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Ques: What was the year-on-year growth rate of bank credit in India as of March 31, 2026?

- A) 10%
- B) 12%
- C) 13.4%
- D) 15%
- E) 16%

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bank credit in India grew by 16% year-on-year as of March 31, 2026.
- Deposits increased by 13.4% during the same period.
- The data was released by the Reserve Bank of India.
- Total deposits stood at ₹267.8 lakh crore, while bank credit reached ₹219 lakh crore.
- Investments grew by 4.7% to ₹71.4 lakh crore.
- In absolute terms, deposits increased by ₹31.7 lakh crore and credit by ₹30.1 lakh crore.

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Ques: What was India's unemployment rate (UR) in March 2026 as per PLFS data?

- A) 4.5%
- B) 4.9%
- C) 5.0%
- D) 5.1%
- E) 5.5%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's unemployment rate rose to 5.1% in March 2026.
- It increased from 4.9% in February 2026, marking a five-month high.
- The data is based on the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released by the National Statistics Office.
- Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) stood at 55.4% in March.
- Worker Population Ratio (WPR) declined to 52.6%.
- LFPR represents the percentage of people working or seeking work.
- WPR indicates the proportion of employed persons in the population.

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Ques: As per IMF projections, India is expected to become the world's third-largest economy by which year?

- A) 2027
- B) 2028
- C) 2030
- D) 2031
- E) 2035

Answer: D

Explanation:

- According to International Monetary Fund (IMF) April 2026 data, India slipped to the 6th largest economy in 2025 with GDP around \$3.92 trillion.
- This decline is temporary due to rupee depreciation and GDP base year revision, not due to slowdown in growth.
- India is projected to become the 4th largest economy by 2027, overtaking Japan.
- By 2031, India is expected to become the 3rd largest economy, surpassing Germany.
- Despite temporary ranking changes, India remains one of the fastest-growing major economies globally.





Ques: The 'Super Sales Saathi' mobile app launched by LIC is primarily designed for whom?

- A) Policyholders
- B) Bank officials
- C) LIC agents
- D) Government employees
- E) Investors

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Life Insurance Corporation of India launched two mobile apps — MyLIC and Super Sales Saathi.
- The apps were launched by M. Nagaraju in Mumbai.
- Both apps are powered by LIC's DIVE platform (Digital Innovation & Value Enhancement).
- The MyLIC app is a one-stop platform for policyholders to manage policies, pay premiums, and access benefits.
- Super Sales Saathi is specifically designed for LIC agents with features like customer management and real-time updates.
- The initiative aims to enhance digital services, improve security, and provide a user-friendly experience.

Static Part:

- Life Insurance Corporation of India – Largest life insurance company in India
- Established – 1956
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- DIVE Platform – Focuses on digital innovation and faster services





Ques: How many banks have been authorised by the Indian government to import bullion for 3 years starting April 1, 2026, and which two banks are authorised to import only gold?

- A) 15 Banks — SBI and HDFC
- B) 17 Banks — PNB and Bank of India
- C) 17 Banks — Union Bank of India and Sberbank
- D) 15 Banks — Union Bank of India and Sberbank
- E) 20 Banks — Deutsche Bank and ICBC

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India, through Directorate General of Foreign Trade, has authorised 17 banks to import bullion for three years (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029).
- Out of these, 15 banks — including State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, Deutsche Bank and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China — can import both gold and silver.
- Only Union Bank of India and Sberbank are authorised to import only gold.
- Delay in issuing the authorisation list had halted imports, leaving over 5 tonnes of gold and around 8 tonnes of silver stuck without customs clearance.
- India is the second-largest gold importer globally, importing \$72 billion worth of gold in 2025–26 (24% increase), while silver imports rose to \$12 billion.
- DGFT also changed the classification of gold, silver and platinum from 'free' to 'restricted', making licences mandatory for certain importers.





Ques: The 'Water Forward' initiative launched by the World Bank Group aims to ensure water security for how many people globally by 2030?

- A) 200 million
- B) 400 million
- C) 600 million
- D) 800 million
- E) 1 billion

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- World Bank Group launched the global initiative 'Water Forward'.
- The initiative aims to ensure water security for over 1 billion people by 2030.
- A key feature is the introduction of country-led "Water Compacts".
- Under these compacts, governments will define reforms, strengthen institutions, and create investment pathways.
- The World Bank Group itself targets to provide water security to 400 million people.
- The initiative is supported by institutions like Asian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, European Investment Bank, and New Development Bank.
- The initiative focuses on improving financing and accelerating water-related projects globally.

Static Part:

- World Bank Group – Provides financial and technical assistance to developing countries
- Headquarters – Washington, D.C.
- United Nations SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation





Ques: 'Ghost-Eye: A Novel' is written by which author?

- A) Chetan Bhagat
- B) Arundhati Roy
- C) Amitav Ghosh
- D) Amish Tripathi
- E) Ruskin Bond

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book Ghost-Eye: A Novel is authored by Amitav Ghosh.
- It is a novel that explores themes of history, identity, and human experience.
- The book is published by HarperCollins.
- It consists of 336 pages and is priced at ₹799.
- Amitav Ghosh is known for his works on history, environment, and global narratives.

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Ques: Viktor Axelsen, who recently announced his retirement, belongs to which country?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) Denmark
- D) Indonesia
- E) Malaysia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Viktor Axelsen has announced his retirement from professional badminton.
- He is from Denmark.
- He won back-to-back Olympic gold medals at Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paris 2024 Olympics.
- He also won a bronze medal at Rio 2016 Olympics.
- Axelsen is regarded as one of the most successful men's singles players in Olympic history.
- He held the World No. 1 ranking for 183 weeks (third longest), behind Lee Chong Wei (398 weeks) and Lin Dan (211 weeks).

Static Part:

- Badminton – Governed globally by Badminton World Federation
- Olympics – Held every 4 years
- Denmark Capital – Copenhagen





Ques: Who recently became Asia's richest person surpassing Mukesh Ambani?

- A) Ratan Tata
- B) Gautam Adani
- C) Mukesh Ambani
- D) Azim Premji
- E) Shiv Nadar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Gautam Adani has overtaken Mukesh Ambani to become Asia's richest person.
- Gautam Adani's net worth stands at \$92.6 billion.
- Mukesh Ambani's net worth is \$90.8 billion.
- The rise in Adani's wealth is driven by a strong rally in Adani Group stocks.
- Adani's business spans ports, energy, and infrastructure sectors.
- The rankings are based on global indices like Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

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Ques: With the creation of Polavaram and Markapuram, what is the total number of districts in Andhra Pradesh?

- A) 26
- B) 27
- C) 28
- D) 29
- E) 30

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh government created two new districts – Polavaram and Markapuram.
- With this, the total number of districts increased from 26 to 28.
- Polavaram district is carved out of parts of Alluri Sitharama Raju district (Rampachodavaram and Chinturu divisions).
- Markapuram district is formed by merging Markapuram and Kanigiri divisions of Prakasam district region.
- The reorganisation aims to improve administrative efficiency and governance.





Ques: Indian refiners are settling payments for Iranian oil in which currency?

- A) US Dollar
- B) Euro
- C) Yuan
- D) Yen
- E) Rupee

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indian refiners like Indian Oil Corporation and Reliance Industries are settling payments for Iranian oil in Chinese yuan.
- Payments are being routed through ICICI Bank's Shanghai branch.
- The arrangement is enabled under a temporary U.S. sanctions waiver.
- The move helps Indian refiners continue oil imports despite sanctions on Iran.
- Earlier, Indian Oil Corporation purchased 2 million barrels of Iranian oil, marking the first such deal in years.
- Use of yuan reduces dependence on US dollar-based global transactions.

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Ques: Jay Shah has been selected for the Young Global Leaders Class of 2026 by which organization?

- A) United Nations
- B) World Bank
- C) World Economic Forum
- D) International Monetary Fund
- E) Asian Development Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Jay Shah, Chairman of the International Cricket Council, has been selected for the Young Global Leaders Class of 2026.
- The recognition is given by the World Economic Forum.
- The Young Global Leaders (YGL) programme recognises leaders under the age of 40 for their contributions.
- It includes leaders from fields like public service, business, science, and culture.
- The YGL Class of 2026 includes 118 leaders from 55 countries.

Static Part:

- World Economic Forum Founded – 24 January 1971
- Headquarters – Geneva
- Chairman – Larry Fink





Ques: Which country hosted the 1st BRICS Health Working Group (HWG) Meeting 2026?

- A) India
- B) Brazil
- C) China
- D) Russia
- E) South Africa

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare hosted the 1st BRICS Health Working Group (HWG) Meeting 2026.
- The meeting was held in New Delhi.
- Participants included BRICS countries — Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa — along with Egypt, Ethiopia, UAE, and Indonesia.
- India proposed two new priority areas:
 - BRICS Mission for Healthy Lifestyles (diet, physical activity, tobacco and alcohol risk reduction)
 - Promotion of Mental Health and Wellness (reduce stigma, improve services, integrate into public health)





Ques: What was India's overall rank at the 22nd Senior Asian Wrestling Championships held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan?

- A) 2nd
- B) 3rd
- C) 4th
- D) 5th
- E) 6th

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Indian wrestling team finished 5th at the Senior Asian Wrestling Championships 2026.
- The event was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- India won a total of 17 medals: 2 Gold, 6 Silver, and 9 Bronze.
- Gold medal winners included Sujeet Kalkal (65 kg) and Abhimanyu Mandwal (70 kg).
- India fielded a 30-member contingent across freestyle, women's wrestling, and Greco-Roman categories.

Medal Tally (Top 4):

1. Iran – 6 Gold, 6 Silver, 6 Bronze (18 Total)
2. Japan – 6 Gold, 5 Silver, 4 Bronze (15 Total)
3. China – 5 Gold, 1 Silver, 8 Bronze (14 Total)
4. Kyrgyzstan – 5 Gold, 1 Silver, 6 Bronze (12 Total)
5. India – 2 Gold, 6 Silver, 9 Bronze (17 Total)

Static Part:

- Asian Wrestling Championships – Organized by United World Wrestling
- Categories – Freestyle, Greco-Roman, Women's Wrestling
- Wrestling – One of the oldest Olympic sports
- Kyrgyzstan Capital – Bishkek





Ques: What was the objective of 'Sarthak Naam Abhiyan' launched in Rajasthan?

