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Ques: Which company signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rajasthan Gramin Bank to establish a strategic vehicle financing partnership?

- A) Ashok Leyland
- B) Tata Motors
- C) Mahindra & Mahindra
- D) Eicher Motors
- E) Force Motors

Answer: A) Ashok Leyland

Explanation:

- Ashok Leyland, the flagship company of the Hinduja Group, signed an MoU with Rajasthan Gramin Bank to establish a strategic vehicle financing partnership.
- Rajasthan Gramin Bank is the largest bank in Rajasthan in terms of branch network.
- The partnership aims to provide end-to-end financial solutions for Ashok Leyland customers.
- Customers will get access to customised vehicle loan products and flexible repayment options.
- Financing solutions will be tailored according to individual customer needs.

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Ques: To what percentage has LIC increased its stake in Cipla recently?

- A) 7%
- B) 8%
- C) 9%
- D) 10%
- E) 12%

Answer: C) 9%

Explanation:

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) increased its holding in Cipla from 7% to 9% in less than three months.
- LIC acquired over 1.64 crore shares through open market purchases between November 27 and February 18.
- Earlier, LIC had increased its stake from 5.025% to 7.055% over four months till November last year.
- LIC is India's largest institutional investor.

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Ques: Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) signed an MoU with which institution to design and deliver customised training programmes for its senior leadership and executives?

- A) Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad – Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
- B) Indian Institute of Management Bangalore – Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
- C) Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode – Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode
- D) Indian Institute of Management Calcutta – Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
- E) Indian Institute of Management Lucknow – Indian Institute of Management Lucknow

Answer: C) Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode

Explanation:

- Indian Overseas Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM-K), Kerala.
- The MoU aims to foster collaboration in designing, delivering, and certifying customised training programmes and workshops for IOB's senior leadership and executives.
- The agreement was signed as part of the 90th Foundation Day (February 10) celebrations of Indian Overseas Bank.
- IOB also announced the establishment of a dedicated Centre of Excellence (CoE) for training and capacity building.

About Indian Overseas Bank

- Established : 1937
- HQ : Chennai
- MD & CEO : Shri Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- Tagline : Good People to Grow With





Ques: Which body has issued a discussion paper proposing reforms to strengthen transparency and procedural discipline under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)?

- A) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)
- B) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)
- D) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- E) National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)

Answer: A) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)

Explanation:

- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has issued a discussion paper to strengthen transparency, accountability, and procedural discipline under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).
- The proposals aim to improve the functioning and accountability of the Committee of Creditors (CoC) during the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP).
- Key proposals include mandatory recording of recovery expectations, assessment of resolution applicants, and submission of a Going Concern Assessment Report in the first CoC meeting.
- IBBI has also proposed stricter handling of delayed claims and changes in participation rules for operational creditors.





Ques: From which year will India start receiving detailed transaction data from overseas crypto platforms under a global reporting framework?

- A) 2025
- B) 2026
- C) 2027
- D) 2028
- E) 2029

Answer: C) 2027

Explanation:

- From April 2027, a global reporting regime will require foreign crypto platforms to share detailed transaction data with India.
- This move ends the era of offshore opacity and strengthens tax, compliance, and data-sharing norms for exchanges and investors.
- It is aligned with the OECD Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework (CARF), a global information-sharing mechanism.
- Cross-border exchange of crypto data will begin from April 1, 2027, enabling tax authorities to track offshore trades of Indian users.
- Existing tax rules will continue: 30% tax on crypto profits and 1% TDS on transactions.





Ques: Which company has launched “Cashfree Here”, a payments extension enabling UPI and biometric card payments directly within AI chat applications?

- A) Cashfree Payments
- B) Paytm
- C) PhonePe
- D) Razorpay
- E) Pine Labs

Answer: A) Cashfree Payments

Explanation:

- Cashfree Payments has launched “Cashfree Here”, a payments extension that allows UPI and passkey-based biometric card payments directly within AI chat applications such as ChatGPT and Claude.
- The solution was unveiled at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in collaboration with Mastercard and Swiggy.
- Cashfree Here embeds a native payments layer inside conversational AI interfaces, enabling users to complete transactions without leaving the chat window.
- It supports UPI payments and card payments using passkey-enabled biometric authentication, reducing dependence on OTP-based verification.
- Key features include in-chat checkout via OpenAI Apps SDK and Anthropic MCP apps, PCI-compliant secure processing, and reduced checkout friction.

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Ques: Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) inaugurated India's first private-sector helicopter Final Assembly Line for which helicopter model in Karnataka?

- A) Airbus H130
- B) Airbus H145
- C) Airbus H125
- D) HAL Dhruv
- E) Kamov Ka-226

Answer: C) Airbus H125

Explanation:

- Tata Advanced Systems Limited inaugurated India's first private-sector helicopter Final Assembly Line (FAL) for the Airbus H125 at Vemagal (Kolar District), Karnataka.
- The H125 helicopter Final Assembly Line facility was inaugurated by Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, and Emmanuel Macron, President of France.
- The total investment for the H125 programme is expected to exceed ₹1,000 crore and generate direct and indirect employment.
- The first India-built H125 is expected to be delivered in early 2027 and will also be available for export within South Asia.
- After France, the United States, and Brazil, Karnataka has become the world's fourth H125 helicopter manufacturing and Final Assembly Line facility location.





Ques: Who won the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Championship held in Weissenhaus, Germany?

