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Ques: Who has recently been appointed as a Whole-Time Member of SEBI?

- A) Ananth Narayan
- B) K.V.R. Murty
- C) T. Rabi Sankar
- D) Ajay Tyagi
- E) Shaktikanta Das

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India has appointed K. V. R. Murty, a former official of the Ministry of Defence, as a Whole-Time Member (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- With this appointment, the SEBI board strength has increased to nine members, strengthening the functioning of India's capital market regulator.
- K. V. R. Murty replaces Ananth Narayan, whose tenure as SEBI whole-time member ended earlier.

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Ques: Which bank launched the “bob Women Sapphire Savings Account” for women customers?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Union Bank of India
- C) Punjab National Bank
- D) Canara Bank
- E) Bank of Baroda

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda launched a special savings account for women called “bob Women Sapphire Savings Account.”
- The account is designed to provide banking benefits along with healthcare and lifestyle privileges for women customers.
- It offers ₹10 lakh cancer care coverage for women aged 18 to 60 years.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of HDFC ERGO General Insurance?

- A) Parthanil Ghosh
- B) Anuj Tyagi
- C) Keki Mistry
- D) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- E) Ritesh Kumar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Parthanil Ghosh has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of HDFC ERGO General Insurance.
- He will succeed Anuj Tyagi, the current MD and CEO of the company.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance is one of India's leading private sector general insurance companies.

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Ques: Retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose to 3.21% in February 2026, which is the highest in how many months?

- A) 6 months
- B) 9 months
- C) 10 months
- D) 11 months
- E) 12 months

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index increased to 3.21% in February 2026.
- It rose by 47 basis points from 2.74% in January 2026.
- This level marks an 11-month high in retail inflation.
- The inflation calculation is based on the base year 2024.

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Ques: The 6th edition of Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2026 was observed during which dates?

- A) 1–5 March 2026
- B) 5–9 March 2026
- C) 12–16 March 2026
- D) 9–13 March 2026
- E) 15–19 March 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 6th edition of Digital Payments Awareness Week 2026 was observed from 9–13 March 2026.
- As part of this initiative, Sanjay Malhotra, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, launched the pilot programme titled “Awareness Program on Digital Payments.”
- The pilot programme will be conducted in Maharashtra in partnership with CSC e-Governance Services India Limited.
- The initiative will organise in-person awareness programmes for 10 lakh participants in rural and semi-urban areas through Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs).
- The RBI also launched a multi-media awareness campaign “Thoda Dhyan Se” to encourage users to stay alert while making digital payments and online transactions.





Ques: Who has been indicated as the likely successor to Nitish Kumar as the next Chief Minister of Bihar?

- A) Tejashwi Yadav
- B) Samrat Choudhary
- C) Sushil Kumar Modi
- D) Chirag Paswan
- E) Nityanand Rai

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Nitish Kumar, the Chief Minister of Bihar, hinted that Deputy Chief Minister and BJP MLA Samrat Choudhary may succeed him as the next Chief Minister of the state.
- During a public event in Saharsa, Nitish Kumar publicly expressed support for Samrat Choudhary and asked people to raise their hands in his support.
- The announcement came after Nitish Kumar filed nomination for the Rajya Sabha elections, indicating a possible transition in Bihar's leadership.

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Ques: The Indian Orchid Festival 2026, recently in news, concluded in which state?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Manipur
- E) Nagaland

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Orchid Festival 2026 concluded in Pakyong district of Sikkim.
- The festival was organised by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research – National Research Centre for Orchids (ICAR-NRCO).
- The theme of the festival was “Orchids for Beauty & Prosperity.”

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Ques: The FIFA World Cup 2026, recently in news after Iran announced its withdrawal, will be jointly hosted by which three countries?

- A) United States, Mexico, Brazil
- B) United States, Canada, Mexico
- C) Spain, Portugal, Morocco
- D) Canada, Brazil, Argentina
- E) Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The FIFA World Cup 2026 will be jointly hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico.
- Iran announced its withdrawal from the tournament.
- FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) was founded on 21 May 1904 and is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland.
- FIFA currently has 211 member associations, and its president is Gianni Infantino.
- **Upcoming FIFA World Cup hosts:**
 - 2030: Morocco, Portugal, Spain
 - 2034: Saudi Arabia
- The FIFA Women's World Cup 2027 will be hosted by Brazil.





Ques: Which country recently became the first in the Americas to eliminate leprosy as a public health problem?

- A) Brazil
- B) Chile
- C) Peru
- D) Mexico
- E) Argentina

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Chile has officially become the first country in the Americas and the second country globally to eliminate Leprosy as a public health problem, as verified by the World Health Organization.
- The achievement reflects Chile's strong public health system, improved disease surveillance, and early treatment programmes.
- Eliminating leprosy as a public health issue means the prevalence rate has fallen below the WHO threshold, so the disease is no longer considered a major public health concern.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) was established on 7 April 1948 and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.





Ques: The Orunodoi 3.0 Scheme, recently in news, has been implemented by which state government?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Tripura
- C) Odisha
- D) Assam
- E) Meghalaya

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Orunodoi 3.0 Scheme has been implemented by the Assam Government.
- Under this scheme, ₹79,000 each has been transferred to around 40 lakh women beneficiaries.
- The scheme aims to provide financial assistance to poor households, with a special focus on women empowerment.

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Ques: The Sheshnaag-150, recently in news, is related to which of the following defence technologies?

- A) Ballistic Missile
- B) Swarming Attack Drone
- C) Submarine-Launched Missile
- D) Fighter Aircraft
- E) Anti-Tank Guided Missile

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sheshnaag-150 is a long-range swarming attack drone being developed to enhance India's unmanned warfare capabilities.
- The drone is being developed by Newspace Research Technologies, a defence startup based in Bengaluru.
- It represents India's effort to build cost-effective and flexible unmanned combat systems similar to those used in modern conflicts.
- Platforms such as Shahed-136 of Iran and the LUCAS unmanned aerial vehicle of the United States show how low-cost drones can create major battlefield impact.
- Each drone can carry 25–40 kg warheads, capable of damaging infrastructure or military assets.





Ques: The “Right to Die with Dignity” is derived from which Article of the Indian Constitution?

- A) Article 14
- B) Article 19
- C) Article 21
- D) Article 32
- E) Article 44

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The “Right to Die with Dignity” is derived from Article 21 of the Constitution of India, which guarantees the Right to Life and Personal Liberty.
- The Supreme Court of India allowed passive euthanasia for a 32-year-old man who had been in a permanent vegetative state for over 12 years, marking an important practical implementation of this principle.
- The bench of Justice J. B. Pardiwala and Justice K. V. Viswanathan permitted withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment, including clinically assisted nutrition and hydration.
- This ruling reinforces that the Right to Life under Article 21 also includes the right to die with dignity in certain circumstances.
- Landmark reference: Aruna Shanbaug Case (2011) recognized passive euthanasia; later the Supreme Court legalized the Living Will in 2018.





Ques: The “Nirbhaya Nisha” initiative, aimed at improving women’s safety during night travel, was launched by which state police?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Kerala Police launched the Nirbhaya Nisha initiative to enhance women’s safety during night travel across Kerala.
- The initiative provides rapid police assistance between 9 PM and 5 AM.
- Women can seek help through the 112 Emergency Helpline.

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Ques: India's Lakshya Sen finished runner-up at the All England Open Badminton Championships 2026, losing the Men's Singles final to which player?

- A) Viktor Axelsen
- B) Anthony Sinisuka Ginting
- C) Kodai Naraoka
- D) Lin Chun-Yi
- E) Anders Antonsen

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Lakshya Sen finished runner-up at the All England Open Badminton Championships 2026.
- He lost the Men's Singles final to Lin Chun-Yi of Chinese Taipei.
- The tournament was held in Birmingham, United Kingdom.

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Ques: Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2026 was held at which venue?

- A) Las Vegas Convention Center, USA
- B) Messe Berlin, Germany
- C) Dubai World Trade Centre, UAE
- D) Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
- E) Fira Barcelona Gran Via, Spain

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Mobile World Congress 2026 was held at Fira Barcelona Gran Via in Barcelona, Spain.
- The theme of the event was “The IQ Era.”
- The event was organised by the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA).
- Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia, Union Minister from India’s Ministry of Communications, represented India at the event.
- During the event, he launched the TJ1600-D3 Hyper-scalable Data Center Interconnect (DCI) Platform developed by Tejas Networks Limited, a Bengaluru-based company.

