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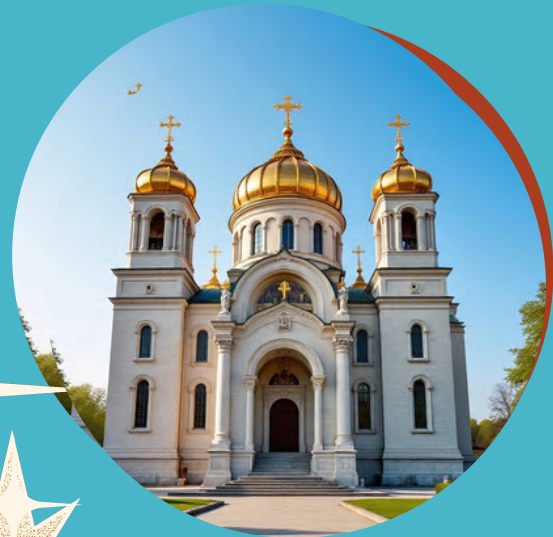


WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

15 - 21 FEB 2026

3RD WEEK OF FEBRUARY

150+ MCQ
with detailed
explanation



- Banking & finance
- National
- International
- Sports





Ques: As per Reserve Bank of India's draft directions, what action must banks take if mis-selling is established?

- A) Issue warning to employee only
- B) Pay 10% penalty to RBI
- C) Refund full amount and compensate for loss
- D) Close customer's account
- E) No action required

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued draft directions on advertising, marketing, and sale of financial products by banks.
- The objective is to prevent mis-selling and compulsory bundling of financial products.
- As per the Draft RBI (Commercial Banks – Responsible Business Conduct) Amendment Directions, 2026, banks must obtain customer feedback within 30 days of sale.
- The directions are proposed to come into effect from July 1, 2026.
- If mis-selling is established, banks must refund the entire amount paid by the customer.
- Additionally, banks must compensate the customer for any financial loss arising from such mis-selling.
- These provisions aim to strengthen consumer protection and responsible business conduct in the banking sector.

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Ques: Which international financial institution approved a USD 182 million loan to Assam to strengthen resilience against flooding and riverbank erosion?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank approved a USD 182 million loan to Assam.
- Objective: To strengthen Assam's resilience against chronic flooding and severe riverbank erosion along the Brahmaputra River.
- ADB supports sustainable, inclusive, and resilient development in Asia and the Pacific region.

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

- Established: 19 December 1966
- Headquarters: Manila, Philippines
- Members: 69
- Chief Economist: Albert Park
- President: Masato Kanda

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Ques: Which two institutions signed an MoU to deepen financial inclusion by providing access to mutual fund products in rural and semi-urban areas?

- A) Department of Posts and BSE
- B) Department of Posts and NSE
- C) RBI and NSE
- D) SEBI and India Post Payments Bank
- E) LIC and NSE

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Posts under the Ministry of Communications and the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deepen financial inclusion.
- The initiative aims to provide access to mutual fund products in rural and semi-urban areas.
- The partnership will leverage India Post's vast network of over 1.64 lakh post offices across the country.
- The objective is to promote transparency, investor literacy, and participation in capital market-linked products.
- The MoU is valid for three years and may be renewed with mutual consent of both parties.

National Stock Exchange :

- Established : 1992 (Commenced operations in 1994)
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Ashishkumar Chauhan (Current as of 2026)





Ques: What was the value of the RBI Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) for September 2025?

- A) 493.22
- B) 465.33
- C) 516.76
- D) 445.50
- E) 395.57

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India has been publishing the RBI–Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) since 1 January 2021, with March 2018 as the base year (Index = 100).
- The RBI-DPI for September 2025 stood at 516.76, up from 493.22 in March 2025.
- The rise reflects strong growth in digital payment adoption and performance across India.
- RBI-DPI measures the extent and depth of digitisation of payments over time.

Five Broad Parameters (with weights):

- Payment Enablers – 25%
- Payment Infrastructure (Demand-side) – 10%
- Payment Infrastructure (Supply-side) – 15%
- Payment Performance – 45%
- Consumer Centricity – 5%





Ques: What major regulatory change has the RBI introduced for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)?

- A) RBI has allowed foreign banks to directly own REITs
- B) RBI has permitted banks to lend directly to REITs with prudential safeguards
- C) RBI has removed listing requirements for REITs
- D) RBI has merged REIT regulations with mutual fund norms
- E) RBI has restricted REIT funding only to NBFCs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India has permitted banks to lend directly to Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) with prudential safeguards.
- The move aims to enhance credit access for the real estate sector and address long-term funding requirements.
- Earlier, banks were not allowed to lend to REITs, although lending to Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) was permitted.
- The existing InvIT lending norms will now be harmonised with the safeguards applicable to REITs.

• Currently, India has five listed REITs:

- Brookfield India Real Estate Trust
- Embassy Office Parks REIT
- Mindspace Business Parks REIT
- Nexus Select Trust
- Knowledge Realty Trust

- Earlier, REITs largely relied on short-term bonds (3–5 years) subscribed by mutual funds, NBFCs, and others, leading to long-term funding challenges.





Ques: Which organisations signed an agreement to enable UPI-based cross-border merchant payments between India and Malaysia?

- A) RBI and Bank Negara Malaysia
- B) NPCI and Maybank
- C) NPCI International Payments Limited and Payments Network Malaysia (PayNet)
- D) SEBI and CIMB Bank
- E) SBI and RHB Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) signed an agreement with Payments Network Malaysia (PayNet).
- The agreement enables QR-based cross-border merchant payments between India and Malaysia.
- In the first phase, Indian travellers visiting Malaysia can scan DuitNow QR codes using Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-enabled apps.
- This allows seamless merchant payments directly through UPI apps at DuitNow QR acceptance points.
- The initiative strengthens India's global digital payments footprint and promotes UPI as a cross-border payment solution.

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Ques: Which two institutions signed an agreement to enable cashless Ayurveda treatment under general health insurance in India?

- A) Ministry of AYUSH and IRDAI
- B) AIIMS New Delhi and General Insurance Council
- C) AIIA New Delhi and General Insurance Council
- D) NITI Aayog and LIC
- E) National Health Authority and GIC

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi and the General Insurance Council (GIC) signed an agreement to integrate Ayurveda into India's mainstream health insurance ecosystem.
- The agreement enables cashless treatment facilities for eligible Ayurveda-based healthcare services across all 32 general insurance companies in India.
- This initiative marks a major step toward mainstreaming traditional medicine and improving patient access to alternative healthcare systems.
- AYUSH stands for Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy.
research, and development of India's traditional systems of medicine.
- For the first time, the Government of India(GoI) has launched a dedicated Ayush Health Insurance Helpline '1800-11-0008' to support beneficiaries

About All India Institute of Ayurveda :

- Established : 2015
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director : Pradeep Kumar Prajapati

About General Insurance Council :

- Established : 1957
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Tapan Kumar Singhel





Ques: Which initiative was flagged off to promote AI awareness under the National AI Literacy programme “Yuva AI for All”?

- A) DigiShakti
- B) Kaushal Rath
- C) AI Pathshala
- D) Bharat AI Bus
- E) Tech Saksham\

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with All India Society for Electronics and Computer Technology (AISECT), flagged off Kaushal Rath, an AI awareness initiative.
- Kaushal Rath is part of the National AI Literacy programme “Yuva AI for All.”
- The initiative aims to expand access to foundational AI education and bridge the digital divide, especially in semi-urban and underserved regions.
- It is a fully equipped mobile computer lab with internet-enabled systems, audio-visual tools, and structured training modules.
- The Rath will travel to schools, colleges, ITIs, and community spaces to provide hands-on exposure to AI and Generative AI tools.

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Ques: What was the allocation made to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) in the Union Budget 2026–27 to revive telecom infrastructure and strengthen BSNL?

- A) ₹53,398.17 crore
- B) ₹73,990.94 crore
- C) ₹80,927.94 crore
- D) ₹81,005.24 crore
- E) ₹69,000 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Union Budget 2026–27 allocated ₹73,990.94 crore to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to revive telecom infrastructure and strengthen Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).
- The FY27 allocation is 8.65% lower than the FY26 Budget Estimate of ₹81,005.24 crore, but 38.56% higher than the FY26 Revised Estimate of ₹53,398.17 crore.
- The total net allocation for DoT in FY27 stands at ₹80,927.94 crore, including ₹6,937 crore from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).
- Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia stated that the government is strengthening BSNL's financial and operational position, with ARPU rising from ₹90 to ₹99 and a target of ₹100.





Ques: What was a key outcome of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Malaysia?

- A) Signing of 11 bilateral agreements across multiple sectors
- B) Launch of a joint space mission
- C) Announcement of a free trade agreement
- D) Establishment of a common currency
- E) Suspension of palm oil imports

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Kuala Lumpur, India and Malaysia signed 11 bilateral agreements covering trade, technology, digital payments, and security.
- Both sides agreed to expand bilateral trade beyond USD 18.6 billion and enhance investment cooperation.
- Leaders appreciated collaboration between the Reserve Bank of India and Bank Negara Malaysia to promote invoicing and payments in Indian Rupee and Malaysian Ringgit.
- Malaysia reaffirmed its commitment as a reliable supplier of sustainable palm oil to India.

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Ques: Bodhan AI was launched to build which open-source digital public infrastructure?

- A) National AI Stack
- B) India Digital Learning Grid
- C) Bharat EduAI Stack
- D) EduTech India Network
- E) National Education AI Portal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Dharmendra Pradhan launched Bodhan AI at the Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave.
- Bodhan AI has been established as a non-profit organisation under the Ministry of Education.
- Its primary objective is to develop the open-source Bharat EduAI Stack as a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- The Bharat EduAI Stack will integrate Artificial Intelligence across all levels of education to personalise learning, support teachers, and improve governance.
- The initiative aims to make education more equitable, affordable, and accessible through AI-driven tools.

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Ques: Under the Companies Act, 2013, what does Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) require eligible companies to do?

- A) Donate 5% of annual turnover to the government
- B) Spend at least 2% of average net profits on social development projects
- C) Invest only in government-identified CSR projects
- D) Contribute a fixed amount of ₹10 crore every year
- E) Spend CSR funds only through government agencies

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- As per Section 135(5) of the Companies Act 2013, certain eligible companies must spend at least 2% of their average net profits of the preceding three financial years on CSR activities.
- In the last five financial years (2019–20 to 2023–24), Indian companies spent over ₹1,44,159 crore on CSR initiatives.
- CSR-related data (state-wise, project-wise, and company-wise) is publicly available on the Ministry of Corporate Affairs MCA21 Portal.

CSR (2% Rule):

Eligible companies meeting prescribed financial thresholds are mandatorily required to contribute to social development through approved CSR activities.

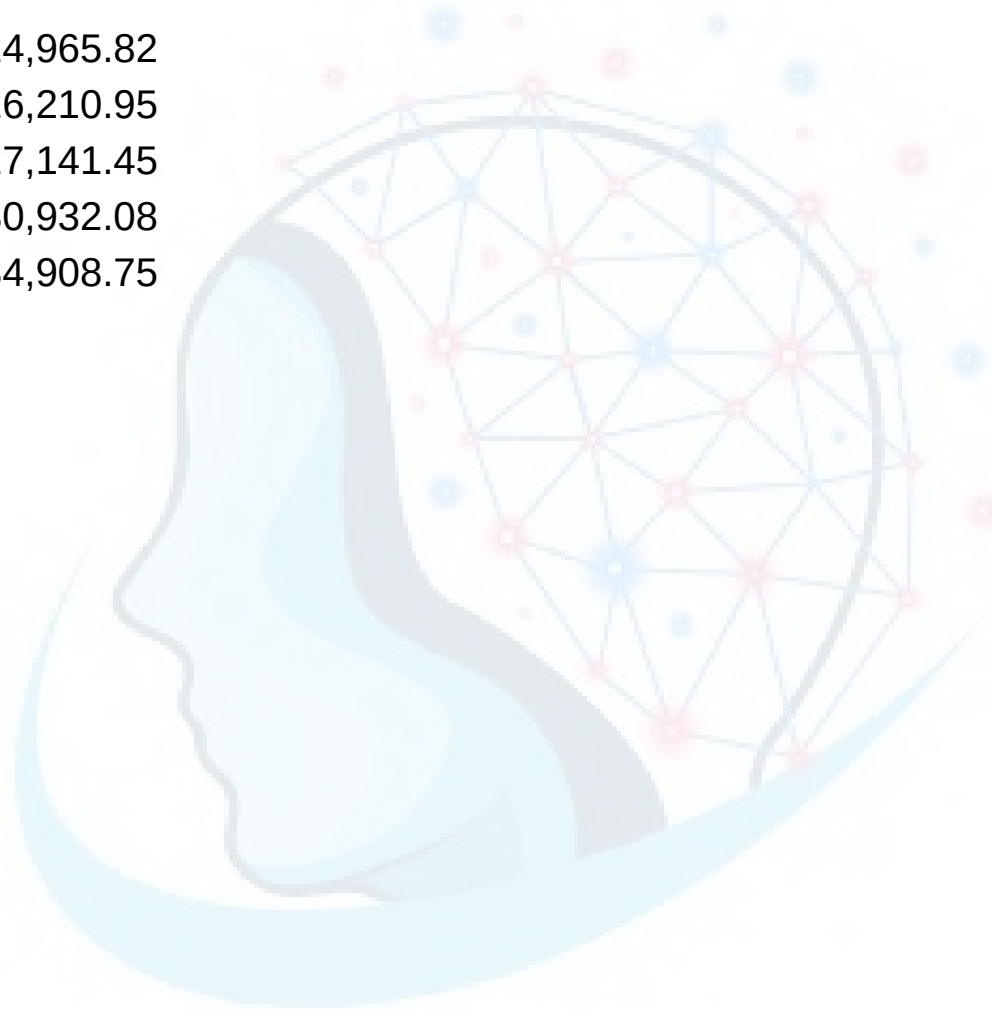
- Eligible companies must spend at least 2% of their average net profits of the previous three financial years on CSR activities.
- If a company's CSR obligation is ₹10 crore or more, it must appoint an independent agency for Impact Assessment.
- Impact Assessment evaluates projects costing ₹1 crore or more and completed at least one year earlier to assess real outcomes.
- The government does not allocate CSR funds; companies independently choose projects from Schedule VII areas like education, healthcare, poverty alleviation, and environmental sustainability.
- The MCA21 portal is an e-governance initiative of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs providing a single window for company filings, registrations, and statutory compliance.





FY 2019-20 to FY 2023-24 are as follows:

- FY 2019-20 : 24,965.82
- FY 2020-21 : 26,210.95
- FY 2021-22 : 27,141.45
- FY 2022-23 : 30,932.08
- FY 2023-24 : 34,908.75



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Ques: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs plans to compile a standard English medical dictionary under which policy?