- A) Magnus Carlsen
- B) Fabiano Caruana
- C) Hikaru Nakamura
- D) Ian Nepomniachtchi
- E) Ding Liren

Answer: A) Magnus Carlsen

Explanation:

- World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen won the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Championship.
- He defeated Fabiano Caruana by 2.5–1.5 in the final match.
- The final was held in Weissenhaus, Germany, and a draw in the fourth and final game was enough for Carlsen to secure the title.
- This victory marked Carlsen's 21st world title across formats.
- It was the first official FIDE-recognised Freestyle (Chess960) World Championship.

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Ques: In what capacity did India participate in the first Board of Peace for Gaza meeting?

- A) As a permanent member
- B) As a mediator
- C) As an observer
- D) As the host country
- E) As a voting member

Answer: C) As an observer

Explanation:

- India attended the first Board of Peace for Gaza meeting in Washington, D.C. as an observer.
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) confirmed India's observer status.
- India reiterated its support for a sovereign, independent, and viable State of Palestine based on the 1967 borders.
- India was represented by the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy in Washington, D.C.
- India supported peace efforts and referenced UNSC Resolution 2803 in its stance.

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Ques: Who has been named the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2025?

- A) Harmanpreet Kaur
- B) Smriti Mandhana
- C) Mithali Raj
- D) Shafali Verma
- E) Jemimah Rodrigues

Answer: B) Smriti Mandhana

Explanation:

- Indian cricket star Smriti Mandhana has been named the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2025.
- The award was presented at a grand ceremony in New Delhi.
- Mandhana was chosen by a distinguished grand jury comprising Leander Paes, Deepa Malik and Anju Bobby George.
- Divya Deshmukh won the Emerging Player of the Year award for her FIDE Women's World Cup triumph at just 20 years of age.
- Para-Sportswoman of the Year: Preethi Pal – Two bronze medals at the 2024 Paris Paralympics (track and field).
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Anjali Bhagwat – India's first woman shooter to reach an Olympic final.

BBC Star Performers of the Year / :

- India women's national cricket team – Women's World Cup victory
- India national blind women's cricket team – World Cup win
- India women's national kabaddi team – World Cup champions
- Ekta Bhyan, Deepthi Jeevanji, Preethi Pal – Para Athletics achievements

BBC Changemakers of the Year /:

- India women's national ice hockey team
- Rajbir Kaur
- Savita Punia
- Paani Devi





Ques: Where was India's first Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)-based Public Distribution System (PDS) inaugurated?

- A) New Delhi, Delhi
- B) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- D) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- E) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Explanation:

- Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated India's first CBDC-based Public Distribution System (PDS) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The system operates using the Digital Rupee (e₹) issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Under the digital token mechanism, beneficiaries receive CBDC tokens in RBI-enabled digital wallets specifying commodity type, quantity, and subsidised price.
- Tokens are restricted-use and can only be used to purchase authorised ration items.
- Smartphone users complete transactions by scanning QR codes at Fair Price Shops, while feature phone users use Aadhaar-based OTP authentication.
- The pilot rollout covers Ahmedabad, Surat, Anand, and Valsad, and will later expand to Union Territories like Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and Puducherry.
- Gujarat also launched the Annapurta Grain ATM, an automated 24×7 grain dispensing machine capable of dispensing up to 25 kg of grain in about 35 seconds.





Ques: Who won Brazil's first-ever Winter Olympic medal at the Winter Olympics 2026 in Milano–Cortina?

- A) Lucas Pinheiro Braathen
- B) Aleksander Aamodt Kilde
- C) Marco Odermatt
- D) Henrik Kristoffersen
- E) None of These

Answer: A) Lucas Pinheiro Braathen

Explanation:

- At the Winter Olympics 2026, Brazil achieved a historic milestone by winning its first-ever Winter Olympic medal.
- The medal was won by Lucas Pinheiro Braathen, a 25-year-old Brazilian alpine skier, who claimed gold in the Giant Slalom event.
- He delivered a composed and technically strong performance with a combined time of 2 minutes 25 seconds.
- The event was held on the Stelvio course in Italy, where he won by a margin of 0.58 seconds.

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Ques: NIGRANI App was launched under which scheme?

- A) PMAY
- B) PMJVK
- C) PMGSY
- D) DAY-NRLM
- E) SBM

Answer: B) PMJVK

Explanation:

- Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Ministry of Minority Affairs, launched the NIGRANI App at Nalanda University, Bihar.
- The NIGRANI App was launched under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK).
- The app will help in monitoring and bridging infrastructural gaps in minority concentration areas.
- Haj Wrist Band was launched for better tracking and assistance of Haj pilgrims.
- The Ministry also introduced AI Chatbots to strengthen digital governance.
- The initiative supports the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.
- PMJVK stands for Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram.
- The Ministry of Minority Affairs was established in 2006.
- Haj Committee of India has its headquarters in Mumbai.

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Ques: Which state has approved India's first comprehensive graphene policy to become a global hub for graphene research and production?

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

Answer: D) Kerala

Explanation:

- The Kerala State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, approved India's first comprehensive graphene policy.
- The policy aims to position Kerala as a global hub for research, development, and production of graphene, a carbon-based "wonder material" used in advanced industries.
- The policy offers 50% land lease subsidy, flexible five-installment payments, and up to 45% Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) support.
- It also provides exemptions from stamp duty, registration fees, and electricity duty for graphene units in government parks.





Ques: Who won the men's SL3 gold medal at the BWF Para World Championships in Bahrain?