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Ques: Which organisation implements the mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery in India?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Bureau of Indian Standards
- C) Ministry of Commerce
- D) Geological Survey of India
- E) Ministry of Finance

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery in India is implemented by the Bureau of Indian Standards.
- The Government of India added seven more districts in the 6th phase of mandatory hallmarking under the Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts (Amendment) Order, 2026.
- These districts include Rupnagar in Punjab, Banda in Uttar Pradesh, and Beed in Maharashtra, along with four others.
- With this expansion, mandatory hallmarking now covers 380 districts across India.
- Since 2021, more than 60 crore gold items have been hallmarked with HUID (Hallmark Unique Identification), a 6-digit alphanumeric code used to verify the authenticity of gold jewellery.
- The authenticity of hallmark jewellery can be verified using the BIS CARE mobile application.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is responsible for implementing mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery and artefacts in India.
- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Established in 1986 and Headquarters in New Delhi.





Ques: Prof. Hermann Kulke, who recently passed away, was a renowned historian and Indologist known for his research on the history and Jagannath traditions of which Indian state?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Hermann Kulke, a renowned German Indologist and historian, recently passed away.
- He was widely known for his extensive research on the history, culture, and Jagannath tradition of Odisha.
- He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 2010 for his contributions to historical studies and Indology.

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Ques: What is the revised fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP for FY 2024–25 after the introduction of the new GDP series?

- A) 4.5%
- B) 4.8%
- C) 4.9%
- D) 5.2%
- E) 5.7%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has revised fiscal deficit ratios for FY 2022–23, FY 2023–24 and FY 2024–25.
- This change comes after the introduction of a new Gross Domestic Product (GDP) series with 2022–23 as the base year.
- The fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP now stands at 6.7% for FY23, 5.7% for FY24 and 4.9% for FY25.
- Earlier estimates had put the deficit at 6.4% for FY23, 5.63% for FY24 and 4.8% for FY25.
- The fiscal deficit amounts were reported as ₹17.38 lakh crore in FY23, ₹16.55 lakh crore in FY24 and ₹15.74 lakh crore in FY25.





Ques: Razorpay recently launched the world's first "Agent Studio" built using which AI platform's Agent SDK?

- A) OpenAI GPT SDK
- B) Claude Agent SDK
- C) Google Gemini SDK
- D) Meta Llama SDK
- E) Amazon Bedrock SDK

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Razorpay, India's omnichannel payments and banking platform for businesses, launched the world's first "Agent Studio" at the FTX 2026 event.
- The platform has been developed using the Claude Agent SDK created by Anthropic, an AI research company.
- The initiative enables businesses to build and deploy AI agents to automate workflows, customer interactions, and operational processes.

About Razorpay:

- Founded – 2014
- Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Founders – Harshil Mathur and Shashank Kumar





Ques: SBI General Insurance recently launched the “Chuniye Bharosa, Apno Sa” campaign featuring which actor?

- A) Manoj Bajpayee
- B) Pankaj Tripathi
- C) Nawazuddin Siddiqui
- D) Rajkummar Rao
- E) Ayushmann Khurrana

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SBI General Insurance launched a new brand campaign titled “Chuniye Bharosa, Apno Sa.”
- The campaign features actor Pankaj Tripathi and highlights the importance of trust and everyday care in health protection.
- The initiative aims to strengthen customer trust and increase awareness about the benefits of health insurance.

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Ques: Investments from Land Border Countries (LBCs) with a non-controlling stake of up to what percentage are now permitted through the automatic route under the amended FDI policy?

- A) 5%
- B) 20%
- C) 15%
- D) 10%
- E) 25%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved amendments to India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) framework governing investments from countries that share a land border with India.
- The rules apply to China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Afghanistan.
- Investments where the beneficial owner from LBCs holds a non-controlling stake of up to 10% will now be permitted through the automatic route, subject to sectoral caps and regulatory conditions.
- Such investments will require the investee entity to report relevant details to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- The amended policy also introduces a 60-day decision timeline for investment proposals from Land Border Countries in specific sectors.





Ques: Lt Gen Dheeraj Seth, who will take charge on 1 April 2026, has been appointed to which position in the Indian Army?

- A) Chief of Defence Staff
- B) Vice Chief of Army Staff
- C) Northern Army Commander
- D) Director General of Military Operations
- E) Chief of Integrated Defence Staff

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Lt Gen Dheeraj Seth, the current Southern Army Commander, will take over as the Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) of the Indian Army.
- He will assume office on 1 April 2026 in New Delhi.
- The Vice Chief of Army Staff is the second-highest-ranking officer in the Indian Army.
- The VCOAS assists the Chief of Army Staff in operational and administrative responsibilities.

Static Facts:

- Indian Army Founded – 1 April 1895
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chief of Army Staff – General Upendra Dwivedi





Ques: The Government recently introduced an amendment bill to strengthen which Act for protecting transgender rights in India?

- A) Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016
- B) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- C) Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act
- D) Juvenile Justice Act, 2015
- E) Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Government of India introduced an amendment bill to strengthen the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 in the Lok Sabha.
- The Bill aims to strengthen the legal framework protecting the rights of transgender persons in India.
- It proposes rigorous life imprisonment and a minimum fine of ₹5 lakh for the forced conversion of children into a transgender identity through mutilation or surgery.
- In cases involving adults, coercive acts may lead to imprisonment up to 10 years (extendable to life) and a fine of ₹2 lakh.
- The Bill widens the definition of transgender persons, including socio-cultural aspects.
identities such as kinner, hijra, aravani and jogta, along with individuals with intersex variations.
- It also proposes measures to protect children from trafficking, forced labour, begging and exploitation.
- The Bill also aims to streamline administrative procedures for changing gender identity in official documents.





Ques: The “Golden Dome” programme, recently in news with Japan planning to join it, is related to what?

- A) Satellite navigation system
- B) Multi-layer missile defence system
- C) Space exploration mission
- D) Cyber security network
- E) Nuclear disarmament initiative

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Japan plans to join the United States’ next-generation missile defence programme called “Golden Dome.”
- Golden Dome is a proposed multi-layer missile defence system developed by the United States.
- It is designed to detect, track and intercept ballistic, cruise and hypersonic missiles.
- The system can also handle missile threats launched from long distances.

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Ques: Who were named the Best International Cricketers at the BCCI Naman Awards 2026?

- A) Shubman Gill & Smriti Mandhana
- B) Rohit Sharma & Smriti Mandhana
- C) Virat Kohli & Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) KL Rahul & Mithali Raj
- E) Hardik Pandya & Shafali Verma

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Shubman Gill and Smriti Mandhana were named the Best International Cricketers at the BCCI Naman Awards 2026.
- Shubman Gill won the Polly Umrigar Award for Best International Cricketer (Men).
- Smriti Mandhana won the Best International Cricketer (Women) award for the fifth time.
- Roger Binny, Rahul Dravid and Mithali Raj received the Col. C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honour of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- Harshit Rana won Best International Debut (Men) and Shree Charani won Best International Debut (Women).

About Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) :

- Founded – 1928
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- President – Mithun Manhas





Ques: Mission Karmayogi, launched by the Government of India, aims to build what type of civil service?

- A) Military-based civil service
- B) Citizen-centric and technology-enabled civil service
- C) Private sector-based administration
- D) State-controlled governance system
- E) Decentralised judicial service

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Global edtech platform Coursera has collaborated with the Government of India to provide advanced upskilling for civil servants and government officials.
- Under this collaboration, Coursera will deliver curated courses through the Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT) platform.
- The initiative is part of Mission Karmayogi, which focuses on improving the capacity and skills of government employees.
- Mission Karmayogi is a Government of India initiative launched in September 2020. Official name is National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB).
- The mission aims to build a future-ready, citizen-centric and technology-enabled civil service in India.
- It is implemented by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).





Ques: Mayank Chakraborty, who recently became India's 94th Chess Grandmaster, belongs to which Indian state?

