constructed using traditional stone masonry and mud-based techniques without cement or bricks.
- The UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards recognise excellence in conserving cultural heritage across the region.
- The highest Award of Distinction in 2025 went to projects in Japan and China, while other recognised sites included those in Malaysia, Nepal and Vanuatu.





xQues: Under the nationwide HPV vaccination campaign, which vaccine will be administered to 14-year-old girls?

- A) Covaxin
- B) Cervavac
- C) Gardasil 4
- D) Rotavac
- E) Pentavalent Vaccine

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the nationwide HPV Vaccination Campaign from Ajmer, Rajasthan.
- Under the campaign, a single-dose 'Gardasil 4', a quadrivalent HPV vaccine, will be administered to 14-year-old girls.
- The vaccine protects against HPV types 6, 11, 16, and 18, which are responsible for cervical cancer and other HPV-related diseases.
- The U-WIN platform will be used for registration and reporting, while the e-VIN portal will manage vaccine stock and logistics.
- HPV types 16 and 18 are the leading causes of cervical cancer, the second most common cancer among women in India.





Ques: Where was the National Arogya Fair 2026 held?

- A) Nagpur
- B) Aurangabad
- C) Nashik
- D) Pune
- E) Shegaon, Buldhana (Maharashtra)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The National Arogya Fair 2026 was held at Shegaon in Buldhana district of Maharashtra.
- The event was inaugurated by the Honorable President of India, Droupadi Murmu.
- It was organised by the Ministry of Ayush in collaboration with the All India Ayurvedic Congress.

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Ques: The Indian Army conducted a live firing test of the Strela-10 VSHORADS at which location in Rajasthan?

- A) Mahajan Field Firing Range
- B) Barmer Sector
- C) Jaisalmer Air Base
- D) Bikaner Range
- E) Pokhran Field Firing Range

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Indian Army successfully conducted a high-intensity live firing test of the Strela-10 Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the Pokhran Field Firing Range.
- The exercise was carried out by the Konark Corps and the Air Defence Warriors of the Blazing Skies Brigade to enhance desert battlefield air defence preparedness.
- The Strela-10 is a Very Short Range Air Defence System functioning as a Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) system to counter helicopters, low-flying aircraft, UAVs, and other low-altitude aerial threats.
- The system has an engagement range of approximately 6 to 10 kilometres.





Ques: Who has recently taken charge as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited?

- A) Sandeep Kumar Gupta
- B) Deepak Gupta
- C) Sanjiv Singh
- D) Alok Kumar
- E) Rajesh Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Deepak Gupta has assumed charge as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited.
- He replaced Sandeep Kumar Gupta, who superannuated on February 28.
- He had earlier joined GAIL as Director (Projects) in February 2022.
- His tenure as CMD will continue till February 28, 2029.
- Founded in 1984, GAIL is India's largest natural gas transmission and marketing company, headquartered in New Delhi.

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Ques: The National Divyangjan Cricket Sports Festival-2026 was inaugurated in which city?

- A) Bhopal
- B) Indore
- C) Gwalior
- D) Jabalpur
- E) Ujjain

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Mohan Yadav inaugurated the National Divyangjan Cricket Sports Festival-2026 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- The event is organised under the theme “Not Out @ 100” and is described as a first-of-its-kind global sporting initiative for Divyang athletes.
- A total of 350 Divyang cricket players from 25 states across India are participating in the festival.
- A unique feature of the festival is the organisation of continuous cricket matches for 100 hours to create a world record in inclusive sports participation.

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Ques: 'Prachand' Light Combat Helicopter is developed by which organization?

- A) DRDO
- B) ISRO
- C) HAL
- D) BEL
- E) BDL

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu undertook a sortie in the indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) 'Prachand' at Air Force Station, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- 'Prachand' (LCH) has been developed and manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- The helicopter was formally inducted into the Indian Air Force in 2022.
- It is capable of operating in high-altitude areas with advanced avionics and weapon systems, showcasing India's indigenous defence capability.

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Ques: National Protein Day, observed on 27th February, was first started in which year?

- A) 2018
- B) 2019
- C) 2020
- D) 2021
- E) 2022

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Protein Day is observed every year on 27th February.
- It was first started in the year 2020.
- In 2026, the 7th edition of National Protein Day is being observed.

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Ques: The Reserve Bank of India has approved SBI Mutual Fund to acquire up to what percentage stake in Bandhan Bank?

- A) 5%
- B) 7.5%
- C) 9.99%
- D) 12%
- E) 15%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved a proposal by SBI Mutual Fund to acquire an aggregate holding of up to 9.99% in Bandhan Bank.
- The approval is subject to compliance with the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- SBI Mutual Fund has one year from the date of approval to complete the share acquisition up to the 9.99% limit.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- A) Børge Brende
- B) António Guterres
- C) Klaus Schwab
- D) Kristalina Georgieva
- E) Alois Zwinggi

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Alois Zwinggi has been appointed as the Interim President and CEO of the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- He replaced Børge Brende of Norway.
- Alois Zwinggi was earlier appointed as President and CEO of the WEF in 2017.
- The World Economic Forum was established in 1971 and is headquartered in Cologny, Switzerland.

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Ques: India's 1st State Innovation Mission (SIM) was formally launched in which city?

- A) Guwahati
- B) Shillong
- C) Agartala
- D) Aizawl
- E) Imphal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Jitendra Singh formally launched India's 1st State Innovation Mission (SIM) at the Hapania International Exhibition Center in Agartala, Tripura.
- The mission is designed as a long-term institutional framework to support States and Union Territories in building robust and inclusive innovation ecosystems.
- The State Innovation Mission (SIM) is part of the approved Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) 2.0 programme, led by NITI Aayog's State Support Mission (SSM).
- During the event, the Minister described the Northeast as the 'New Engine' of India's growth.

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Ques: The “Rah-Veer” scheme, aimed at encouraging citizens to help road accident victims within the golden hour, has been launched in which state/UT?

- A) Haryana
- B) Punjab
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Delhi

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The “Rah-Veer” scheme has been announced by Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.
- Under the scheme, any person who helps a seriously injured road accident victim and ensures transport to a hospital or trauma centre within the golden hour will receive ₹25,000 as a cash reward along with a certificate of appreciation.
- A maximum of ₹25,000 per incident will be provided even if multiple victims are saved in the same incident.
- Every year, ten outstanding “Rah-Veers” selected nationally will receive a special award of ₹1 lakh along with a certificate.