- A) National Health Policy 2017
- B) National Education Policy 2020
- C) National Digital Health Mission
- D) National Skill Development Policy
- E) Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) plans to compile a standard English medical dictionary under the National Education Policy 2020.
- The dictionary will be translated into 15 Indian languages to promote medical education in mother tongues.
- It will include at least 1,00,000 unique medical terms along with explanatory words.
- The Department of Official Language under MHA has invited bids from reputed international publishers to compile the dictionary titled “Medical Shabd Sindhu.”
- In the first phase, translations will be done in Hindi, Telugu, Assamese, Gujarati, Kashmiri, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Bengali, Manipuri, Mizo and Konkani.

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Ques: Which Indian space-tech startup signed a landmark agreement with Singapore's Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) to protect satellites from space debris?

- A) Skyroot Aerospace
- B) Agnikul Cosmos
- C) Digantara Industries
- D) Pixxel
- E) Bellatrix Aerospace

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Digantara Industries, a Bengaluru-based space-tech startup, signed a landmark agreement with Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA).
- This marks the first formal collaboration between Singapore's defence establishment and an Indian space-tech company.
- The partnership focuses on protecting national satellites from space debris and orbital congestion.
- Digantara will provide satellite tracking and conjunction screening services to issue alerts in case of potential collision risks.
- The agreement follows Digantara's \$50 million Series B funding round led by Reliance Business Ventures.

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Ques: Why did the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) impose a ₹1 crore fine on Air India?

- A) For flight delay issues
- B) For safety violations by pilots
- C) For operating an aircraft without valid airworthiness certification
- D) For overcharging passengers
- E) For baggage mishandling

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) imposed a ₹1 crore penalty on Air India.
- The fine was for operating an Airbus A320neo without valid airworthiness certification.
- The aircraft was reportedly operated on at least eight routes without proper certification.
- Air India stated that the issue was voluntarily reported in 2025 and that corrective measures have since been taken.
- DGCA is the regulatory authority responsible for civil aviation safety and compliance in India.

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Ques: What is the key change introduced by the Ex-servicemen Amendment Rules, 2026?

- A) Introduction of new pension benefits for ex-servicemen
- B) Inclusion of paramilitary forces under the ex-servicemen category
- C) Official inclusion of the Military Nursing Service (MNS) under the definition of ex-servicemen
- D) Increase in reservation percentage for Group 'A' services
- E) Abolition of age relaxation for ex-servicemen

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government notified the Ex-servicemen Amendment Rules, 2026 under Constitution of India (Article 309), effective from 9 February 2026.

Core Change:

- Rule 2(c)(i) has been amended to explicitly include the Military Nursing Service (MNS) within the definition of “Ex-servicemen.”
- MNS is now officially listed alongside the Regular Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- The provision applies to all personnel, in any rank, whether combatants or non-combatants.

Why This Matters :

- Earlier, there was ambiguity regarding the eligibility of MNS officers (who are commissioned officers) for ex-servicemen benefits.
- The amendment removes this ambiguity and officially recognizes MNS personnel as veterans.
- This strengthens their rehabilitation prospects and second-career opportunities in the civil sector.





Benefits Available to MNS Personnel :

- 10% reservation in Group 'C' Central Government posts.
- 20% reservation in Group 'D' Central Government posts.
- Age relaxation: Total years of military service plus 3 years can be deducted from actual age for civil job eligibility.
- Rule 2(c)(i) remains the defining clause for who qualifies as an ex-serviceman for re-employment benefits, now clearly including MNS.

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Ques: As per the latest guidelines issued by the Union Home Ministry, which statement regarding Vande Mataram is correct?

- A) Only the first two stanzas of Vande Mataram will be sung
- B) Vande Mataram will be sung after the National Anthem
- C) All six stanzas of Vande Mataram must be sung for 3 minutes 10 seconds and played before the National Anthem
- D) Singing Vande Mataram is compulsory in cinema halls
- E) The guidelines have no relation to the anniversary of the song

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs has issued fresh guidelines mandating that all six stanzas of Vande Mataram be sung at official functions and educational institutions.
- The total duration has been fixed at 3 minutes and 10 seconds, and it is to be played before the National Anthem.
- Vande Mataram was originally composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, and the decision coincides with the 150th anniversary of the song's creation.
- Earlier, only the first two stanzas were commonly sung.

- All persons present must stand in attention when the song is played; however, this rule is not compulsory in cinema halls if the song appears as part of a film or newsreel.
- The order clearly states that when both the national song and the national anthem are played, Vande Mataram will be played first, including the four stanzas removed in 1937.

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Ques: Which organisation signed an agreement with the Technology Development Board to develop indigenous high-pressure hydrogen storage systems?

- A) Tata Advanced Systems Limited
- B) Larsen & Toubro Limited
- C) Reliance New Energy Limited
- D) Ashok Leyland Limited
- E) Gudlyf Mobility Private Limited

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Technology Development Board (TDB), under the Department of Science and Technology, signed an agreement with Gudlyf Mobility Private Limited for financial assistance.
- The project focuses on the development and commercialisation of indigenous high-pressure hydrogen storage systems based on advanced composite technologies.

Key Applications:

- Hydrogen Storage: For vehicles and stationary energy systems
- UAVs (Drones): Lightweight fuel storage solutions
- CNG & CBG: Advanced storage systems for Compressed Natural Gas and Compressed BioGas
- Defence & Aerospace: High-grade systems for mission-critical applications
- The technology caters to both commercial and strategic sectors, strengthening India's indigenous clean energy and defence capabilities.

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Ques: The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) recently approved procurement of 114 Rafale jets for which force?

- A) Indian Navy
- B) Indian Army
- C) Indian Air Force
- D) Indian Coast Guard
- E) Border Security Force

Answer: Option C — Indian Air Force

Explanation:

- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Rajnath Singh, granted Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals worth approximately ₹3.6 lakh crore.
- The approval includes procurement of 114 Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) — Rafale jets — for the Indian Air Force.
- Most of these Rafale aircraft are expected to be manufactured in India under the Make in India initiative, boosting domestic defence production.

Other Key Approvals:

- The Indian Navy received AoN for six additional P-8I long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft from the United States.
 - The Indian Army will procure Vibhav anti-tank mines and undertake overhaul of T-72 tanks, BMP-II vehicles, and Armoured Recovery Vehicles (ARVs).
- These approvals represent one of the largest defence capital acquisition clearances in recent years, highlighting India's focus on military modernisation and self-reliance.





Ques: India and Vietnam recently deepened cooperation in which sector to promote sericulture, technical textiles, and R&D, aiming to create a new 'Silk Corridor' in Asia?

- A) Information Technology
- B) Defence Manufacturing
- C) Pharmaceuticals
- D) Agriculture and Food Processing
- E) Textile and Sericulture

Answer: Option E — Textile and Sericulture

Explanation:

- India and Vietnam strengthened cooperation in the textile and sericulture sector through a 5-day strategic collaboration.
- The partnership focuses on promoting sericulture, technical textiles, and research & development (R&D) to establish a modern 'Silk Corridor' in Asia.
- India's Central Silk Board has aligned with major Vietnamese textile industry stakeholders to enhance innovation and sectoral growth.

Key Focus Areas:

- Sericulture: Improving silk farming and mulberry cultivation
- Technical Textiles: Developing high-tech and industrial-grade fabrics
- R&D Collaboration: Joint research and technology transfer, especially in automatic silk reeling technologies

This initiative aims to strengthen textile trade, innovation, and regional value chains across Asia.

About the Silk Corridor in Asia | एशिया में सिल्क कॉरिडोर के बारे में

- The Silk Corridor refers to the historic Silk Roads, a vast network of land and sea trade routes operating from the 2nd century BCE to the 15th century CE, linking East and West.





- The land routes extended over 6,400 km, crossing difficult terrains like the Gobi Desert and Pamir Mountains.
- A key section is the Chang'an–Tianshan Corridor, a 5,000 km UNESCO-listed route, connecting Central China to the Zhetysu region of Central Asia via Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.
- Major trading cities included Xi'an, Samarkand, Bukhara, Merv, and Kashgar, which served as hubs for trade and cultural exchange.

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Ques: Which aircraft platform is associated with Apogee Aerospace's ₹3,500 crore amphibian aircraft deal with Australia?

- A) Albatross 2.0
- B) Twin Otter
- C) Dornier 228
- D) C-295
- E) Be-200

Answer: Option A — Albatross 2.0

Explanation:

- Apogee Aerospace Private Limited placed an order worth ₹3,500 crore for 15 amphibian aircraft (seaplanes) with Amphibian Aerospace Industries.
- Under this agreement, Apogee Aerospace became the authorized partner of AAI across the Indian subcontinent, anchored on the Albatross 2.0 platform.
- The partnership operates under the “Restricted Category”, catering to Defence and Government aviation requirements.
- Apogee Aerospace will invest ₹500 crore in India to support manufacturing and ecosystem development.

About Albatross 2.0:

- World's first and only transport-category amphibious aircraft in the Registered Passenger Transport segment
- Certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Also certified by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)

This deal strengthens India–Australia aerospace cooperation and boosts indigenous amphibious aviation capabilities.





Ques: Which state was the largest wool-producing state in India in FY24?

- A) Jammu & Kashmir
- B) Karnataka
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Telangana
- E) Gujarat

Answer: Option C — Rajasthan

Explanation:

- Rajasthan emerged as India's largest wool-producing state in FY24.
- The state produced 16,013.50 thousand kg of wool, accounting for 47.53% of the country's total wool output.
- Jammu and Kashmir ranked second with 7,770 thousand kg, followed by Karnataka with 6,472 thousand kg.
- Telangana and Gujarat secured the fourth and fifth positions respectively.

Additional Facts:

- India has the second-largest sheep population in the world, with about 77.4 million sheep.
- Globally, India ranks 9th in wool production.

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Ques: Which country has been designated as the Country of the Year at BIOFACH 2026, the world's leading trade fair for organic products?

- A) Germany
- B) France
- C) Australia
- D) Brazil
- E) India

Answer: Option E — India

Explanation:

- India has been designated as the Country of the Year at BIOFACH 2026, marking a significant global recognition in sustainable and organic agriculture.
- BIOFACH 2026 will be held from 10–13 February 2026 in Nuremberg, Germany.
- India's participation is being organised by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- This recognition marks India's strong return to the global organic farming spotlight after 14 years.
- The India Country Pavilion will cover 1,074 square metres, making it one of the largest national pavilions at the event.
- The pavilion will also showcase GI-tagged products, including traditional rice varieties such as Indrayani Rice (Maharashtra) and Navara Rice.

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Ques: What is India's rank in the 2026 Henley Passport Index?

- A) 65th
- B) 70th
- C) 75th
- D) 80th
- E) 85th

Answer: Option C — 75th

Explanation:

- India jumped 10 places to rank 75th in the Henley Passport Index 2026.
- Indian passport holders now enjoy easier or visa-free access to 56 countries worldwide.
- The improvement reflects enhanced global mobility and strengthening diplomatic relations.
- The Henley Passport Index ranks passports based on the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa.

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Ques: Where will the National Large Optical–Near Infrared Telescope (NLOT) be built?

- A) Merak near Pangong Tso
- B) Hanle, Ladakh
- C) Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu
- D) Udaipur, Rajasthan
- E) Leh, Ladakh

Answer: Option B — Hanle, Ladakh

Explanation:

- The Government of India has approved the establishment of two new telescopes in Ladakh in the Union Budget, along with the upgradation of an existing one.
- The National Large Optical–Near Infrared Telescope (NLOT) will be built at Hanle, Ladakh. It will be a 13.7-metre segmented-mirror optical–near infrared telescope.
- Separately, the National Large Solar Telescope (NLST) will be a 2-metre aperture solar telescope set up at Merak near Pangong Tso lake.

Existing Solar Observatories in India:

- Kodaikanal Solar Observatory (established in 1899)
- Udaipur Solar Observatory (established in 1975)

Once operational, the new facilities will significantly strengthen India’s ground-based astronomical research capabilities.





Ques: On which date is World Radio Day observed annually?

- A) 1 January
- B) 13 February
- C) 15 March
- D) 21 June
- E) 10 December

Answer: Option B — 13 February

Explanation:

- World Radio Day is observed every year on 13 February to commemorate the establishment of United Nations Radio in 1946.
- The theme for World Radio Day 2026 is: “Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice.”
- India’s first Community Radio Station was inaugurated on 1 February 2004 by Lal Krishna Advani.
- Ram Singh Bouddh from Amroha, Uttar Pradesh—popularly known as the “Radio Man of India”—was recognised by Guinness World Records in 2025.
- He owns the world’s largest collection of 1,257 radios.

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Ques: As per the February 2026 draft guidelines, what Credit-Deposit (CD) ratio target has been set for rural and semi-urban branches under the Lead Bank Scheme (LBS)?

- A) 40%
- B) 50%
- C) 60%
- D) 70%
- E) 80%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India issued draft guidelines in February 2026 to streamline the Lead Bank Scheme (LBS) with a focus on improving credit flow in rural and semi-urban areas.
- As per the draft, rural and semi-urban branches must achieve a minimum CD ratio of 60%.
- The Credit-Deposit (CD) ratio indicates how much of the deposits mobilised by banks are converted into loans; a higher ratio reflects better local credit deployment.
- District Consultative Committees (DCCs) will closely monitor districts where the CD ratio lies between 40% and 60% to improve performance.
- Districts with a CD ratio below 20% will be classified as 'Special Category' districts, indicating very low credit absorption.
- The guidelines also mandate that at least 25% of total banking outlets be opened in Tier-V and Tier-VI Under-Served Rural Centres (URCs) to strengthen financial inclusion.
- Overall, the objective is to deepen financial inclusion and improve credit flow to priority sectors such as agriculture and MSMEs.





Ques: Who has received a three-year extension as the Managing Director & CEO of AU Small Finance Bank?

- A) Uday Kotak
- B) Sanjay Agarwal
- C) Hasmukh Adhia
- D) Shaktikanta Das
- E) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- AU Small Finance Bank announced that the Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of Sanjay Agarwal as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
- The extension is for a further period of three years, effective from April 19.
- The reappointment had earlier been approved by the Board (October 17, 2025) and shareholders (December 26, 2025), subject to RBI confirmation.
- Recently, AU Small Finance Bank also received in-principle approval from RBI to transition into a universal bank.

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Ques: As per the revised norms, what is the maximum aggregate exposure banks can extend towards acquisition (M&A) financing?

- A) 10% of capital base
- B) 15% of capital base
- C) 20% of capital base
- D) 25% of capital base
- E) 30% of capital base

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India has allowed banks to extend aggregate exposure up to 20% of their eligible capital base for acquisition (M&A) financing, increased from the earlier proposed 10%.
- Banks are now permitted to finance acquisitions of unlisted companies, subject to prescribed conditions.
- The target unlisted company must have a minimum net worth of ₹500 crore, be profit-making for the last three years, and possess an investment-grade credit rating (BBB– or above).
- The permissible portion of bank financing has been increased to 75% of the acquisition value, up from the earlier proposed 70%.
- The remaining 25% of the acquisition cost must be funded by the acquirer through internal accruals or fresh equity issuance.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of GIFT City by the Government of Gujarat?