- A) Assam
- B) West Bengal
- C) Odisha
- D) Tripura
- E) Manipur

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Mayank Chakraborty became India's 94th Chess Grandmaster (GM).
- He is also the first Grandmaster from the state of Assam.
- The 16-year-old achieved the title at the First Hotels Chess Talents tournament held in Stockholm, Sweden.
- He won the tournament with 7 points from 9 rounds.
- His performance helped him cross the required 2500 Elo rating, necessary to become a Grandmaster.
- Grandmaster (GM) title is awarded by FIDE (International Chess Federation).
- Minimum rating required – 2500 Elo.





Ques: Which organisation is developing the 220 MW Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMR-200) in India?

- A) Indian Space Research Organisation
- B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- C) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- E) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) is developing 220 MW Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMR-200).
- The project has a capacity of 220 MW and an estimated project cost of ₹75,960 crore.
- Additionally, two units of 55 MW Small Modular Reactors (SMR-55) are also being developed at a cost of ₹7,000 crore.
- The project is being developed under the Nuclear Energy Mission announced in the Union Budget 2025–26.
- The mission has a budget allocation of ₹20,000 crore for Small Modular Reactors (SMRs).





Ques: The ₹57,381 crore Economic Stabilisation Fund proposed in 2026 aims to address which issue?

- A) Global economic shocks and supply disruptions
- B) Agricultural subsidy reforms
- C) Infrastructure development
- D) Digital payments expansion
- E) Rural employment generation

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Nirmala Sitharaman, the Finance Minister of India, proposed a ₹57,381 crore Economic Stabilisation Fund.
- The fund aims to counter global economic shocks, energy supply disruptions, and global uncertainties.
- It is part of the Second Supplementary Demand for Grants for FY 2025–26, amounting to ₹2.81 lakh crore.
- The Lok Sabha approved the supplementary demand for grants.
- The fund will provide fiscal space to manage economic shocks such as sharp rises in oil prices (around \$100 per barrel).

Supplementary Demand for Grants

- Total Amount – ₹2.81 Lakh Crore
- Net Cash Outgo – ₹2.01 Lakh Crore





Ques: The WHO Foundation has collaborated with which company to prevent childhood obesity in India?

- A) Pfizer
- B) AstraZeneca
- C) Johnson & Johnson
- D) Roche
- E) Novo Nordisk

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The WHO Foundation and Novo Nordisk have announced a collaboration to prevent childhood obesity in India.
- The objective of the collaboration is to reduce the rising cases of obesity among children in India.
- The initiative will also strengthen health-system preparedness and prevention programs.
- The collaboration is part of Novo Nordisk's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

World Health Organization (WHO):

- Formation – 7 April 1948
- Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- Director-General – Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (Ethiopia)





Ques: Who has been selected for the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025)?

- A) Perumal Murugan
- B) Vairamuthu
- C) Ruskin Bond
- D) Amitav Ghosh
- E) Arundhati Roy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Renowned Tamil poet and lyricist Vairamuthu has been selected for the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025), India's highest literary honour.
- He becomes the third Tamil writer to receive this prestigious award.
- Earlier, Akhilan (1975) and Jayakanthan (2002) from Tamil literature had received the Jnanpith Award.
- The award has been presented annually to writers in Indian languages since 1964.
- The award carries ₹11 lakh cash prize, a bronze statuette of Goddess Saraswati, and a citation.

Static Facts:

- Jnanpith Award Established – 1961
- It was instituted to mark the 50th birthday of Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain, founder of Bharatiya Jnanpith.
- First Award Given – 1965





Ques: Jal Mahotsav 2026, launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, begins on which day that is observed as “Sujalam Shakti Diwas”?

- A) 5 March
- B) 8 March
- C) 12 March
- D) 15 March
- E) 22 March

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Jal Mahotsav 2026 was launched on 8 March 2026 by Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil.
- The event was launched at Rahej village, Gandevi Block, Navsari district, Gujarat.
- It is organized by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The festival is held every year from 8 March to 22 March.
- It concludes on World Water Day (22 March).
- 8 March is observed as “Sujalam Shakti Diwas”, highlighting the role of women in rural water management.
- The campaign begins with Jal Arpan Diwas, involving the transfer of rural drinking water assets to Gram Panchayats under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).





Ques: Who won the “Sportstar of the Year (Male)” award at the Sportstar Aces Awards 2026 (Popular Choice)?

- A) Shubman Gill
- B) Mohammed Siraj
- C) R. Praggnanandhaa
- D) Lakshya Sen
- E) Murali Sreeshankar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Sportstar Aces Awards 2026 honoured outstanding Indian and international sportspersons for their achievements across Olympic, non-Olympic, team and para sports categories.

Major Jury Awards:

- Sportsman – Olympic Sports: Samrat Rana
- Sportswoman – Olympic Sports: Mirabai Chanu & Suruchi Singh
- Sportsman – Non-Olympic Sports: R. Praggnanandhaa
- Sportswoman – Non-Olympic Sports: Jyothi Surekha Vennam
- Sportsman – Team Sports: Shubman Gill
- Sportswoman – Team Sports: Deepti Sharma

Popular Choice Awards:

- Sportstar of the Year – Male: Mohammed Siraj
- Sportstar of the Year – Female: Smriti Mandhana
- National Team of the Year: India women's national cricket team
- Club/State Team of the Year: Vidarbha cricket team

Other Important Awards :

- Sportsman of the Year (Para Sports): Harvinder Singh
- Sportswoman of the Year (Para Sports): Sheetal Devi
- Special Jury Recognition: Preethi Pal
- Coach of the Year: Amol Muzumdar, Naval Singh





- Mentor of the Roots: Pritam Siwach
- Sports for Social Good: Project Nanhi Kali
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Male): Nari Contractor
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Female): M. D. Valsamma
- Young Achiever of the Year (Boy): Jonathan Gavin Antony
- Young Achiever of the Year (Girl): Suruchi Singh
- Captain of the Year: Harmanpreet Kaur
- Special Recognition Award: India blind women's national cricket team
- Award of Excellence: Tania Sachdev, Manika Batra, Rani Rampal
- Ace of Aces: Sakshi Malik, M. C. Mary Kom
- International Icon: Glenn McGrath
- Comeback of the Year: Murali Sreeshankar
- Moment of the Year: Harmanpreet Kaur's last catch in the 2025 Women's Cricket World Cup Final.

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Ques: Which state will host the seventh season of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) in July 2026?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Goa will host the seventh season of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) in July 2026.
- The tournament will be held at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium.
- Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) was launched in 2017.
- It has become one of India's prominent professional table tennis leagues.
- The league is conducted by the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).

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Ques: What was the theme of World Kidney Day 2026?

- A) Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere
- B) Kidney Health for All: Caring for People, Protecting the Planet
- C) Prevent Kidney Disease Early
- D) Healthy Kidneys for Healthy Life
- E) Act Early for Kidney Health

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Kidney Day is observed every year on the second Thursday of March.
- In 2026, it was observed on 12 March.
- The year 2026 marked the 20th edition of World Kidney Day.
- The theme for 2026 was “Kidney Health for All: Caring for People, Protecting the Planet.”

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Ques: 'Niveshak Shivir' organised by IEPFA and SEBI is mainly related to which of the following?

- A) Agricultural Subsidy Distribution
- B) Unclaimed Dividends and Investor Grievance Redressal
- C) Digital Banking Expansion
- D) Export Promotion
- E) Insurance Claim Settlement

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 'Niveshak Shivir' is organised by Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- It serves as a one-stop platform to help investors recover unclaimed dividends and shares.
- The camp also provides grievance redressal services along with on-the-spot KYC updates and nomination services.
- The initiative aims to promote financial literacy, transparency, and investor protection.

Static Facts:

- IEPFA Established: 2016
- Ministry: Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- SEBI Established: 1988 (Statutory Status: 1992)
- SEBI HQ: Mumbai





Ques: The World Bank approved a \$300 million loan for which Indian state for a clean air project?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Gujarat
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The World Bank has approved a \$300 million loan for Uttar Pradesh.
- The loan is for a clean air transition project aimed at reducing air pollution.
- The project will help improve environmental quality and promote sustainable development.
- It will also support climate-friendly initiatives in the state.