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Ques: The Rail Tech Policy and complete digitisation of the Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT) are part of which initiative of Indian Railways?

- A) Digital India Mission
- B) Gati Shakti Programme
- C) National Rail Plan 2030
- D) 52 Reforms in 52 Weeks
- E) Make in India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the launch of the Rail Tech Policy and the complete digitisation of the Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT).
- These are Reform Number Three and Reform Number Four under Indian Railways' flagship '52 Reforms in 52 Weeks' initiative.
- A dedicated RailTech Portal will be launched to enable innovators to submit proposals through a fully digital, end-to-end process.
- The Railways will fund up to 50% of development costs for viable solutions and place large-scale orders for successful innovations.
- Under the major procedural reform in RCT, 24x7 e-filing, online hearings, and instant access to orders will simplify accident and untoward incident claims for litigants.





Ques: The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Raebareli signed an MoU with which company to strengthen pharmaceutical education and innovation-driven drug development?

- A) Pfizer India
- B) Cipla Limited
- C) Boehringer Ingelheim India Private Limited
- D) Sun Pharmaceutical Industries
- E) Dr. Reddy's Laboratories

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Raebareli (NIPER), Uttar Pradesh, along with its Centre of Excellence for Novel Drug Delivery Systems (CoE-NDDS), signed an MoU with Boehringer Ingelheim India Private Limited.
- The collaboration aims to strengthen pharmaceutical education, research collaboration, and innovation-driven drug development in India.
- During the event, Cohort-2 of AMRITVA (Alliance for Medical Research, Innovation, Translation & Value Acceleration) was launched to accelerate medical research translation and commercialization.
- A total of 5 innovators were selected, including 3 faculty-led projects and 2 research-led initiatives.
scholar-led projects.
- Selected innovators will receive grant support for commercialization of research outcomes.
- AMRITVA is implemented by Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre IIT Kanpur (SIIC-IIT Kanpur) in partnership with NIPER Raebareli.





Ques: The 'Meri Rasoi' scheme, recently launched, has been introduced by which state government?

- A) Punjab
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Haryana
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Uttarakhand

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 'Meri Rasoi' scheme has been launched by the Government of Punjab.
- The objective of the scheme is to provide nutritional support to nearly 40 lakh economically weaker families across the state.
- Under this scheme, food kits will be distributed free of cost for three months at a time.
- The first phase will cover April, May and June 2026.

Each eligible family will receive:

- 2 kg chana dal
- 2 kg sugar
- 1 kg iodized salt
- 200 g turmeric powder
- 1 litre mustard oil

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Ques: The National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) has been upgraded to which category of Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)?

- A) Schedule 'A'
- B) Schedule 'B'
- C) Schedule 'C'
- D) Schedule 'D'
- E) Maharatna Category

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) has upgraded the National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) from Schedule 'B' to Schedule 'A' category CPSE.
- Schedule 'A' status provides NSIC greater financial and operational autonomy.
- This upgrade will strengthen NSIC's role in implementing Government of India programmes.
- The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) classifies CPSEs into four schedules: A, B, C, and D to streamline management and salary structures.

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Ques: The Union Government has introduced a national Access Pass system to promote sustainable fishing within which maritime zone?

- A) Territorial Sea
- B) Contiguous Zone
- C) Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- D) High Seas
- E) Continental Shelf

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Government has introduced a national Access Pass system to encourage sustainable fishing within India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- The EEZ extends up to 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.
- Under the EEZ Rules, the Access Pass aims to promote deep-sea fishing and encourage the formation of Fisheries Cooperatives and Fishermen Fish Producer Organisations (FFPOs).
- The pass is mandatory for around 64,000 mechanised vessels and large motorised vessels above 24 metres, while traditional non-motorised or artisanal fishers are exempted.
- the National Informatics Centre and the Department of Fisheries.
- ReALCRaft is integrated with the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for Catch Certificates and the Export Inspection Council (EIC) for Health Certificates to ensure regulatory compliance and export facilitation.





Ques: Mount Aconcagua, recently summited by a six-member Indian team, is located in which country?

- A) Argentina
- B) Peru
- C) Chile
- D) Bolivia
- E) Ecuador

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- A six-member team from the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM), Uttarkashi, and the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM&WS), Pahalgam, successfully summited Mount Aconcagua in Argentina.
- The expedition was formally flagged off by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The team was led by Colonel Hem Chandra Singh, Principal of NIM and JIM&WS.
- Mount Aconcagua is the highest peak in South America.

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Ques: The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has launched which initiative to monitor the quality of ongoing National Highway (NH) projects across India?

- A) National Highway Expansion Mission
- B) Mobile Quality Control Vans (MQCVs) Initiative
- C) Bharat Highway Acceleration Project
- D) Smart Toll Monitoring Scheme
- E) Green Corridor Development Programme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has launched the Mobile Quality Control Vans (MQCVs) Initiative to monitor the quality of ongoing National Highway projects across India.
- The initiative reflects a shift from rapid road expansion towards ensuring high-quality, safe and reliable highway infrastructure.
- Pilot projects have been implemented in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Karnataka and Odisha.
- MQCVs function as mobile laboratories conducting on-site and real-time testing using non-destructive testing technologies.
- The equipment installed in these vans includes Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity Meters, Rebound Hammers, Asphalt Density Gauges and Reflectometers.
- MoRTH is also developing a National Highway Quality Monitoring Portal that will provide online access to quality test reports, real-time GPS tracking of MQCVs and a transparent, data-driven monitoring system.





Ques: Where was the 4th World Ocean Science Congress 2026 held?

- A) Visakhapatnam
- B) Kochi
- C) Panaji, Goa
- D) Chennai
- E) Mumbai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 4th World Ocean Science Congress 2026 was held at the National Institute of Oceanography in Panaji, Goa.
- The Congress is organised biannually.
- Theme: “Ocean Health and Sustainable Future”.
- It was organised by the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), and Goa University.
- Previous editions were held in Visakhapatnam, Kochi, and Chennai.

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Ques: Teacher App 2.0, aimed at accelerating AI adoption in India's K-12 ecosystem, was launched by whom?

- A) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- B) Dharmendra Pradhan
- C) Jitendra Singh
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Rajnath Singh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Teacher App 2.0 was launched by Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan.
- The app has been developed by Bharti Airtel Foundation in collaboration with CK-12 Foundation.
- Its objective is to accelerate Artificial Intelligence (AI) adoption in India's K-12 ecosystem.
- The initiative is aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the Viksit Bharat @2047 vision.
- The app currently supports over two lakh educators across India and is available as a free-for-life digital platform.