- A) Hasmukh Adhia
- B) Uday Kotak
- C) Shaktikanta Das
- D) Rajeev Jain
- E) Ajay Seth

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of Gujarat appointed Uday Kotak as the Chairman of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City Company Ltd (GIFT City).
- Uday Kotak is the Founder and Director of Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- He replaced Hasmukh Adhia in this position.
- As per the resolution of the Urban Development Department of Gujarat, he will assume charge with immediate effect.

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Ques: Which bank was fined ₹63.60 lakh by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for non-compliance with regulatory norms?

- A) Bank of Maharashtra
- B) DCB Bank
- C) CSB Bank
- D) Punjab & Sind Bank
- E) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India imposed monetary penalties on three banks for non-compliance with its regulatory guidelines.
- A fine of ₹32.50 lakh was imposed on Bank of Maharashtra.
- A penalty of ₹29.60 lakh was imposed on DCB Bank.
- The highest penalty of ₹63.60 lakh was imposed on CSB Bank.
- The penalties were related to non-compliance with RBI's regulatory norms.

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Ques: With reference to the Bird Atlas of Goa, consider the following statements:

1. It was released during the 9th Bird Festival of Goa held at Valpoi.
2. Goa became the second state in India, after Kerala, to publish a comprehensive state-level bird atlas.
3. The atlas covers about 370 sq km area and nearly 1,400 km of transect distance.
4. The theme of the Bird Festival was “Majestic Mhadei”, highlighting the ecological importance of the Mhadei river basin.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1, 2 and 3 only
- C) 2, 3 and 4 only
- D) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- E) 1 and 4 only

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Bird Atlas of Goa was published by the Government of Goa during the 9th Bird Festival of Goa held at Valpoi.
- Goa became the second Indian state after Kerala (2022) to publish a comprehensive state-level bird atlas.
- The atlas covers about 370 sq km area and nearly 1,400 km of transect distance, reflecting extensive field documentation.
- The theme of the festival was “Majestic Mhadei”, highlighting the ecological significance of the Mhadei river basin.
- The atlas documents bird diversity across 370 sq km and nearly 1,400 km of transect distance.
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- During the festival, an MoU was also signed between the Goa Forest Department and ResQ Charitable Trust to strengthen wildlife rescue and rehabilitation efforts across the state.



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Ques: Which state government signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Starlink to enhance satellite-based internet connectivity in remote and underserved areas?

- A) Government of Rajasthan
- B) Government of Maharashtra
- C) Government of Madhya Pradesh
- D) Government of Goa
- E) Government of Gujarat

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Government of Gujarat signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited in Gandhinagar to enhance high-speed satellite-based internet connectivity in remote, border, and underserved areas.
- The pilot implementation will prioritise Aspirational Districts such as Narmada and Dahod to reduce regional digital disparities.
- The initiative will connect Common Service Centres (CSCs) and e-Governance facilities to strengthen access to government digital services.

About Gujarat:

- Capital: Gandhinagar
- Governor: Acharya Devvrat
- Chief Minister: Bhupendra Patel

About Starlink :

- Established : 2015
- CMO : Elon Musk
- HQ : California,U.S.
- Indian Subsidiary : NewDelhi





Ques: Where was the first Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) of the Northeast inaugurated?

- A) Guwahati, Assam
- B) Imphal, Manipur
- C) Dibrugarh, Assam
- D) Agartala, Tripura
- E) Shillong, Meghalaya

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) of the Northeast in Dibrugarh, Assam.
- The facility holds significant strategic importance for national security and disaster management.
- It enables emergency landing of aircraft, including fighter jets, during natural disasters or strategic operations.
- The ELF strengthens infrastructure development and improves overall connectivity in the Northeast region.

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Ques: The 'India–Netherlands Hydrogen Fellowship Programme' was launched to support which key objective of India?

- A) Expansion of nuclear energy capacity
- B) Development of fossil fuel infrastructure
- C) Capacity building in hydrogen technologies under National Green Hydrogen Mission
- D) Promotion of electric vehicle manufacturing only
- E) Space-based renewable energy research

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The India–Netherlands Hydrogen Fellowship Programme was launched in New Delhi by the Department of Science and Technology under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- The initiative aims to build national capacity in hydrogen technologies by providing Indian fellows exposure to the advanced hydrogen ecosystem of the Netherlands.
- The fellowship is open to Indian PhD scholars, postdoctoral researchers, and faculty members from Indian institutions.
- The programme aligns with the Government of India's vision of the National Green Hydrogen Mission, Energy Independence by 2047, and Net-Zero emissions by 2070.

About National Green Hydrogen Mission :

- The mission was launched in January 2023 by the Government of India under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- It aims to scale up green hydrogen (H₂) production, utilisation, and exports, and establish India as a global leader in the clean hydrogen economy.
- The mission has an initial outlay of ₹19,744 crore up to FY 2029–30 (FY30).





Ques: Which Indian institution demonstrated a gentler method for recovering lab-grown T-cells, potentially making CAR T-cell cancer therapy more affordable in India?

- A) AIIMS Delhi
- B) IISc Bengaluru
- C) NIMHANS
- D) PGIMER Chandigarh
- E) IIT Bombay

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- IIT Bombay, in a study published in Biomaterials Science, demonstrated a gentler method for recovering lab-grown T-cells.
- This advancement is significant for cancer immunotherapy, especially CAR T-cell therapy, as it improves efficiency and reduces wastage of costly cells.
- Globally, CAR T-cell therapies can cost ₹3–4 crore. By cutting waste and improving recovery, Indian initiatives like ImmunoACT aim to reduce costs substantially.
- In 2023, NexCAR19 became India's first approved indigenous CAR-T cell therapy, developed through collaboration between IIT Bombay, Tata Memorial Centre, and ImmunoACT.
- T-cells are a type of white blood cell that act as the body's frontline soldiers, constantly patrolling to detect infections or abnormal cells like cancer.
- CAR T-cell therapy is currently approved for certain blood cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma.

Indian Institute of Technology :

- Established : Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Founding Year : 1958 (Supported by UNESCO & Soviet Union)
- Current Director : Shireesh Kedare (since 2024)





Ques: Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu, inaugurated in 2026, has been constructed across which river?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu in Guwahati, Assam.
- The bridge has been constructed across the Brahmaputra River.
- It is a vital infrastructure project expected to enhance connectivity, travel comfort, and commercial activities in the region.
- The bridge will also provide easier access to the Kamakhya Temple, a major religious site in Assam.

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Ques: Which authority has urged telecom consumers to actively use the DND app to report spam calls and SMS?

- A) Department of Telecommunications
- B) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- C) Ministry of Electronics & IT
- D) BSNL
- E) NITI Aayog

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has urged telecom consumers to actively use the DND (Do Not Disturb) app to report spam calls and SMS instead of merely blocking numbers.
- TRAI Chairman Anil Kumar Lahoti emphasized that consumer reporting is essential for effective action against spam and Unsolicited Commercial Communications (UCC).
- TRAI will also roll out a revamped “My Call” app to enable users to file complaints related to call quality.
- Enhanced consumer participation will strengthen monitoring and enforcement against spam communications.

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Ques: ISRO has identified which location as the prospective landing site for the Chandrayaan-4 mission near the Moon's south pole?

- A) Shackleton Crater
- B) Malapert Massif
- C) Aristarchus Plateau
- D) Tycho Crater
- E) Mons Mouton-4

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has identified Mons Mouton-4 as the prospective landing site for the Chandrayaan-4 mission near the Moon's south pole.
- The site offers minimal surface obstacles, nearly 11–12 days of continuous sunlight, stable Earth communication, and high scientific potential for studying water-ice deposits.
- Chandrayaan-4 is India's most complex lunar mission, comprising five modules: Propulsion, Descender, Ascender, Transfer, and Re-entry modules.
- The mission aims to collect lunar samples and safely return them to Earth, with a targeted launch in 2028.

All Previous Chandrayaan Missions

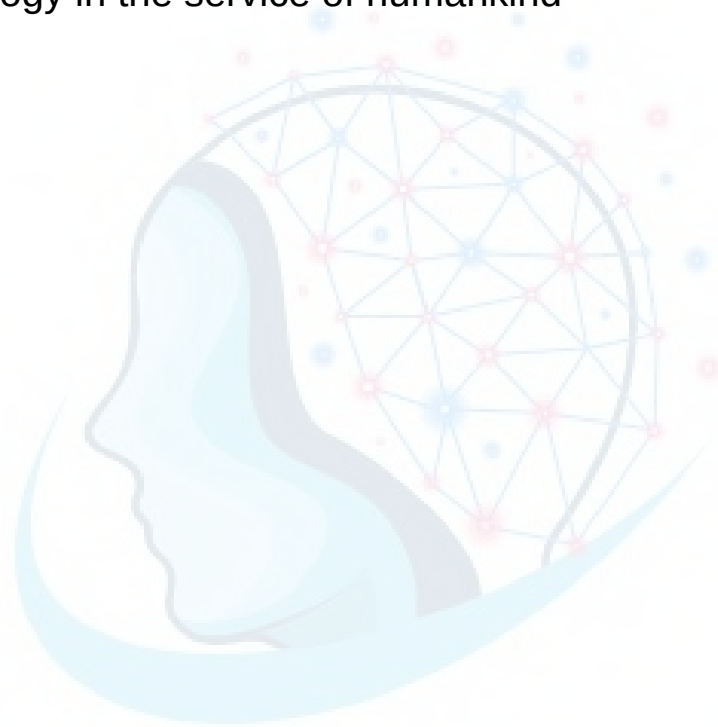
- Chandrayaan-1 (2008): Discovery of water molecules on the Moon.
- Chandrayaan-2 (2019): Orbiter successful; lander crash-landed.
- Chandrayaan-3 (2023): Successful soft landing near the Moon's south pole.





Indian Space Research Organisation:

- Established : 1969
- HQ : Bengaluru
- Chairperson : Dr. V. Narayanan
- Motto : Space technology in the service of humankind



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Ques: Who won Thailand's general election for the 500-member House of Representatives?

- A) Prayut Chan-o-cha
- B) Srettha Thavisin
- C) Anutin Charnvirakul
- D) Paetongtarn Shinawatra
- E) Abhisit Vejjajiva

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Anutin Charnvirakul won Thailand's general election for the 500-member House of Representatives.
- He became Prime Minister of Thailand in September 2025 following political unrest and was serving as the caretaker Prime Minister during the election.
- Before entering top-level politics, he was a senior executive and head of Sino-Thai Engineering.

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Ques: Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which organisation to improve last-mile connectivity at select airports?

- A) Bharat Taxi
- B) Uber India
- C) Ola Mobility
- D) IRCTC
- E) Yulu Bikes

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an MoU with Bharat Taxi to improve last-mile connectivity at select airports.
- Bharat Taxi is India's first driver-owned cooperative taxi service, operated by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Ltd.
- The platform is promoted by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).
- Services will be introduced at airports in cities including Rajkot, Vadodara, Surat, Bhuj, Pune, Aurangabad, Varanasi, Kanpur, Prayagraj, and Agra.

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Ques: The Indian Tsunami Early Warning System (ITEWS) has been established at which organisation and functions under which ministry?

- A) National Institute of Ocean Technology under Ministry of Science & Technology
- B) Survey of India under Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services under Ministry of Earth Sciences
- D) CSIR-NGRI under Ministry of Education
- E) ISRO under Department of Space

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Tsunami Early Warning System (ITEWS) has been established at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, in 2007.
- INCOIS functions under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ITEWS is an integrated effort involving multiple agencies, including the Department of Space, Department of Science and Technology, CSIR, Survey of India, and NIOT.
- The system includes a real-time network of seismic stations, Bottom Pressure Recorder (BPR) buoys, tide gauges, and a 24×7 operational tsunami warning centre to issue timely advisories.
- The system can detect tsunamigenic earthquakes in the Indian Ocean within 10 minutes.
- It provides a lead time of 10–20 minutes for near-source regions like Andaman & Nicobar Islands and a few hours for the Indian mainland.
- ITEWS is recognised by UNESCO as a Tsunami Service Provider (TSP), issuing advisories to 28 Indian Ocean Rim countries.
- In 2004, India had no tsunami warning capability and minimal public awareness of tsunamis in the Indian Ocean.
- INCOIS is establishing a network of 35 stations to measure tectonic plate movements and vertical seabed displacement in real time.
- INCOIS has partnered with Indian Space Research Organisation and Airports Authority of India to develop satellite-based message broadcasting through the indigenous navigation system NavIC.





- Two villages of Odisha — Venktraipur (Ganjam) and Noliasahi (Jagatsinghpur) — have been certified as 'Tsunami Ready'.

ITEWS Infrastructure :

- Seismic Network – Detects undersea earthquakes and estimates magnitude.
- BPRs (Buoys) – Confirms tsunami wave triggering in the open ocean.
- Tide Gauges – Monitor wave progress and validate coastal arrival times.



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Ques: Which two public sector shipyards signed an MoU to form a strategic consortium for executing a large-scale National Shipbuilding Programme?

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. & Cochin Shipyard Ltd.
- B) Goa Shipyard Ltd. & Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. & Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- D) Cochin Shipyard Ltd. & Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.
- E) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. & Goa Shipyard Ltd.

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. (GRSE) and Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Kolkata to form a strategic consortium.
- The collaboration aims to execute a large-scale National Shipbuilding Programme.
- Under the MoU, both shipyards will jointly work on the design, construction, and delivery of ships for national requirements.
- The programme is a strategic initiative to transform India into a top global shipbuilding hub by 2047 through indigenous construction of commercial and defence vessels.

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- A) Promote offshore oil and gas exploration
- B) Regulate and prevent illegal offshore mining of minerals
- C) Privatise offshore mineral resources
- D) Support only scientific oceanographic research
- E) Reduce export of coastal minerals

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Offshore Areas Mineral Rules, 2026 were notified by the Ministry of Mines and came into immediate effect.
- The rules aim to regulate offshore mining activities and prevent illegal mining, storage, transportation, and export of offshore minerals, excluding hydrocarbons.
- These rules have been issued under the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002.
- The provisions apply to all entities engaged in offshore mineral activities, while non-commercial scientific or research activities are exempted.

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- Illegal mining is defined as operations conducted without valid rights or beyond approved limits.
- Operators are required to install real-time electronic monitoring systems, ensure registration of machinery and carriers, obtain digital transit permits for mineral movement, and secure prior export clearance from the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs.
- Violations may attract imprisonment up to 5 years and penalties ranging from ₹50 lakh to ₹1 crore, with additional fines for continuing offences.





Ques: What is iLive Connect, recently launched in India?