- A) Pramod Bhagat
- B) Muhammad Al Imran
- C) Lin Dan
- D) Lee Chong Wei
- E) Viktor Axelsen

Answer: A) Pramod Bhagat

Explanation:

- Pramod Bhagat clinched the men's SL3 gold medal at the BWF Para World Championships held in Bahrain.
- He defeated Indonesia's Muhammad Al Imran in straight games in the final.
- This was Bhagat's fourth consecutive singles gold at the World Championships.
- It was also his sixth overall world title in the SL3 category.
- With this achievement, Bhagat became the most decorated singles champion in World Championship history across badminton formats, surpassing Lin Dan, who had won five men's singles world titles in able-bodied badminton.

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Ques: What is the approved annual production capacity under India's rare-earth permanent magnet manufacturing scheme?

- A) 3,000 metric tonnes
- B) 4,500 metric tonnes
- C) 6,000 metric tonnes
- D) 8,000 metric tonnes
- E) 10,000 metric tonnes

Answer: C) 6,000 metric tonnes

Explanation:

- G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Mines, announced that India will commence production of rare-earth permanent magnets within this year.
- Rare-earth permanent magnets are among the strongest types of magnets.
- They are widely used in electric vehicles, renewable energy systems, electronics, aerospace, and defence sectors.
- The Union Cabinet approved a scheme in November last year to manufacture 6,000 metric tonnes per annum.
- The scheme has a financial outlay of ₹7,280 crore.

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Ques: The Bhavya Bharat Bhushan Award was inaugurated by whom during the Mahashivaratri celebration in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu?

- A) Rajnath Singh – Rajnath Singh
- B) Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev – Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev
- C) Narendra Modi – Narendra Modi
- D) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar – Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
- E) Amit Shah – Amit Shah

Answer: B) Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev – Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev

Explanation:

- The Bhavya Bharat Bhushan Award was inaugurated by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev during the Mahashivaratri celebration in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- The award aims to recognise individuals who have made outstanding contributions in national security, science and technology, sports, arts, business, literature, and community welfare.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended the event as the chief guest and honoured awardees from different fields.
- The launch marks a new initiative by the Isha Foundation to celebrate excellence and nation-building efforts.

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Ques: What rank did the Indian School of Business (ISB) secure in the Financial Times (FT) Global MBA Rankings 2026?

- A) 10th
- B) 11th
- C) 12th
- D) 15th
- E) 27th

Answer: C) 12th

Explanation:

- The Indian School of Business (ISB) secured the 12th rank globally in the Financial Times Global MBA Rankings 2026.
- ISB rose sharply by 15 places, improving from 27th rank in 2025 to 12th rank in 2026.
- ISB ranked 1st in India and 2nd in Asia in the FT Global MBA Rankings 2026.
- ISB's Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) was ranked 1st in India and 2nd in Asia.
- ISB graduates were ranked 1st globally for salary percentage increase between pre-MBA and post-MBA levels.

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Ques: APEDA recently facilitated the export of GI-tagged Salem Sago from Tamil Nadu to which country?

- A) USA
- B) UK
- C) Canada
- D) Singapore
- E) Vietnam

Answer: C) Canada

Explanation:

- Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the export of 0.5 MT of GI-tagged Salem Sago from Salem, Tamil Nadu to Canada.
- This marked the first direct export by the GI Authorised User, SAGOSERVE, after receiving the GI tag in March 2023.
- Tamil Nadu is the largest producer of Tapioca Sago (Sabudana) in India, and Salem is known as the hub of India's sago and starch industry.
- The initiative aims to strengthen farmers' income by linking GI-certified products with global markets.
- The move aligns with APEDA's strategy to promote GI-tagged agricultural exports.





Ques: Which Indian institute partnered with the Finnish Meteorological Institute to launch the 'VAYYU' virtual research centre?

- A) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- B) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- C) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
- D) Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- E) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Answer: D) Indian Institute of Technology Madras

Explanation:

- Indian Institute of Technology Madras partnered with the Finnish Meteorological Institute to launch VAYYU.
- VAYYU stands for Virtual Research Centre on Aerosol–Meteorology Interactions, Atmosphere–Cryosphere Himalayan Interactions, and Urban Air.
- The centre will use advanced simulations and observational systems to study aerosol–meteorology interactions, Himalayan snow and glacier melting, regional hydro-climate impacts, and urban air quality in Indian megacities.
- Under the CryoSCOPE project, with an investment of around €10 million, monitoring systems will be deployed at Kargil to study the impact of aerosols on glacier melt and drought–flood cycles.





Ques: Who authored the book “The Sage Who Reimagined Hinduism: The Life, Lessons and Legacy of Sree Narayana Guru”?

- A) C. P. Radhakrishnan – C.P. Radhakrishnan
- B) Narendra Modi – Narendra Modi
- C) Shashi Tharoor – Dr. Shashi Tharoor
- D) M. Venkaiah Naidu – M. Venkaiah Naidu
- E) Ramachandra Guha – Ramachandra Guha

Answer: C) Shashi Tharoor – Dr. Shashi Tharoor

Explanation:

- The book titled The Sage Who Reimagined Hinduism: The Life, Lessons and Legacy of Sree Narayana Guru was authored by Member of Parliament Dr. Shashi Tharoor.
- It was released in New Delhi by Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan.
- The Vice-President highlighted that Sree Narayana Guru emerged as a spiritual guide during a period of deep caste divisions and social discrimination.
- Guru’s teachings continue to inspire social justice, inclusive development, and the elimination of discrimination.
- The book is expected to expand the global reach of India’s civilisational heritage.