Ques: The Government of India has reduced duty benefits under which export support scheme by 50% with immediate effect?

- A) MEIS (Merchandise Exports from India Scheme)
- B) SEIS (Service Exports from India Scheme)
- C) RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products)
- D) EPCG (Export Promotion Capital Goods)
- E) PLI (Production Linked Incentive)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has reduced duty benefits under the RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) scheme by 50% with immediate effect.
- The decision was notified by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).
- The RoDTEP scheme was launched in 2021 to refund taxes, duties, and levies incurred during manufacturing, transportation, and distribution of export goods.
- Under the new change, benefits are now restricted to 50% of the existing notified rates, and value caps have also been reduced by 50%.

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Ques: The “CM Jan Sunwai Portal & Mobile App”, a centralised grievance redressal system, has been launched in which state/UT?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Delhi
- C) Delhi
- D) Haryana
- E) Punjab

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The initiative was launched by Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta at the Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi.
- The objective is to strengthen digital public service delivery and citizen grievance redressal through IT-based governance initiatives.

Major Initiatives Launched:

1. CM Jan Sunwai Portal & Mobile App:
2. A centralised grievance redressal system enabling citizens to submit complaints across departments.
3. Integration of e-District Services with Common Service Centre (CSC) Network:
4. To enhance accessibility of government services at the grassroots level.
3. Secure Online Admission Platform:
To ensure transparent and secure digital admission processes.





Ques : Central Bank of India has signed a Distribution Agreement with which Asset Management Company to offer mutual fund products to its customers?

- A) SBI Mutual Fund
- B) HDFC Asset Management Company
- C) Nippon India Asset Management
- D) ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company
- E) Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Limited

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Central Bank of India has signed a Distribution Agreement with Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Limited (CRAMC).
- This partnership will allow the bank to offer a wide range of mutual fund products to its customers.
- Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Limited is one of India's leading asset management companies.

About Central Bank of India:

- Established: 1911
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- MD & CEO: Kalyan Kumar
- Tagline: Central to you since 1911





Ques : India and Canada aim to increase bilateral trade to what amount by 2030 under CEPA?

- A) \$30 Billion
- B) \$40 Billion
- C) \$50 Billion
- D) \$60 Billion
- E) \$75 Billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Canada agreed on a \$1.9 billion (CAD 2.6 billion) uranium supply deal for Indian nuclear power reactors.
- Both countries decided to conclude the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) within this year and issued the Terms of Reference (ToR) for negotiations.
- Under CEPA, the two nations have set a target to double bilateral trade to \$50 billion by 2030.

About Canada:

- Capital: Ottawa
- Currency: Canadian Dollar
- Prime Minister: Mark Carney





Ques: “SUJVIKA”, an AI-driven Biotech Product Data Portal, was launched on the 40th Foundation Day of which department?

- A) Department of Science & Technology (DST)
- B) Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
- C) Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)
- D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- E) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- On the 40th Foundation Day of the Department of Biotechnology, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Jitendra Singh launched “SUJVIKA”, an AI-driven Biotech Product Data Portal.
- The portal was developed in collaboration with Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE).
- SUJVIKA is a Trade Statistics Digital Intelligence Platform that provides authenticated and structured data on biotechnology product imports, biochemicals, industrial enzymes, and other biotech products.
- The Department of Biotechnology is also implementing the BioE3 Policy (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) along with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).





Ques. Bharat Steel 2026 summit will be hosted in which city?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India will host the Bharat Steel 2026 Summit in New Delhi from 16–17 April 2026.
- The summit is a flagship global event organised by the Ministry of Steel.
- It will bring together leaders from the steel, mining, technology, and trading sectors.
- The event will be held at Bharat Mandapam and will serve as a platform for policy–business dialogue to promote sustainable industrial growth and highlight India’s strength in the steel sector.

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Ques : The qualification load test of the Drogue Parachute for the Gaganyaan mission was conducted at which facility?

- A) DRDO Missile Complex, Hyderabad
- B) Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
- C) Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) Facility, Chandigarh
- D) ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri
- E) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The qualification load test of the Drogue Parachute for the Gaganyaan Mission was successfully conducted by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- The test was carried out at the Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) Facility located at the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory in Chandigarh.
- The objective was to verify whether the Drogue Parachute can withstand qualification loads, which are higher pressures than those expected during the actual mission.
- The Drogue Parachute acts as the primary braking system of the spacecraft during re-entry in the Gaganyaan Mission.
- Goal: To send 3 astronauts to Low Earth Orbit (400 km altitude) for 3 days.
- Target Date: First manned mission expected in early 2027.
- Four Indian Air Force pilots selected for the mission : Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, Group Captain Angad Pratap and Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla





Ques : What interest rate has been recommended on EPF deposits for 2025–26?

- A) 8.00%
- B) 8.10%
- C) 8.25%
- D) 8.50%
- E) 7.90%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Central Board of Trustees (CBT) has recommended 8.25% interest rate on EPF deposits for the financial year 2025–26.
- Several reform measures were also approved, including auto-initiation of claim settlement in inoperative accounts.
- Reforms were also approved in Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) and Employees' Deposit-Linked Insurance (EDLI) under the Social Security Code.

About EPFO:

- Established: 1952
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Parent Ministry: Ministry of Labour and Employment





Ques: The Ahmedabad Metro Rail extension from GIFT City to Shahpur will be executed by which organisation?

- A) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)
- B) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)
- C) Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited (GMRC)
- D) National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)
- E) Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the Ahmedabad Metro Rail extension from GIFT City to Shahpur in Gujarat.
- The project aims to improve connectivity between Ahmedabad and Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).
- The project will be executed by Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited (GMRC).
- Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited is a 50:50 joint venture between the Government of India and the Government of Gujarat.

Project Details:

- Corridor length: 3.33 km
 - Stations: 3 elevated metro stations
 - Estimated cost: ₹1,067.35 crore
 - Expected completion: About 4 years.
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- The Ahmedabad Metro network, including Phase-I and Phase-II, has a total length of 68.28 kilometres with 53 stations. Phase-I, operational since September 2022, covers the APMC to Motera Stadium (North–South Corridor) and Thaltej Gam to Vastral Gam (East–West Corridor).





Ques : What is the size of the renewed India–Japan Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA)?