- A) A government health insurance scheme
- B) A hospital management software
- C) The world's first doctor-led, AI-powered home healthcare ecosystem
- D) A fitness tracking mobile application
- E) A telemedicine chatbot service

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India launched iLive Connect, the world's first doctor-led, Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered home healthcare ecosystem aimed at providing 24×7 medical monitoring from patients' homes.
- It is specially designed for senior citizens and high-risk patients, functioning like a personalized Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at home.
- The platform was developed by cardiothoracic surgeon Rahul Chandola and interventional cardiologist Viveka Kumar.
- The system uses FDA and European Conformity (CE) certified wearable devices, including a chest-mounted biosensor patch and a wristband, for continuous real-time monitoring.
- It continuously tracks vital parameters such as two-lead ECG, heart rate, respiratory rate, oxygen saturation, body temperature, blood pressure trends, and physical activity levels.





Ques: World Unani Day is observed on which date?

- A) February 5
- B) February 8
- C) February 10
- D) February 11
- E) February 13

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- World Unani Day is observed on February 11 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Hakim Ajmal Khan.
- He was a renowned Unani physician, freedom fighter, educationist, and social reformer in India.
- The theme of World Unani Day 2026 is “Innovation and Evidence in Unani Practice.”
- The day highlights the significance of the Unani system of medicine and promotes awareness about evidence-based Unani practices.

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Ques: International Day of Women and Girls in Science is observed on which date?

- A) February 8
- B) February 10
- C) February 15
- D) February 18
- E) February 11

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is observed annually on February 11.
- The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 and has been observed since 2016 to promote gender equality in science.
- The theme for 2026 is “Synergizing AI, Social Science, STEM and Finance: Building Inclusive Futures for Women and Girls.”
- The observance aims to ensure full and equal access and participation of women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields worldwide.

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Ques: Punjab National Bank (PNB) announced which themed half marathon to honour the Indian Armed Forces and promote fitness?

- A) PNB Fit India Run
- B) PNB Veer Run
- C) PNB Soldierathon 2026
- D) PNB National Pride Marathon
- E) PNB Unity Run

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Punjab National Bank announced the 'PNB Soldierathon 2026', a themed half marathon, at its Corporate Office in Dwarka, New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to honour the Indian Armed Forces.
- It also promotes fitness and a healthy lifestyle among citizens.
- The event encourages discipline, national pride, and community engagement.
- The Soldierathon is part of PNB's CSR initiatives supporting nation-building efforts.

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Ques: What did the Ministry of Finance state regarding Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflows into India's banking sector in FY 2024–25?

- A) It increased sharply compared to FY23
- B) It remained unchanged from FY23
- C) It declined significantly compared to FY23
- D) It crossed USD 1 billion
- E) Data was not disclosed

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance stated that FDI equity inflows into the banking sector declined to USD 115 million in FY 2024–25, compared to USD 898 million in FY 2022–23.
- FDI inflows include equity inflow, equity capital of unincorporated bodies, reinvested earnings, and other capital.
- Among public sector banks, State Bank of India recorded the highest foreign shareholding.
- Foreign shareholding includes investments from FDI, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI/FII), and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs).
- As per the Reserve Bank of India Master Directions on 'Acquisition and Holding of Shares or Voting Rights in Banking Companies', prior RBI approval is mandatory for acquiring 5% or more of the paid-up capital of a banking company.

Rankings with their foreign Shareholding :

- 1 State Bank of India - 11.07%
- 2 Canara Bank - 10.55%
- 3 Bank of Baroda - 9.43%
- 4 Union Bank of India - 7.48%
- 5 Punjab National Bank - 5.85%





Ques: According to a report by State Bank of India (SBI), what percentage of India's agricultural exports to the United States will now face zero tariff?

- A) 50%
- B) 60%
- C) 65%
- D) 70%
- E) 75%

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- According to a report by State Bank of India, nearly 75% of India's agricultural exports to the United States will now face zero tariff.
- Agricultural products worth \$1.36 billion will get access to the US market with zero additional duty.
- Products worth \$1.035 billion are assured zero reciprocal tariff treatment.
- This strengthens India's agricultural trade surplus of around \$1.3 billion with the US.
- Zero-tariff access is expected to improve price competitiveness and boost export volumes.

Rice:

- US global rice imports stand at \$1.378 billion, with imports from India at \$341 million.
- The US rice import market share of India is 24.7%.

Fishery Sector:

- US global imports of fish and aquatic invertebrates are valued at \$18.84 billion.
- Imports from India amount to \$1.8 billion, giving India a 9.6% share.

Tea, Coffee and Spices:

- US global imports are \$14.02 billion, with India exporting \$396 million.
- India's share stands at 2.8%.





Overall Agricultural Trade Position :

- Across selected categories, total US agricultural imports are \$81.95 billion.
- Imports from India amount to \$2.89 billion, giving India an overall share of 3.5%.



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Ques: Which organization introduced a Braille-enabled Premier Credit Card to support visually impaired users in India?

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- C) BOBCARD Limited (Bank of Baroda)
- D) HDFC Bank
- E) ICICI Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- BOBCARD Limited, the credit card arm of Bank of Baroda, introduced a Braille-enabled version of its Premier Credit Card at an event held in Manipal, Karnataka.
- The card incorporates Braille elements to help visually impaired users identify and use the card easily and confidently during transactions.
- It offers accelerated rewards on travel, lifestyle, dining, and international transactions.
- Additional benefits include complimentary domestic airport lounge access and curated lifestyle privileges.

Braille-Enabled Card Providers in India:

- Punjab National Bank – PNB Braille Credit Card (launched December 2025).
- BOBCARD Limited / Bank of Baroda
 - bob inSIGHT Debit Card (Debit Card)
 - Features tactile dots and a rounded notch for orientation.
- State Bank of India (SBI)
 - Braille Debit Card (Debit Card)
 - Provides Braille-enabled cards on request for visually impaired account holders.





Ques: Who became the first bowler to take 700 wickets in T20 cricket?

- A) Lasith Malinga
- B) Dwayne Bravo
- C) Rashid Khan
- D) Sunil Narine
- E) Jasprit Bumrah

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rashid Khan became the first bowler in history to take 700 wickets in T20 cricket.
- He achieved this milestone during a T20 World Cup match against the UAE in New Delhi.
- Rashid completed his 700th wicket by dismissing Muhammad Arfan.
- He reached the landmark in just 518 T20 matches, showcasing remarkable consistency and longevity.
- His key bowling figures include an average of 18.51, strike rate of 16.8, and an economy rate of 6.59.

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Ques: Which state government launched the 'Sthree Suraksha Scheme' to provide social security pension to unemployed women and transgender women?

- A) Government of Kerala
- B) Government of Tamil Nadu
- C) Government of Karnataka
- D) Government of Andhra Pradesh
- E) Government of Telangana

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan, launched the 'Sthree Suraksha Scheme'.
- The scheme provides social security pension support to unemployed women and transgender women not covered under existing welfare pensions.
- Under the scheme, eligible beneficiaries will receive a monthly pension of ₹1,000.
- It targets economically disadvantaged women and transgender women aged 35–60 years who are permanent residents of Kerala.
- Applicants must hold an Antyodaya Anna Yojana (Yellow) ration card or a Priority Household (Pink) ration card.





Ques: Which schemes are being implemented by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) to boost the food processing sector in India?

- A) PMKSY, PLISFPI and PMFME
- B) PMFBY, PMJDY and PMAY
- C) PMGSY, PMUY and PMEGP
- D) PMAY, PMFBY and PLISFPI
- E) PMFME, PMUY and PMJDY

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing multiple schemes to promote the overall development of the food processing sector.
- Central Sector Schemes include Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) and the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI).
- PMKSY provides financial assistance for setting up and expanding food processing industries and aims to create modern infrastructure with efficient supply chains.
- PLISFPI (2021–22 to 2026–27, outlay ₹10,900 crore) aims to create global food manufacturing champions and promote Indian food brands internationally.
- The Centrally Sponsored Scheme PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) supports micro food enterprises through financial and technical assistance.
business assistance and focuses on formalising the unorganised sector up to 2025–26.
- MoFPI ensures effective implementation through dashboard-based monitoring, regular reviews, site visits, coordination with banks, penal provisions for delays, and liaison with State Governments.





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Delhi Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana has replaced the Delhi Ladli Scheme (2008) and supports girls from birth to graduation.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) approved the construction of over 3.53 lakh houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0).
- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs unveiled the upgraded National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS 2.0) web portal to significantly expand the reach and inclusivity of the Youth Parliament Programme across India.
- Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana (MGY) was launched by Bhupendra Patel, the Chief Minister of Gujarat.
- The Cashless Treatment for Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025 has been notified under Section 162 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
- The Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Duti Paat Scheme was launched by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- The Delhi Government launched the Viksit Delhi Credit Loan Scheme to support MSMEs and entrepreneurs.





Ques: Where will India's first national 'Cow Culture Museum' be established?

- A) Mathura
- B) Ayodhya
- C) Varanasi
- D) Lucknow
- E) Haridwar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's first national 'Cow Culture Museum' will be established in Mathura.
- The initiative has been taken by the Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad.
- The museum will be set up at the campus of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Veterinary Science University.
- It will showcase the religious, cultural, spiritual, and scientific significance of cows.
- Around 100 digital and symbolic cattle models, including major and endangered breeds, will be displayed.
- A special exhibition on milk and dairy products and a dairy parlour will also be developed on the premises.

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Ques: Which institution released the ten-year roadmap titled “Technology Services – Reimagination Ahead” to scale India’s technology services sector by 2035?

- A) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- B) NITI Aayog – Frontier Tech Hub
- C) Reserve Bank of India
- D) Department of Science and Technology
- E) Invest India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- NITI Aayog’s Frontier Tech Hub released the ten-year roadmap titled “Technology Services – Reimagination Ahead.”
- The roadmap outlines how India’s technology services sector, currently around \$265 billion, can scale to \$750–850 billion by 2035.
- It aligns with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and aims to enhance India’s global competitiveness in the AI era.
- The roadmap was unveiled by Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry.
- The Frontier Tech Hub functions as an action tank to anticipate major technology shifts and drive strategic growth.





Ques: Who set a new world record while winning gold in the Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions event at the Asian Shooting Championships 2026 held in New Delhi?

- A) Niraj Kumar
- B) Akhil Sheoran
- C) Abhinav Bindra
- D) Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar
- E) Swapnil Kusale

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar set a new world record in the Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions event at the Asian Shooting Championships 2026 held in New Delhi.
- He won the gold medal with a world record score of 362.0.
- Niraj Kumar secured silver with 361.8 points, while Akhil Sheoran won bronze with 343.5 points.
- India achieved a clean sweep of the podium in this event.

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Ques: Which State became the first in India to adopt a comprehensive Urban Policy?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Kerala became the first State in India to adopt a comprehensive Urban Policy to guide development over the next 25 years.
- The policy was prepared by the Local Self-Government Department and approved by the State Cabinet.
- The Kerala Urban Policy Commission was constituted in December 2023 and submitted its report in March 2025.
- The policy envisions 80% urbanisation by 2050 with a focus on scientific planning, climate resilience, and environmentally sensitive development.
- It includes 10 key pillars and promotes Public-Private-People Partnership (PPPP) for sustainable urban growth.





Ques: According to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), what was India's global rank in Research & Development (R&D) spending in 2024?

- A) 7th
- B) 6th
- C) 5th
- D) 8th
- E) 10th

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- According to the latest data released by the World Intellectual Property Organization under the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025, India ranked 7th globally in R&D expenditure in 2024.
- China topped the global R&D spending rankings in 2024.
- Total global R&D spending in 2024 stood at USD 2.87 trillion, up from USD 2.78 trillion in 2023, reflecting around 3% year-on-year growth.
- R&D expenditure as a share of global GDP increased from about 1.48% in 2000 to nearly 2% in 2024, highlighting the growing global focus on innovation-driven growth.

Ranking of Different countries with their spending :

- 1 China – 785.9 USD Billion
- 2 United states – 781.8 USD Billion
- 3 Japan - 186 USD Billion
- 4 Germany – 132.2 USD Billion
- 5 South Korea – 126.4 USD Billion
- 6 United Kingdom - 86.5 USD Billion
- 7 India – 75.73 USD Billion
- 8 France – 65.8 USD Billion
- 9 Turkiye – 43.2 USD Billion
- 10 Brazil – 38.4 USD Billion





Ques: What is the new loan target under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)?

- A) ₹1.5 lakh crore
- B) ₹2 lakh crore
- C) ₹3 lakh crore
- D) ₹50,000 crore
- E) ₹75,000 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The loan target under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund has been doubled from ₹1 lakh crore to ₹2 lakh crore.
- The decision was approved by Narendra Modi to strengthen post-harvest infrastructure, storage, logistics, and the agricultural value chain.
- The enhanced target aims to improve rural infrastructure and boost farmers' income through better supply chain facilities.

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Ques: Which state recorded its highest marine dolphin population in five years with 765 dolphins counted in the 2026 census?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Tamil Nadu
- E) Odisha

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Odisha recorded its highest marine dolphin population in the last five years, with 765 dolphins counted in the 2026 state-wide census.
- The Irrawaddy Dolphin is classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.
- Dolphins are protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, which provides the highest level of legal protection in India.
- Marine species along the Odisha coast include Humpback Dolphin, Irrawaddy Dolphin, Bottlenose Dolphin, Spinner Dolphin, and Finless Porpoise.

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Ques: Sarita Yolmo has been assigned 'tour duty' on which UNESCO World Heritage Site narrow-gauge railway line in India?

- A) Nilgiri Mountain Railway
- B) Kalka–Shimla Railway
- C) Matheran Hill Railway
- D) Darjeeling Himalayan Railway
- E) Kangra Valley Railway

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Sarita Yolmo has been assigned tour duty on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR), a narrow-gauge railway line connecting New Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling in West Bengal.
- The railway was built during the British era between 1879 and 1881 in the foothills of the Himalayas.
- It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999.
- Other Indian mountain railways with UNESCO status include the Nilgiri Mountain Railway and the Kalka–Shimla Railway.

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vQues: The BAPS Hindu Mandir, the first traditional stone Hindu temple in West Asia, is located in which city?

- A) Abu Dhabi
- B) Doha
- C) Dubai
- D) Muscat
- E) Riyadh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The BAPS Hindu Mandir is located in Abu Dhabi.
- It was inaugurated in February 2024 by Narendra Modi.
- It is the first traditional stone Hindu temple in West Asia, built entirely of stone without steel in the superstructure.
- Constructed using pink sandstone from Rajasthan and Italian marble, the temple reflects traditional temple architecture.
- It has become a major centre for worship, cultural exchange, and interfaith harmony in the United Arab Emirates.

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Ques: Which task force has been assumed by the Indian Navy under the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)?

- A) Combined Task Force 150
- B) Combined Task Force 151
- C) Combined Task Force 152
- D) Combined Task Force 154
- E) Combined Task Force 159

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Indian Navy has assumed command of Combined Task Force 154 (CTF-154) under the Combined Maritime Forces.
- Commodore Milind M. Mokashi (Shaurya Chakra) took over as Commander of CTF-154.
- The change of command ceremony was held at CMF Headquarters in Manama, Bahrain.
- CTF-154 focuses on maritime security training, interoperability, and capacity building among member nations.