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Ques: The Cabinet approved converting Kartavya Bhavan-1 and 2 into which national museum?

- A) National War Museum
- B) Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum
- C) National Freedom Struggle Museum
- D) Constitution of India Museum
- E) Bharat Heritage Digital Museum

Answer: B) Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum

Explanation:

- The Cabinet approved converting the historic Kartavya Bhavan-1 and 2 into the “Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum.”
- These buildings were earlier planned to accommodate key ministries such as Finance, Defence, Health and Family Welfare, Education, Culture, Law and Justice, and others.
- An agreement was signed on December 19, 2024, with France’s Museum Development Agency for technical cooperation in developing the museum.

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Ques: National Women's Day in India is observed on February 13 to commemorate the birth anniversary of whom?

- A) Sarojini Naidu
- B) Kasturba Gandhi
- C) Annie Besant
- D) Indira Gandhi
- E) Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

Answer: A) Sarojini Naidu

Explanation:

- National Women's Day is observed on February 13 to mark the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu, popularly known as the "Nightingale of India" and "Bharat Kokila."
- She became the first woman Governor of independent India.
- She served as the Governor of the United Provinces (now Uttar Pradesh) from 15 August 1947 until her death.

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Ques: Indian Overseas Bank has simplified the death claim settlement procedure for claims up to what amount?

- A) ₹5 lakh
- B) ₹10 lakh
- C) ₹12 lakh
- D) ₹15 lakh
- E) ₹20 lakh

Answer: D) ₹15 lakh

Explanation:

- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has launched an Online Death Claim Settlement Portal.
- The initiative aims to provide a simplified, transparent, and time-bound solution for families and legal heirs.
- To reduce stress for grieving families, IOB has introduced a simplified procedure for claims up to ₹15 lakh.
- The bank has committed to processing such claims within 15 days.

About Indian Overseas Bank:

- Established: 1937
- Headquarters: Chennai
- MD & CEO: Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- Tagline: Good People to Grow With





Ques: Airtel Money has received a Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the RBI to operate under which category of NBFC?

- A) Type I Deposit Accepting NBFC
- B) Core Investment Company
- C) Infrastructure Finance NBFC
- D) Housing Finance Company
- E) Type II Non-Deposit Accepting NBFC

Answer: E) Type II Non-Deposit Accepting NBFC

Explanation:

- Airtel Money, a subsidiary of Bharti Airtel, has received a Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a Type II, non-deposit accepting NBFC.
- A Type II NBFC is permitted to undertake specified financial activities as allowed under RBI regulations.
- Such NBFCs are not allowed to accept public deposits.
- These entities function under the regulatory supervision of the RBI.

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Ques: Who became the fastest batter to score 10,000 runs in the history of the Ranji Trophy?

- A) Wasim Jaffer
- B) Paras Dogra
- C) Ajinkya Rahane
- D) Cheteshwar Pujara
- E) Manish Pandey

Answer: B) Paras Dogra

Explanation:

- Paras Dogra, captain of Jammu and Kashmir, became the fastest batter to score 10,000 runs in the Ranji Trophy.
- He achieved the milestone during the semi-final against Bengal, scoring 58 runs in that match.
- Dogra reached 10,000 runs in just 147 innings, breaking the previous record of Wasim Jaffer, who had taken 196 innings.
- He also became only the second batter in Ranji Trophy history to cross the 10,000-run mark.

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Ques: What is India's rank in the Global Innovation Index (GII) as highlighted during the RISE Conclave 2026?

- A) 81st
- B) 65th
- C) 50th
- D) 38th
- E) 25th

Answer: D) 38th

Explanation:

- The RISE (Research–Industry–Startup–Entrepreneurship) Conclave 2026 was organized to bridge the gap between laboratory research and market needs by bringing together researchers, industry leaders, academia, and startups.
- The conclave follows the philosophy of “Whole-of-Government for Whole-of-Society.”
- During the event, India's rank in the Global Innovation Index (GII) was highlighted as 38th.
- A new Centre of Excellence was virtually inaugurated in partnership with Larsen & Toubro.
- Several MoUs were signed between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and academic institutions/incubators.
- India's first successful Gene Therapy Trial for Hemophilia was conducted by Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Christian Medical College Vellore.
- Innovation focus areas include Leather (via CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute), Defence, Agriculture, and Manufacturing.

India's Growth Since 2014 / 2014 के बाद भारत की प्रगति:

- Startup Growth: From ~350 startups in 2014 to over 2 lakh startups in 2026.
- Women Empowerment: 69% beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana are women.
- Global Innovation Index: Rank improved from 81st to 38th.
- Patents: India ranks 6th globally in patent filings.





Ques: What is the total amount of Central Assistance approved by the Union Cabinet under the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) to transform Indian cities?

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

Answer: C) ₹1 lakh crore

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet of India approved ₹1 lakh crore as Central Assistance under the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) to make Indian cities market-ready instead of grant-dependent.
- Operational Period: FY 2025–26 to FY 2030–31 (extendable till 2033–34).
- Total Investment Goal: ₹4 lakh crore by leveraging market funding.
- Central Assistance covers 25% of project cost.