- A) \$50 Billion
- B) \$60 Billion
- C) \$75 Billion
- D) \$80 Billion
- E) \$100 Billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Japan renewed their Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA), which became effective on 28 February 2026.
- The size of the currency swap facility has been retained at \$75 billion.
- It is a two-way currency swap framework that allows the exchange of local currencies against the US dollar, strengthening financial safety nets and providing liquidity support during external pressures.

About the institutions managing the arrangement:

- In India, it is managed by the Reserve Bank of India (Established: 1 April 1935, HQ: Mumbai).
- In Japan, it is handled by the Bank of Japan (Established: 1882, HQ: Tokyo).





Ques: The 3rd edition of the States' Electricity Transition (SET) Report was released by which organisations?

- A) NITI Aayog and TERI
- B) IEEFA and Ember
- C) Ministry of Power and CEA
- D) World Bank and ADB
- E) CSE and Greenpeace

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 3rd edition of the States' Electricity Transition (SET) Report was released by Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and Ember.
- The report highlights that electricity transition at the state (sub-national) level in India shows wider but uneven progress.
- Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, and Rajasthan emerged as leaders in EV adoption and Green Hydrogen development.

About SET Report 2026:

- Coverage: 21 states assessed, representing nearly 95% of India's total electricity demand.
- Purpose: To analyse states' transition towards clean and sustainable power systems.
- Decarbonization Leaders: Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala
- Power Ecosystem Readiness & Performance Leaders: Delhi, Haryana
- Market Enablers – Top Performers: Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan





Ques: The development of a Civil Enclave at Srinagar International Airport has been approved at an estimated cost of how much?

- A) ₹1,250 crore
- B) ₹1,450 crore
- C) ₹1,677 crore
- D) ₹1,850 crore
- E) ₹2,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the development of a Civil Enclave at Srinagar International Airport.
- The project has an estimated cost of ₹1,677 crore and aims to strengthen aviation infrastructure and improve connectivity in the Kashmir Valley.
- The airport is located about 12 km from Srinagar and is operated by the Airports Authority of India within the Budgam Airbase of the Indian Air Force.
- Srinagar International Airport was declared an International Airport in 2005, and the project will cover 73.18 acres including construction of security personnel barracks.

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Ques : Tata Steel announced an investment of ₹11,000 crore in which state?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Odisha
- D) West Bengal
- E) Maharashtra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Tata Steel has announced an investment of ₹11,000 crore at its Jamshedpur facility in Jharkhand.
- The investment aims to develop advanced grade and green steel technology with lower carbon emissions, promoting sustainable steel production.
- The project is expected to strengthen the company's global footprint and enhance environmentally responsible manufacturing practices in India.

About Tata Steel:

- Established: 1907
- Founder: Jamsetji Tata
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Parent Group: Tata Group

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Ques: What is the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Raw Jute (TD-3 Grade) approved for the Marketing Season 2026–27?

- A) ₹5,650 per quintal
- B) ₹5,750 per quintal
- C) ₹5,925 per quintal
- D) ₹6,100 per quintal
- E) ₹6,250 per quintal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Raw Jute (TD-3 Grade) for the Marketing Season 2026–27.
- The MSP has been fixed at ₹5,925 per quintal, which is an increase of ₹275 per quintal over the 2025–26 season.
- The MSP ensures about 61.8% return over the All-India Weighted Average Cost of Production and follows the policy announced in the Union Budget 2018–19 that MSP should be at least 1.5 times the cost of production.

Additional Fact:

- MSP for raw jute has increased from ₹2,400 per quintal in 2014–15 to ₹5,925 per quintal in 2026–27, showing nearly 2.5 times growth.
during 2014–15 to 2025–26 compared to ₹441 crore during 2004–05 to 2013–14, indicating enhanced farmer income support.
- The Jute Corporation of India (JCI) will continue as the Central Government's nodal agency for Price Support Operations (PSO), and any operational losses will be fully reimbursed by the Central Government.





Ques : Sunil Bharti Mittal became the first Indian to receive which award?

- A) Padma Vibhushan
- B) GSMA Lifetime Achievement Award
- C) Nobel Prize
- D) ITU Global Award
- E) Ramon Magsaysay Award

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, received the GSMA Lifetime Achievement Award at the Mobile World Congress 2026 held in Barcelona.
- He became the first Indian to receive this prestigious honour from the GSMA.
- The award recognises his major contribution to the global telecommunications industry and expansion of digital connectivity worldwide.

About GSMA:

- Full form: Global System for Mobile Communications Association
- Established: 1995
- Headquarters: London.





Ques : National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated on 28 February to commemorate which scientific discovery?

- A) Discovery of Electron
- B) Discovery of Raman Effect
- C) Discovery of Radioactivity
- D) Discovery of DNA Structure
- E) Discovery of X-Rays

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- National Science Day is celebrated every year on 28 February in India.
- It commemorates the discovery of the Raman Effect in 1928 by C. V. Raman.
- C. V. Raman received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930 for this discovery.
- 2026 marks the 40th National Science Day.

Theme 2026: “Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat.”

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Ques: The Government of India, in coordination with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), plans to conduct a ₹25,000-crore switch auction of which financial instrument to manage public debt efficiently?

- A) Treasury Bills (T-Bills)
- B) Dated Government Securities (G-Secs)
- C) Sovereign Gold Bonds
- D) State Development Loans (SDLs)
- E) Corporate Bonds

Answer: B) Dated Government Securities (G-Secs)

Explanation:

- The Government of India, in coordination with the Reserve Bank of India, will conduct a ₹25,000-crore switch auction of Dated Government Securities (G-Secs) to manage public debt efficiently.
- The main objective of the switch auction is to smooth the government's redemption and repayment profile.
- It helps reduce near-term repayment pressure, spread debt obligations over a longer period, lower rollover risk, and improve liability management.
- The auction will be conducted using the Multiple-Price Auction format, where successful bidders receive allotment at their quoted prices.
- In a switch operation, the government exchanges short-maturity bonds for longer-tenor securities to avoid immediate cash repayment and distribute repayment liabilities over a longer period.
over future years.
- Earlier similar debt conversion and switch operations were conducted with the RBI, where short-term securities were bought back and equivalent long-term securities were issued based on prices determined by Financial Benchmarks India Pvt Ltd (FBIL).





Ques: The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) proposed April 1 for insurers to adopt which accounting standard?