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Ques: What is the total allocation earmarked by the Union Government for the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G)?

- A) ₹86,000 crore
- B) ₹90,000 crore
- C) ₹1,00,000 crore
- D) ₹95,692 crore
- E) ₹1,25,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced an allocation of ₹95,692 crore for the VB-G RAM G scheme under the Finance Bill.
- The new scheme will replace the existing MGNREGA framework.
- The allocation is around ₹10,000 crore higher than the previous allocation of ₹86,000 crore (2025–26).
- The scheme will provide up to 125 days of employment in rural areas.
- It will come into effect from 1 April after the Finance Bill is passed.
- Additionally, ₹30,000 crore has been allocated through supplementary grants to clear pending MGNREGA payments.
- Under the scheme, the Centre will bear 60% cost, while States will contribute 40%.





Ques: Tuticorin Airport in Tamil Nadu has been renamed as what?

- A) Thoothukudi Airport
- B) Madurai Airport
- C) Chennai Airport
- D) Coimbatore Airport
- E) Trichy Airport

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Central Government approved the renaming of Tuticorin Airport to Thoothukudi Airport in Tamil Nadu.
- The renaming was formally inaugurated by Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu.
- The airport is operated by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

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Ques: Which film won the Best Picture award at the 98th Academy Awards?

- A) Sinners
- B) Hamlet
- C) One Battle After Another
- D) Weapons
- E) Sentimental Value

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 98th Academy Awards saw One Battle After Another win the Best Picture award.
- The film also won a total of 6 Oscars, making it the biggest winner of the event.
- Paul Thomas Anderson won Best Director.
- Michael B. Jordan won Best Actor, and Jessie Buckley won Best Actress.
- Other winners included Sean Penn (Best Supporting Actor), Amy Madigan (Best Supporting Actress), and Ludwig Göransson (Best Original Score).

Static Facts:

- Event: Academy Awards
- Started: 1929
- Presented by: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS)
- Venue: Dolby Theatre





Ques: Which organization won the “Excellence in Innovation” category at the Governance Now 12th PSU National Award?

- A) Indian Railways
- B) Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation
- C) Delhi Transport Corporation
- D) Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation
- E) Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) won the “Excellence in Innovation” category at the Governance Now PSU National Award (12th edition).
- The award was given for its initiative “Dhwani Spandana”.
- This system helps visually impaired passengers identify buses and travel independently.
- It has been implemented in 200 Mysuru City Transport buses.
- Technical support was provided by GIZ Germany.

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Ques: The Padma Awards in India are announced on which occasion?

- A) Independence Day
- B) Republic Day
- C) Gandhi Jayanti
- D) Constitution Day
- E) National Unity Day

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Padma Awards are among the highest civilian honours in India.
- These include Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri, instituted in 1954.
- The awards are announced every year on Republic Day.
- Nominations for Padma Awards 2027 have been invited by the Government of India.
- These awards are open to all (including NRIs, OCIs, foreigners) and allow self-nominations, except most government servants (except doctors/scientists).

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Ques: Who released the 2nd Advance Estimates of production of major agricultural crops for 2025–26?

- A) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Nitin Gadkari
- E) Rajnath Singh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, released the 2nd Advance Estimates for 2025–26.
- Kharif foodgrain production is estimated at 1741.44 LMT, while Rabi foodgrain production is estimated at 1745.13 LMT.
- This shows an increase of 46 LMT (2.8%) in Kharif and 53 LMT (3.2%) in Rabi compared to last year.
- Kharif rice production is estimated at 1239.28 LMT, higher by 11.56 LMT than 2024–25.
- Wheat production is estimated at 1202.10 LMT, which is 22.65 LMT higher than the previous year.





Ques: Which cricketer is the only captain to have won ICC trophies at both junior and senior levels?

- A) Babar Azam
- B) Sarfaraz Ahmed
- C) Kane Williamson
- D) Virat Kohli
- E) Joe Root

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sarfaraz Ahmed has announced his retirement from international cricket.
- He is the only captain to win ICC trophies at both junior and senior levels.
- He led Pakistan to victory in the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2006.
- He also captained the team to win the ICC Champions Trophy 2017.

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Ques: Chapchar Kut, the spring festival, is celebrated by which community?

- A) Naga tribe
- B) Khasi tribe
- C) Bodo tribe
- D) Santhal tribe
- E) Mizo people

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Chapchar Kut is celebrated with great enthusiasm in Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram.
- It is the largest and most important traditional festival of the Mizo people.
- The festival is celebrated after clearing forests for jhum (shifting) cultivation.
- It marks the arrival of the spring season.

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Ques: IIT Bombay signed an agreement with which company to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for sustainability?

- A) Infosys
- B) Tata Consultancy Services
- C) Wipro
- D) Honeywell
- E) Siemens

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) signed an agreement with Honeywell.
- Objective: To establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for sustainability skills and innovation at its Powai campus in Mumbai.
- Target: Train over 100,000 students by 2030 through industry-academia collaboration.
- Funded by: Honeywell Hometown Solutions India Foundation.

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Ques: The Stand-Up India Scheme provides loans in which range to eligible beneficiaries?

- A) ₹1 lakh – ₹5 lakh
- B) ₹5 lakh – ₹10 lakh
- C) ₹10 lakh – ₹1 crore
- D) ₹1 crore – ₹5 crore
- E) ₹50,000 – ₹5 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Stand-Up India Scheme provides loans ranging from ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore to eligible beneficiaries.
- The scheme promotes entrepreneurship among SC/ST and women.
- Loans are provided for setting up new enterprises with a repayment period of 7 years and a moratorium up to 18 months.
- The scheme was launched in 2016 by the Ministry of Finance.
- The government has announced a revamped version to improve benefits and implementation.

Static Facts:

- Scheme: Stand-Up India Scheme
- Launch Year: 2016
- Ministry: Ministry of Finance
- Expiry: 31 March 2025





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Ques: Which city will host the second leg of the Asia Cup Archery in 2027?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Bangkok
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Kolkata
- E) Beijing

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- New Delhi will host the second leg of the Asia Cup Archery in 2027.
- This will be India's first international archery event in 22 years since the Asian Archery Championships 2005 held in Delhi.
- Asia Cup Archery 2026 will begin in Bangkok, Thailand (21–26 March 2026).
- Other legs of the 2026 tournament will be held in Iraq and China.
- Ahmedabad will host the Asian Para Archery Championships 2026.
- Kolkata will host the South Asian Archery Championships 2026.
- The Archery World Cup 2026 will be held in Puebla, Mexico.

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Ques: Which country has recently announced a four-day work week to conserve fuel?

- A) Nepal
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Maldives
- E) Myanmar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sri Lanka has announced a four-day work week, declaring Wednesday as a holiday.
- The decision aims to conserve fuel amid rising tensions and a possible energy crisis.
- The rule applies to government offices, schools, and universities.
- Essential services will continue daily, and the private sector is encouraged to adopt similar measures.

Static Facts:

- Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (Legislative), Colombo (Executive)
- President: Ranil Wickremesinghe
- Currency: Sri Lankan Rupee

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Ques: Armand Duplantis, who recently set a new pole vault world record of 6.31 metres, belongs to which country?

- A) Norway
- B) United States
- C) Sweden
- D) Germany
- E) France

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Armand Duplantis, a pole vaulter from Sweden, set a new world record of 6.31 metres.
- He achieved this feat at the Mondo Classic held in Uppsala, Sweden.
- This is the 15th time he has broken the pole vault world record.
- Earlier, he had set a record of 6.28 metres in Stockholm (2025).
- This is his fourth world record of the year.

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Ques: Kimi Antonelli, who won the Chinese Grand Prix, is associated with which Formula 1 team?

- A) Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team
- B) Ferrari
- C) Red Bull Racing
- D) McLaren
- E) Aston Martin

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Kimi Antonelli, aged 19, won his first Formula 1 race at the Chinese Grand Prix.
- He became the second-youngest race winner in F1 history.
- The youngest winner remains Max Verstappen (2016, age 18).
- Antonelli drives for the Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team.
- This victory marks a historic milestone for a young F1 talent.

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Ques: In 2025, which country became the largest exporter of cotton products to the United States?