- A) To provide free education
- B) To change inappropriate student names
- C) To increase school infrastructure
- D) To provide scholarships
- E) To improve digital education

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 'Sarthak Naam Abhiyan' was launched by the Rajasthan Education Department.
- Its objective was to replace inappropriate, negative, or derogatory names with meaningful names.
- Names like "Shaitan", "Kalu", "Tinku", and "Gheesa" were considered for change.
- The campaign targeted government school students from Classes 1 to 9.
- It aimed to improve self-esteem and avoid social embarrassment among students.
- However, due to controversy and criticism, the campaign was later rolled back.

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Ques: The first passenger train in India, which ran on 16 April 1853, operated between which two places?

- A) Mumbai – Pune
- B) Bori Bunder – Thane
- C) Kolkata – Howrah
- D) Chennai – Arakkonam
- E) Delhi – Meerut

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India celebrated the 173rd anniversary of its first passenger train.
- The first passenger train ran on 16 April 1853.
- It operated between Bori Bunder (now Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus) and Thane.
- The train covered a distance of about 34 km.
- This event marked the beginning of railway transportation in India.

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

- A) April 15
- B) April 16
- C) April 17
- D) April 18
- E) April 19,

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Hemophilia Day is observed on April 17 every year.
- It aims to raise awareness about hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders.
- Theme: “Diagnosis: First step to care”.
- Hemophilia is a genetic disorder in which blood does not clot properly.
- It occurs due to deficiency of clotting factors (proteins) required to stop bleeding.
- This leads to excessive or prolonged bleeding even from minor injuries.

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Ques: What was India's trade deficit in FY 2025–26 as per official data?

- A) \$94.6 billion
- B) \$100.5 billion
- C) \$110.2 billion
- D) \$119.3 billion
- E) \$125.0 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's trade deficit widened to \$119.3 billion in FY 2025–26.
- It increased from \$94.6 billion in the previous financial year.
- The rise was mainly due to higher imports, which grew by 6.4% to \$979.4 billion.
- Exports also grew by 4.22% to \$860 billion.
- Merchandise exports increased by 1% to \$441.78 billion.
- Services exports rose by nearly 8% to \$418.31 billion.
- Exports to China increased by \$5 billion.
- Trade surplus with the United States narrowed to \$34.4 billion from \$43 billion.

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Ques: What is the proposed FDI limit in India's pension sector as per recent news?

- A) 49%
- B) 74%
- C) 80%
- D) 100%
- E) 26%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India is considering increasing the FDI limit in the pension sector from 49% to 100%.
- The move aims to align the pension sector with the insurance sector, where 100% FDI is already allowed.
- A Bill to amend the PFRDA Act, 2013 is expected in an upcoming Parliament session.
- The amendment may be introduced in the Monsoon or Winter Session 2026.
- Currently, the FDI limit in the pension sector is capped at 49%.
- Earlier, Parliament increased the FDI limit in the insurance sector from 74% to 100%.
- The amendment may also include separation of NPS Trust from PFRDA.
- NPS Trust functions may be brought under a charitable trust or Companies Act framework.





Ques: As per the RBI's new NBFC Branch Authorisation Directions, 2025, which NBFCs are allowed to expand their branches across India?

- A) NBFCs with NOF up to ₹50 crore
- B) NBFCs with low credit rating
- C) NBFCs with NOF above ₹50 crore and AA or above rating
- D) All NBFCs without restrictions
- E) Only deposit-taking NBFCs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India issued the NBFC Branch Authorisation Directions, 2025.
- NBFCs with net owned funds (NOF) above ₹50 crore and a credit rating of AA or above can expand branches across India.
- NBFCs with NOF up to ₹50 crore or lower ratings can open branches only within their home state.
- NBFCs must notify RBI for branch expansion; if no objection is raised within 30 days, they can proceed.
- Applications must be submitted via the PRAVAAH portal.
- National Housing Bank regulates Housing Finance Companies, which must inform NHB before opening branches and cannot open branches abroad.
- NBFC-ICCs lending against gold must take prior RBI approval for opening more than 1,000 branches.
- For branch closure, NBFCs must give at least 3 months' public notice and inform RBI/NHB.





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- A) Kochi LNG Terminal
- B) Chennai LNG Terminal
- C) Ennore LNG Terminal
- D) Mangalore LNG Terminal
- E) Vizag LNG Terminal

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board authorised Indian Oil Corporation Limited to develop the pipeline.
- The Kochi–Kanyakumari–Thoothukudi Natural Gas Pipeline (KTPL) will originate from the Kochi LNG Terminal.
- It will extend up to Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu.
- The pipeline length will be around 425 km.
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Ques: 'Vishwa Sutra' initiative, recently in news, is related to which sector?

- A) Agriculture
- B) Textile & Handloom
- C) Banking
- D) Defence
- E) Education

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- 'Vishwa Sutra – Weaves of India for the World' has been launched by the Ministry of Textiles.
- A designer collection under this initiative was showcased at the Femina Miss India 2024 in Bhubaneswar.
- The initiative is developed by the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) in collaboration with National Institute of Fashion Technology.
- It aims to present Indian handlooms in a modern global design framework.
- Around 30 distinct handloom weaves from different states have been included.
- These weaves are inspired by designs from 30 countries, reflecting global culture and fashion.
- The initiative supports the "Vocal for Local to Global" vision and the PM's 5F framework.
- It promotes cultural heritage, sustainable livelihoods, and global textile presence.





Ques: Under the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF), what percentage of the project cost is covered as Central Assistance (CA)?

- A) 20%
- B) 25%
- C) 30%
- D) 40%
- E) 50%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Manohar Lal Khattar launched the Operational Guidelines for the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) in New Delhi.
- UCF has a total Central Assistance (CA) of ₹1 lakh crore.
- The Central Assistance covers 25% of the project cost.
- At least 50% of project financing must be raised from market sources such as municipal bonds, bank loans, and PPPs.
- The fund will operate from FY 2025–26 to 2030–31 (extendable till 2033–34).
- It aims to generate ₹4 lakh crore investment in urban infrastructure over 5 years.
- Along with UCF, the Credit Repayment Guarantee Sub-Scheme (CRGSS) was also launched.
- The scheme provides guarantee support up to ₹7 crore or 70% of the loan (whichever is lower) for smaller cities and ULBs.





Ques: The Indian Army's sailing expedition 'Samudra Sahas' was flagged off from which location?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Indian Army's Regiment of Artillery flagged off its first blue water sailing expedition 'Samudra Sahas'.
- The expedition was flagged off from Marve in Mumbai.
- It marks the bicentenary (200 years) of the Regiment of Artillery.
- The expedition pays tribute to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's maritime legacy.
- The voyage will cover around 520 nautical miles along the Konkan Coast.
- It will be conducted using 21-foot Seabird class boats in four legs: Mumbai–Vijaydurg–Goa–Vijaydurg–Mumbai.
- The expedition is led by Kshitij Nair and Prakash Funde.





Ques: The humanoid robot that broke the human 21 km world record was developed by which company?

- A) Tesla
- B) Boston Dynamics
- C) Honor
- D) Xiaomi
- E) Huawei

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A humanoid robot developed by Honor completed a 21 km half-marathon in 50 minutes and 26 seconds.
- The event was held in Beijing on April 19, 2026.
- The robot outperformed the human world record of around 57 minutes.
- The race was organized at the Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area.
- This achievement highlights rapid advancements in robotics and AI technology in China.
- The robot significantly improved from last year's performance of 2 hours 40 minutes.
- Some minor issues were reported during the race, including a robot falling at the start line.





Ques: The 'Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool' (BMI Pool) approved by the Government of India will be operational for how many years initially?

- A) 5 years
- B) 7 years
- C) 10 years
- D) 12 years
- E) 15 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India approved the 'Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool' (BMI Pool).
- The announcement was made by Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- The pool will be operational for 10 years, with a possible extension of 5 more years.
- The total size of the pool is ₹129.8 billion (about \$1.4 billion).
- It aims to ensure uninterrupted maritime trade amid geopolitical tensions and sanctions.
- Policies will be issued by insurers using a combined underwriting capacity of around ₹950 crore.

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Ques: Who has been crowned Femina Miss India World 2026?

- A) Rajnandini Pawar
- B) Sree Advaita
- C) Sadhvi Sail
- D) Manasa Varanasi
- E) Aditi Govitrikar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sadhvi Sail from Goa was crowned Femina Miss India World 2026.
- The grand finale was held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Rajnandini Pawar from Maharashtra became the 1st Runner-Up.
- Sree Advaita from Jammu and Kashmir secured the 2nd Runner-Up position.
- The winner will represent India at the Miss World competition.

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Ques: N. Ramachandran, who recently passed away, served as the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) during which period?

- A) 2010–2013
- B) 2011–2014
- C) 2012–2015
- D) 2014–2017
- E) 2015–2018

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- N. Ramachandran, former President of the Indian Olympic Association, passed away.
- He served as IOA President from 2014 to 2017.
- He was also the Secretary General of the Squash Rackets Federation of India.
- He received the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar in 2011 for promoting sports infrastructure.
- In 2016, he was awarded the Olympic Order (Silver) by the International Olympic Committee.

Static Part:

- IOA – Apex body for Olympic movement in India
- IOC Headquarters – Lausanne, Switzerland
- Olympic Order – Highest award of IOC





Ques: World Heritage Day is also known as which of the following?

- A) International Day of Culture
- B) International Day for Monuments and Sites
- C) Global Heritage Conservation Day
- D) World Culture Protection Day
- E) Heritage Awareness Day

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Heritage Day is celebrated every year on April 18.
- It is also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites.
- The 2026 theme is “Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Contexts of Conflicts and Disasters”.
- The day was established by UNESCO following a proposal by International Council on Monuments and Sites.
- India has 44 UNESCO World Heritage Sites (35 cultural, 7 natural, 2 mixed).

Static Part:

- UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Headquarters – Paris, France
- ICOMOS – International advisory body on heritage conservation
- First observed – 1983





Ques: Siachen Day, observed on April 13, commemorates which operation?