- A) IFRS
- B) GAAP
- C) Ind AS
- D) IAS
- E) Basel Norms

Answer: C) Ind AS

Explanation:

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has proposed April 1 for insurers to adopt Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS).
- The rule will apply to life, general, health insurers and re-insurers across the insurance sector.
- The objective is to improve transparency, consistency, and global comparability in financial reporting.
- IRDAI was established in 1999 under the IRDAI Act, 1999.
- The headquarters of IRDAI is located in Hyderabad.
- The current Chairperson of IRDAI is Ajay Seth.





Ques: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced a new category called “Life Cycle Funds” under reforms in the mutual fund industry. Life Cycle Funds mainly relate to which of the following?

- A) Goal-based Funds
- B) Fixed Return Funds
- C) Infrastructure Funds
- D) International Funds
- E) Commodity Funds

Answer: A) Goal-based Funds

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced major reforms in the ₹81 lakh crore Indian mutual fund industry.
- The reforms aim to improve transparency, portfolio discipline, and investor protection.
- SEBI introduced a new category of funds called Life Cycle Funds.
- These funds automatically reduce equity exposure as investors approach their financial goal, following a predefined glide path.
- Life Cycle Funds can invest up to 10% in gold and silver ETFs, ETCs, and InvITs.
- These funds can be launched with a tenure ranging from 5 to 30 years in multiples of five years.
- Under the reforms, the number of mutual fund categories has increased from 36 to 40.
- SEBI has also enforced a stricter “true-to-label” regime requiring mutual fund portfolios to strictly follow their stated investment objective.





Ques: The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) recently raised ₹5,000 crore through the issuance of which short-term money market instrument?

- A) Treasury Bills (T-Bills)
- B) Commercial Paper (CP)
- C) Certificate of Deposit (CD)
- D) Sovereign Gold Bonds
- E) State Development Loans (SDLs)

Answer: C) Certificate of Deposit (CD)

Explanation:

- The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) raised ₹5,000 crore through a one-year Certificate of Deposit (CD) at a coupon rate of 6.95%.
- This issuance marked NaBFID's first-ever Certificate of Deposit issuance in the money market.
- The issue had a tenure of one year and was reportedly oversubscribed, indicating strong investor demand.
- The pricing was achieved 5–7 basis points lower than comparable issuers, reflecting favourable market confidence in NaBFID.
- A Certificate of Deposit (CD) is a short-term money market instrument issued by banks and financial institutions to raise funds from institutional investors.
- CDs generally have maturities ranging from 7 days to 1 year depending on the issuer and market conditions.





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- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- C) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D) New Development Bank (NDB)
- E) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Answer: B) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided a ₹4,648 crore loan to the Government of West Bengal.
- The objective of the loan is to strengthen secondary education infrastructure in the state.
- It will also help improve child nutrition and early childhood development services.
- The project follows a 70:30 funding model.
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Ques: The President of Finland, Alexander Stubb, visited India in March 2026 to attend which global conference in New Delhi?

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) Raisina Dialogue
- C) G20 Summit
- D) BRICS Summit
- E) ASEAN Summit

Answer: B) Raisina Dialogue

Explanation:

- The President of Finland, Alexander Stubb, visited India on a four-day official visit to strengthen bilateral relations.
- During the visit, he held talks with Narendra Modi focusing on trade, investment, and critical technologies.
- Alexander Stubb attended the Raisina Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi as the chief guest and delivered the keynote address.
- The Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics.
- The capital of Finland is Helsinki and its currency is the Euro.





Ques: Dr. Bhargav Mallappa was conferred the royal honour “Dato” by which country’s traditional royal institution?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Thailand
- C) Indonesia
- D) Brunei
- E) Philippines

Answer: C) Indonesia

Explanation:

- Dr. Bhargav Mallappa, Founder and Chairman of MBRA Groups and a senior leader of the Indian National Congress (INC), received the royal honour “Dato”.
- The honour was conferred by Kerajaan Kutai Mulawarman, a traditional royal institution of Indonesia.
- He was recognised for his contributions to social development, humanitarian activities, international cooperation, agricultural development, and economic empowerment initiatives.

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Ques: What is the total proposed outlay for the modified UDAN scheme expected to start from April 2026?

- A) ₹20,000 crore
- B) ₹25,000 crore
- C) ₹30,000 crore
- D) ₹35,000 crore
- E) ₹40,000 crore

Answer: C) ₹30,000 crore

Explanation:

- The Union Government plans to implement a modified UDAN Scheme (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) from 1 April 2026 to expand regional air connectivity in India.
- The total proposed outlay is ₹30,000 crore.
- Out of this, ₹18,000 crore will be used for airport infrastructure development.
- ₹12,000 crore will be allocated as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to support airlines operating on regional routes.
- The next phase aims to connect around 120 additional destinations, especially in remote, hilly, and aspirational districts.
- The UDAN scheme was launched on 21 October 2016 under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.





Ques: In February 2026, India upgraded its relations to a “Special Strategic Partnership” with which country?

- A) France
- B) Japan
- C) UAE
- D) Israel
- E) Singapore

Answer: D) Israel

Explanation:

- Following high-level talks between Narendra Modi and Benjamin Netanyahu in February 2026, India and Israel upgraded their ties to a Special Strategic Partnership.
- The upgrade is supported by 16 landmark agreements covering sectors such as fintech, defence, and green energy.
- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) signed an agreement with MASAV, Israel’s central payment processor, for UPI integration.
- With this step, Israel joined countries such as Singapore, United Arab Emirates, France and Sri Lanka that have adopted India’s Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- Bilateral merchandise trade between India and Israel stood at \$3.62 billion in FY 2024–25.
- Both countries are moving toward a formal Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- A pact was also signed to allow 50,000 additional Indian workers to work in Israel over the next five years, mainly in the manufacturing sector.





Ques: The Geological Survey of India (GSI), which recently celebrated its 176th Foundation Day, was established in which year?

- A) 1845
- B) 1851
- C) 1860
- D) 1875
- E) 1881

Answer: B) 1851

Explanation:

- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) recently celebrated its 176th Foundation Day.
- The organisation was established in 1851.
- GSI functions under the Ministry of Mines, Government of India.
- It plays a crucial role in mineral exploration, geological mapping, and geoscientific research in India.
- The headquarters of GSI is located in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- The first Director of GSI was Sir Thomas Oldham.

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Ques: The Tirumala Temple Complex in Andhra Pradesh is establishing an advanced food testing laboratory worth ₹25 crore with support from which organisation?