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Ques: Under IN-SPACe's Satellite Bus as a Service (SBaaS) initiative, how many Indian private startups were selected in February 2026 to develop indigenous small satellite bus platforms?

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four
- D) Five
- E) Six

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- In February 2026, IN-SPACe, the commercial and regulatory arm of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), selected three Indian private startups under the Satellite Bus as a Service (SBaaS) initiative.
- The selected startups are Astrome Technologies Pvt Ltd, Azista Industries Pvt Ltd, and Dhruva Space Pvt Ltd.
- Each selected company will receive a grant of ₹5 crore.
- The SBaaS initiative aims to develop, test, and demonstrate robust indigenous small satellite bus platforms.

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Ques: Which body cleared the ₹92,000-crore Great Nicobar Island mega infrastructure project?

- A) Supreme Court
- B) Ministry of Environment
- C) National Green Tribunal (NGT)
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) cleared the ₹92,000-crore Great Nicobar Island mega infrastructure project.
- The tribunal stated that it found “no good ground to interfere” with the 2022 Environmental Clearance (EC).
- It upheld the review conducted by a High-Powered Committee (HPC) and observed that adequate environmental safeguards were included in the project.
- The mega project includes a transshipment port, international airport, power plant, and township development. It also contains directions to protect coral reefs, turtle nesting sites, and prevent shoreline erosion.

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Ques: Which country was affected by Cyclone Gezani, making landfall at Toamasina on its eastern coast?

- A) Mozambique
- B) Madagascar
- C) Tanzania
- D) Seychelles
- E) Comoros

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Cyclone Gezani struck Madagascar, impacting the eastern coastal regions.
- The cyclone made landfall at Toamasina on the country's eastern coast.
- Wind speeds exceeded 195 km/h, causing significant damage to infrastructure and homes.
- More than 2,700 people were displaced due to the cyclone.

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Ques: India's first government-supported national biobank has been established to focus on which category of rare diseases?

- A) Autoimmune disorders
- B) Mitochondrial diseases
- C) Neuromuscular disorders
- D) Blood coagulation disorders
- E) Lysosomal Storage Disorders (LSDs)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India's first government-supported national biobank has been established to focus on Lysosomal Storage Disorders (LSDs).
- The initiative is funded by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).
- It has been set up by researchers from 28 medical and research institutions across six states and two Union Territories.
- The lead institutions include Foundation for Research in Genetics and Endocrinology (FRIGE) and Institute of Human Genetics, Ahmedabad.
- The biobank integrates biological samples and detailed clinical, biochemical, and genetic data of 530 patients from 15 states.
- It covers 8 LSD subgroups and 27 disorders, with samples such as genomic DNA, plasma, and urine precipitate processed for enzyme and genetic analysis.





Ques: The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) signed a landmark MoU with which State/UT government to promote marine research and Blue Economy initiatives?

- A) Government of Tamil Nadu
- B) Government of Andhra Pradesh
- C) Government of Gujarat
- D) Government of Puducherry
- E) Government of Kerala

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India, signed a landmark MoU with the Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Puducherry.
- The MoU aims to promote marine research, infrastructure development, and Blue Economy initiatives.
- The agreement covers six strategic domains for sustainable coastal development.
- These include sustainable marine fisheries, offshore wind energy, desalination technologies, ocean climate advisory and real-time monitoring, permanent coastal management, and marine spatial planning (MSP).
- The implementation framework includes the designation of nodal officers by both sides and the formation of Joint Working Groups (JWGs).





Ques: What is the total Central Assistance allocated under the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF)?

- A) ₹50,000 crore
- B) ₹75,000 crore
- C) ₹1 lakh crore
- D) ₹2 lakh crore
- E) ₹4 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the launch of the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) to accelerate market-linked and reform-driven urban infrastructure development.
- The total Central Assistance (CA) under UCF is ₹1 lakh crore, which will act as a catalytic fund to leverage private and market-based financing.
- The Central Assistance will cover 25% of the project cost, provided that at least 50% of the funding is raised from market sources such as bonds, PPPs, or private investments.
- The fund is expected to mobilize a total investment of ₹4 lakh crore in the urban sector over the next five years.
- The operational period of the Urban Challenge Fund is from FY 2025–26 to FY 2030–31, with the implementation period extendable up to FY 2033–34.





Ques: What was the year-on-year (YoY) growth in Currency in Circulation (CiC) in January 2026?

- A) 5.3%
- B) 8.5%
- C) 9.7%
- D) 11.1%
- E) 14.4%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Currency in Circulation (CiC) touched a record high of ₹40 lakh crore for the month ending January 2026.
- CiC registered a year-on-year growth of 11.1%, significantly higher than 5.3% recorded in January last year.
- On a year-to-date (YTD) basis, CiC increased by ₹2.76 lakh crore, about 3.11 times higher than the increase during the same period last year.
- Despite the rise in cash usage, the cash-to-GDP ratio declined to 11% in FY26 (so far), compared to 14.4% in FY21, indicating deeper financialisation and digital payments penetration.
- These findings were reported by SBI Research.





Ques: Who released the latest edition of “Trade Watch Quarterly” for Q2 FY 2025–26 (July–September 2025)?

- A) Amitabh Kant
- B) Rajiv Kumar
- C) Suman Bery
- D) Sanjeev Sanyal
- E) Arvind Panagariya

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The latest edition of “Trade Watch Quarterly” for Q2 FY 2025–26 was released by Suman Bery, Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- The report notes that global trade growth has moderated but remains positive, with services trade outperforming goods trade.
- India’s trade expansion in Q2 FY26 was driven by export-led momentum, with services and merchandise exports growing by around 8.5%, faster than imports.
- The report highlights India’s increasing alignment with regional value chains and new trade corridors.
- E-commerce exports, though currently modest, are projected to contribute 20–30% of India’s merchandise exports by 2030.





Ques: NPCI extended the 'UPI One World' wallet service for international visitors attending which event?

- A) G20 Summit 2026
- B) India AI Impact Summit 2026
- C) Digital India Conference 2026
- D) Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2026
- E) World Economic Forum 2026

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) extended the 'UPI One World' wallet service for international visitors from 40+ countries.
- This facility is specifically available for attendees of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, held from 16–20 February 2026 in New Delhi.
- Under this pilot initiative, foreign travellers can make seamless, secure, real-time Person-to-Merchant (P2M) payments using UPI while staying in India.
- The initiative aims to promote digital payments, showcase India's fintech leadership, and enhance convenience for inbound tourists and global delegates.

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Ques: Which company received full WHO approval for the polio vaccine nOPV2?

- A) Serum Institute of India
- B) Bharat Biotech
- C) Biological E Ltd
- D) Zydus Lifesciences
- E) Panacea Biotec

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Biological E Ltd, a Hyderabad-based company, received full approval from the World Health Organization (WHO) for its novel oral polio vaccine type-2 (nOPV2).
- This approval upgrades the Phase-I clearance granted in June 2024, enabling complete regulatory authorization.
- With this approval, the company can now manufacture both the drug substance and the final drug product in-house, completing the entire manufacturing chain at a single site.
- Biological E has already supplied over 700 million doses of nOPV2 globally, supporting polio outbreak response worldwide.
- nOPV2 is specifically designed for outbreak control of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus, offering improved genetic stability compared to earlier vaccines.





Ques: Why is the Ministry of Defence drafting a standardized framework for book-writing by serving and retired Armed Forces personnel?

- A) To promote military literature
- B) To provide financial incentives for veterans
- C) To address regulatory gaps and national security concerns
- D) To ban all memoirs by retired officers
- E) To align with international military publishing norms

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Defence is drafting a standardized framework for serving and retired Armed Forces personnel to bridge existing regulatory gaps related to writing and publishing books.
- The move aims to address national security concerns and ensure sensitive information is not disclosed without proper clearance.
- The issue gained attention following controversy around the unpublished memoir *Four Stars of Destiny* by former Army Chief M. M. Naravane.
- Unlike serving officers, retired personnel are not governed by a single consolidated legal framework for literary works, creating a regulatory grey area.





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Explanation:

- The Ministry of Defence is drafting a standardized framework to bridge existing regulatory gaps related to writing and publishing books by serving and retired Armed Forces personnel.
- After retirement, personnel are not strictly bound by the Army Act, 1950 and Army Rules, 1954 for publications.
- However, the Official Secrets Act, 1923 (OSA) applies for life, making disclosure of classified or security-sensitive information a criminal offence.
- Serving officers require mandatory prior written permission for any literary or remunerative work.
- Manuscripts undergo a vetting process through the chain of command up to Army Headquarters or the Ministry of Defence.
- The proposal is inspired by the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules Amendment, 2021.
- Under this amendment, retired officials from intelligence or security agencies like RAW or IB must obtain prior government clearance before publishing sensitive material.
- Unauthorized disclosure can lead to withholding or withdrawal of pension as a penalty.





Ques: Which two institutions signed an MoU to promote science communication and evidence-based science policy research in India?

- A) CSIR & NITI Aayog
- B) DST & ICMR
- C) Indian National Science Academy & National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research
- D) DBT & AIIMS
- E) UGC & NCERT

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and the National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote collaborative activities in science communication and evidence-based science policy research.
- The partnership aims to strengthen evidence-based policymaking in India by connecting scientific research with policy formulation.
- The Union Budget (February 2026) allocated approximately ₹6,710.61 crore to the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), supporting operational costs for institutes like NIScPR to undertake such collaborations.

About Indian National Science Academy (INSA) :

- Established : 1935
- HQ : New Delhi
- President : Prof. Shekhar C. Mande

About CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR) :

- Established : 2021
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director : Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam





Ques: What was a key outcome of the recent India–France bilateral meeting?

- A) Signing of a new climate treaty
- B) Amendment of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement and launch of ‘Year of Innovation’
- C) Launch of a joint space mission
- D) Establishment of a common currency
- E) Withdrawal from defence cooperation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and France amended the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) to boost bilateral trade and investments.
- Narendra Modi and Emmanuel Macron launched the ‘India–France Year of Innovation’.
- The initiative will focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI), digital technologies, and start-ups.
- Both leaders virtually inaugurated the Tata–Airbus H125 helicopter final assembly line in Karnataka.
- Multiple agreements were signed covering defence, civil nuclear cooperation, critical minerals, health, and counter-terrorism.
- A joint venture between Bharat Electronics Limited and Safran for HAMMER missile production was announced.
- New initiatives include an Indo-French Centre for AI (Health), a Centre of Digital Science & Technology, and a National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Aeronautics.
- France reiterated support for technology transfer to India and for strengthening people-to-people ties.





Ques: According to the report analysing India's electricity transition under the Current Policy Scenario (CPS) and Net Zero Scenario (NZS), what share of final energy consumption is projected to come from electricity under the NZS by 2070?

- A) 30%
- B) 40%
- C) 50%
- D) 60%
- E) 75%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The report analyses India's electricity transition under two scenarios: the Current Policy Scenario (CPS) and the Net Zero Scenario (NZS), aligned with India's 2070 Net Zero commitment.
- The power sector accounted for 39.4% of India's total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2020, making it the single largest source of emissions.
- Under electrification-led demand growth, electricity is expected to become the dominant energy carrier.
- The share of electricity in final energy consumption is projected at 40% under CPS and 60% under NZS by 2070.
- Total installed power capacity is expected to multiply 9–14 times by 2070, with renewables contributing 90–93% of total capacity, led mainly by solar PV and wind energy.
- To support a renewables-heavy grid, strong storage and flexibility measures will be required, including up to 3,000 GW of battery storage and around 160 GW of pumped hydro storage by 2070.
- Nuclear energy is expected to play a key role as firm power, with nuclear capacity projected to rise from 8.8 GW to over 300 GW by 2070.





Ques: Who was named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year (ISWOTY) 2025?

- A) Harmanpreet Kaur
- B) PV Sindhu
- C) Smriti Mandhana
- D) Mirabai Chanu
- E) Nikhat Zareen

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Smriti Mandhana, Vice-Captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team, was named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year (ISWOTY) 2025.
- The award recognizes outstanding achievements of Indian women athletes across various sports.
- The award ceremony was organized by the BBC to celebrate excellence in Indian women's sports.
- Smriti Mandhana is widely known for her consistent performances and significant contributions to Indian women's cricket at the international level.

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Ques: The first national call for the BIRAC–RDI Fund was announced under which broader Government of India initiative?

- A) National Biotechnology Development Programme
- B) Startup India Mission
- C) Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Initiative
- D) Digital India Programme
- E) Make in India Initiative

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Jitendra Singh announced the first national call for the BIRAC–RDI Fund under the Government of India’s ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Initiative.
- The BIRAC–RDI Fund operates under the institutional framework of the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) and the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF).
- The fund is anchored by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
- Out of the total ₹1 lakh crore RDI corpus, BIRAC has been allocated ₹2,000 crore initially for up to five years.
- The fund provides support through equity, convertible instruments, and long-term debt.
- It supports innovations from Technology Readiness Level (TRL)-4 (validation stage) to TRL-9 (commercial deployment stage).
- India’s bioeconomy has grown from \$28 billion in 2012 to \$165.7 billion in 2024, with a target of \$300 billion by 2030 and \$1 trillion by 2047.
- The number of biotech startups has increased from around 50 in 2014 to over 11,000 today, indicating rapid ecosystem expansion.





Ques: What is the primary purpose of Bharat-VISTAAR launched by the Government of India?

- A) Direct financial subsidies
- B) AI-based multilingual agricultural information
- C) Free farm equipment
- D) Crop insurance compensation
- E) Online market trading platform

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India has launched Bharat-VISTAAR (Virtually Integrated System to Access Agricultural Resources), an AI-powered multilingual digital tool designed especially for farmers.
- The platform provides farmers with agricultural and scheme-related information in their own language through mobile phones or even a simple voice call, ensuring inclusivity.
- Farmers can access details of major Central Government schemes such as PM-KISAN, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, and Kisan Credit Card (KCC).
- The interface and audio content will be available in more than 22 Indian regional languages to bridge the digital and language divide.
- The initiative was announced in the Union Budget 2026–27 with a dedicated allocation of ₹150 crore, highlighting the government's focus on technology-driven agricultural support.





Ques: Which Indian company received a general licence from the United States government to import Venezuelan crude oil without violating US sanctions?

- A) Indian Oil Corporation
- B) ONGC Videsh Limited
- C) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- D) Reliance Industries Limited
- E) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Reliance Industries Limited received a general licence from the United States government allowing it to directly purchase crude oil from Venezuela without violating U.S. sanctions. ([Reuters](#))
- This licence enables Reliance to diversify its crude oil sources and import Venezuelan heavy crude suited to its Jamnagar refinery configuration while complying with international regulations. (timesofindia.indiatimes.com)
- The move comes amid eased U.S. sanctions on Venezuelan oil and efforts by Indian refiners to secure alternative supplies. ([Reuters](#))

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Ques: Where did six-year-old environmental advocate Roohi Mohazzab deliver her keynote address during GCE 2026?