- A) Operation Vijay
- B) Operation Meghdoot
- C) Operation Blue Star
- D) Operation Cactus
- E) Operation Rakshak

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Siachen Day is observed every year on April 13.
- It commemorates the success of Operation Meghdoot conducted in 1984.
- During this operation, the Indian Army secured key positions at Bilafond La on the Siachen Glacier.
- The operation was led by Manohar Lal Chibber, Prem Nath Hoon, and Shiv Sharma.
- It highlights the bravery and strategic importance of Indian forces in high-altitude warfare.

Static Part:

- Siachen Glacier – World's highest battlefield
- Location – Karakoram Range (Eastern Karakoram)
- Year of Operation Meghdoot – 1984
- Controlled by – Indian Army





Ques: SEBI has approved which exchange's plan to set up a coal exchange in India?

- A) National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- B) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- C) Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)
- D) India International Exchange (India INX)
- E) National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has approved the plan of Multi Commodity Exchange of India to set up a coal exchange.
- MCX will create a new subsidiary named MCX Coal Exchange.
- Initially, MCX will hold 100% stake in this subsidiary.
- The investment for setting up the exchange will be up to ₹100 crore.
- Approval will also be required from the Coal Controller Organisation.
- This initiative aims to bring transparency and efficiency in coal trading in India.

Static Part:

- MCX Established – 10 November 2003
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Regulator – SEBI (since 2015)
- FMC merged with SEBI – 28 September 2015
- Key Indices: MCX iCOMDEX, BULLDEX, METLDEX
- Clearing Body – MCXCCL (Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited)





Ques: The Union Cabinet has approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III) till which year?

- A) 2026
- B) 2027
- C) 2028
- D) 2029
- E) 2030

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the extension of PMGSY-III till March 2028.
- The total outlay of the scheme has been significantly increased from ₹280,250 crore to ₹783,977 crore.
- Timeline for completion of roads and bridges in plain areas and roads in hilly areas has been extended till March 2028.
- Timeline for completion of bridges in hilly areas has been extended till March 2029.
- Projects sanctioned before 31 March 2025 but not yet awarded can now be taken up for tender and execution.
- Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana was launched in phases: Phase I (2000), Phase II (2013), and Phase III (2019).

Static Part:

- PMGSY Launch Date – 25 December 2000
- Ministry – Ministry of Rural Development
- Objective – To provide all-weather road connectivity to rural areas
- Type of Scheme – Centrally Sponsored Scheme



Ques: Which railway depot has become India's first "water-neutral" railway depot?

- A) Shakur Basti Depot
- B) Kankaria Coaching Depot
- C) Itarsi Coaching Depot
- D) Mughalsarai Depot
- E) Perambur Depot

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Kankaria Coaching Depot in Ahmedabad has become India's first "water-neutral" railway depot.
- The initiative aligns railway operations with sustainability and environmental conservation goals.
- The depot achieves water neutrality by treating and reusing as much water as it consumes.
- It saves around 1.60 lakh litres of water daily, reducing dependence on fresh water sources.
- This model promotes efficient water management in Indian Railways.

Static Part:

- Ahmedabad Located in – Gujarat
- Gujarat Capital – Gandhinagar
- Railway Ministry – Ministry of Railways



Ques: Under which policy has the United States announced plans to deploy nuclear reactors in space and on the Moon?

- A) Artemis Initiative
- B) Space Power Mission
- C) National Initiative for American Space Nuclear Power
- D) Lunar Energy Program
- E) Space Exploration Strategy

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United States announced plans to deploy nuclear reactors in space orbit by 2028 and on the Moon by 2030.
- This initiative is part of the policy called “National Initiative for American Space Nuclear Power.”
- The objective is to strengthen US leadership in space exploration, commerce, and defence.
- The move follows advancements under the Artemis program.
- Nuclear power in space can support long-duration missions and lunar infrastructure.

Static Part:

- USA Capital – Washington, D.C.
- ⇒ • NASA Established – 1958
- Artemis Programme – Human return mission to the Moon
- First Moon Landing – 1969 (Apollo 11)





Ques: India and Germany launched a commemorative logo to celebrate how many years of diplomatic relations?

- A) 50 years
- B) 60 years
- C) 70 years
- D) 75 years
- E) 100 years

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India and Germany launched a commemorative logo to celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations.
- The logo was unveiled during the India-Germany Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) held in Berlin.
- The FOC was co-chaired by Vikram Misri and Géza Andreas von Geyr.
- Both countries also mark 25 years of their Strategic Partnership.
- The logo was selected through a joint competition hosted on the MyGov platform.
- Participants from both countries contributed designs symbolizing deep-rooted friendship.

Static Part:

- Germany Capital – Berlin
- Currency – Euro
- India-Germany Diplomatic Relations Established – 1951





Ques: Yana Caves in Karnataka have been declared a geo-heritage site of national importance by which organization?

- A) Archaeological Survey of India
- B) Geological Survey of India
- C) Indian Space Research Organisation
- D) Ministry of Environment
- E) National Biodiversity Authority

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Yana Caves have been declared a geo-heritage site of national importance.
- The declaration was made by the Geological Survey of India.
- The announcement was made on the occasion of GSI's 176th Foundation Day on 4 March 2026.
- The caves are located in Uttara Kannada district in the Western Ghats.
- These caves are formed from dolomitic limestone, rich in magnesium.
- The rock formations are around 2,700 million years old, belonging to the Precambrian era.
- They were formed due to plate tectonic forces and natural weathering over millions of years.

Static Part:

- Geological Survey of India Established – 1851
- Headquarters – Kolkata
- Karnataka Capital – Bengaluru
- Western Ghats – UNESCO World Heritage Site





Ques: Which organization has launched the third edition of the AICTE-VAANI scheme to promote Indian languages in technical education?

- A) UGC
- B) AICTE
- C) NCERT
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) Ministry of Education

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The All India Council for Technical Education has launched the third edition of the AICTE-VAANI scheme.
- VAANI stands for Vibrant Advocacy for Advancement and Nurturing of Indian Languages.
- The scheme aims to bridge the language gap and help students learn technical subjects in their mother tongue.
- An annual budget of ₹4 crore has been allocated to support around 200 conferences, seminars, and workshops.
- Each selected institution will receive ₹2 lakh to organise 2–3 day events in 22 regional languages.
- The scheme covers 16 emerging areas including Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Technology, Cybersecurity, Hydrogen Energy, Space & Defence, and Agrotech.

Static Part:

- AICTE Established – 1945
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Ministry – Ministry of Education





Ques: Which state cricket association has introduced a player contract system for the first time in India from the 2026–27 domestic season?

- A) Delhi & District Cricket Association
- B) Karnataka State Cricket Association
- C) Mumbai Cricket Association
- D) Tamil Nadu Cricket Association
- E) Cricket Association of Bengal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

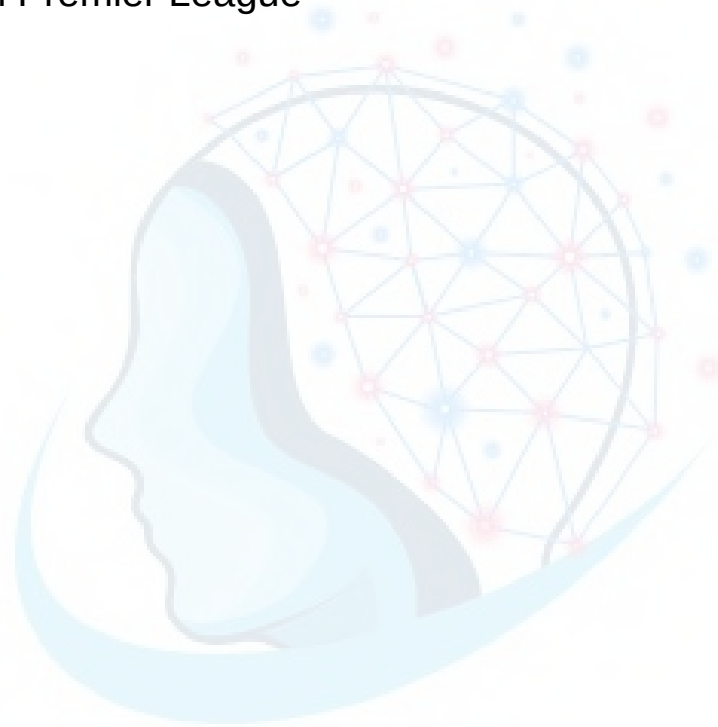
- Mumbai Cricket Association has introduced a player contract system starting from the 2026–27 domestic season.
- MCA becomes the first state cricket association in India to implement this structured remuneration model.
- The decision was approved in the Apex Council meeting.
- **Players will be categorized into three grades based on performance:**
 - Grade A: ₹12 lakh to ₹20 lakh per annum
 - Grade B: ₹8 lakh to ₹12 lakh per annum
 - Grade C: ₹8 lakh per annum
- **Eligibility criteria include :**
 - that the player must be registered with MCA.
 - Must meet minimum fitness standards
 - Should not have represented India in last two seasons
 - Should not have been part of any IPL team in last two seasons
 - Must be recommended by the selection committee





Static Part:

- Mumbai Cricket Association Established – 1930
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Governing Body of Cricket in India – Board of Control for Cricket in India
- IPL Full Form – Indian Premier League



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Ques: Which rocket has been selected by NASA to launch the Rosalind Franklin Mars rover mission?

- A) Delta IV Heavy
- B) Falcon Heavy
- C) Atlas V
- D) Ariane 5
- E) SLS

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- NASA has selected SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket to launch the Rosalind Franklin Mars rover mission.
- The mission is a collaboration between NASA and the European Space Agency.
- NASA has approved the ROSA (Rosalind Franklin Support and Augmentation) project to support this mission.
- The mission is scheduled for launch in 2028.
- The rover aims to search for signs of past or present life beneath the surface of Mars.
- Falcon Heavy is one of the most powerful operational rockets developed by SpaceX.

Static Part:

- NASA Established – 1958
- Headquarters – Washington, D.C.
- SpaceX Established – 2002
- CEO – Elon Musk
- NASA Established – 1958





Ques: Who has been awarded the WWF National Award for developing the AI-powered mobile application “Neophyte ID”?