- A) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- B) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- C) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- D) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- E) NITI Aayog

Answer: C) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

Explanation:

- The Tirumala Temple Complex in Andhra Pradesh will establish a ₹25 crore advanced food testing laboratory to ensure the quality and safety of prasadam and ingredients such as ghee, dry fruits, and spices.
- The initiative was introduced after concerns over adulterated ghee in Tirumala laddus in 2024 and is supported by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- The laboratory will use advanced technologies such as E-Nose (Electronic Nose) to detect odours and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) released by food.
- An E-Nose is a sensor-based device that converts odour signals into electrical data and uses AI-based pattern recognition to identify odour fingerprints.
- It helps detect spoilage, contamination, fermentation changes, and adulteration, and is widely used in dairy, edible oil, and processed food industries.
- An E-Tongue (Electronic Tongue) is a device used to analyse taste-related chemical components in liquids. It uses electrochemical sensors to detect dissolved substances responsible for sweet, salty, sour, and bitter tastes and applies machine learning and statistical models for classification. It is commonly used for testing oils, beverages, and dairy products for quality and adulteration.





Ques: The RAJMARG PRAVESH web portal, launched to enable hassle-free issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for facilities along National Highways, has been launched by which Union Minister?

- A) Nirmala Sitharaman
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Nitin Gadkari
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer: C) Nitin Gadkari

Explanation:

- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, launched the upgraded RAJMARG PRAVESH web portal.
- The portal has been developed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to promote digital governance and ease of doing business in India.
- It enables hassle-free online issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for facilities along National Highways.
- The platform simplifies the approval process for establishing facilities such as fuel stations, wayside amenities, rest areas, private properties, connecting roads, and industrial access points along highways. 🚧





Ques: The EMI scheme for importers, allowing monthly payment of customs duty, is implemented by which organization?

- A) RBI
- B) SEBI
- C) CBIC
- D) NABARD
- E) SIDBI

Answer: C) CBIC

Explanation:

- The Eligible Manufacturer Importers (EMI) scheme will be implemented from 1 April by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- Under this scheme, eligible importers can clear imported goods without paying customs duty immediately.
- The customs duty can be paid later in monthly instalments, improving liquidity for businesses.
- The scheme operates under the Deferred Payment of Import Duty Rules, 2016.
- This initiative is expected to improve cash flow and reduce financial burden on manufacturers and importers in India.
- CBIC works under the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) and is headquartered in New Delhi. 💰





Ques: What was the theme of the 12th Zero Discrimination Day observed on March 1, 2026?

- A) End Inequality
- B) People First
- C) Equal Rights
- D) Stop Stigma
- E) Unity for Equality

Answer: B) People First

Explanation:

- Zero Discrimination Day is observed every year on March 1 worldwide.
- In 2026, the world celebrated the 12th Zero Discrimination Day.
- The theme for 2026 was “People First.”
- The butterfly is the official symbol of Zero Discrimination Day. 🦋
- The day aims to promote equality, dignity, and human rights for all people regardless of gender, race, age, disability, or other differences.
- The observance is strongly promoted by UNAIDS to encourage inclusive societies free from discrimination.

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Ques: Which organization approved the acquisition of additional stake in Generali insurance companies by Central Bank of India?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Competition Commission of India
- C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- D) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- E) Ministry of Finance

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of additional stake in Generali insurance companies by Central Bank of India.
- The bank will acquire 1.09% additional equity in Generali Central Insurance Company Limited (GCICL).
- It will also acquire 0.82% additional equity in Generali Central Life Insurance Company Limited (GCLICL).

About Competition Commission of India

- Established: 2003 (under Competition Act, 2002)
- Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Chairperson: Ravneet Kaur

About: Central Bank of India

- Established : 1911
- Headquarters : Mumbai, India
- MD & CEO : Kalyan Kumar





Ques: 'Sudarshan', an AI-based surveillance system recently in news, has been deployed by which organization?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- D) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- E) National Stock Exchange

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has deployed an in-house Artificial Intelligence system named Sudarshan.
- The system scans large volumes of audio, video, and text content across digital platforms to detect suspicious financial content.
- It identifies patterns of unregistered investment advisory activities and misleading financial claims.
- The main objective is to strengthen market surveillance and protect investors from fraud.

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Ques: Poland, which recently withdrew from the 1997 Ottawa Convention, had ratified the treaty in which year?

- A) 2008
- B) 2010
- C) 2015
- D) 2012
- E) 2018

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Poland officially withdrew from the Ottawa Convention on 20 February 2026.
- Poland had originally ratified the treaty in 2012.
- The decision allows Poland to redeploy anti-personnel landmines along its eastern borders with Russia (Kaliningrad region) and Belarus.
- The move comes amid heightened security concerns following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- Under the plan, Poland aims to deploy minefields along its 600+ km eastern frontier within 48 hours if a serious threat emerges.

About Ottawa Convention:

- The Ottawa Convention bans the use, production, stockpiling, and transfer of anti-personnel landmines.
- Its main objective is to prevent long-term civilian casualties caused by landmines.
- Poland ratified the treaty in 2012 and destroyed its mine stockpiles by 2016, but has now reversed that commitment.

About Ottawa Convention :

- Established : 1997
- HQ : Geneva, Switzerland (Implementation Support Unit - ISU)
- Depositary : Secretary-General of the United Nations (New York)
- 2026 President : Chile (Ambassador Marta Mauras current President of the Meeting of the States Parties)
- Signatories / Parties : 164 State Parties (prior to recent withdrawals)





Ques: The “Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (Dalhan Aatmanirbharta Mission)” aims to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses in India by which year?