Funding Architecture: “25-50-25” Model

- 25% Central Share: Provided as catalytic funding (“spark”).
- 50% Market Share (Minimum): Through Municipal Bonds, Bank Loans, or PPPs.
- 25% Balance: State Governments, UTs, or Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

Tier-Based Strategy |

- Tier-1 (Population >10 lakh): 25% central funding for high-impact projects.
- State Capitals: Priority as “Growth Hubs.”
- Tier-2 & Tier-3 Cities (4,223 cities): ₹5,000 crore corpus to build creditworthiness.
- Small / Hilly / North-East Cities (<1 lakh population): Credit repayment guarantee for first-time loans.



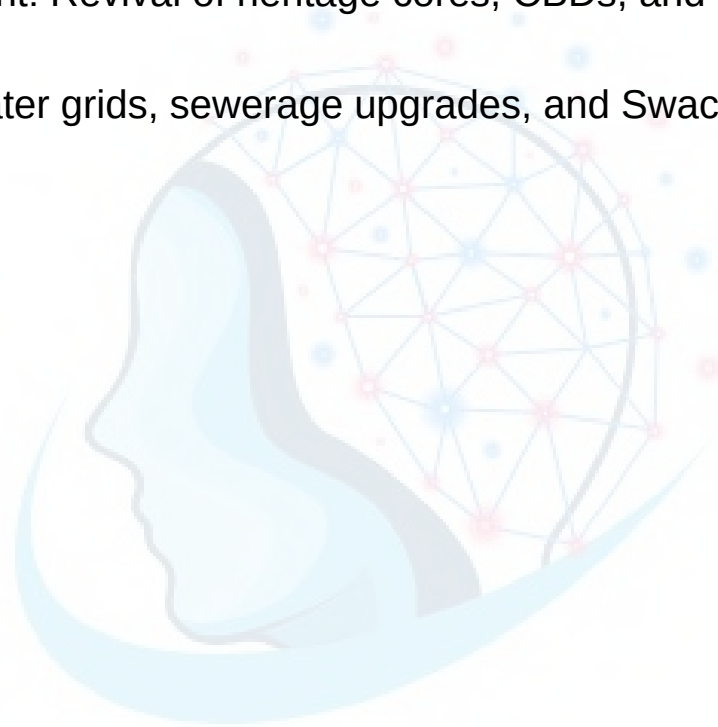


Project Selection Framework |

Projects are selected under a Challenge-Based Framework across three pillars:
Cities as Growth Hubs: Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), spatial planning, greenfield projects.

Creative Redevelopment: Revival of heritage cores, CBDs, and brownfield regeneration.

Water & Sanitation: Water grids, sewerage upgrades, and Swachhata initiatives.



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Ques: Around 20 of the newly identified ancient inscriptions in Egypt's Valley of the Kings are written in which script?

- A) Brahmi
- B) Aramaic
- C) Devanagari
- D) Greek
- E) Tamil-Brahmi

Answer: E) Tamil-Brahmi

Explanation:

- Archaeologists identified around 30 ancient inscriptions inside rock-cut royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings, a UNESCO World Heritage site in Egypt.
- About 20 of these inscriptions are in Tamil-Brahmi script, along with others in Sanskrit and Prakrit.
- Many inscriptions date from the 1st to 3rd century CE.
- The name "Cikai Korran" appears eight times across five tombs, including one inscription located about four metres above a tomb entrance.
- The inscriptions were documented by Professor Ingo Strauch (University of Lausanne) and Professor Charlotte Schmid (French School of Asian Studies).
- Their findings were presented at an International Conference on Tamil Epigraphy in Chennai.





Ques: At which event will Russian and Belarusian athletes compete under their national flags after the IPC lifted the ban?

- A) Paris 2024 Paralympics
- B) Los Angeles 2028 Paralympics
- C) Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Paralympics
- D) Asian Para Games 2026
- E) Winter Olympics 2026

Answer: C) Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Paralympics

Explanation:

- The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) lifted the ban on athletes from Russia and Belarus.
- They will now compete under their national flags at the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Paralympics in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.
- Russian athletes were initially banned in 2022 due to the Ukraine conflict and had previously competed as neutral athletes.
- The IPC allocated six quota slots to Russia and four quota slots to Belarus across various winter para-sport events.

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Ques: Where was the third International AYUSH Conference and Expo concluded?

- A) Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre
- B) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- C) India Expo Centre, Greater Noida
- D) Dubai World Trade Centre
- E) Bahrain International Exhibition Centre

Answer: D) Dubai World Trade Centre

Explanation:

- The third International AYUSH Conference and Expo concluded at the Dubai World Trade Centre.
- It is a biennial event, with earlier editions held in 2017 and 2024.
- The conference was organised by the Science India Forum and the World Ayurveda Foundation, with support from the Ministry of AYUSH and Indian missions in the UAE.
- Theme: “Evidence-based AYUSH interventions for mind-body health.”
- Under the AYUSH Film Festival, 15 film entries were showcased.
- “Wellness Beyond Walls” by Dr Arun won Best Film, while “Beyond Restless” by Dr Neethu Nicholas secured the Second Best award.





Ques: What is the maximum cashless treatment amount provided under the PM RAHAT Scheme?

- A) ₹50,000
- B) ₹1 lakh
- C) ₹1.5 lakh
- D) ₹2 lakh
- E) ₹5 lakh

Answer: C) ₹1.5 lakh

Explanation:

- The Government of India has launched the PM RAHAT Scheme (Road Accident Victim Hospitalization and Assured Treatment).
- The scheme aims to provide medical intervention within the “Golden Hour” (first hour after an accident), which can prevent nearly 50% of road accident deaths.
- It ensures that no victim is denied treatment due to lack of money.
- It also provides financial certainty to hospitals to encourage immediate admission and care.