- A) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- B) N. Alim Yusuf
- C) Sundar Pichai
- D) K. Sivan
- E) Ajay Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- N. Alim Yusuf has been awarded the WWF National Award.
- He developed an AI-powered mobile application named “Neophyte ID”.
- The application can identify nearly 100 invasive plant species using Artificial Intelligence.
- He works at the Malabar Botanical Garden and Institute for Plant Sciences.
- The award was presented at the ECHO Youth Innovation Summit 2026.
- He also received a seed grant of ₹1.5 lakh to further develop the project.

Static Part:

- WWF Full Form – World Wide Fund for Nature
- WWF Founded – 1961
- Headquarters – Gland, Switzerland
- Kerala Capital – Thiruvananthapuram





Ques: Which languages have been given full official language status in Meghalaya under the Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, 2026?

- A) Khasi and Garo
- B) Khasi and English
- C) Garo and Hindi
- D) Assamese and Garo
- E) Bengali and Khasi

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Meghalaya Government approved the Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, 2026.
- Under this ordinance, Khasi and Garo have been granted full official language status along with English.
- The ordinance repeals the Meghalaya State Language Act, 2005.
- Earlier, Khasi and Garo were recognized only as associate official languages.
- This move promotes regional languages and preserves cultural identity in the state.

Static Part:

- State – Meghalaya
- Capital – Shillong
- Chief Minister – Conrad Sangma
- Governor – C. H. Vijayashankar

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the first female Chief of Army of Australia?

- A) Linda Reynolds
- B) Susan Coyle
- C) Angus Campbell
- D) David Hurley
- E) Mark Milley

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Susan Coyle has been appointed as the first female Chief of Army of Australia.
- She becomes the first woman to lead any service branch in Australia's military history.
- Her appointment marks a historic step towards gender equality in the armed forces.
- The Chief of Army is responsible for commanding the Australian Army and advising the government on military matters.

Static Part:

- Australia Capital – Canberra
- Currency – Australian Dollar
- Prime Minister – Anthony Albanese
- Defence Force Name – Australian Defence Force





Ques: Who has been named the Harvard South Asian 'Person of the Year' 2026?

- A) Alia Bhatt
- B) Sayani Gupta
- C) Deepika Padukone
- D) Priyanka Chopra
- E) Vidya Balan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sayani Gupta has been named the Harvard South Asian 'Person of the Year' 2026.
- The award is presented by the Harvard South Asian Association.
- It recognises individuals who have contributed significantly to South Asian culture, identity, and representation.
- The award highlights excellence in fields like arts, culture, and public influence.
- Vikas Khanna was the recipient of this award in 2025.

Static Part:

- Harvard University Founded – 1636
- Location – Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States
- Harvard South Asian Association – Student organization promoting South Asian culture culture
- USA Capital – Washington, D.C.





Ques: Where will India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park be established?

- A) Leh
- B) Sindhu Ghat, Ladakh
- C) Spiti Valley
- D) Kargil
- E) Zaskar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park will be established at Sindhu Ghat in Ladakh.
- The foundation stone was laid on April 18, 2026, on the occasion of World Heritage Day.
- The objective is to protect ancient rock carvings (petroglyphs) from environmental damage and human activities.
- The park will provide a dedicated space to conserve and display prehistoric carvings.
- It will include relocation of vulnerable artefacts and creation of an educational environment.
- Petroglyphs are images or symbols carved on rocks, representing early human communication.
- Ladakh petroglyphs depict hunting scenes, animals like ibex and snow leopard, and later Buddhist symbols.
- Inscriptions in languages like Chinese, Arabic, and Sanskrit indicate cultural exchange over time.

Static Part | :

- Ladakh Capital – Leh
- World Heritage Day – 18 April
- Sindhu River – Also known as Indus River
- Union Territory of Ladakh formed – 31 October 2019





Ques: The Space Applications Centre (ISRO) has signed an MoU with which organization for sustainable land management in India?

- A) TERI
- B) ATREE
- C) WWF India
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) UNEP

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Space Applications Centre of Indian Space Research Organisation has signed an MoU with Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment.
- The collaboration aims to enhance research, data sharing, and knowledge exchange for sustainable land management.
- It combines ISRO's satellite-based geospatial technology with ATREE's field-level ecological research.
- The partnership supports India's goal of achieving Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) by 2030.

Static Part:

- ISRO Established – 1969
- Headquarters – Bengaluru
- SAC Location – Ahmedabad
- ATREE Established – 1996
- LDN Target Year – 2030





Ques: Who will continue as the chairman of the senior selection committee after BCCI renewed his contract?

- A) Rahul Dravid
- B) Ajit Agarkar
- C) VVS Laxman
- D) Sourav Ganguly
- E) Anil Kumble

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Ajit Agarkar will continue as the chairman of the senior selection committee.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India has renewed his contract for one more year.
- The extension ensures continuity in team selection ahead of the 2027 ODI World Cup.
- He plays a key role in shaping the Indian team's strategy and squad.

Static Part:

- BCCI Established – 1928
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- ODI World Cup Organised by – International Cricket Council





Ques: Chinese Language Day is celebrated every year on which date?

- A) April 15
- B) April 18
- C) April 20
- D) April 22
- E) April 25

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Chinese Language Day is celebrated annually on April 20.
- The date honors Cangjie, believed to have created Chinese characters.
- It is one of the six official language days observed by the United Nations.
- The observance promotes multilingualism and cultural diversity.
- The UN has six official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.

Static Part:

- United Nations Founded – 24 October 1945
- Headquarters – New York City, United States
- UN Official Languages – 6
- International Mother Language Day – 21 February





Ques: PayPoint India became the first private fintech to join which RBI system?

- A. UPI
- B. NPCI Network
- C. Centralised Payment System (CPS)
- D. IMPS
- E. Bharat BillPay

A

Answer: C

Explanation:

- PayPoint India became the first private fintech to join RBI's Centralised Payment System (CPS).
- It now has direct access to RTGS and NEFT, reducing reliance on intermediary banks.
- It received its own IFSC code and can directly settle with RBI.
- CPS is a unified RBI platform for processing both large-value and retail transactions.

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Ques: As per SBI Research, what is India's projected GDP growth rate for FY27?

- A) 5.5–6.0%
- B) 6.0–6.5%
- C) 6.8–7.1%
- D) 7.5–8.0%
- E) 8.0–8.5%

Answer: C

Explanation:

- SBI Research projects India's GDP growth at 6.8–7.1% for FY27.
- Despite global challenges like oil price shocks and geopolitical tensions, strong domestic fundamentals support growth.
- This reflects resilience and stability in India's economy.

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Ques: CheQ has partnered with which bank to launch India's first LED-powered co-branded credit card?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) SBI
- D) Axis Bank
- E) AU Small Finance Bank

Answer: E

Explanation:

- CheQ partnered with AU Small Finance Bank to launch India's first LED-powered co-branded credit card, "CheQ AU Credit Card".
- The card lights up during transactions using energy from the NFC field of POS terminals.
- It does not require a battery, making it innovative and efficient.
- It supports dual networks – Visa (global transactions) and RuPay (UPI payments).
- This enhances user experience and promotes digital payments in India.

Static Part :

- AU Small Finance Bank Established – 1996 (as NBFC), Bank status in 2017
- Headquarters – Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Visa – Global payment network
- RuPay – Indian domestic card payment network by NPCI





Ques: India has extended OCI card eligibility in Sri Lanka up to which generation?

- A) 4th
- B) 5th
- C) 6th
- D) 7th
- E) 8th

Answer: C

Explanation:

- India has extended OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) card eligibility in Sri Lanka up to the sixth generation.
- The announcement was made by C. P. Radhakrishnan during his visit.
- Earlier, eligibility was limited to the fourth generation.
- OCI provides a lifelong, multiple-entry visa to persons of Indian origin.
- It allows them to live, work, and travel in India without a separate visa.
- This move strengthens ties with the Indian-origin community in Sri Lanka.

Static Part | :

- OCI – Overseas Citizen of India
- Type – Lifelong Visa Facility
- Eligibility – Persons of Indian Origin
- Benefit – Multiple entry, no separate visa required





Ques: How many industries are included in India's core infrastructure sector (Core Industries)?

- A) 6
- B) 7
- C) 8
- D) 9
- E) 10

Answer: C

Explanation:

- India's eight core infrastructure industries recorded a contraction of 0.4% in March.
- This marks the first decline in the last five months as per data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- The eight core industries are: Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement, and Electricity.
- These industries together have a weight of 40.27% in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).
- Performance of core industries is a key indicator of overall industrial growth.

Static Part:

- IIP – Index of Industrial Production
- Base Year of IIP – 2011–12
- Released By – National Statistical Office (NSO)
- Ministry – Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- IIP Measures – Industrial growth in manufacturing, mining, and electricity sectors





Ques: By how much has the Dearness Allowance (DA) been increased from January 2026?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Narendra Modi approved an additional instalment of DA and DR.
- The hike is effective from 1 January 2026.
- DA/DR has been increased by 2%, from 58% to 60% of Basic Pay/Pension.
- The increase aims to offset inflation and rising prices.
- Around 50.46 lakh employees and 68.27 lakh pensioners will benefit.
- The total financial burden on the government is about ₹6,791.24 crore per annum.
- The revision is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission.

Static Part:

- Dearness Allowance (DA) – Allowance given to employees to offset inflation
- Dearness Relief (DR) – Similar benefit for pensioners
- 7th Pay Commission – Implemented in 2016
- Purpose – Adjust salary/pension with inflation





Ques: What is the name of the AI-powered chatbot launched by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to verify official notices and prevent digital scams?

- A) Abhay
- B) Rakshak
- C) Suraksha
- D) Satark
- E) Jagruk

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) launched an AI-powered chatbot named “Abhay”.
- The chatbot helps citizens verify whether official notices are genuine or fake.
- It aims to reduce panic and protect people from digital scams and financial fraud.
- The initiative enhances cyber awareness and public safety.
- The chatbot was unveiled by Justice Surya Kant.

Static Part:

- CBI Established – 1963
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Parent Ministry – Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- Motto – Industry, Impartiality, Integrity





Ques: When is the G20 satellite expected to be launched?