- A) 2025
- B) 2027
- C) 2028
- D) 2030
- E) 2035

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

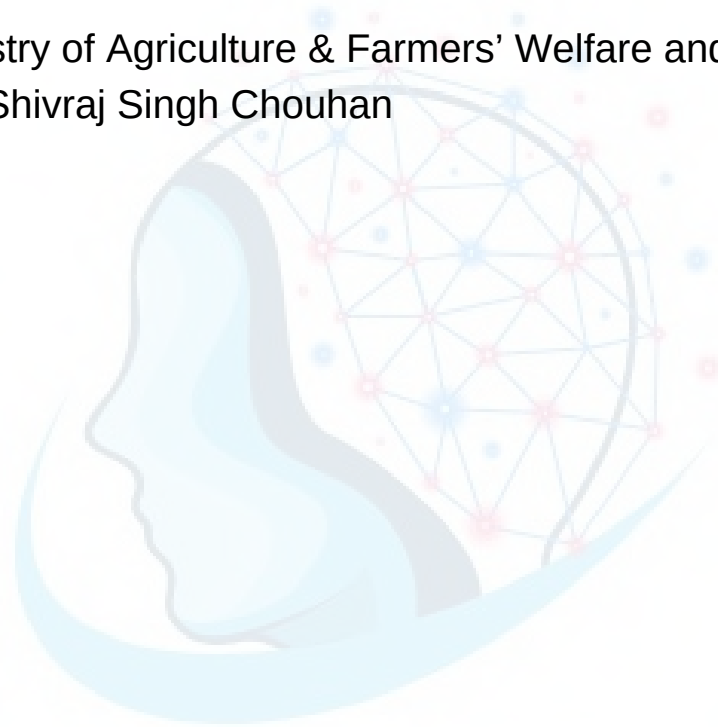
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan chaired a high-level review meeting of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) to accelerate the Self-Reliance in Pulses Mission.
- The mission is officially called the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (Dalhan Aatmanirbharta Mission).
- The duration of the mission is 6 years (2025–26 to 2030–31).
- The total outlay of the mission is ₹11,440 crore.
- The main objective is to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses by 2027 and become fully self-reliant by 2030–31.
- The mission focuses on key pulses such as Tur (Arhar), Urad, and Masoor.
- The production target is to increase pulses production to 350 lakh tonnes by 2030–31.
- NAFED and NCCF are the central nodal agencies responsible for 100% procurement of these pulses from farmers at MSP.
- The mission also plans to establish 1,000 processing and packaging units with subsidies up to ₹25 lakh per unit.
- Regulatory frameworks mentioned include PSS (Price Support Scheme), PSF (Price Stabilisation Fund), and PM-AASHA.





About NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.) :

- Established : 1958
- HQ : New Delhi
- Parent Ministry : Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development
- Union Minister : Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan



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Ques: India's first river lighthouses are being constructed on which National Waterway?.

- A) National Waterway-1
- B) National Waterway-2
- C) National Waterway-3
- D) National Waterway-4
- E) National Waterway-5

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone for India's first river lighthouses.
- Four river lighthouses will be constructed on the Brahmaputra River, which is designated as National Waterway-2 (NW-2) in Assam.
- The lighthouses will be built at Bogibeel (Dibrugarh), Pandu (Kamrup Metropolitan), Silghat (Nagaon), and Biswanath Ghat (Biswanath).
- The total project cost for the four lighthouses is about ₹84 crore.
- The project will improve navigation safety and strengthen inland water transport on the Brahmaputra River.

Additional Facts:

- Origin of the Brahmaputra River – Angsi Glacier, Tibet.
- In India, the river flows through Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.





Ques: Indian-origin Canadian-American writer Padma Viswanathan was longlisted for the International Booker Prize 2026 for her English translation of which novel?

- A) The Alchemist
- B) On Earth As It Is Beneath
- C) The Vegetarian
- D) Tomb of Sand
- E) A House for Mr Biswas

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Padma Viswanathan, a Canadian-American writer and translator of Indian origin, has been longlisted for the International Booker Prize 2026.
- She was nominated for her English translation of the novel *On Earth As It Is Beneath*.
- The novel was originally written by Brazilian author Ana Paula Maia.
- The International Booker Prize is one of the world's most prestigious literary awards that recognizes translated fiction published in English.
- The prize money is £50,000, shared equally between the author and the translator.
- In 2026, 13 books were selected for the longlist from 128 submissions, representing works translated from 11 different languages.
- Padma Viswanathan is also known for her internationally acclaimed novel *The Toss of a Lemon* (2008) and has previously been shortlisted for the PEN Center USA Fiction Prize and the Scotiabank Giller Prize.





Ques: The Indian Women's Cricket Team was nominated for which prestigious global award in 2026?

- A) Ballon d'Or
- B) Laureus World Team of the Year Award
- C) Arjuna Award
- D) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- E) Wisden Team of the Year

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The India women's national cricket team has been nominated for the Laureus World Team of the Year Award 2026, one of the most prestigious global sports honours.
- The nomination came after the team won its maiden title in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025.
- The team became the first women's cricket team in history to be nominated for this prestigious global sports award.

About Laureus World Sports Awards:

- Established: 2000
- Headquarters: London, United Kingdom.





Ques: The CHEOPS satellite, which recently discovered an unusual “inside-out” planetary system around the star LHS 1903, belongs to which space agency?

- A) NASA
- B) JAXA
- C) ISRO
- D) Roscosmos
- E) ESA

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The CHEOPS mission of the European Space Agency (ESA) discovered an unusual four-planet system around the star LHS 1903.
- Astronomers led by Thomas Wilson from the University of Warwick identified the fourth planet in the system.
- The system is called an “Inside-Out Planetary System” because its order of planets is Rocky → Gaseous → Gaseous → Rocky.
- The outermost planet LHS 1903e is rocky, which is unusual because outer planets are normally gas giants.

Planets in the LHS 1903 System:

- LHS 1903b – Rocky (Inner Planet)
 - LHS 1903c – Gaseous
 - LHS 1903d – Gaseous
 - LHS 1903e – Rocky (Outermost Planet)
 - LHS 1903c – Gaseous Planet
 - LHS 1903d – Gaseous Planet
 - LHS 1903e – Rocky (Outer Planet – “Late Bloomer”)
- This discovery challenges the traditional model of planetary formation seen in our Solar System, where inner planets are rocky and outer planets are gaseous.





Ques: Census-2027 will become India's first census conducted using which method?

- A) Paper-based enumeration
- B) Manual household survey
- C) Fully digital tools
- D) Satellite survey only
- E) Hybrid census method

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Amit Shah unveiled the mascots “Pragati” (female) and “Vikas” (male) for Census-2027 in New Delhi.
- Census-2027 will be India's first fully digital census, conducted using four digital platforms.
- The four digital tools include HLBC Web Application, HLO Mobile App, Self-Enumeration (SE) Portal, and CMMS Portal.

About Census of India:

- First Census in India: 1872
- First complete synchronous Census: 1881.





Ques: The first Dark Sky Park of Tamil Nadu has been inaugurated at which place?