- A) New York, USA
- B) Geneva, Switzerland
- C) Bangkok, Thailand
- D) Paris, France
- E) Nairobi, Kenya

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Roohi Mohazzab, a six-year-old environmental advocate from Kerala, delivered her keynote address at the UN Asia-Pacific Headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand.
- She spoke during the Global Conference on Education for a Sustainable Future (GCE 2026).
- Roohi was honoured with the prestigious SDG Impact Award at the UN Asia-Pacific Headquarters.
- Her recognition highlights the importance of young voices in sustainability, climate action, and global awareness.

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Ques: Which Indian Major Port became the first to receive the IGBC Platinum Rating for its Administration Building?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- B) Chennai Port
- C) Paradip Port
- D) V.O. Chidambaranar Port
- E) Cochin Port

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority became India's first Major Port to receive the prestigious IGBC Platinum Rating, the highest certification awarded by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).
- The Administration Building follows the Port Authority's Green Policy and waste management plan, reinforcing its commitment to sustainability.
- The building is equipped with rooftop solar panels and a high Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) reflective roof coating, helping reduce the Urban Heat Island effect and improve overall energy efficiency.
- The port has also received Shunya and Shunya Plus certifications from the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

Top 3 Green Award Recipients (2025–2026) | शीर्ष ग्रीन अवॉर्ड प्राप्तकर्ता

- V.O. Chidambaranar Port – IGBC Platinum | Shunya Plus
– First Major Port in India to run its administration building on 100% renewable energy.
- Bank of Baroda (Apex Academy) – IGBC Platinum | Shunya
– Awarded for its state-of-the-art sustainable campus in Ahmedabad (Dec 2025).
- The Oterra Hotel, Bengaluru – IGBC Platinum | Shunya
– Recognized as the highest-rated green existing building in India (Jan 2026).





Ques: Who has been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Bangladesh?

- A) Sheikh Hasina
- B) Khaleda Zia
- C) Tarique Rahman
- D) Muhammad Yunus
- E) Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Tarique Rahman has been sworn in as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh following a decisive victory by his party in the recent parliamentary elections. ([Al Jazeera](#))

Corrected Facts:

- The swearing-in ceremony took place in Dhaka, with President Mohammed Shahabuddin administering the oath. (dhakatribune.com)
- Rahman leads the government after the Bangladesh Nationalist Party won a strong majority. (timesofindia.indiatimes.com)

Thus, the correct answer is Option C: Tarique Rahman.

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Ques: What is 'EKAM' showcased by the Indian Army?

- A) A cyber weapon system
- B) A secure indigenous AI cloud platform (AI-as-a-Service)
- C) A drone surveillance system
- D) A satellite communication network
- E) A blockchain-based defence payment system

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Army showcased 'EKAM', an indigenous AI-as-a-Service (AlaaS) cloud platform.
- EKAM is a secure and air-gapped platform, specifically designed to protect sensitive military data.
- The platform focuses on data sovereignty and secure processing of critical information.
- The initiative reflects the Army's push towards technological self-reliance and AI-enabled defence capabilities.

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Ques: The high-level CSR Conclave on “Leveraging PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (DDKY) for Farmer Prosperity” was organised by which department under the Government of India?

- A) Department of Rural Development
- B) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- C) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D) Department of Food & Public Distribution
- E) Ministry of Cooperation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The high-level CSR Conclave was organised by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- The conclave was held in New Delhi in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- The theme was “Leveraging PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (DDKY) for Farmer Prosperity.”
- PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (DDKY) was launched on 11 October 2025 for a duration of six years.
- The scheme covers 100 districts and is India’s first agriculture-exclusive programme.
- The programme is inspired by the Aspirational Districts Programme of NITI Aayog.





Ques: Which flagship scheme primarily funds marine conservation initiatives in India, including artificial reefs and financial support to fishers?

- A) National Mission for Clean Ganga
- B) Blue Economy Policy
- C) Sagarmala Programme
- D) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- E) Coastal Regulation Zone Scheme

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The flagship scheme that primarily funds marine conservation initiatives, including artificial reefs and financial assistance to fishers, is Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- To ensure oceans remain rich in biodiversity for future generations, the Government of India along with research bodies like the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) is implementing targeted marine conservation strategies, especially for species such as Silver Pomfret.
- To prevent overfishing, mesh-size regulations are enforced so that juvenile fish can escape through sufficiently large net holes.
- Certain harmful fishing methods are banned, such as bull/pair trawling (to protect the ocean floor) and the use of LED lights (which unnaturally attract fish).
- As per the Marine Fish Stock Status Report 2022, 91.1% of India's marine fish stocks are reported to be in healthy condition.
- Funding for conservation initiatives such as artificial reefs and financial aid to fishers is mainly driven by the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, a flagship scheme aimed at transforming India's fisheries sector.
- The Silver Pomfret (*Pampus argenteus*), often called the "King of Fish" in South and Southeast Asia, is nutritionally rich and a key focus of conservation efforts.





Marine Conservation Measures

- Minimum Legal Size (MLS): Prevents juvenile fishing; fish below a specified size (e.g., 140 mm for Pomfret) cannot be caught.
- State Fish Status: Silver Pomfret is the State Fish of Maharashtra to promote conservation and breeding.
- Zonal Restrictions: Near-shore areas reserved for traditional fishers; large vessels are restricted.
- Fishing Ban: A 61-day annual ban on both East and West coasts to allow breeding.
- Financial Aid: Fishers receive ₹4,500 (₹1,500 contribution + ₹3,000 government subsidy) during ban periods.
- Artificial Reefs: Man-made structures placed on the sea floor to restore habitats and boost fish populations.

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana :

- Launched : September 10, 2020
- Nodal Ministry : Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- Chairperson (Union Minister) : Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh
- Global Rank : India is the 2nd largest fish producer in the world.
- Agri-GVA Contribution : Fisheries contribute 7.43% to Agriculture GVA.
- Budget FY 2026-27 : ₹2,500 Crore (highest ever allocation for PMMSY).
- Key Sub-Scheme : PM-MKSSY (Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana) - ₹6,000 Crore outlay.
- Goal : Integrated development of 500 reservoirs & Amrit Sarovars





Ques: According to India's tech services roadmap aligned with Viksit Bharat@2047, what is the targeted annual revenue size of India's technology services industry by 2035?

- A) \$400–500 billion
- B) \$550–650 billion
- C) \$650–700 billion
- D) \$750–850 billion
- E) Above \$1 trillion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's tech services industry includes companies that design, build, implement, manage, and support technology solutions for global and domestic clients.
- Core segments include IT services, software development, digital transformation, business process & operations management, and engineering & R&D services.
- The sector contributes nearly 7% to India's GDP and generates around \$265 billion in annual revenue.
- India accounts for nearly 20% of the global tech services market.
- Under the Viksit Bharat@2047 vision, India aims to scale the tech services industry to \$750–850 billion in annual revenue by 2035 and increase its global market share beyond 25%.
- However, current projections indicate a potential revenue shortfall of \$250–300 billion if growth momentum is not accelerated.
- The roadmap identifies five priority growth levers: Agentic AI, Software & Products (SaaS), Digital Infrastructure, Innovation-led Engineering, and India-for-India solutions.





Ques: APEDA was established under which Act?

- A) Foreign Trade Act, 1992
- B) APEDA Act, 1985
- C) Food Safety Act, 2006
- D) Export Promotion Act, 1980
- E) Agricultural Trade Act, 1991

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) was established under the APEDA Act, 1985.
- The Act was passed in December 1985 and came into force on 13 February 1986.
- APEDA replaced the earlier Processed Food Export Promotion Council (PFEPCC) to strengthen the institutional framework for agricultural exports.
- It functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
- In FY 2024–25, APEDA contributed USD 28.59 billion out of India's total USD 51.91 billion agricultural exports.

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Ques: Why is the rapid thinning and retreat of the Thwaites Glacier considered a major global concern?

- A) Because it is the coldest glacier in the world
- B) Because it supports marine biodiversity only
- C) Because its collapse could trigger massive global sea-level rise
- D) Because it lies entirely on land and has no ocean connection
- E) Because it is shrinking slower than other Antarctic glaciers

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Recent studies show rapid thinning and retreat of the Thwaites Glacier located in West Antarctica.
- It is one of the world's widest glaciers, about 120 km across.
- The glacier covers nearly 1.9 lakh sq km, comparable to United Kingdom or the Indian state of Gujarat.
- It is a fast-moving glacier, meaning large volumes of ice flow quickly into the ocean.
- If it collapses, it alone has enough ice to raise global sea levels by about 0.5 meters, posing a serious threat to coastal regions worldwide.

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Ques: The Raksha Mantri approved the expansion of the definition of 'family' for which purpose?

- A) Pension eligibility of Armed Forces personnel
- B) Allotment of Government Accommodation to Service Officers
- C) Promotion policy reforms
- D) Medical benefits under ECHS
- E) Leave and travel concessions

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Raksha Mantri approved the expansion of the definition of 'family' for the allotment of Government Accommodation to Service Officers of the Armed Forces.
- The reform aligns with the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, reinforcing the legal responsibility of children to care for their parents.
- The move especially benefits Single Women Officers living with and caring for elderly parents.
- Existing members included spouse, dependent children, and step-children.
- Added members now include parents, dependent siblings, and legally adopted children.

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Ques: Which institute has successfully achieved induced breeding of the Mangrove Clam (*Geloina erosa*)?

- A) ICAR–CIFT, Kochi
- B) ICAR–CMFRI, Kochi
- C) CIFRI, Barrackpore
- D) National Institute of Oceanography, Goa
- E) Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The induced breeding of Mangrove Clam (*Geloina erosa*) has been achieved by ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute.
- Mangrove clam is commonly known as mud clam.
- Its scientific name is *Geloina erosa*, and it belongs to the bivalve group under the phylum Mollusca.
- The species is found in mangrove and estuarine ecosystems.
- It is distributed across South and Southeast Asia and is commonly found along India's western coast.
- In parts of Kerala, it is locally known as “Kandal Kakka”.

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Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted final approval to Bain Capital affiliates to acquire joint control and up to what percentage stake in Manappuram Finance?

- A) 26%
- B) 33%
- C) 41.66%
- D) 49%
- E) 51%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India granted final approval to affiliates of Bain Capital to acquire joint control and up to 41.66% stake in Manappuram Finance.
- This approval clears the way for Bain Capital's ₹4,385 crore investment in the gold loan-focused NBFC.
- Bain Capital was founded in 1984 and is headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
- Manappuram Finance was originally founded in 1949 and is headquartered at Valapad in the Thrissur district of Kerala.
- It is a Non-Deposit Accepting Loan Company and is classified as a Systemically Important Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC-ND-SI).
- Deepak Reddy assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Manappuram Finance on August 1, 2025.





Ques: NPCI has partnered with which company to advance its sovereign AI model for digital payments?

- A) Nvidia
- B) Google
- C) Microsoft
- D) IBM
- E) Amazon

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has partnered with Nvidia to scale and advance a sovereign AI model for India's digital payments ecosystem.
- The initiative focuses on building AI capabilities aligned with India's regulatory framework and data sovereignty requirements.
- NPCI will leverage Nvidia's advanced AI and accelerated computing platforms, including Nvidia NemoTron models.
- The collaboration aims to enhance trust, resilience, security, security, and efficiency in large-scale real-time payment systems.

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Ques: What key change has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced regarding Default Loss Guarantees (DLGs) for non-bank lenders?

- A) Banned the use of DLGs permanently
- B) Allowed DLGs only for banks, not NBFCs
- C) Restored the use of DLGs for NBFCs in loan loss provisioning
- D) Increased the cap on DLGs to 10% of loan portfolio
- E) Allowed DLGs only for government-backed fintechs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India has restored the use of Default Loss Guarantees (DLGs) for non-bank lenders, reversing its curbs imposed in May 2025.
- Under the revised framework, NBFCs can again factor in DLGs while calculating loan loss provisions, and the changes take effect immediately.
- The guarantee must be an integral part of the loan arrangement and cannot be treated as a separate standalone protection.
- Loss estimates must be updated each time the DLG is invoked, as the level of protection reduces with every utilisation.
- DLGs are risk-sharing mechanisms widely used in digital lending and co-lending models, usually capped at 5% of the loan portfolio and often backed by fixed deposits from fintech partners.
- Earlier, in May 2025, RBI had required NBFCs to exclude fintech-provided DLGs from provisioning calculations, leading to higher credit costs and reduced profitability.





Ques: Why has SEBI constituted a working group recently?

- A) To regulate cryptocurrency exchanges
- B) To review the framework for ESG Rating Providers
- C) To revise mutual fund taxation rules
- D) To promote IPO listings
- E) To regulate commodity markets

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has constituted a dedicated working group to review the regulatory framework for ESG Rating Providers (ERPs).
- The move follows feedback from market participants regarding ESG rating practices.
- The panel includes representatives from issuers, investors, domestic and global ERPs, ESG analysts, legal experts, and academia.
- The group will review existing regulations, assess global developments, and recommend measures to enhance transparency and reliability in ESG ratings.

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Ques: Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) expanded its start-up focused banking network by launching exclusive branches in which cities?

- A) Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune
- B) Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru
- C) Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Jaipur
- D) Kochi, Trivandrum, Coimbatore
- E) Noida, Gurugram, Faridabad

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Overseas Bank expanded its dedicated Start-up Banking Network by launching exclusive start-up focused branches in Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru.
- This expansion builds on the success of its first start-up focused branch in Chennai, launched in June 2024.
- The initiative was announced on the occasion of the bank's 90th Foundation Day.
- These specialised branches offer a tailored Startup Current Account with benefits such as waiver of Quarterly Average Balance (QAB) for the first 18 months.
- Additional features include 200 free cheque leaves per month and free NEFT, RTGS, and IMPS transactions.

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Ques: What is the key impact of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) new lending norms for capital market intermediaries effective from April 1?

- A) Banks can freely lend for brokers' proprietary trading
- B) Unsecured loans to stock brokers are permitted
- C) All credit to securities firms must be fully collateral-backed
- D) Bank guarantees for proprietary trades need no cash collateral
- E) Commodity brokers are exempted from the new norms

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India has tightened lending norms for capital market intermediaries, including stock and commodity brokers engaged in proprietary trading.
- Under the new prudential framework effective April 1, all loans to securities firms must be fully backed by collateral, eliminating unsecured exposure to speculative activities.
- Banks are prohibited from lending for brokers' own-account (proprietary) trading or for investments made by brokers.
- Bank guarantees issued for proprietary trades must be fully secured, with at least 50% collateral in cash and the remaining portion in cash equivalents or government securities.





Ques: Vast Space signed an order with NASA for its sixth Private Astronaut Mission (PAM) to which destination?