- A) 2025
- B) 2026
- C) 2027
- D) 2028
- E) 2030

Answer: C

Explanation:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation Chairman V. Narayanan announced that the G20 satellite is expected to be launched in 2027.
- The satellite will study climate change, air pollution, and weather monitoring.
- India is leading this initiative for G20 countries.
- ISRO is also working on sending a human to the Moon by 2040.
- The mission highlights India's growing role in space technology and global cooperation.

Static Part:

- Organisation – Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- Founded – 1969





Ques: The RELIEF scheme, recently expanded by the Government of India, is implemented through which organization?

- A) EXIM Bank
- B) ECGC
- C) NABARD
- D) SIDBI
- E) RBI

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The RELIEF (Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) scheme is implemented through the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC).
- ECGC acts as the nodal agency for the scheme.
- The Government has expanded the scheme by including Egypt and Jordan among eligible countries.
- The scheme was launched on 19 March 2026 to support exporters affected by disruptions in the Gulf and West Asia maritime corridor.
- It covers consignments destined for or trans-shipped through countries like UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Iraq, Iran, Israel, and Yemen.
- The scheme has a financial outlay of ₹497 crore under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM).

Static Part:

- ECGC Established – 1957
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Ministry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Objective – Provide export credit insurance support





Ques: INS Nireekshak is primarily associated with which type of operations?

- A) Missile testing
- B) Diving & submarine rescue
- C) Air surveillance
- D) Cyber warfare
- E) Space missions

Answer: B

Explanation:

- INS Nireekshak is a Diving Support and Submarine Rescue Vessel of the Indian Navy.
- It arrived in Colombo, Sri Lanka to participate in the 4th India–Sri Lanka Joint Diving Exercise (IN-SLN DIVEX 2026).
- The exercise is conducted between the Indian Navy and Sri Lanka Navy.
- It focuses on specialised underwater operations and diving missions.
- The aim is to enhance interoperability, coordination, and exchange of best practices.
- The exercise is conducted for about one week.

Static Part:

- Indian Navy – Maritime arm of Indian Armed Forces
- Established – 1950





Ques: Who has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh, replacing Pranay Verma?

- A) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- B) Ajay Bisaria
- C) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- D) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- E) Dinesh Trivedi

Answer: E

Explanation:

- Dinesh Trivedi has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh.
- He replaces Pranay Verma in this position.
- Pranay Verma has been appointed as India's Ambassador to Belgium and the European Union.
- Dinesh Trivedi is a former Union Railway Minister.
- He has also served as Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare.
- He was elected as a Member of Parliament from Barrackpore constituency.

Static Part:

- Bangladesh Capital – Dhaka
- Currency – Taka

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Ques: India's first 3D chip packaging plant is being set up in which city?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Mohan Charan Majhi and Ashwini Vaishnaw laid the foundation stone in Bhubaneswar.
- It is India's first advanced 3D chip packaging unit.
- The project is implemented by 3D Glass Solutions Inc.
- It will be executed through its Indian subsidiary Heterogeneous Integration Packaging Solutions Pvt Ltd.
- The plant will boost India's semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem.
- It is a major step towards high-tech manufacturing and electronics hub development.

Static Part:

- **State – Odisha**

- Capital – Bhubaneswar

Static Part:

- Capital – Bhubaneswar
- CM – Mohan Charan Majhi
- Governor – Hari Babu Kambhampati
- Mission – India Semiconductor Mission
- Sector – Electronics & Chip Manufacturing
- Importance – Reduces import dependency, boosts tech ecosystem





Ques: India's first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex at Pachpadra is located in which state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Odisha
- E) Rajasthan

Answer: E

Explanation:

- Narendra Modi will dedicate India's first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex at Pachpadra to the nation in Rajasthan.
- The project is a joint venture between Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and the Government of Rajasthan.
- The total cost of the project is over ₹79,450 crore.
- The refinery has a capacity of 9 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA).
- It also includes a petrochemical production capacity of 2.4 MMTPA.
- The project will boost industrial development and employment in the region.

Static Part:

- Location – Pachpadra, Rajasthan
- Capacity – 9 MMTPA (Refinery)
- Petrochemical Capacity – 2.4 MMTPA
- Type – Greenfield Integrated Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex
- Rajasthan Capital – Jaipur
- Chief Minister – Bhajan Lal Sharma
- Governor – Haribhau Kisanrao Bagade
- HPCL Established – 1974





Ques: India and South Korea have set a target to increase bilateral trade to what amount by 2030?

- A) \$40 billion
- B) \$45 billion
- C) \$50 billion
- D) \$54 billion
- E) \$60 billion

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Lee Jae Myung visited New Delhi on a three-day visit to India.
- During the India-Korea Business Forum, both countries set a target to double bilateral trade.
- The target is to reach \$54 billion in bilateral trade by 2030.
- This initiative aims to strengthen economic ties between India and South Korea.

Static Part:

- South Korea Capital – Seoul
- Currency – South Korean Won

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Ques: Four cheetahs brought to Bannerghatta Biological Park were imported from which country?

- A) Kenya
- B) Namibia
- C) South Africa
- D) Australia
- E) Brazil

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Four cheetahs (two males and two females) arrived at Bannerghatta Biological Park.
- The cheetahs were brought from Induna Primate and Parrot Park in South Africa.
- They arrived at Kempegowda International Airport under an approved animal exchange programme.
- The programme follows the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- The initiative aims to strengthen conservation efforts and improve genetic diversity.
- It also promotes visitor awareness and scientific research.
- The cheetahs were received by Eshwar Khandre.

Static Part:

- Location – Bannerghatta Biological Park, Karnataka
- Established – 2002
- Location – Bengaluru
- Wild Life Protection Act – 1972





Ques: The 'Surya Devbhoomi Challenge 2.0' expedition was flagged off from which place?

- A) Kedarnath Temple
- B) Badrinath Temple
- C) Tungnath Temple
- D) Rudranath Temple
- E) Kalpeshwar Temple

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Anil Chauhan flagged off the 'Surya Devbhoomi Challenge 2.0'.
- The expedition was inaugurated from Badrinath Temple.
- The event is organized by the Indian Army.
- The 113-kilometre expedition covers three sacred Kedars – Kalpeshwar, Rudranath, and Tungnath.
- The initiative promotes adventure, spirituality, and awareness of the Himalayan region.

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Ques: POSCO Group of South Korea has partnered with which Indian company to set up a steel plant in India?

- A) Tata Steel
- B) JSW Steel
- C) SAIL
- D) Jindal Steel
- E) Essar Steel

Answer: B

Explanation:

- POSCO Group has partnered with JSW Steel to set up a large steel plant in India.
- Both companies will form a 50:50 joint venture for this project.
- The total investment is about \$7.3 billion (approximately ₹60,000 crore).
- The integrated steel plant will be set up in Odisha with a capacity of 6 million tonnes per year.
- The project is expected to be completed by 2031.

Static Part:

- POSCO Established – 1968
- Headquarters – Pohang, South Korea
- JSW Steel Headquarters – Mumbai
- Odisha Capital – Bhubaneswar





Ques: Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary has been declared which Ramsar site of India?

- A) 95th
- B) 97th
- C) 98th
- D) 99th
- E) 100th

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Bhupender Yadav announced Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary as a Ramsar site.
- The sanctuary is located in Aligarh.
- This designation takes India's total Ramsar sites to 99.
- Uttar Pradesh now has a total of 12 Ramsar sites.
- The Ramsar tag helps in wetland conservation, biodiversity protection, and sustainable use.
- It also promotes local livelihoods, eco-tourism, and climate security.

Static Part:

- Ramsar Convention – International treaty for wetland conservation
- Year – 1971
- Place – Ramsar
- India Ramsar Sites – 99
- Uttar Pradesh Ramsar Sites – 12





Ques: Oscar Schmidt, who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?

- A) Basketball
- B) Football
- C) Tennis
- D) Volleyball
- E) Hockey

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Oscar Schmidt was a legendary basketball player from Brazil.
- He is regarded as one of the greatest scorers in the history of basketball.
- He represented Brazil in five Olympic Games and four World Cups.
- He was inducted into the FIBA Hall of Fame in 2010.
- His contribution made him an iconic figure in the sport.

Static Part:

- FIBA Full Form – International Basketball Federation
- FIBA Founded – 1932
- Headquarters – Mies, Switzerland
- Olympic Games First Held – 1896





Ques: World Creativity and Innovation Day is observed annually on which date?

- A) 18 April
- B) 20 April
- C) 21 April
- D) 22 April
- E) 23 April

Answer: C

Explanation:

- World Creativity and Innovation Day is observed every year on 21 April.
- It is designated by the United Nations.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of creativity and innovation.
- It highlights their role in problem-solving and economic development.
- It encourages individuals and organizations to adopt innovative approaches.

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Ques: What is the theme of the RBI's 4th Global Hackathon "HaRBinger – Innovation for Transformation"?

- A) Digital Payments for All
- B) Secure Banking: Powered by Identity, Integrity, and Inclusivity
- C) Future of FinTech Innovation
- D) Inclusive Growth through Banking
- E) Smart Financial Ecosystem

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India launched the 4th edition of its Global Hackathon "HaRBinger – Innovation for Transformation".
- The theme of the hackathon is "Secure Banking: Powered by Identity, Integrity, and Inclusivity".
- The hackathon focuses on three key problem statements: Tokenised KYC, Offline CBDC, and Enhancing Trust.
- The initiative aims to promote innovation and strengthen the digital banking ecosystem.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the part-time chairman of Bandhan Bank with approval from the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) Shaktikanta Das
- B) Debasish Panda
- C) Rajnish Kumar
- D) Atanu Chakraborty
- E) Amitabh Chaudhry

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Bandhan Bank received approval from Reserve Bank of India to appoint Debasish Panda as its part-time chairman.
- The appointment is for a tenure of 3 years, approved via an RBI letter dated April 22.
- In another development, Punjab National Bank partnered with fintech firm Kiwi.
- The partnership aims to introduce credit-enabled UPI payments.
- PNB will launch “PNB Kiwi Credit Card” on the RuPay network operated by National Payments Corporation of India.
- This initiative will benefit around 180 million customers and allow UPI payments through credit cards.
- It strengthens India’s digital payment ecosystem and expands credit usage via UPI.