Core Benefits:

- Cashless treatment up to ₹1.5 lakh per victim.
- Coverage lasts for 7 days from the date of the accident.
- Non-life-threatening cases: Up to 24 hours.
- Life-threatening cases: Up to 48 hours.

Accountability Mechanism :

- Police authentication through an integrated digital system.
- 24 hours authentication for non-life-threatening cases.
- 48 hours authentication for life-threatening cases.





Ques: The Government of Tamil Nadu signed MoUs worth ₹5,980 crore to strengthen its position in which sector?

- A) Textile and Apparel Manufacturing
- B) High-Technology Manufacturing
- C) Food Processing Industry
- D) Renewable Energy Production
- E) Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

Answer: B) High-Technology Manufacturing

Explanation:

- The Government of Tamil Nadu signed MoUs worth ₹5,980 crore to strengthen the state's position in high-technology manufacturing.
- One MoU relates to a ₹1,980 crore semiconductor and precision manufacturing project with MinebeaMitsumi through its Indian arm NMB Minebea India Pvt Ltd.
- The semiconductor project will be set up in Tiruvallur district.
- The second MoU involves a ₹4,000 crore aerospace and defence manufacturing cluster with Aequs Group.
- The cluster will be established at SIDCO–Shoolagiri Industrial Park in Krishnagiri district.

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Ques: Who launched the 'Provincialization Management System (PMS) portal' in Assam?

- A) Pema Khandu
- B) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- C) Conrad Sangma
- D) Manik Saha
- E) Sarbananda Sonowal

Answer: B) Himanta Biswa Sarma

Explanation:

- The Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, launched the Provincialization Management System (PMS) portal.
- The portal was launched at Lok Sewa Bhawan.
- It is a digital platform designed to streamline and accelerate the provincialization of venture educational institutions and their staff.
- The current phase applies to venture educational institutions established before January 1, 2006.

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Ques: What is the total corpus of Fund of Funds 2.0 launched to strengthen India's startup ecosystem?

- A) ₹5,000 crore
- B) ₹7,500 crore
- C) ₹10,000 crore
- D) ₹15,000 crore
- E) ₹20,000 crore

Answer: C) ₹10,000 crore

Explanation:

- Fund of Funds 2.0 aims to mobilize long-term domestic venture capital to strengthen India's startup ecosystem and accelerate innovation-led entrepreneurship aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.
- The total corpus of Fund of Funds 2.0 is ₹10,000 crore.
- The initiative is chaired by Narendra Modi.

Key Priorities:

- Deep tech and technology-driven innovative manufacturing requiring long-term capital.
- Empowering early-growth stage founders by reducing funding-related risks.
- National reach – Encouraging investment beyond major metros so innovation thrives across the country.
- Addressing high-risk capital gaps – Directing greater capital to priority sectors crucial for self-reliance and economic growth.
- Strengthening India's domestic venture capital base, particularly smaller funds.

Fund of Funds 1.0 (Launched 2016) vs Fund of Funds 2.0 (Launched 2026)

- Both have a corpus of ₹10,000 crore.
- Fund of Funds 1.0 committed to 145 AIFs and invested ₹25,500 crore, reaching 1,370+ startups across sectors.





- Startups in India grew from less than 500 in 2016 to over 2 lakh+ in recent years.
- Fund of Funds 2.0 focuses on next-level scaling, deep tech, manufacturing, and addressing risk-capital gaps to support a mature startup ecosystem.



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Ques: The floating liquefied natural gas (FLNG) vessel 'Nguya', which has begun supplying gas to Europe, is operated by which company?

- A) Eni
- B) Shell
- C) TotalEnergies
- D) BP
- E) ExxonMobil

Answer: A) Eni

Explanation:

- The floating LNG plant 'Nguya' is operated by Eni.
- The FLNG vessel is located offshore in the Republic of the Congo and has begun supplying liquefied natural gas to Europe.
- The gas is exported to European markets including Spain and Italy.
- 'Nguya' is a floating industrial facility that liquefies natural gas at sea by cooling it to -162°C , converting it into LNG.
- Liquefaction significantly reduces the volume of gas, enabling efficient long-distance transport via LNG tankers.

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Ques: Which company won the FIPI Award 2025 for 'Oil & Gas Production Company of the Year' (more than 1 MTOE)?

- A) ONGC
- B) Oil India Limited
- C) Indian Oil Corporation
- D) GAIL
- E) Reliance Industries

Answer: B) Oil India Limited

Explanation:

- Oil India Limited won the FIPI Award 2025 for 'Oil & Gas Production Company of the Year' (more than 1 MTOE).
- The award was conferred by the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI).
- It was presented during India Energy Week held in Goa.
- The award was received by Ranjit Rath, Chairman and Managing Director of Oil India Limited.

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Ques: Which initiative launched the coffee table book “AI-Preneurs of India” documenting the journeys of 45 AI startups?