- A) China
- B) Pakistan
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Vietnam
- E) India

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- In 2025, India overtook China to become the largest exporter of cotton products to the United States.
- The data is based on analysis by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- US imports of cotton products from India reached around 0.6 million tonnes, surpassing China's ~0.5 million tonnes.
- This highlights India's growing strength in textile exports and global competitiveness.

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Ques: Arpita Patra, who recently climbed Nevado Ojos del Salado, is associated with which institution?

- A) Indian Institute of Science
- B) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- C) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- D) University of Delhi
- E) Banaras Hindu University

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Arpita Patra is a professor at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).
- She successfully climbed Nevado Ojos del Salado, reaching its 6,893-metre summit.
- She became the second Indian woman to achieve this feat.
- The mountain is located in the Atacama Desert in the Andes, on the Chile–Argentina border, and is the highest peak in Chile.

Previous Achievements:

- Mount Kilimanjaro (Africa)
- Mount Elbrus (Europe)
- Mount Giluwe (Oceania)
- Pico de Orizaba (North America)





Ques: The International Day to Combat Islamophobia is observed on which date?

- A) 10 March
- B) 12 March
- C) 15 March
- D) 18 March
- E) 21 March

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United Nations observes the International Day to Combat Islamophobia every year on 15 March.
- The day aims to raise awareness about discrimination and hatred faced by Muslims worldwide.
- The date commemorates the Christchurch mosque attacks (2019), in which 51 Muslim worshippers were killed.

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Ques: What market share is targeted for BHIM on UPI by 2028?

- A) 2%
- B) 5%
- C) 10%
- D) 15%
- E) 20%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The government aims for BHIM to achieve 5% market share in UPI by 2028.
- NPCI is promoting BHIM as a sovereign alternative to private payment apps.
- Currently, BHIM holds less than 1% market share in UPI transactions.
- The UPI market is dominated by PhonePe and Google Pay with around 78% combined share.
- NPCI plans to cap market share at 30% for any single player to promote competition.
- BHIM is focusing on better user experience, rewards, and cashback offers.
- The app was launched in 2016 to promote digital payments and financial inclusion.

Static Part | :

- **NPCI Founded – 2008**
- **Headquarters – Mumbai**
- **MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe**
- **BHIM Launched – 2016**

EXAM
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Ques: Wholesale Price Index (WPI) data in India is released by which of the following?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Central Statistics Office
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) Office of the Economic Adviser

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- WPI-based inflation in India rose to 2.13% in February 2026, an 11-month high.
- It marked the fourth consecutive month of increase (January 2026: 1.81%).
- The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) data is released by the Office of the Economic Adviser (OEA).
- OEA functions under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- DPIIT comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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Ques: How much amount did SBI raise through Tier II bonds in FY26?

- A) ₹5,000 crore
- B) ₹6,051 crore
- C) ₹7,500 crore
- D) ₹10,000 crore
- E) ₹3,200 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SBI raised ₹6,051 crore through Basel III compliant Tier II bonds in FY26.
- The bonds were issued at a coupon rate of 7.05%.
- The tenor of the bonds is 10 years with a call option after 5 years.
- The issue received strong investor response with bids nearly 2 times the base issue size of ₹5,000 crore.
- A total of 47 bids were received from qualified institutional investors.
- This reflects strong investor confidence in SBI.

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Ques: According to Nomura's latest forecast, what is India's projected GDP growth for FY 2026–27?

- A) 6.5%
- B) 6.8%
- C) 7.0%
- D) 7.1%
- E) 7.5%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Nomura has revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2026–27 to 7.0% from 7.1%.
- The revision is due to geopolitical tensions in West Asia affecting global economic conditions.
- CPI inflation is projected at 4.5%, up by 0.7 percentage points.
- Current Account Deficit (CAD) is estimated at 1.6% of GDP.
- Rising energy prices and input cost pressures across Asia led to the downgrade.
- This may challenge India's "Goldilocks" balance of strong growth with stable inflation.

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Ques: The Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) scheme is implemented by which organization as the Pension Fund Manager?

- A) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
- B) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- C) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- D) National Pension System Trust
- E) Reserve Bank of India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PM-SYM is a Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
 - It provides old-age protection to unorganised workers like street vendors, construction workers, etc.
 - The scheme is implemented by LIC and CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd.
 - LIC acts as the Pension Fund Manager.
 - Eligibility: Age 18–40 years, income below ₹15,000, and not a member of EPFO, ESIC, or NPS.
 - It is a voluntary, contributory pension scheme with a 50:50 contribution by the subscriber and the Central Government.
 - Subscribers receive a minimum pension of ₹3,000 per month after the age of 60.
 - लाभार्थियों को 60 वर्ष की आयु के बाद ₹3,000 प्रति माह की न्यूनतम पेंशन मिलती है।
 - Contribution is made through auto-debit from bank or Jan Dhan account.
 - Family Pension: After the subscriber's death, the spouse receives 50% of the pension.
- Exit Rules:**
- Before 10 years: Contribution returned with interest.
 - After 10 years but before 60: Contribution returned with accumulated interest.
 - Death before 60: Spouse can continue or exit.





• **Latest Update (2026):**

- Total enrolments: 52.4 lakh workers (as on 4 March 2026).
- Highest registration: 5,06,603 in 2019–20.
- Government contribution: ₹1,837.46 crore (50% share).



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Ques: What is the budget allocation for the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare in 2025–26?

- A) ₹21,933 crore
- B) ₹75,000 crore
- C) ₹1,27,290 crore
- D) ₹95,000 crore
- E) ₹1,50,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The budget allocation increased from ₹21,933 crore (2013–14) to ₹1,27,290 crore (2025–26).
- The information was shared in the Lok Sabha by the Minister of State for Agriculture.
- The government has launched multiple schemes for improving production and farmer income.
- Around 18,825 clusters have been formed covering 9 lakh hectares with 19 lakh farmers.
- Urea is provided at a notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP).
- Efforts are being made to promote agriculture as a viable career option for youth.
- ICAR has established 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) across rural India.

Static Part | :

- ICAR Founded – 1929
- Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: The Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Project, recently inaugurated in Assam, is developed on which river basin?

- A) Kopili River
- B) Barak River
- C) Brahmaputra River
- D) Teesta River
- E) Subansiri River

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Project was virtually inaugurated in Assam.
- It is developed on the Kopili River basin as a run-of-river project.
- The project is located in Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong districts.
- It has been developed by Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited.
- Financial assistance was provided by the Asian Development Bank.

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Ques: Which country became India's 3rd-largest export destination in February 2026?

- A) Netherlands
- B) China
- C) Germany
- D) Japan
- E) Singapore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- China became India's 3rd-largest export destination in February 2026, overtaking the Netherlands.
- Exports to China increased by 32.4% to \$1.67 billion.
- The United States remained the top export destination, followed by the UAE.
- Exports to the Netherlands declined by 31.3% to \$1.29 billion.
- India's total exports were around \$36.61 billion, showing a slight 0.81% decline (YoY).
- Growth was mainly driven by sectors like electronics and marine products.

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Ques: Under India's Inter-Regional Power Transmission Expansion initiative, the inter-regional transmission capacity is targeted to reach 168 GW by which year?

- A) 2025
- B) 2027
- C) 2030
- D) 2032
- E) 2035

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The initiative aims to strengthen the National Power Grid and improve power flow across regions.
- Current inter-regional transmission capacity is about 120 GW (as of December 2025).
- Targets: 143 GW by 2027 and 168 GW by 2032.
- The expansion is driven by rising electricity demand in India.
- Peak electricity demand is projected to reach around 388 GW by 2032.
- A strong transmission network is essential for efficient power distribution across states.
- The expansion plan is part of the National Electricity Plan (Transmission) – Volume II.

Key Targets by 2032 |

- **Total transmission network length targeted: 6.48 lakh circuit kilometres (ckm).**
- **Total transformation capacity targeted: 2,345 GVA (Giga Volt Ampere).**





Ques: Removal of the Chief Election Commissioner is done in the same manner as which post?