Static Part:

- Bandhan Bank – Private Sector Bank
- Founded – 2015
- Headquarters – Kolkata
- Punjab National Bank – Public Sector Bank
- Founded – 1894
- Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: Vibha Padalkar, whose tenure was recently extended, is the MD & CEO of which company?

- A) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- B) SBI Life Insurance
- C) Max Life Insurance
- D) HDFC Life Insurance
- E) LIC

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Vibha Padalkar's tenure as MD & CEO of HDFC Life Insurance has been extended for five more years.
- She was first appointed to this position in 2018.
- HDFC Life Insurance is one of India's leading private life insurance companies.
- The extension reflects the company's confidence in her leadership.

Static Part:

- HDFC Life Insurance
- Founded – 2000
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Sector – Life Insurance
- Regulator – Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India





Ques: Which AI company's model 'Mythos' is being reviewed by the Reserve Bank of India and global regulators for potential cybersecurity risks to the banking sector?

- A) OpenAI
- B) Google DeepMind
- C) Anthropic
- D) Meta AI
- E) Microsoft Copilot

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

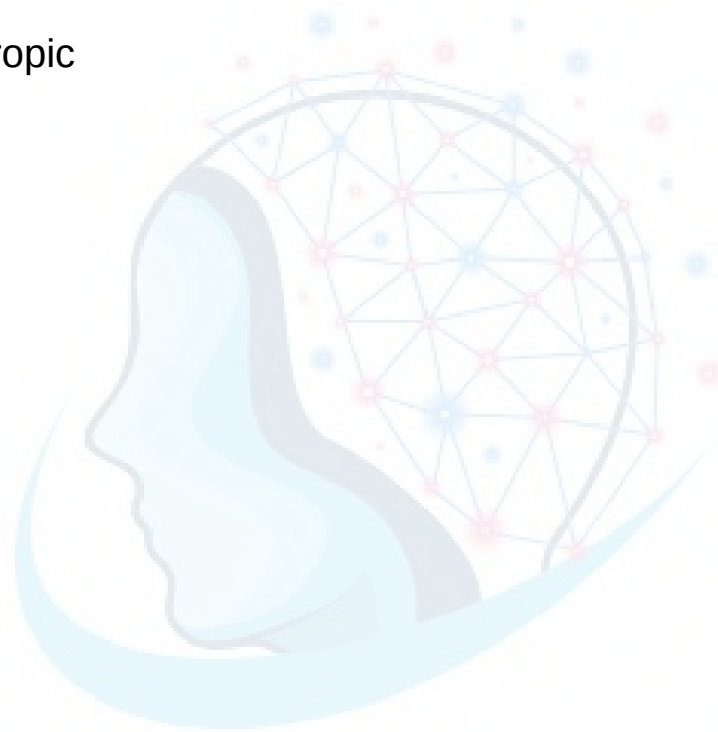
- Reserve Bank of India is in talks with global regulators, Indian banks, and government officials to assess risks from Anthropic's AI model 'Mythos'.
- Preliminary assessment suggests Mythos could increase cybersecurity risks by accelerating the discovery and exploitation of software vulnerabilities in financial systems.
- Regulators across Asia, Europe, and the US have warned banks to strengthen cyber defences and preparedness in response to Mythos developments.
- Japan's financial regulator plans discussions with banks, while Australia's central bank is closely monitoring developments.
- RBI may directly engage with Anthropic to better understand the model's capabilities and associated risks to India's financial ecosystem.
- Reserve Bank of India may directly engage with Anthropic to better understand the model's capabilities and associated risks to India's financial ecosystem.
- Anthropic is a US-based AI safety company founded in 2021 by former OpenAI researchers including Dario Amodei and Daniela Amodei.





Static Part:

- Regulator – Reserve Bank of India
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- AI Model – Mythos
- Developed By – Anthropic



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Ques: SEBI has reduced the minimum investment in Social Impact Funds to what amount to promote accessibility through the Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?

- A) ₹10,000
- B) ₹5,000
- C) ₹2,000
- D) ₹1,000
- E) ₹500

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India has reduced the minimum investment in Social Impact Funds from ₹2 lakh to ₹1,000.
- This step aims to make social investing accessible to common investors.
- The initiative is implemented through the Social Stock Exchange (SSE).
- SEBI has also enabled the use of Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) instruments on SSE.
- ZCZP instruments help in transparent funding for social causes.
- SSE is a platform where NGOs and social enterprises can raise funds from the public.
- It is a separate segment of stock exchanges like Bombay Stock Exchange and National Stock Exchange of India and is regulated by SEBI.

Static Part:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India
- Established – 1988 (Statutory status in 1992)
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- SSE Purpose – Fundraising for social causes
- ZCZP Full Form – Zero Coupon Zero Principal





Ques: As per the Draft PPI Master Directions 2026 issued by Reserve Bank of India, what is the minimum net worth required for a non-bank PPI issuer at the time of seeking authorisation, and how much must it be scaled up to within three years?

- A) ₹2 crore → ₹10 crore
- B) ₹5 crore → ₹15 crore
- C) ₹10 crore → ₹25 crore
- D) ₹5 crore → ₹25 crore
- E) ₹15 crore → ₹25 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India released Draft Master Directions on PPIs proposing stricter capital requirements for non-bank issuers and tighter norms for low-KYC wallets.
- Non-bank PPI issuers must have a minimum net worth of ₹5 crore at authorisation, to be increased to ₹15 crore by the end of the third financial year and maintained thereafter.
- Small PPIs (Minimum KYC): Only one wallet per customer, validity up to 2 years, no reissue after expiry, usable only for goods and services (no cash withdrawal or P2P transfer), and cash loading capped at ₹10,000 per month.
- Full-KYC PPIs: Balance limit of ₹2 lakh retained, P2P transfers capped at ₹25,000 per month, minimum validity of 1 year, and only one full-KYC PPI per holder.
- Issuers must keep PPI funds in a separate escrow account with a Scheduled Commercial Bank, used only for authorised PPI business.
- On inactivity or closure, remaining balance must be transferred back to the source or a verified bank account.

Static Part:

- Directions – Draft Master Directions on PPIs, 2026
- Issued By – Reserve Bank of India
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra





- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Announced – April 22, 2026
- PPI Full Form – Prepaid Payment Instrument
- Net Worth (At Authorisation) – ₹5 crore
- Net Worth (Within 3 Years) – ₹15 crore
- Small PPI – Max validity 2 years, only for goods/services, one per customer
- Small PPI Cash Loading – ₹10,000/month
- Small PPI Cash Loading – ₹10,000/month
- Small PPI Balance Cap – ₹10,000
- Full-KYC PPI Balance – ₹2 lakh
- Full-KYC P2P Transfer Cap – ₹25,000/month

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Ques: Who won the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award 2026?

- A) Novak Djokovic
- B) Carlos Alcaraz
- C) Lionel Messi
- D) Max Verstappen
- E) Rafael Nadal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Carlos Alcaraz won the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award 2026 for his outstanding performance in tennis.
- Aryna Sabalenka won the World Sportswoman of the Year Award.
- Paris Saint-Germain was named World Team of the Year.
- Lando Norris won Breakthrough of the Year Award.
- Rory McIlroy received Comeback of the Year Award.
- Gabriel Araujo won Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability Award.
- Chloe Kim won Action Sportsperson of the Year Award.
- Lamine Yamal won Young Sportsperson of the Year Award.
- Toni Kroos received Sporting Inspiration Award.
- Nadia Comaneci received Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Futbol Mas won the Sport for Good Award.

Static Part:

- Event – Laureus World Sports Awards
- Started In – 2000
- Nature – Annual global sports awards





Ques: India's first dedicated alkaline battery manufacturing facility has been set up by Eveready Industries India Ltd. in which location?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Eveready Industries India Ltd. has commissioned India's first dedicated alkaline battery manufacturing facility.
- The plant is located in Jammu.
- The project has been set up with an investment of around ₹200 crore.
- The facility has an annual peak production capacity of 360 million alkaline batteries.
- The company aims to capture around 25% market share in the alkaline battery segment within the next three years.
- The plant will reduce import dependence and strengthen domestic manufacturing capacity.

Static Part:

- Eveready Established – 1905
- Headquarters – Kolkata
- Alkaline Battery – Long-lasting battery used in electronic devices





Ques: The female black panther was recently released at which zoological park?

- A) Indira Gandhi Zoological Park
- B) Nehru Zoological Park
- C) Mysuru Zoo
- D) Alipore Zoo
- E) Nandankanan Zoo

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- A female black panther has been released at Indira Gandhi Zoological Park.
- This event took place after a gap of nearly four decades.
- The animal was brought under the Animal Exchange Programme from Assam State Zoo-cum-Botanical Garden.
- IGZP is the third largest zoo in India.
- The initiative helps in conservation, awareness, and biodiversity management.

Static Part:

- Andhra Pradesh Capital – Amaravati
- Chief Minister – N. Chandrababu Naidu
- Governor – Syed Abdul Nazeer





Ques: The book 'Sah-Saa' is authored by whom?

- A) Arundhati Roy
- B) Geetanjali Shree
- C) Sudha Murty
- D) Amish Tripathi
- E) Chetan Bhagat

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Geetanjali Shree is the author of the book Sah-Saa.
- She is a renowned Hindi writer and the first Indian author to win the International Booker Prize.
- Her writing is known for experimental narrative techniques and strong contemporary themes.
- Her famous work Tomb of Sand (Ret Samadhi) won the International Booker Prize in 2022.
- The new book reflects her unique literary voice and contribution to modern Hindi literature.

Static Part:

- Book – Sah-Saa
- Author – Geetanjali Shree
- Tomb of Sand – International Booker Prize Winner (2022)





Ques: Where is the Inaugural Women's T20I Challenge Trophy 2026 being held?

- A) Rwanda
- B) Italy
- C) Nepal
- D) USA
- E) Vanuatu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- International Cricket Council has launched the Inaugural Women's T20I Challenge Trophy 2026 in Rwanda.
- It is a five-nation tournament aimed at promoting women's cricket among emerging nations.
- The participating teams are Rwanda, Italy, Nepal, USA, and Vanuatu.
- The matches are being played at Gahanga Cricket Stadium.
- The tournament follows a double round-robin format where each team plays every other team twice.
- Vanuatu started their campaign against host nation Rwanda on April 19.