- A) Ministry of Electronics & IT
- B) Atal Innovation Mission under NITI Aayog
- C) Department of Science & Technology
- D) Startup India Initiative
- E) National Artificial Intelligence Mission

Answer: B) Atal Innovation Mission under NITI Aayog

Explanation:

- The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under NITI Aayog launched AI-Preneurs of India, a flagship coffee table book showcasing the journeys of 45 pioneering AI startups.
- The book was unveiled at the India AI Impact Summit held at Bharat Mandapam.
- It marks the 7th edition of AIM’s Innovations For You coffee table series.
- The book highlights AI startups working across more than 30 sector domains to solve real-world challenges.

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Ques: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved three railway projects worth approximately how much?

- A) ₹15,000 crore
- B) ₹16,750 crore
- C) ₹18,509 crore
- D) ₹20,000 crore
- E) ₹22,000 crore

Answer: C) ₹18,509 crore

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved three railway projects of the Ministry of Railways with a total cost of approximately ₹18,509 crore.
- The projects are planned under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for integrated and multimodal connectivity.

Projects Included:

- Kasara – Manmad (Maharashtra)
- Delhi – Ambala (Delhi/Haryana)
- Ballari – Hosapete (Karnataka)
- Total Length: ~389 km of new tracks
- Completion Target: 2030–31
- States Covered: Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra, Karnataka (12 districts)

Environmental Benefits :

- Oil Savings: Reduction of 22 crore litres in oil imports
- Carbon Emission Reduction: 111 crore kg CO₂ reduction





Ques: The first indigenously designed and built Cadet Training Ship (CTS) of the Indian Navy launched at Kattupalli is named after which river?

- A) Krishna
- B) Godavari
- C) Ganga
- D) Narmada
- E) Kaveri

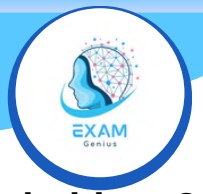
Answer: A) Krishna

Explanation:

- The first indigenously designed and built Cadet Training Ship (CTS) 'Krishna (Yard 18003)' of the Indian Navy was launched at the Larsen & Toubro Shipbuilding facility at Kattupalli near Chennai.
- The ship was launched by Anupama Chauhan, President of the Defence Wives Welfare Association (DWWA).
- The vessel is named after the Krishna River, India's third longest river.
- The 122-metre-long ship has a displacement of 4,700 tonnes, a maximum speed of nearly 20 knots, and an endurance of about 60 days at sea.

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Ques: The 5th edition of the Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC-26) will be held on 21 February 2026 at which institution?

- A) Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala
- B) Naval War College, Goa
- C) National Defence College, New Delhi
- D) Defence Services Staff College, Wellington
- E) Indian Maritime University, Chennai

Answer: B) Naval War College, Goa

Explanation:

- The 5th edition of the Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC-26) will be held on 21 February 2026 at the Naval War College.
- The Goa Maritime Conclave is a flagship strategic initiative of the Indian Navy aimed at strengthening maritime security cooperation among Indian Ocean Region (IOR) countries.
- The Chief Guest will be Sanjay Seth, Raksha Rajya Mantri, and the event will be hosted by Dinesh K Tripathi.
- The theme focuses on common maritime security challenges in the IOR, particularly threats such as IUU fishing and other illegal maritime activities.

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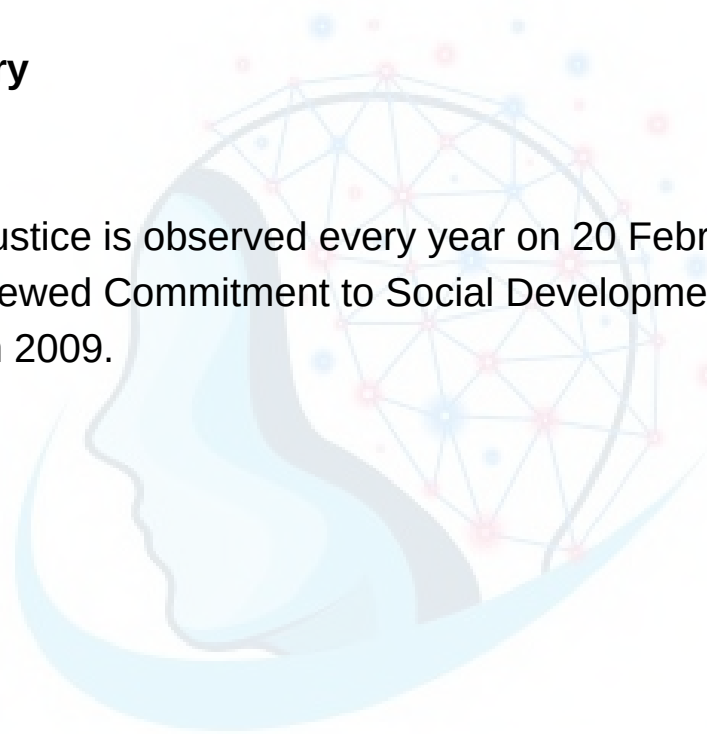
Ques: When is World Day of Social Justice observed?

- A) 18 February
- B) 19 February
- C) 20 February
- D) 21 February
- E) 22 February

Answer: C) 20 February

Explanation:

- World Day of Social Justice is observed every year on 20 February.
- Theme for 2026: “Renewed Commitment to Social Development and Social Justice”.
- It was first observed in 2009.



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Ques: RBI's newly built high-security data centre is located in which city?

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

Answer: C) Bhubaneswar

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has built a high-security data centre in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The move aims to secure critical financial data and keep records away from cross-border threat zones and high seismic-risk regions.
- The greenfield facility will house core computing systems supporting currency management, payment & settlement systems, and regulatory data functions.
- This is RBI's second data centre.
- RBI's Primary Data Centre is located in Navi Mumbai (Kharghar).