- A) President
- B) Prime Minister
- C) Supreme Court Judge
- D) Governor
- E) Attorney General

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per Article 324(5) of the Constitution, the CEC can be removed in the same manner as a Supreme Court Judge.
- This ensures independence of the Election Commission.
- The removal process involves a special majority in Parliament, similar to impeachment of judges.
- A minimum of 50 MPs (Rajya Sabha) and 100 MPs (Lok Sabha) are required to initiate the motion.
- This constitutional protection safeguards the neutrality and autonomy of the CEC.
- The removal process requires a special majority in Parliament, similar to that of a Supreme Court Judge.

Static Part |:

- **Article – 324 (Election Commission)**
- **Removal Authority – Parliament**
- **Law – Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968**





Ques: Which Indian cricketer has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Uniqlo in India?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Jasprit Bumrah
- D) KL Rahul
- E) Hardik Pandya

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Jasprit Bumrah has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Uniqlo in India.
- Uniqlo is a global apparel retailer and a subsidiary of Fast Retailing Co., Ltd.
- It is a leading Japanese brand known for its clothing and fashion products.

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Ques: Which country reintroduced the QR code-based National Fuel Pass system for fuel distribution?

- A) India
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Nepal
- E) Myanmar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sri Lanka reintroduced the mandatory QR code-based National Fuel Pass system.
- It was first introduced in 2022 during the economic crisis to manage fuel shortages.
- Consumers must register and obtain a QR code linked to their vehicle to purchase fuel.
- The system ensures fair distribution and prevents hoarding.
- It helps in efficient fuel management amid global uncertainties.

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Ques: The International Rail Coach Expo 2026 was inaugurated at which location?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The International Rail Coach Expo 2026 was inaugurated at the Integral Coach Factory in Chennai.
- It was inaugurated by Subba Rao.
- The event was organised by Integral Coach Factory in association with CII.
- The expo was previously held in 2018.

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Ques: After revision, how many categories are there for post-issue capital under minimum public shareholding norms?

- A) 3
- B) 4
- C) 5
- D) 6
- E) 7

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance revised norms under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957.
- Post-issue capital categories increased from 3 to 6.
- New categories: ₹1,600 crore; ₹1,600–₹4,000 crore; ₹4,000–₹50,000 crore; ₹50,000–₹1 lakh crore; ₹1–₹5 lakh crore; above ₹5 lakh crore.
- The aim is to balance market liquidity with practical realities, especially for large companies.
- It also ensures smoother compliance with minimum public shareholding norms.

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Ques: The Haldia Bulk Terminal, recently inaugurated by the Prime Minister, is located at which port?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- B) Paradip Port
- C) Visakhapatnam Port
- D) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port
- E) Cochin Port

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Haldia Bulk Terminal was inaugurated at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port.
- It is located in the Haldia Dock Complex in West Bengal.
- The terminal has been developed by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited.
- It is India's first fully automated dry bulk cargo handling facility on the Hooghly River.

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Ques: Which company became the first in India to produce 50 million tonnes of iron ore in a single financial year?

- A) SAIL
- B) Tata Steel
- C) NMDC Limited
- D) JSW Steel
- E) Coal India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NMDC Limited became the first Indian company to produce 50 million tonnes of iron ore in a single financial year (FY26).
- It is a Navratna PSU under the Ministry of Steel and India's largest iron ore producer.
- The milestone highlights India's growing mining capacity and efficiency.
- It supports the development of the steel and infrastructure sector.
- Strong operational efficiency and large-scale production enabled this achievement.

Static Part | :

- **Founded – 1958**
- **Headquarters – Hyderabad**
- **Ministry – Ministry of Steel**
- **Status – Navratna PSU**





Ques: Where was the 2nd edition of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 hosted?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 2nd edition of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 was hosted in New Delhi.
- The event took place from 11–13 March 2026.
- A total of 257 athletes from 8 countries participated.
- Participating countries included India, Russia, Nepal, Bhutan, Hong Kong, Serbia, Bosnia, and Egypt.
- India had the largest contingent with around 219 athletes.
- The event was held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.
- India finished first in the medal standings.





Ques: Which state recorded the highest number of tiger deaths in India in 2025?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Karnataka
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Uttarakhand
- E) Rajasthan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Maharashtra recorded the highest number of tiger deaths in 2025 with 41 deaths out of 166 nationwide.
- The data was released by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).
- Major causes include poaching, human-wildlife conflict, and habitat loss.
- Authorities are strengthening protection measures like Special Tiger Protection Force and surveillance.
- These efforts aim to reduce mortality and protect tiger populations.

Static Facts:

- NTCA Established – 2005
- Ministry – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Project Tiger Launch – 1 April 1973





Ques: Who has been re-elected as the Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)?

- A) Sanjay Chatterjee
- B) Arun Mammen
- C) Rajiv Bajaj
- D) Pawan Goenka
- E) Anish Shah

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Arun Mammen has been re-elected as the Chairman of ATMA.
- He is the Vice-Chairman & Managing Director of MRF Ltd.
- Sanjay Chatterjee has been appointed as the Director General of ATMA.

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Ques: What is the delivery time under “Speed Post 48” service launched by India Post?

- A) Same day
- B) 24 hours
- C) 48 hours (2 working days)
- D) 72 hours
- E) 5 days

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Post launched “Speed Post 24” and “Speed Post 48” for time-bound delivery.
- Speed Post 24 ensures next-day delivery.
- Speed Post 48 guarantees delivery within 48 hours (2 working days).
- The service applies to both documents and parcels.
- It enhances competitiveness with private courier services.
- Launched from 17 March under updated postal regulations.
- Aim: Improve efficiency, reliability, and customer satisfaction.

Static Facts:

- Organization – India Post
- Ministry – Ministry of Communications
- Established – 1854





Ques: World Consumer Rights Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) 10 March
- B) 12 March
- C) 22 March
- D) 20 March
- E) 15 March

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- World Consumer Rights Day is observed every year on 15 March.
- It aims to raise awareness about consumer rights and needs globally.
- First observed in 1983.
- Theme: “Safe Products, Confident Consumers.”
- The date marks John F. Kennedy’s address to the US Congress on 15 March 1962, recognizing consumer rights.

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Ques: Which Public Sector Bank (PSB) earned the highest revenue from selling third-party financial products in the last five years?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Canara Bank
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) State Bank of India
- E) Union Bank of India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in India earned over ₹28,600 crore in the last five years by selling third-party financial products like insurance, mutual funds, and demat accounts.
- State Bank of India (SBI) was the highest earner, generating about ₹17,043.49 crore.
- SBI alone accounted for around 59% share of total earnings.
- Other major earners include Punjab National Bank (₹2,865.54 crore), Canara Bank (₹2,059.54 crore), Bank of Baroda (₹1,904.52 crore), and Union Bank of India (₹1,832.69 crore).

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Ques: Which company has launched the 'Women's Mode' feature to support women investors?

- A) HDFC Securities
- B) ICICI Direct
- C) SBI Securities
- D) Zerodha
- E) Angel One

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- SBI Securities has launched the "Women's Mode" feature on its mobile application to empower women investors.
- The feature provides simplified, goal-based investing tools and curated investment themes.
- It aims to promote financial inclusion and increase women's participation in the investment ecosystem.

Static Part:

- Parent Organization – State Bank of India
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Founded – 2006





Ques: RBI was awarded the “Initiative of the Year” for launching which domain to enhance digital banking security?

- A) .gov.in
- B) .bank.in
- C) .org.in
- D) .nic.in
- E) .fin.in

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) received the “Initiative of the Year” award from Central Banking, London.
- The award was given for launching the “.bank.in” domain to strengthen India’s digital banking security ecosystem.
- India became the first country to mandate a dedicated banking domain exclusively for banks.
- The domain helps users identify genuine banking websites and prevents fraud.
- The rollout involved coordination with multiple stakeholders including Government of India, National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI), and Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT).





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- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- D) Sachin Tendulkar
- E) KL Rahul

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NPCI BHIM Services Limited has appointed Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the brand ambassador for the BHIM Payments App.
- The BHIM App has been rebranded as “Bharat Ka Apna Payments App” to promote digital payments.
- The initiative aims to increase user trust, expand reach, and strengthen India’s digital payment ecosystem.
- BHIM is based on UPI (Unified Payments Interface), enabling instant and secure transactions across banks.