Static Part:

- International Cricket Council
- Established – 1909
- Headquarters – Dubai, UAE
- Rwanda Capital – Kigali
- T20 Format – 20 overs per side





Ques: The Sugarcane (Control) Order, 2026 aims to replace which year's regulation?

- A) 1956
- B) 1966
- C) 1976
- D) 1986
- E) 1991

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Government of India has released a draft Sugarcane (Control) Order, 2026 to replace the existing 1966 regulation.
- Ethanol has been formally included, where 600 litres of ethanol is treated as equivalent to 1 tonne of sugar.
- The minimum distance between sugar mills is fixed at 25 km with stricter regulatory provisions.
- The draft introduces API-based digital reporting to enhance transparency, compliance, and monitoring.
- Khandsari units are brought under regulation and must comply with Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) norms.
- The reform aims to modernize the sugar sector, improve efficiency, and promote ethanol production.





Ques: Who will become the next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Apple from September 1, 2026?

- A) Tim Cook
- B) Sundar Pichai
- C) Craig Federighi
- D) Satya Nadella
- E) John Ternus

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Apple Inc. announced that John Ternus will become the next CEO effective from September 1, 2026.
- He will become the eighth CEO of Apple.
- Tim Cook will transition to the role of Executive Chairman of Apple's Board of Directors.
- This leadership change marks a significant transition in Apple's management.
- Apple is a leading multinational technology company known for products like iPhone, iPad, and Mac.

Static Part:

- Apple Inc.
- Founded – April 1, 1976
- Headquarters – California, USA
- Co-founders – Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, Ronald Wayne





Ques: The Goldman Environmental Prize is popularly known by which nickname?

- A) Blue Planet Award
- B) Earth Hero Award
- C) Green Nobel Prize
- D) Global Climate Award
- E) Eco Leadership Award

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Goldman Environmental Prize is popularly known as the “Green Nobel Prize” for its prestige in environmental activism.
- In 2026, the award made history as all six winners were women for the first time.
- Africa (Nigeria): Iroro Tanshi protected Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary and saved endangered bats.
- Asia (South Korea): Borim Kim secured a landmark youth-led constitutional climate victory.
- Europe (UK): Sarah Finch won a Supreme Court ruling on the climate impact of fossil fuel projects.
- Islands (Papua New Guinea): Theonila Roka Matbob led action against environmental damage from the Panguna mine.
- North America (USA): Alannah Acaq Hurley led efforts to stop a major mining project in Alaska.
- South & Central America (Colombia): Yuvelis Morales Blanco campaigned against fracking in the Magdalena River region.
- The award highlights grassroots environmental leadership and growing participation of women in climate activism.

Static Part:

- Goldman Environmental Prize





- Established – 1989
- Awarded By – Goldman Environmental Foundation
- Known As – Green Nobel Prize
- Categories – 6 Regions (Africa, Asia, Europe, Islands, North America, South & Central America)



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Ques: India's "Samriddh Gram Initiative" has been nominated for WSIS Prizes 2026 under which category?

- A) Enabling Environment
- B) ICT Applications
- C) Digital Innovation
- D) E-Governance
- E) Capacity Building

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's "Samriddh Gram Initiative" has been nominated for the WSIS Prizes 2026 under the "Enabling Environment" category.
- The initiative has been launched by the Department of Telecommunications under the BharatNet Project.
- It aims to promote rural digital development across India.
- The WSIS Forum 2026 will be held from 6–10 July 2026 in Geneva.
- The initiative follows a "phygital" model (physical + digital).
- It operates through Samriddhi Kendras, which act as one-stop service centres in villages.
- These Kendras provide services like telemedicine, digital education, agricultural advisory, e-governance services, financial inclusion, and e-commerce access.
- Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated the first Samriddhi Kendra in Umri village, Guna district, Madhya Pradesh.
- The initiative is being implemented in selected villages across India including Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh.

Static Part:

- WSIS Full Form – World Summit on the Information Society
- Organized By – International Telecommunication Union
- Established – 1865
- Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland





Ques: Under the Tobacco and Vapes Bill, which group is banned from buying tobacco products?

- A) Born after 2005
- B) Born after 2007
- C) Born on or after 1 Jan 2009
- D) Born after 2010
- E) All adults

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The UK Parliament has passed the Tobacco and Vapes Bill to curb smoking and nicotine use.
- The law bans the sale of tobacco products to individuals born on or after January 1, 2009.
- The legal age for buying tobacco will increase by one year every year, creating a smoke-free generation.
- The law also tightens regulations on vaping products, especially for individuals under 18 years.
- It restricts advertising, display, free distribution, and discounting of tobacco and nicotine products.
- The aim is to reduce smoking rates and prevent addiction among youth.
- Smoking causes around 64,000 deaths annually in the UK and leads to about 4 lakh hospital admissions.
- It also costs around £3 billion annually to the National Health Service.

Static Part:

- Country – United Kingdom
- Parliament – UK Parliament
- Capital – London
- Currency – Pound Sterling (£)
- NHS – National Health Service





Ques: Who won the men's title at the HCL Squash PSA Challenger Tour held in Chennai?

- A) Suraj Kumar Chand
- B) Jeongmin Ryu
- C) Saurav Ghosal
- D) Harinder Pal Sandhu
- E) Abhay Singh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Suraj Kumar Chand won the men's title at the HCL Squash PSA Challenger Tour held in Chennai.
- He defeated Jeongmin Ryu in the final.
- The match was played at the Indian Squash Academy.
- This is Suraj Kumar Chand's fourth PSA Tour title.
- In the women's final, Ruqaiya Othman defeated Harleen Tan.
- Squash is set to make its Olympic debut at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.

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Ques: World Earth Day is observed annually on which date?

- A) 21 April
- B) 22 April
- C) 23 April
- D) 24 April
- E) 25 April

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Earth Day is celebrated every year on 22 April to promote environmental awareness.
- The theme for 2026 is “Our Power, Our Planet,” emphasizing collective responsibility to protect the Earth.
- In New Delhi, the National Science Centre organized lectures and quiz competitions.
- A special lecture on Antarctic exploration was delivered by Amitava Sen Gupta.
- The initiative aims to spread awareness about environmental protection and sustainability.

Static Part:

- Earth Day
- First Celebrated – 1970
- Founder – Gaylord Nelson
- Purpose – Environmental protection awareness





Ques: World Art Day (WAD) is observed annually on which date?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Art Day is observed every year on April 15.
- The 2026 theme is “A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community through Art.”
- The day promotes awareness about the importance of art in society and cultural development.
- It encourages creativity, diversity, and artistic expression across the world.
- World Art Day was officially recognized in 2019 by UNESCO.

Static Part:

- UNESCO
- Established – 1945
- Headquarters – Paris, France
- World Heritage Day – 18 April
- International Museum Day – 18 May





Ques: The tenure of MD & CEO of which banks has been extended by 3 years recently?

- A) SBI & PNB
- B) BoB & BoI
- C) Canara Bank & UCO Bank
- D) ICICI & HDFC
- E) Axis & IDBI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Government has extended the tenure of MD & CEOs of Bank of Baroda and Bank of India by 3 years.
- Debadatta Chand (BoB) and Rajneesh Karnatak (BoI) will continue in their respective roles.
- The extension for Rajneesh Karnatak is effective from April 29, 2026.
- The extension for Debadatta Chand is effective from July 1, 2026.
- The decision aims to ensure leadership continuity and stability in public sector banks.

Static Part:

- Bank of Baroda HQ – Vadodara
- Bank of India HQ – Mumbai
- Tenure Extension – 3 years
- BoB MD & CEO – Debadatta Chand
- BoI MD & CEO – Rajneesh Karnatak





Ques: As per RBI's "Digital Payments – E-mandate Framework, 2026", recurring transactions above what amount require additional authentication?

- A) ₹15,000
- B) ₹10,000
- C) ₹5,000
- D) ₹50,000
- E) ₹1,00,000

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India issued consolidated guidelines titled "Digital Payments – E-mandate Framework, 2026".
- These norms apply to all payment system providers handling recurring payments through cards, prepaid payment instruments, and UPI.
- Customers must complete a one-time registration process with Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA).
- Recurring transactions exceeding ₹15,000 require additional authentication.
- However, transactions up to ₹1 lakh are allowed without additional authentication in specific categories like insurance premiums, mutual funds, and credit card bill payments.
- Issuers must specify validity period and allow users to modify or withdraw mandates anytime.
- Advance alerts are mandatory at least 24 hours before debit, except for FASTag and NCMC auto-replenishment.
- No charges can be levied for availing e-mandate services.





Ques: Who has been appointed as Executive Director (ED) of AU Small Finance Bank?

- A) Sanjay Malhotra
- B) Vivek Tripathi
- C) Amitabh Chaudhry
- D) Shyam Srinivasan
- E) Rajnish Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India approved the appointment of Vivek Tripathi as Executive Director (ED) of AU Small Finance Bank.
- The appointment is for a period of three years.
- He will also serve as a Whole-time Director (WTD) of the bank.
- He is currently serving as Chief Credit Officer (CCO) and has been associated with the bank since 2014.
- The appointment will be effective from April 24, 2026, subject to shareholder approval.

Static Part:

- RBI Established – 1935
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- AU Small Finance Bank HQ – Jaipur





Ques: Export-Import Bank of India has extended a \$100 million loan to which organization?

- A) African Development Bank
- B) World Bank
- C) Africa Finance Corporation
- D) International Monetary Fund
- E) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Export-Import Bank of India has extended a \$100 million (approx ₹830 crore) loan to Africa Finance Corporation.
- The loan will support AFC's mandate to accelerate development of critical infrastructure and industrial assets across Africa.
- Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) is a leading infrastructure solutions provider in Africa.

Static Part:

- Africa Finance Corporation Founded – 2007
- Headquarters – Lagos, Nigeria
- EXIM Bank of India Established – 1982
- Headquarters – Mumbai





Ques: What was the value of India's seafood exports in FY 2025–26?