- A) Ooty
- B) Yercaud
- C) Valparai
- D) Kodaikanal
- E) Kolli Hills

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- R. S. Rajakannappan inaugurated Tamil Nadu's first Dark Sky Park at Ariyur Shola Reserve Forest in Kolli Hills, located in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu.
- The initiative aims to promote astro-tourism in the state.
- The park has been developed at a cost of ₹1 crore.
- It is equipped with three advanced telescopes and solar-powered infrastructure.
- The park will mainly operate from 15 January to 15 June, when the sky remains clear for observation.

Additional Fact:

- Pench Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh became India's first official Dark Sky Park in 2024 under the International Dark-Sky Places Programme, and it is also Asia's fifth internationally recognized Dark Sky Park.





Ques: President Droupadi Murmu appointed new Governors for seven states under which Article of the Constitution of India?

- A) Article 148
- B) Article 155
- C) Article 280
- D) Article 324
- E) Article 356

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Droupadi Murmu announced new Governors for seven states and Lt. Governors for two Union Territories.
- Major appointments include R. N. Ravi as the Governor of West Bengal and Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar given additional charge of Tamil Nadu.
- Article 155 of the Constitution of India states that the Governor of a state is appointed by the President of India.
- The Governor acts as the constitutional head of the state and generally serves a five-year term.
- The reshuffle comes ahead of important Assembly elections in several states.

New Governors Appointed

- Jishnu Dev Varma – Maharashtra
- Shiv Pratap Shukla – Telangana
- Kavinder Gupta – Himachal Pradesh
- Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Syed Ata Hasnain – Bihar
- Nand Kishore Yadav – Nagaland
- R.N. Ravi – West Bengal
- Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar – Additional Charge of Tamil Nadu





Lt. Governors Appointed | उपराज्यपाल

- Taranjit Singh Sandhu – Delhi
- Vinai Kumar Saxena – Ladakh



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Ques: The Suav, recently ordered by the National Green Tribunal to be reclassified as a river, is a tributary of which river?

- A) Rapti
- B) Ghaghara
- C) Ganga
- D) Gomti
- E) Yamuna

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The National Green Tribunal ordered the Uttar Pradesh government to officially reclassify the Suav River in Balrampur district as a river instead of a drain (nullah).
- The tribunal directed the state government to update its status in the Official Gazette and Revenue Records within three months.
- The decision mainly affects Balrampur district and Siddharthnagar district in Uttar Pradesh.
- If the order is not followed, it will be treated as a criminal offence under Section 26 of the NGT Act, 2010.
- The Suav River is a major tributary of the Rapti River and flows for about 120 km before joining it near Rasoolabad.
- The NGT also directed authorities to adopt the Sant Seechewal Model for rejuvenating the Suav river.
- The Sant Seechewal Model is a low-cost, community-driven approach for river cleaning and sewage management.





Ques: Which country secured 1st position in the Global Residence Programme Index 2026 published by Henley & Partners?

- A) UAE
- B) Italy
- C) Switzerland
- D) Greece
- E) Singapore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Global Residence Programme Index 2026, published by Henley & Partners, ranks the world's leading residence-by-investment programmes.
- Greece secured the 1st position in the 2026 ranking.
- The United Arab Emirates achieved joint 2nd position along with Italy and Switzerland.
- This is the first time the UAE has entered the top three, improving from 5th place in the previous edition.
- The index evaluates 40 leading residence programmes worldwide.
- The report also highlights the growing importance of emerging hubs such as Singapore, Costa Rica, and Panama.





Ques: The SANKALP scheme, recently criticized by the Public Accounts Committee for poor implementation, is related to which sector?

- A) Agricultural irrigation
- B) Skill development and vocational training
- C) Urban housing
- D) Renewable energy
- E) Rural health services

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The SANKALP Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at strengthening India's skill development ecosystem.
- The Public Accounts Committee, chaired by K. C. Venugopal, criticized the Union Government for the poor planning and slow implementation of the scheme.
- Despite a total outlay of ₹4,455 crore, an audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India found that less than half of the funds were utilized in six years.
- According to the report, only 44% of the allocated budget was spent between FY 2017–18 and FY 2023–24.
- Under World Bank assistance, the first tranche of \$250 million resulted in a disbursement of ₹1,606.15 crore, but the ministry used only ₹850.71 crore by December 2023.
- The scheme aims to strengthen institutional frameworks for short-term skill training, enhance industry linkages, and improve market connectivity.
- It also promotes inclusion of marginalized groups such as SC, ST, women, and persons with disabilities (PwDs).
- SANKALP promotes decentralized skilling through District Skill Committees (DSCs) and initiatives such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF).
- The Public Accounts Committee is a parliamentary committee that examines audit reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and consists of 22 members (15 from Lok Sabha and 7 from Rajya Sabha).





- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India is an independent constitutional authority established under Article 148 of the Constitution of India to audit government receipts and expenditures.
- Under SANKALP, funds from the World Bank are released based on Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs), meaning funds are provided only after specific results or milestones are achieved.

About SANKALP (Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) :

- Launched : January 19, 2018 (Approved Oct 2017)
- Nodal Ministry : Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
- Total Outlay : ₹4,455 Crore
- Funding Split World Bank: ₹3,300 Cr | States: ₹660 Cr | Industry: ₹495Cr
- Current Deadline : Extended to March 2024 (Originally March 2023)
- Key Authority : Public Accounts Committee (Chairperson: K.C. Venugopal)

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Ques: The President of Finland, Alexander Stubb, delivered the keynote address at which global conference whose 11th edition began in New Delhi in 2026?

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) Raisina Dialogue
- C) G20 Summit
- D) BRICS Summit
- E) ASEAN Summit

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the 11th edition of the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi.
- The President of Finland, Alexander Stubb, delivered the keynote address and highlighted India's role in shaping the future world order.
- The theme of Raisina Dialogue 2026 is "Saṃskāra – Assertion, Accommodation, Advancement."
- The Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics.
- It is organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, India in collaboration with the Observer Research Foundation.
- The Raisina Dialogue was first held in 2016, and its venue is New Delhi.





Ques: Ricky Andrew J. Syngkon, who recently passed away, was a Member of Parliament from which Lok Sabha constituency?

- A) Tura
- B) Kohima
- C) Jorhat
- D) Silchar
- E) Shillong

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Ricky Andrew J. Syngkon, Member of Parliament from the Shillong Lok Sabha constituency in Meghalaya, recently passed away.
- Before entering politics, he worked as an Assistant Professor of Economics at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU).
- He began his political career with the Voice of the People Party.
- In the 2024 Indian General Election, he contested from the Shillong Lok Sabha constituency and entered the Lok Sabha as a first-time MP.

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