- A) Lunar Gateway
- B) International Space Station (ISS)
- C) Tiangong Space Station
- D) Haven-1 Commercial Station
- E) Low Earth Orbit Free Flyer

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Vast Space signed an order with NASA for its sixth Private Astronaut Mission (PAM) to the International Space Station (ISS).
- The mission is targeted for launch no earlier than Summer 2027 from Florida, USA.
- Astronauts will spend up to 14 days aboard the ISS.
- The mission will use SpaceX's Falcon 9 launch vehicle and Dragon spacecraft for crew transport.
- Vast is also developing Haven-1, planned for launch in 2027, aiming to become the world's first commercial space station.

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Ques: The Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) was created by which authority?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Monetary Authority of Singapore
- C) World Bank
- D) Asian Development Bank
- E) International Monetary Fund

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) announced a strategic collaboration with the Startup Policy Forum (SPF) to accelerate fintech and digital innovation.
- The partnership was announced at the Black Swan Summit India 2026 held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- GFTN is based in Singapore and was created by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).
- The collaboration focuses on building global innovation corridors, strengthening regulator–tech dialogue, and supporting Indian startups in international expansion.
- SPF represents over 65 fast-growing Indian startups with a combined valuation of more than USD 100 billion.





Ques: Google's new undersea cable project will directly connect which two countries?

- A) India and UK
- B) India and Australia
- C) India and United States
- D) India and Japan
- E) India and Singapore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced an undersea cable project directly linking India and the United States.
- This will be the second planned subsea cable system directly connecting the two nations.
- The first such initiative was Meta's Project Waterworth.
- Currently, most internet traffic between the two countries passes through relay hubs like Singapore.
- The new project is expected to improve digital connectivity, data security, and internet speed between India and the U.S.

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Ques: Which ministry is organising the National Conference on Safety of Women at Workplace (SHe-Box) on 14 February 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi?

- A) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) Ministry of Education

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Conference on Safety of Women at Workplace (SHe-Box) is being organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development on 14 February 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan.
- The objective is to reaffirm the Government's commitment to ensuring safe, dignified and harassment-free workplaces for women.
- It also aims to strengthen the implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.
- The SHe-Box (Sexual Harassment electronic Box) portal was launched by the Ministry on 29 August 2024 as a secure, user-friendly, and multilingual digital platform. online complaint filing and ensures automatic forwarding of complaints to the Internal Committee (IC) or Local Committee (LC).
- It provides real-time complaint tracking along with strict confidentiality safeguards for complainants.





Ques: The AI models 'Vikram' launched by Sarvam AI are primarily designed for what feature?

- A) Only English text processing
- B) Voice-command usage and support for 22 Indian languages
- C) Military surveillance applications
- D) Cryptocurrency trading
- E) Space research simulations

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sarvam AI unveiled two AI language models named 'Vikram' at an AI Summit in New Delhi.
- The models are specifically designed to function through voice commands.
- They support and are accessible in 22 Indian languages, strengthening multilingual AI capability.
- The initiative aims to significantly improve AI performance in Indian languages, marking a milestone in India's AI ecosystem.

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Ques: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved India's first underwater road-rail tunnel beneath which river?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the construction of India's first underwater twin-tube road-cum-rail tunnel beneath the Brahmaputra River in Assam.
- The total length of the project is 33.7 km, which includes a 15.79 km long underwater twin-tube tunnel.
- The project will be developed under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode at an estimated cost of ₹18,662 crore.
- The tunnel will improve connectivity between Gohpur (NH-15) and Numaligarh (NH-715).
- The distance between the two points will reduce from about 240 km to just 34 km, while travel time will drop from nearly 6 hours to around 20 minutes.
- Additionally, the Cabinet approved three multitracking railway projects: Kasara–Manmad, Delhi–Ambala, and Ballari–Hosapete third and fourth lines across multiple states.





Ques: What is the purpose of NHAI's bee corridor initiative?

- A) To increase highway toll revenue
- B) To reduce ecological stress and promote biodiversity
- C) To build expressways in rural areas
- D) To promote electric vehicles
- E) To develop industrial zones

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will develop bee corridors along national highways.
- The initiative aims to reduce ecological stress, improve pollination, and promote biodiversity conservation.
- At least three bee corridors are expected to be developed in the next financial year starting April 1.
- The announcement was made by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

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Ques: Which two Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) signed an MoU to collaborate on thermal captive power and renewable energy projects?

- A) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and Coal India Limited
- B) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and NLC India Limited
- C) Hindustan Copper Limited and NLC India Limited
- D) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and NTPC
- E) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and NTPC

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise, signed an MoU with NLC India Limited (NLCIL).
- The MoU aims to strengthen collaboration on a 1080-MW Thermal Captive Power Project and renewable energy development.
- NALCO is a Navratna CPSE under the Ministry of Mines and is a major player in bauxite, alumina, aluminium, and power generation.
- NLC India Limited is a CPSE under the Ministry of Coal, engaged in lignite mining, thermal power generation, and renewable energy projects.

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Ques: Why was Galgotias University removed from the India AI Impact Summit 2026?

- A) Technical malfunction at the stall
- B) Security violation
- C) Presenting a Chinese-made robot as its own in-house innovation
- D) Non-payment of participation fees
- E) Political protest at the venue

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Galgotias University was asked to vacate its stall at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 on February 18, 2026.
- The action followed allegations that the university showcased the Chinese-manufactured robotic dog Unitree Go2 as its own in-house innovation under the name “Orion.”
- The controversy led to claims of misrepresentation, after which the university issued a clarification and apology stating there was no institutional intent to mislead.

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Ques: The Shahpurkandi Dam is built on which river?

- A) Chenab
- B) Ravi
- C) Jhelum
- D) Beas
- E) Sutlej

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Shahpurkandi Dam has been constructed on the Ravi River.
- After its completion, additional water that earlier flowed into Pakistan will now be diverted for irrigation use in India.
- The dam is located on the Punjab–Jammu border and is expected to become operational soon.
- The project will significantly boost irrigation in Jammu and Kashmir (especially the Kathua region) and Punjab.
- Work on such projects has accelerated following developments related to the Indus Waters Treaty.

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Ques: The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed a landmark MoU with which institution to promote telecom innovation and cybersecurity research?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- B) Rashtriya Raksha University
- C) National Defence College
- D) Indian Institute of Science
- E) National Institute of Electronics & IT

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, signed a landmark MoU with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU).
- The collaboration focuses on promoting telecom innovation and advanced cybersecurity research.
- A key initiative under the MoU is the establishment of an Innovation-cum-Experience Centre at RRU.
- The centre will deploy TRINETRA, a unified AI-powered cyber security solution developed indigenously by C-DOT.
- Rashtriya Raksha University is an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Home Affairs, focusing on internal security, cyber defence, national security studies, and technology-driven security solutions.





Ques: What was the theme of the 18th Foundation Day of the National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA)?

- A) Strengthening Digital Governance for India
- B) Reimagining Capacity Building for Official Statistics to achieve Vision of Viksit Bharat@2047
- C) Data-Driven Growth for Atmanirbhar Bharat
- D) Modernising Statistical Systems for Global Competitiveness
- E) Inclusive Development through Evidence-Based Policy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, celebrated its 18th Foundation Day.
- The theme of the Foundation Day was “Reimagining Capacity Building for Official Statistics to achieve Vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.”
- NSSTA was established to strengthen India's National Statistical System (NSS) by enhancing skills and capacities in official statistics.

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Ques: Why did the Government of India lift the wheat export ban after four years?

- A) To control domestic inflation only
- B) Due to surplus production and to ensure remunerative prices for farmers
- C) To meet WTO obligations
- D) Due to decline in wheat acreage
- E) To reduce buffer stock costs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India lifted the wheat export ban after four years due to comfortable domestic availability and to ensure remunerative prices for farmers.
- Wheat is a Rabi crop grown mainly in tropical, sub-tropical and temperate regions.
- It requires cool and moist weather during the vegetative growth period, followed by dry and warm weather for grain maturity and ripening.
- The optimum temperature for wheat cultivation is 20–25°C with ideal rainfall of 50–75 cm.
- India is the world's second-largest producer of wheat, contributing around 14% of global output, and has the largest area under wheat cultivation.
- The top wheat-producing states in India are Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Punjab.





Ques: When is GalaxEye's 'Mission Drishti' scheduled to be launched?

- A) 2024
- B) 2025
- C) 2026
- D) 2027
- E) 2028

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- GalaxEye has announced that its upcoming satellite mission 'Mission Drishti' is scheduled for launch in 2026.
- The satellite will integrate Nvidia's Jetson Orin GPU architecture to enable advanced AI processing directly in orbit.
- It aims to enhance real-time processing and delivery of Earth observation data and will feature GalaxEye's SyncFused OptoSAR architecture.
- The announcement was made at the IndiaAI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi.

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Ques: Which of the following are the Umbrella Missions of the Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD)?

- A) Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0, Mission Shakti, Mission Vatsalya
- B) Mission Poshan Abhiyaan, Mission Swachh Bharat, Mission Vatsalya
- C) Mission Shakti, Mission Jal Jeevan, Mission Poshan 2.0
- D) Mission Saksham Anganwadi, Mission Ayushman Bharat, Mission Vatsalya
- E) Mission Poshan Abhiyaan, Mission Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Mission Vatsalya

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) implements three Umbrella Missions to streamline and strengthen women- and child-centric schemes.

1. Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 (Also known as Mission Poshan 2.0)

- **Objective:** Improve nutrition and health indicators of women, children, and adolescent girls.
- **Key Components (Reorganisation of):** – Anganwadi Services – POSHAN Abhiyaan – Scheme for Adolescent Girls

2. Mission Shakti

• Objective: Ensure safety, security, and empowerment of women.

• **It has two verticals:**

A. Sambal (Safety & Protection)

- One Stop Centres (OSC)
- Women Helpline (181)
- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)
- Nari Adalat





B. Samarthya (Empowerment)

- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)
- Shakti Sadan
- Sakhi Niwas
- National Hub for Empowerment of Women (NHEW)
- Palna (Crèche Facility)

3. Mission Vatsalya

- Focus: Protection, care, and welfare of children in difficult circumstances.
- **Includes:**
 - Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)
- **Objectives:**
 - Support children in difficult circumstances
 - Provide holistic development
 - Encourage innovation
 - Ensure convergence across departments

Evaluation & Monitoring

- A third-party evaluation of these missions (FY 2019–2024) was conducted by NITI Aayog.
- The study found the schemes to be relevant, impactful, and well-aligned with national development goals.





Ques: Which event will be hosted by the Indian Army as the first-ever international military adventure competition in February 2026?

- A) International Mountain Warfare Cup
- B) International Military Adventure Challenge Cup (IMACC)
- C) Global Armed Forces Endurance Meet
- D) Himalayan Joint Military Games
- E) International Defence Sports Championship

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Army will host the first-ever International Military Adventure Challenge Cup (IMACC) 2026 from 18–23 February 2026.
- The event will be held in the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas.
- The objective of IMACC is to enhance military cooperation, build camaraderie, and test soldiers' endurance in challenging mountainous terrain.
- Military teams from seven friendly foreign nations will participate: Bhutan, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Saudi Arabia.
- Indian participants will include the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Indian Coast Guard, and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

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Ques: How much Special Economic Package did India announce during the visit of Seychelles President Dr. Patrick Herminie?

- A) USD 100 million
- B) USD 150 million
- C) USD 175 million
- D) USD 200 million
- E) USD 250 million

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Patrick Herminie, President of Seychelles, visited India on his first official visit since assuming office in 2025. The visit coincided with the 50th anniversary of India–Seychelles diplomatic relations (1976–2026).
- India announced a USD 175 million Special Economic Package, including:
 - USD 125 million Line of Credit (low-interest loan)
 - USD 50 million Grant Assistance (free aid)
- Key assistance included 10 ambulances, 1,000 metric tonnes of grains & lentils, refit of petrol ship Zoraster, 10 utility vehicles, and 5 Laser Radial boats.
- Both nations adopted the India–Seychelles Joint Vision for Sustainability, Economic Growth and Security through Enhanced Linkages (SESEL Vision) to deepen cooperation in health, digital infrastructure, maritime security, environment, and economic development.





Ques: From which date are bank loans to the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for on-lending to cooperative societies eligible for Priority Sector Lending (PSL) classification?

- A) 1 April 2025
- B) 1 July 2025
- C) 19 January 2026
- D) 1 April 2026
- E) 26 January 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India, in consultation with the Government of India, announced that loans sanctioned by banks to the National Cooperative Development Corporation for on-lending to cooperative societies will be eligible for Priority Sector Lending classification with effect from 19 January 2026.
- This PSL classification applies to banks other than Regional Rural Banks, Urban Cooperative Banks, Small Finance Banks, and Local Area Banks.
- Urban Cooperative Banks have been permitted to open new branches, and their housing loan limit has been enhanced from 10% to 25% of total loans and advances.
- The Banking Regulation Act has been amended to increase the tenure of directors of Cooperative Banks from 8 years to 10 years.
- The National Urban Co-operative Finance and Development Corporation Limited has been established as an umbrella organisation for Urban Cooperative Banks to provide IT infrastructure and operational support.
- A Shared Services Entity named Sahakar Sarthi has been set up to provide technological services to Rural Cooperative Banks, and these banks have been included under the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme of RBI.





Ques: RBI has deferred implementation of Unique Transaction Identifier (UTI) for OTC derivatives till which date?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has deferred the implementation of the Unique Transaction Identifier (UTI) for all Over-the-Counter (OTC) derivatives to January 1, 2027.
- The UTI system will help regulators obtain a comprehensive view of the OTC derivatives market and enhance transparency.
- The mandate will apply to transactions entered into on or after January 1, 2027.
- Currently, OTC transactions are reported to the Trade Repository managed by Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL-TR).
- Covered instruments include rupee interest rate derivatives, forward contracts in government securities, foreign currency derivatives, foreign currency interest rate derivatives, and credit derivatives.





Ques: DBS Bank Limited partnered with Visa to pilot agent-initiated payments under which innovative payment framework?

- A) Visa Secure Pay
- B) Visa Token Service
- C) Visa Intelligent Commerce (VIC)
- D) Visa Direct
- E) Visa PayWave AI

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- DBS Bank Limited, Southeast Asia's largest lender, entered into a strategic partnership with Visa to pilot agent-initiated payments under Visa Intelligent Commerce (VIC).
- With this initiative, DBS became the first issuer in the Asia-Pacific region to operationalise real-world agentic commerce use cases.
- Visa Intelligent Commerce (VIC) is a payment framework that enables AI agents to securely initiate and complete transactions on behalf of consumers.
- Under the pilot, AI agents completed food and beverage purchases using DBS/POSB credit and debit cards, with payments processed through secure, issuer-approved flows.
- Explicit customer consent was maintained throughout the transactions.





Ques: What is FiMI launched by NPCI?