- A) ₹60,000 crore
- B) ₹65,000 crore
- C) ₹70,000 crore
- D) ₹72,325 crore
- E) ₹75,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's seafood exports reached an all-time high of ₹72,325.82 crore (US\$ 8.28 billion) in FY 2025–26, as per Marine Products Export Development Authority data.
- The total export volume stood at 19.32 lakh metric tonnes.
- Frozen shrimp was the largest contributor with exports worth ₹47,973 crore, accounting for over two-thirds of total exports.
- The United States remained the largest export destination, though exports declined due to tariffs.
- Strong growth was observed in China, European Union, and Southeast Asian markets, indicating diversification.
- This reflects India's growing strength and competitiveness in the global seafood export sector.





Ques: The advanced satellite imaging system 'Prajna' has been developed by which organization?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The advanced satellite imaging system 'Prajna' has been developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation.
- The system has been handed over to the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- It has been developed by DRDO's specialised lab, Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics.
- The system enables efficient monitoring of critical and sensitive areas.
- It helps in tracking suspicious movements and supports counter-terrorism operations.
- It will also strengthen border management by enabling faster decision-making.

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Ques: The Salween River (Thanlwin), recently in news due to arsenic contamination, flows through which countries?

- A) India, China, Nepal
- B) China, Myanmar, Thailand
- C) Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand
- D) India, Myanmar, Laos
- E) China, Vietnam, Cambodia

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Salween River flows through China, Myanmar, and Thailand.
- It is one of Asia's longest free-flowing rivers with a length of about 3,300 km.
- Independent tests since September 2025 found arsenic contamination, especially in Myanmar and Thailand, exceeding safety limits.
- The contamination levels were reported up to five times higher than standards set by the World Health Organization.
- The main cause is suspected to be unregulated mining activities in Shan State of Myanmar.
- The issue poses serious risks to over one million people dependent on the river for drinking water and livelihood.





Ques: OmegaBall, recently introduced in India by IIT Madras, is related to which sport format?

- A) Football
- B) Basketball
- C) Cricket
- D) Hockey
- E) Volleyball

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Indian Institute of Technology Madras has introduced a new sport called OmegaBall.
- It is an innovative three-team Football format.
- The game is played on a circular field with three goals.
- All three teams play simultaneously, creating continuous action.
- Each team attacks two goals while defending one.
- Total players are 15, with 5 players in each team.

Static Part:

- IIT Madras Established – 1959
- Location – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Football Governing Body – FIFA





Ques: What is India's wind energy capacity target by 2030?

- A) 50 GW
- B) 75 GW
- C) 100 GW
- D) 150 GW
- E) 200 GW

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to Suzlon Energy, India is on track to achieve 100 GW wind energy capacity by 2030.
- Wind power demand is expected to reach around 107 GW in the next five years.
- India added a record 6.3 GW of wind capacity in 2025, showing strong growth momentum.
- The growth is driven by demand from state utilities and industrial consumers.
- India also aims to achieve a broader target of 500 GW clean energy capacity by 2030.
- This progress supports India's transition toward sustainable and renewable energy sources.





Ques: Aronyak Ghosh, who recently became India's 95th Grandmaster, is associated with which sport?

- A) Badminton
- B) Chess
- C) Table Tennis
- D) Shooting
- E) Boxing

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Aronyak Ghosh achieved the prestigious Grandmaster (GM) title, becoming India's 95th Grandmaster.
- He achieved this milestone at the Bangkok Chess Club Open 2026.
- He belongs to West Bengal.
- Grandmaster (GM) is the highest title awarded by FIDE.
- To become a GM, a player must achieve a FIDE rating of 2500 or above.
- A player must also earn 3 GM norms through strong performances in international tournaments.

Static Part:

- FIDE Established – 1924
- Headquarters – Lausanne, Switzerland





Ques: What is the historic milestone achieved by the Atal Pension Yojana on April 21, 2026, and what were the gross enrolments recorded in FY 2025–26?

- A) 7 crore total; 1.10 crore in FY26
- B) 8 crore total; 1.25 crore in FY26
- C) 9 crore total; 1.35 crore in FY26
- D) 10 crore total; 1.50 crore in FY26
- E) 9 crore total; 1.10 crore in FY26

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Atal Pension Yojana crossed 9 crore total gross enrolments on April 21, 2026, marking a historic milestone.
- During FY 2025–26, enrolments exceeded 1.35 crore — the highest ever recorded in a single financial year.
- The scheme provides a ‘Sampurna Suraksha Kavach’ with triple benefits: guaranteed pension (₹1,000–₹5,000 after 60), spouse pension, and corpus return to nominee.
- It is administered by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority.
- The scheme is open to Indian citizens aged 18–40 years (excluding income taxpayers) and is implemented via banks and the Department of Posts.

Static Part:

- Scheme – Atal Pension Yojana (APY)
- Launch Date – May 9, 2015
- Administered By – Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
- Ministry – Ministry of Finance
- Historic Milestone – 9 crore+ enrolments (April 21, 2026)
- FY 2025–26 Enrolments – 1.35 crore
- Pension Range – ₹1,000–₹5,000/month
- Eligibility – 18–40 years
- PFRDA Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann





Ques: 'In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones' screenplay was written by whom?

- A) Arundhati Roy
- B) Shashi Tharoor
- C) Vikram Seth
- D) Ruskin Bond
- E) Chetan Bhagat

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The screenplay of In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones was written by Arundhati Roy.
- The film was released in 1989 and directed by Pradip Krishen.
- It is based on the lives of architecture students at the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Delhi.
- The screenplay won the National Film Award for Best Screenplay.
- The film is known for its satirical and realistic portrayal of student life.

Static Part:

- Author – Arundhati Roy
- Release Year – 1989
- Director – Pradip Krishen
- Award – National Film Award (Best Screenplay)





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court?

- A) Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur
- B) Justice Lisa Gill
- C) Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- D) Justice Hima Kohli
- E) Justice B. R. Gavai

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The President of India has appointed Justice Lisa Gill as the Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.
- She succeeds Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur.
- Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur retired on April 24, 2026.
- The appointment is made under constitutional provisions related to the judiciary.

Static Part:

- Andhra Pradesh High Court Location – Amaravati
- Chief Justice of India – Sanjiv Khanna
- Appointment Authority – President of India
- Article 217 – Appointment of High Court Judges





Ques: What is the monthly stipend provided to interns under the PM Internship Scheme (PMIS) in its third round, and what percentage is funded by the government?

- A) ₹5,000 — 80% by Govt
- B) ₹6,000 — 90% by Govt
- C) ₹9,000 — 90% by Govt
- D) ₹9,000 — 100% by Govt
- E) ₹12,000 — 75% by Govt

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the PM Internship Scheme, the monthly stipend in the third round has been increased to ₹9,000.
- Out of this, 90% is funded by the government and 10% is contributed by the company.
- Additionally, interns receive a one-time financial assistance of ₹6,000.
- The scheme is implemented under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Eligibility has been expanded to include final-year UG and PG students with a No Objection Certificate (NOC).
- The scheme targets 1 crore internship opportunities in top 500 companies over five years for youth aged 18–25 years.
- Internship duration has been reduced to 6–9 months from earlier 1 year.
- Internship duration has been reduced from 1 year to 6–9 months.
- Interns are covered under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana for insurance protection.

Static Part:

- Scheme – PM Internship Scheme (PMIS)
- Ministry – Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- Current Round – 3rd (Pilot)





- Monthly Stipend – ₹9,000
- One-Time Assistance – ₹6,000
- Govt Share – 90%
- Company Share – 10%
- Eligibility – 18–25 years + Final-year UG/PG (with NOC)
- Duration – 6–9 months
- Target – 1 crore internships in 5 years



EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who has been awarded the 9th Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Award?

- A) Dr. Ramesh Chand
- B) Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao
- C) Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra
- D) Dr. Himanshu Pathak
- E) Dr. S. Ayyappan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 9th Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Award has been conferred on Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao.
- He is the Director and Vice-Chancellor of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute.
- The award carries a cash prize of ₹2 lakh.
- The award ceremony was held in Hyderabad.
- The award is significant as it marks the 100th birth anniversary of M. S. Swaminathan.

Static Part:

- M. S. Swaminathan – Father of Green Revolution in India
- IARI Established – 1905
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Green Revolution Period – 1960s





Ques: When was the last India-Africa Forum Summit held before IAFS-IV (2026)?

- A) 2010
- B) 2012
- C) 2015
- D) 2018
- E) 2020

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India-Africa Forum Summit IV will be hosted by India in New Delhi from May 28–31, 2026.
- The previous India-Africa Forum Summit III was held in 2015, creating a gap of 10 years before the 2026 edition.
- The theme of IAFS-IV is “IA SPIRIT: India-Africa Strategic Partnership for Innovation, Resilience, and Inclusive Transformation.”
- The summit aims to strengthen ties with the African Union and enhance cooperation.
- Focus areas include capacity building, development partnership, and strategic engagement.

Static Part:

- Last Summit – 2015
- Edition – 4th IAFS





Ques: Nadenla Bhaskara Rao, who recently passed away, was associated with which position?

- A) Governor of Andhra Pradesh
- B) Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh
- C) Speaker of Lok Sabha
- D) Chief Justice of India
- E) Union Home Minister

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Nadendla Bhaskara Rao was the former Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh.
- He served as the 11th Chief Minister in 1984.
- He was a lawyer by profession.
- He played an important role in the political history of Andhra Pradesh.

Static Part:

- Andhra Pradesh Capital – Amaravati
- Formation of Andhra Pradesh – 1956
- Governor (Andhra Pradesh) – S. Abdul Nazeer
- High Court Location – Amaravati





Ques: When will the 9th edition of India International Water Week (IIWW-2026) be held?

- A) 10–15 September 2026
- B) 15–20 September 2026
- C) 20–25 September 2026
- D) 22–26 September 2026
- E) 25–30 September 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Ministry of Jal Shakti will organize the 9th edition of India International Water Week 2026.
- It will be held from 22nd to 26th September 2026 at Bharat Mandapam.
- The theme is “Climate Resilient Water Management.”
- C. R. Patil, Union Minister of Jal Shakti, launched IIWW-2026 in New Delhi.
- The Second International Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Conference-2026 will also be held from 22nd to 24th September 2026 as part of the event.

Static Part:

- Ministry of Jal Shakti Formed – 2019
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Key Focus – Water resource management and sanitation