Static Part:

- Launched by – National Payments Corporation of India
- Year – 2016





Ques: Which bank collected the highest penalty for non-maintenance of minimum balance among private sector banks (FY23–FY25)?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- E) Yes Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Private sector banks in India collected about ₹11,000 crore as penalties for non-maintenance of minimum balance between FY2022–23 and FY2024–25.
- Public Sector Banks (PSBs) collected around ₹8,093 crore during the same period, which is lower than private banks.
- Among private banks, HDFC Bank was the highest earner, collecting over ₹3,800 crore.
- It was followed by Axis Bank (₹2,700 crore) and ICICI Bank (₹1,200 crore).
- Among PSBs, Punjab National Bank collected the highest (₹1,500 crore), followed by Bank of Baroda (₹1,200 crore) and Indian Bank (~₹1,100 crore).
- State Bank of India (SBI) waived penalties for non-maintenance of minimum balance in savings accounts from March 2020, followed by other PSBs like PNB and Canara Bank.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of City Union Bank (CUB) for two years?

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- E) KL Rahul

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Ques: “RISA: Timeless Tribal” brand, recently launched, is associated with which sector?

- A) Digital Banking
- B) Tribal Handicrafts & Textiles
- C) Space Technology
- D) Renewable Energy
- E) Automobile Industry

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the premium brand “RISA: Timeless Tribal”.
- The launch was done by Jual Oram on 18 March 2026 at Sunder Nursery.
- The initiative aims to promote tribal heritage, handicrafts, and textiles globally through TRIFED.
- “RISA” is inspired by Tripura’s traditional handwoven stole and ensures fair income and better market access for artisans.

Static Part:

- Ministry Established – 1999
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- TRIFED Full Form – Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India





Ques: 'SATHEE (Self-Assessment, Test and Help for Entrance Exams)' app is developed by which organizations?

- A) Ministry of Education & IIT Kanpur
- B) NITI Aayog & IIT Delhi
- C) UGC & IIT Bombay
- D) AICTE & IIT Madras
- E) NCERT & IIT Kharagpur

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- SATHEE (Self-Assessment, Test and Help for Entrance Exams) is developed by the Ministry of Education and IIT Kanpur.
- The app aims to help students prepare for national-level competitive exams.
- It provides support for exams like JEE, NEET, CUET, SSC, IBPS, and Railway exams.
- The platform focuses on self-assessment, practice tests, and guidance for students.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to China?

- A) Pradeep Kumar Rawat
- B) Vikram Doraiswami
- C) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- D) Ruchira Kamboj
- E) S. Jaishankar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Vikram Doraiswami has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to China.
- He will succeed Pradeep Kumar Rawat in this role.
- He is a 1992 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer.
- He is currently serving as India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.
- His appointment comes at a crucial time to strengthen India-China diplomatic relations.

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Ques: Which state government has launched the “Gaudham Yojana” to promote cattle welfare and protection?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Chhattisgarh government has launched the “Gaudham Yojana” to promote cattle welfare and protection.
- The initiative was launched under the leadership of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai.
- The scheme focuses on cattle conservation and addressing the issue of stray cattle.
- It also aims to strengthen the rural economy through activities related to cattle care and management.

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Ques: Under e-NAM, how many mandis have been integrated since inception?

- A) 1,200
- B) 1,450
- C) 1,656
- D) 1,800
- E) 2,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) has been implemented since 2016 as an online trading platform for agricultural commodities.
- It integrates physical wholesale mandis across States and UTs to ensure transparent and competitive trading.
- Since inception, a total of 1,656 mandis from 23 States and 4 UTs have been integrated into the platform.
- Over 1.80 crore farmers, 2.72 lakh traders, and 4,724 FPOs have been registered on the portal.
- The total trade value has crossed ₹4.82 lakh crore, improving price discovery and farmers' income.

Static Part:

- Launched by – Government of India
- Year – 2016





Ques: Exercise Sea Dragon 2026, in which the Indian Navy participated, is primarily related to which type of warfare?

- A) Air Warfare
- B) Cyber Warfare
- C) Anti-Submarine Warfare
- D) Space Warfare
- E) Land Warfare

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Navy participated in Exercise Sea Dragon 2026, a US-led multinational anti-submarine warfare exercise.
- The exercise was held in Guam at Andersen Air Force Base.
- India deployed a P-8I maritime patrol aircraft, designed for anti-submarine operations.
- Participating countries included United States, Australia, Japan, and New Zealand along with India.
- The exercise highlights strong multinational cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

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Ques: How much amount was approved by the Union Cabinet for MSP support to cotton farmers for the 2023–24 season?

- A) ₹1,000 crore
- B) ₹1,250 crore
- C) ₹1,500 crore
- D) ₹1,718 crore
- E) ₹2,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved ₹1,718.56 crore for MSP operations for cotton for the 2023–24 season.
- The funds will be provided to Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), the nodal agency for procurement under MSP.
- The initiative aims to protect farmers from price fluctuations and provide a safety net when market prices fall below MSP.
- CCI has established a wide procurement network across major cotton-growing states to ensure smooth operations.
- Cotton is a key cash crop in India, supporting the livelihood of around 60 lakh farmers.





Ques: DCM Shriram Limited secured USD 90 million funding from which organization?

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) International Finance Corporation
- C) IMF
- D) World Bank
- E) NABARD

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- DCM Shriram Limited secured USD 90 million funding from the International Finance Corporation (IFC).
- IFC is the private sector arm of the World Bank Group.
- The funding has been raised through sustainability-linked Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs).
- The initiative supports sustainable business practices and long-term financial growth.

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Ques: The LPG tanker “Nanda Devi” recently arrived at which port in Gujarat?

- A) Kandla Port
- B) Mundra Port
- C) Vadinar Port
- D) Pipavav Port
- E) Dahej Port

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The LPG tanker “Nanda Devi” arrived at Vadinar Port carrying around 46,000 metric tonnes of LPG.
- The port is located in Devbhoomi Dwarka district of Gujarat.
- The vessel departed from Qatar and passed through the Strait of Hormuz before reaching India.
- The LPG will be transferred via ship-to-ship operations to smaller vessels for delivery to ports like Ennore Port and Haldia Port.
- This will help strengthen India’s gas reserves and supply chain.

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Ques: Under the “Divyang Shakti” scheme, who is eligible for free bus travel in Andhra Pradesh?

- A) All senior citizens
- B) Women only
- C) Government employees
- D) Students only
- E) Persons with 40% or more disability

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Andhra Pradesh government is set to launch a free bus travel scheme for differently abled persons under the “Divyang Shakti” scheme.
- The scheme will be launched by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in Amaravati.
- Under the scheme, individuals with 40% or more disability will be eligible for free travel.
- The benefit will be available in APSRTC buses, including express services.
- The initiative aims to improve accessibility, mobility, and social inclusion of differently abled persons.

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Ques: Axis Bank has approved an investment of ₹1,500 crore in which subsidiary?

- A) Axis Securities
- B) Axis Finance
- C) Axis Mutual Fund
- D) Axis Capital
- E) Axis Trustee Services

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Axis Bank approved an investment of ₹1,500 crore in its wholly owned subsidiary Axis Finance.
- The bank will continue to hold 100% ownership after the investment.
- The proposal has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The investment aims to strengthen the financial position and lending capacity of Axis Finance.

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Ques: South Indian Bank has launched the EPF payment service in collaboration with which organization?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- South Indian Bank has launched a new EPF payment service.
- The service has been introduced in collaboration with Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- It allows employers to make EPF contributions directly through the bank's internet banking platform "SIBerNet".
- The initiative simplifies compliance and enhances ease of doing business for employers.

About South Indian Bank:

- Established – 1929
- Headquarters – Thrissur, Kerala
- MD & CEO – P. R. Seshadri
- Tagline – "Experience Next Generation Banking"





Ques: The Sahitya Akademi Award is considered which highest literary honour in India?

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth
- E) Fifth

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Sahitya Akademi Award recognises outstanding literary works across 24 Indian languages.
- It includes categories like poetry, novels, short stories, essays, literary criticism, autobiography, and memoirs.
- Each awardee receives ₹1,00,000 cash prize, a ceremonial shawl, and an engraved copper plaque.
- The award was established in 1954 and is the second-highest literary honour in India after the Jnanpith Award.
- It is conferred annually by the Sahitya Akademi, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture.

Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 Winners:

Poetry :

- Shrestha Kabita (Bengali) – Prasun Bandyopadhyay
- Bhattkhadaki (Gujarati) – Yogesh Vaidya
- Padapurana (Odia) – Girijakumar Baliyar Singh
- Animesha (Telugu) – Nandini Sidha Reddy





- Eligibility: The work must be original, published within the last 5 years, and the author must be an Indian citizen.
- Safar Jaari Hai (Urdu) – Pritpal Singh Betab
- Prasthanacatustaye Brahmaghosah (Sanskrit) – Sadhu Bhadreshdas

Novel Winners

- Karhi Khelar Sadhu (Assamese) – Devabrat Das
- Dwngnwi Lama Mwse Gathwn (Bodo) – Sahaisuli Brahma
- Crimson Spring (English) – Navtej Sarna
- Maayaamanushyar (Malayalam) – N. Prabhakaran

Short Story Winners

- Dada Seerisu Tande (Kannada) – Amaresh Nugadoni
- Safety Kit (Punjabi) – Jinder
- Bharkhama (Rajasthani) – Jitender Kumar Soni
- Waghoo (Sindhi) – Bhagwan Atlani

Essay

- Konkani Kavyem: Rupani Ani Rupakam (Konkani) – Henry Mendonca
- Nepali Paramparik Sanskriti Ra Sabhyata Ko Dukuti (Nepali) – Prakash Bhattarai

Memoir

- Jeete Jee Allahabad (Hindi) – Mamta Kalia
- Dhatri Paat San Gaam (Maithili) – Mahendra





Literary Criticism : Thamiz Sirukathaiyin Thadangal (Tamil) – Sa. Tamilselvan

Autobiography : Kalyanilya Resha (Marathi)



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Ques: Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA), recently approved by the Union Cabinet, will be implemented by which organization?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) SIDBI
- C) DPIIT
- D) Invest India
- E) NICDC

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA) has been approved by the Union Cabinet with an outlay of ₹33,660 crore.
- Under the scheme, 100 industrial parks will be developed across India, each spanning 100 to 1,000 acres.
- The scheme provides support for external infrastructure up to 25% of the project cost to ensure strong connectivity.
- BHAVYA is based on the industrial corridor model and builds upon the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme.
- It will be implemented by the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation in partnership with state governments and private players.





Ques: Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) signed a \$3 billion Supply and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with which company for green ammonia supply?

- A) Samsung C&T Corporation
- B) LG Chem
- C) Hyundai Engineering
- D) POSCO
- E) SK Innovation

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) signed a Supply and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with Samsung C&T Corporation.
- The agreement is valued at USD 3 billion.
- It aims to supply green ammonia over a period of 15 years.
- The supply will begin from the second half of Financial Year 2028–29 (FY29).
- The deal supports India's push towards green energy and sustainable fuel alternatives.

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Ques: Which country has recently withdrawn from the World Health Organization (WHO) under President Javier Milei?

- A) Brazil
- B) Peru
- C) Mexico
- D) Chile
- E) Argentina

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Argentina has formally withdrawn from the World Health Organization (WHO).
- The decision was taken under President Javier Milei.
- Argentina followed the footsteps of the United States, which had also moved to withdraw earlier.
- The move was initially announced in February last year and later formalised.
- This step marks a significant shift in global health cooperation dynamics.

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Ques: Netflix has launched its global production and innovation studio “Eyeline Studios” in which city in India?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Netflix has launched Eyeline Studios in Hyderabad.
- The studio will strengthen India’s AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics) ecosystem.
- The Hyderabad unit is part of Eyeline Studios’ global network, which includes centres in Los Angeles, Vancouver, Seoul, and London.
- The initiative aligns with the government’s “Orange Economy” vision focusing on creative and cultural industries.
- The Indian Institute of Creative Technologies will also open a regional campus in Hyderabad.

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Ques: Gujarat's first sounding rocket launch near Dholera was conducted by which organization?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) Agnikul Cosmos
- D) Skyroot Aerospace
- E) Omspace Rocket and Exploration Pvt. Ltd.

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Gujarat achieved a major milestone by successfully launching its first sounding rocket from Bavaliyari village near Dholera.
- The launch marks the state's entry into India's private space technology ecosystem.
- The test was conducted by Ahmedabad-based startup Omspace Rocket and Exploration Pvt. Ltd.
- A sounding rocket is a small rocket used for scientific research in the upper atmosphere and near space.

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Ques: Under the Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme, what is the capacity range of small hydro projects?

- A) 0–10 MW
- B) 1–25 MW
- C) 10–50 MW
- D) 25–100 MW
- E) Above 100 MW

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Small Hydro Power Development Scheme has been approved for the period FY 2026–27 to 2030–31 with an outlay of ₹22,584.60 crore.
- The scheme aims to install 1,500 MW capacity through small hydro projects across India.
- Small Hydro Power projects are defined as those with a capacity between 1 MW to 25 MW.
- The scheme focuses on renewable energy generation using water, especially in hilly regions, North-Eastern states, and border districts.

Financial Assistance:

- For North-East & Border Areas: ₹3.6 crore per MW or 30% of project cost (whichever is lower), maximum ₹230 crore per project.
- For Other States: ₹2.4 crore per MW or 20% of project cost (whichever is lower), maximum ₹220 crore per project.





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- A) NITI Aayog
- B) TRIFED
- C) Ministry of Culture
- D) NABARD
- E) FICCI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 was held in New Delhi, bringing together tribal artisans, entrepreneurs, and cultural performers.
- The festival was organised by Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- It was inaugurated by Jai Oram in the presence of Durgadas Uikey.
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Ques: The indigenous Floating LiDAR Buoy System, recently tested by India, was developed by which organization?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) HAL
- D) INCOIS
- E) National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India successfully tested an indigenous Floating LiDAR Buoy System developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).
- The test was conducted off the coast of Muttom in Tamil Nadu.
- The system uses LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) technology to measure wind speed, direction, and atmospheric conditions over the sea.
- It will help in offshore wind energy assessment and marine research.

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Ques: Asia-Africa Agri Alliance (AAAA), recently launched, has been established under which legal provision in India?

- A) Section 25 of Companies Act
- B) Section 8 of Companies Act, 2013
- C) Trust Act
- D) Cooperative Societies Act
- E) Societies Registration Act

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Asia-Africa Agri Alliance (AAAA) was launched in New Delhi with participation from ambassadors, policymakers, and agribusiness leaders from over 10 countries.
- The initiative aims to boost trade, investment, agricultural cooperation, and technology exchange between Asia and Africa.
- It has been established as a Section 8 Not-for-Profit Organisation under the Companies Act, 2013.
- The alliance will strengthen global agricultural partnerships and sustainable development.

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Ques: Under the new food safety reforms effective from April 1, 2026, what is the new turnover limit for basic FSSAI registration?

- A) ₹12 lakh
- B) ₹50 lakh
- C) ₹1 crore
- D) ₹1.5 crore
- E) ₹2 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare approved key regulatory reforms to improve Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and strengthen food safety.
- These reforms will come into effect from 1 April 2026.
- Registrations and licences issued by FSSAI will now have perpetual validity, removing the need for renewal.
- The turnover limit for basic registration has been increased from ₹12 lakh to ₹1.5 crore.
- State licensing applies up to ₹50 crore turnover, beyond which Central licensing is required.
- Street vendors registered under the Street Vendors Act, 2014 will be deemed registered under FSSAI, benefiting over 10 lakh vendors.





Ques: The Capacity Building Programme for Tribal Homestay Owners was launched by which organization?

- A) ITDC
- B) IRCTC
- C) Incredible India
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) TRIFED

Answer: A

Explanation:

India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) under the Ministry of Tourism launched the Capacity Building Programme for Tribal Homestay Owners in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The initiative aims to promote tribal tourism and improve livelihood opportunities through homestay development.

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Ques: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) operates under which ministry in India?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Defence
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Law & Justice
- E) Ministry of Health

Answer: C

Explanation:

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) is a federal enforcement and intelligence agency in India that functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It was established on 17 March 1986 and is responsible for combating drug trafficking and substance abuse in the country.

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