- A) A new UPI payment app
- B) A blockchain-based settlement system
- C) A domain-specific AI language model for payments
- D) A new digital wallet
- E) A credit scoring platform

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched FiMI (Finance Model for India) at the India–AI Impact Summit 2026.
- FiMI is a domain-specific language model built specifically for India's payments ecosystem.
- Developed in-house by NPCI, it addresses limitations of general-purpose LLMs in high-scale, high-trust payment workflows.
- FiMI currently powers NPCI's UPI Help Assistant, an AI-powered conversational support system for UPI users.
- It supports transaction dispute handling, mandate lifecycle management, and regulatory queries.
- The assistant currently supports English, Hindi, Telugu, and Bengali.





Ques: Which entity received RBI approval to acquire up to 9.95% stake in eight Indian banks?

- A) HDFC Asset Management Company
- B) SBI Mutual Fund
- C) ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company
- D) Axis Asset Management Company
- E) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company, along with group entities of ICICI Bank, received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to acquire up to 9.95% of the paid-up share capital or voting rights in eight Indian banks.
- The banks covered under this approval are Bandhan Bank, City Union Bank, Equitas Small Finance Bank, Federal Bank, IDFC First Bank, HDFC Bank, Karur Vysya Bank, and RBL Bank.
- The approval is valid for one year and requires completion of major shareholding within this period.
- The aggregate holding must remain below 9.95% at all times.
- If the stake falls below 5% and is later increased again, fresh approval from RBI will be mandatory.





Ques: What is the minimum FD amount required to obtain IDFC First Bank's Hello Cashback Credit Card?

- A) ₹5,000
- B) ₹10,000
- C) ₹15,000
- D) ₹25,000
- E) ₹50,000

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- IDFC First Bank has launched the Hello Cashback Credit Card, an FD-backed credit card.
- The card is aimed at first-time users and customers with no credit history.
- Customers need to open a minimum FD of ₹10,000 to get the card.
- The credit limit is 100% of the FD amount.
- The card is issued on the RuPay network.
- Founded: October 2015 | Headquarters: Mumbai | CEO: V. Vaidyanathan.

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Ques: What was India's factory-gate inflation (Wholesale Price Index – WPI) in January 2026, as per data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry?

- A) 0.95%
- B) 1.25%
- C) 1.81%
- D) 2.40%
- E) 3.20%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's factory-gate inflation, measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), rose to 1.81% in January 2026, marking a 10-month high.
- The data was released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- The rise in WPI inflation was mainly driven by:
 - Pickup in food prices
 - Sharp increase in core inflation
- Food inflation increased to 1.4% in January 2026, after remaining flat on a year-on-year basis in December 2025.
- Core inflation (excluding food and fuel) rose sharply to 3.2% in January 2026.
- The current WPI base year is 2011–12, and the upcoming GDP series with base year 2022–23 will continue to use the existing WPI as deflators.

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Ques: India is conducting a joint in-situ air exercise with which country's air force?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Thai Air Force are conducting a joint in-situ air exercise to enhance operational coordination and interoperability.
- The exercise focuses on testing how well different aircraft systems and pilots coordinate and communicate during real missions.
- It also aims to strengthen the defence partnership between India and Thailand.
- An “in-situ” exercise means training is conducted in real-world operational locations rather than simulators or isolated bases.

About Thailand:

- Capital: Bangkok
- Prime Minister: Anutin Charnvirakul
- Currency: Thai Baht

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Ques: In PM Modi's MANAV Vision for AI, what does 'N' stand for?

- A) Neutral Systems
- B) National Sovereignty
- C) New Technology
- D) Network Governance
- E) Natural Intelligence

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Narendra Modi unveiled India's comprehensive "MANAV Vision" for Artificial Intelligence at the India AI Impact Summit 2026.
- The vision promotes a human-centric, ethical, accountable and inclusive AI framework.
- M – Moral & Ethical Systems: AI should be guided by ethical principles.
- A – Accountable Governance: Transparent rules and strong oversight mechanisms.
- N – National Sovereignty: "Whose data, his right" – data ownership and sovereignty.
- A – Accessible & Inclusive: AI should empower all, not create monopolies.
- V – Valid & Legitimate: AI systems must be lawful and verifiable.
- The Prime Minister emphasized that welfare and happiness of all should be the benchmark for AI development.





Ques: India has become the world's second-largest active installed base of smartphones, ranking just behind which country?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has officially become the second-largest active installed base of smartphones in the world, standing just behind China.
- India currently has over 740 million active smartphones in use.
- This indicates that more than half of India's population of about 1.45 billion people actively uses a smartphone.
- Indian users retain their smartphones for around 42 months on average, which is slightly lower than the global average of 47 months.
- This shows that Indian consumers typically upgrade their smartphones roughly every 3.5 years.

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Ques: Where was the 23rd edition of BioAsia 2026 held?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Mumbai
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Chennai
- E) Pune

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 23rd edition of BioAsia 2026 was held in Hyderabad, Telangana at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC).
- The summit was inaugurated by Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.
- BioAsia is an annual international life sciences conference hosted by the Government of Telangana.
- Theme: “TechBio Unleashed – AI, Automation, and Revolutionary Changes in Life Sciences.”
- Focus areas included use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in drug discovery, automation in biotechnology & healthcare innovation, and strengthening global collaboration in the life sciences sector.

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Ques: Dubai-based telecom company du has partnered with Datawave Networks Limited to invest in which submarine cable system creating a direct East–West digital corridor?

- A) SEA-ME-WE 6 Cable System
- B) Asia-Africa-Europe (AAE-1) Cable
- C) Singapore-India-Gulf (SING) Cable System
- D) India-Europe Express (IEX) Cable
- E) Bay of Bengal Gateway (BBG) Cable

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Dubai-based telecom and digital services provider du (Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company) entered into a strategic partnership with Datawave Networks Limited to land and invest in the Singapore–India–Gulf (SING) submarine cable system.
- The SING cable system will connect Kalba (UAE), Muscat (Oman), Mumbai and Chennai (India), Kedah (Malaysia), and Singapore, establishing a direct East–West digital corridor.
- The design, manufacture, and deployment of the cable will be carried out by SubCom, which is owned by Cerberus Capital Management.
- The financing agreement for the project was signed in January 2026, and the cable system is targeted to be Ready for Service (RFS) by 2030.





Ques: Who developed the Ol Chiki script for the Santhali language?

- A) Birsa Munda
- B) Pandit Raghunath Murmu
- C) Jaipal Singh Munda
- D) Raghunandan Prasad
- E) Shibu Soren

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Centenary Celebration of the Ol Chiki script in New Delhi.
- On the occasion, she released a commemorative coin and a postage stamp marking 100 years of the script.
- Ol Chiki script was developed in 1925 by Pandit Raghunath Murmu specifically for the Santhali language.
- The script consists of 30 letters, designed to accurately represent Santhali phonetics.
- Santhali language was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution in 2003.
- Ol Chiki is the official script of the Santhali language, widely spoken in Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam, and Bihar.
- Recently, the President also released the Constitution of India in Santhali language, written in the Ol Chiki script.





Ques: Where was the two-day International Conference on Dam Safety (ICDS) 2026, held on 13–14 February 2026, concluded?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Chennai
- E) Pune

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The two-day International Conference on Dam Safety (ICDS) 2026 concluded in Bengaluru on 13–14 February 2026.
- The inaugural and plenary sessions highlighted India's evolving dam safety framework under the Dam Safety Act, 2021 and the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP).
- Key themes of the conference included climate resilience in dam operations, coordinated reservoir management, institutional capacity building, and strengthening regulatory oversight.

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Ques: As per DGCA's proposed amendments, airlines can directly impose a flying ban for up to how many days on unruly passengers?

- A) 7 days
- B) 15 days
- C) 30 days
- D) 45 days
- E) 60 days

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has proposed stricter norms to deal with unruly passengers.
- Airlines may be allowed to directly impose a flying ban of up to 30 days without referring the matter to an independent committee.
- Proposed amendments are under the Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) provisions.
- Disruptive acts include smoking onboard, consuming alcohol on domestic flights, tampering with emergency exits, engaging in protests or sloganeering, and unruly behaviour due to intoxication.
- Airlines must inform DGCA about bans and maintain a passenger database.
- However, such passengers will not automatically be added to the official No-Fly List.





Ques: 'White Revolution 2.0', recently launched by the Ministry of Cooperation, aims to increase milk procurement by dairy cooperatives to what level by 2028–29?

- A) 850 lakh kg per day
- B) 900 lakh kg per day
- C) 950 lakh kg per day
- D) 1,007 lakh kg per day
- E) 1,200 lakh kg per day

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Minister Amit Shah informed the Lok Sabha that the Ministry of Cooperation has launched a cooperative-led initiative called White Revolution 2.0.
- Under this initiative, the target is to increase milk procurement by dairy cooperatives by 50% over the next five years, from 660 lakh kg per day to 1,007 lakh kg per day by 2028–29.
- White Revolution 2.0 focuses on four priority areas: women's empowerment, enhancing local milk production, strengthening dairy infrastructure, and boosting dairy exports.
- The initiative aims to empower women milk farmers by strengthening women-led dairy institutions and Self-Help Group (SHG) linkages.
- It also includes setting up and strengthening around 1.20 lakh new and existing cooperative institutions and increasing India's share in global milk production from one-fourth to one-third by 2030.
- Activities under White Revolution 2.0 are funded through the National Dairy Development Programme 2.0 under the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.





Ques: Which city will host the 2027 AI Impact Summit?

- A) Zurich
- B) Geneva
- C) Bern
- D) Paris
- E) Vienna

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Guy Parmelin, President of Switzerland, announced that the 2027 AI Impact Summit will be held in Geneva.
- He emphasized the need for good global governance of AI, ensuring it is not controlled by a few “big powers.”
- Parmelin met Narendra Modi for bilateral talks on AI innovation, multilateral cooperation, and trade ties.
- Discussions included the India–EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) concluded in 2024.
- He called for smaller countries to organise together and build AI infrastructure.
- The summit will focus on international legal aspects of AI governance.
- The UAE will host the 2028 AI Summit after Geneva.





Ques: Where was the 13th edition of Exercise MILAN-2026 inaugurated?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Kochi
- C) Chennai
- D) Visakhapatnam
- E) Port Blair

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 13th edition of Exercise MILAN-2026 at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- MILAN is a premier multilateral naval exercise hosted by the Indian Navy.
- 74 nations are participating, making it the largest and most inclusive edition so far.
- The exercise is being conducted under the Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam.
- Aim: To enhance interoperability among navies, strengthen professional competence, and deepen maritime cooperation.
- MILAN has evolved from a regional initiative to a prominent global naval engagement platform.
- The exercise promotes mutual trust, coordinated responses, and maritime security cooperation.
- Theme of MILAN-2026: “Camaraderie, Cooperation and Coordination.”





Ques: Which company's 2-nanometer (2nm) semiconductor chip design was launched by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw?

- A) Qualcomm
- B) Nvidia
- C) Intel
- D) AMD
- E) Samsung

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, along with Karnataka Industries Minister M. B. Patil, inaugurated a world-class electronics manufacturing facility of Zetwerk Electronics at KIADB Hi-Tech, Bengaluru.
- During the event, he also launched Qualcomm's 2-nanometer (2nm) semiconductor chip design.
- "Nm" refers to the size of transistors. A smaller size (2nm vs 7nm) allows more transistors to fit on a chip, resulting in faster performance and lower power consumption.
- The 2nm chip is specifically designed for advanced AI computing, high-end smartphones, and edge devices.





Ques: Where was the 1st Meeting of BRICS Sherpas held, which was chaired by India's BRICS Sherpa Sudhakar Dalela?

- A) Beijing, China
- B) Moscow, Russia
- C) Brasília, Brazil
- D) New Delhi, India
- E) Cape Town, South Africa

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 1st Meeting of BRICS Sherpas was held in New Delhi.
- The meeting was chaired by India's BRICS Sherpa Sudhakar Dalela, Secretary (Economic Relations).
- This was the first edition of the BRICS Sherpas' meeting under India's leadership.
- The theme of the meeting was "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability."

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Ques: How many villages are covered under Vibrant Villages Programme–II (VVP–II)?

- A) 1,500
- B) 1,800
- C) 1,954
- D) 2,100
- E) 2,500

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched Vibrant Villages Programme–II (VVP–II) in Nathanpur village, Assam at a cost of ₹6,839 crore.
- Under VVP–II, nearly ₹6,900 crore will be spent covering 1,954 villages across 334 blocks in 17 States.
- In Assam alone, the scheme covers 9 districts, 26 blocks and 140 villages.
- States covered include Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Assam.
- The programme focuses on border villages adjoining international borders, improving infrastructure, connectivity, security and welfare saturation.
- Programme aims to prevent migration from border areas and strengthen national security.
- VVP–II is an expansion of the original Vibrant Villages Programme (launched in 2023) which initially focused on villages along the China border.





Ques: Where was the first CM Shri School inaugurated under Delhi's AI-driven model?

- A) Rohini
- B) Lajpat Nagar
- C) Sarojini Nagar
- D) Dwarka
- E) Karol Bagh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rekha Gupta inaugurated the first CM Shri School at Sarojini Nagar.
- Foundation laid for 75 such schools across Delhi.
- The model is AI-driven and focuses on modern digital learning infrastructure.
- The event was attended by Dharmendra Pradhan.
- The project targets students from economically weaker, lower and middle-income families.
- Aim is to provide facilities comparable to top private schools.

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Ques: Who from Puducherry won the Chang–Crandall Humanitarian Award 2026 for exceptional contributions in cataract blindness prevention and visual disability care?

- A) Dr. Aravind Prasad & Dr. Meena Rao
- B) Dr. Haripriya Aravind & Dr. R. Venkatesh
- C) Dr. V. Shanmugam & Dr. K. Ramesh
- D) Dr. R. Venkatesan & Dr. Harini Devi
- E) Dr. S. Balakrishnan & Dr. N. Kavitha

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Dr. Haripriya Aravind and Dr. R. Venkatesh from Puducherry won the Chang–Crandall Humanitarian Award 2026.
- They were honoured for their exceptional contributions in cataract blindness prevention and visual disability care.
- The award was presented at the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) Foundation conference.
- The conference was held in Washington DC, United States of America.
- The Chang–Crandall Humanitarian Award carries a prize money of USD 100,000.

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Ques: VoicERA, recently launched at the India AI Impact Summit 2026, is related to which field?

- A) Quantum Computing
- B) Blockchain Governance
- C) Voice AI Stack
- D) Satellite Communication
- E) Cyber Warfare

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) unveiled VoicERA, an open-source, end-to-end Voice AI stack.
- It was launched at the India AI Impact Summit 2026.
- Initiative led by the Digital India BHASHINI Division under Digital India Corporation.
- VoicERA is deployed on the BHASHINI National Language Infrastructure.
- It provides a national execution layer for multilingual Voice & Language AI.
- Platform is open, modular, interoperable, cloud-deployable & on-premise ready.
- Supports real-time speech systems, conversational AI & multilingual telephony.
- Enables voice-enabled citizen services in areas like agriculture, education, grievance redressal & scheme discovery.