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Ques: Which department released the report titled “Socio-Economic Impact Analysis of the Incentive Scheme for Promotion of RuPay Debit Card and low-value BHIM-UPI Transactions (P2M)”?

- A) Department of Economic Affairs
- B) Department of Financial Services
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Reserve Bank of India
- E) Ministry of Electronics and IT

Answer: B) Department of Financial Services

Explanation:

- The report was released by the Department of Financial Services under the Ministry of Finance.
- Between 2021 and 2025, digital transactions increased nearly 11 times, with Unified Payments Interface (UPI) accounting for about 80% of total digital payments in India.
- The Government provided ₹8,276 crore to banks and fintech companies to promote affordable digital payments.
- Annual Incentive Breakdown: FY22 – ₹1,389 crore; FY23 – ₹2,210 crore; FY24 – ₹3,631 crore; FY25 – ₹1,046 crore.
- The survey covered 10,378 respondents across 15 states, including users, merchants, and service providers.
- 57% of users prefer UPI over cash (38%), and 66% of users aged 18–25 follow digital-first habits.
- 94% of small merchants accept UPI, and 57% reported increased sales due to digital adoption.
- 74% users cited speed as the main benefit, while 52% were motivated by cashback incentives.





Growth (2021–2025) :

- Transaction volume increased nearly 11-fold.
- UPI QR deployment grew from 9.3 crore to around 65.8 crore terminals.
- Banks on the UPI platform increased from 216 to 661.
- Third-party fintech app providers increased from 16 to 38.



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Ques: ASK Asset & Wealth Management Group has received SEBI approval to operate as what in India's Mutual Fund business?

- A) Investment Manager
- B) Registrar & Transfer Agent
- C) Custodian
- D) Portfolio Auditor
- E) Clearing Member

Answer: A) Investment Manager

Explanation:

- ASK Asset & Wealth Management Group received regulatory approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to operate as an Investment Manager in India's Mutual Fund business.
- With this approval, it becomes the 52nd fund house in India's Mutual Fund industry.
- The Mutual Fund industry recorded Assets Under Management (AUM) of ₹81 lakh crore as of January 31, 2026.

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Ques: The environmental clearance (EC) of the 1,750 MW Demwe Lower Hydrel Project has been extended till which year?

- A) 2030
- B) 2032
- C) 2035
- D) 2037
- E) 2040

Answer: D) 2037

Explanation:

- The 1,750 MW Demwe Lower Hydrel Project is located on the Lohit River in Arunachal Pradesh, within the ecologically sensitive Lohit basin.
- The original Environmental Clearance (EC) was granted in February 2010, with initial validity up to 2020.
- The clearance has now been extended till 2037.
- The project is being developed by Greenko Demwe Power Limited.
- The extension was approved in January 2026 by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) under the Ministry of Environment.
- The EAC relied on a 2025 Office Memorandum (OM), which treated time spent in litigation as a “zero period” (not counted towards EC validity).
- The developer argued that more than 10 years were lost in legal proceedings before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the National Green Tribunal (NGT), and therefore the litigation period should be excluded.





Ques: Where is the first-ever United Nations Fellowship Training Programme on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Control in Asia being hosted?

- A) NDA, Pune
- B) OTA, Chennai
- C) IMA, Dehradun
- D) DSSC, Wellington
- E) MCMM, Jabalpur

Answer: E) MCMM, Jabalpur

Explanation:

- The Indian Army is hosting the first-ever United Nations Fellowship Training Programme on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Control in Asia.
- The programme is being conducted at the Military College of Materials Management (MCMM) in Jabalpur.
- Duration: 16 February 2026 to 6 March 2026.
- It is organised by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) through the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD).
- This marks the first time the programme is being conducted in Asia, focusing on the Asia-Pacific region.





Ques: C. Rajagopalachari, whose statue will be installed at Rashtrapati Bhavan, was the first Indian to hold which post?

- A) President of India
- B) Prime Minister of India
- C) Governor-General of Independent India
- D) Chief Justice of India
- E) Home Minister

Answer: C) Governor-General of Independent India

Explanation:

- The statue of C. Rajagopalachari will be installed at Rashtrapati Bhavan during Rajaji Utsav.
- The announcement was made by Narendra Modi in the 131st episode of Mann Ki Baat.
- C. Rajagopalachari was the first and only Indian Governor-General of independent India (1948–1950).
- His statue will replace that of Edwin Lutyens.
- An exhibition on him will be held from 24 February to 1 March during the Utsav.

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Ques: The “Gyan Bharatam Mission” initiative in Uttar Pradesh aims primarily at:

- A) Promoting digital literacy in rural schools
- B) Preserving and digitizing ancient manuscripts and knowledge traditions
- C) Expanding industrial corridors
- D) Providing skill training to youth
- E) Modernizing agricultural practices

Answer: B) Preserving and digitizing ancient manuscripts and knowledge traditions

Explanation:

- The Government of Uttar Pradesh launched the initiative under the national campaign “Gyan Bharatam Mission” to identify and document manuscripts at the district level.
- The mission focuses on digital preservation of rare and ancient texts and presenting them on a global digital platform.
- It aims to revive and preserve India’s rich knowledge traditions, intellectual heritage, and cultural legacy.
- The Chief Development Officer (CDO) of each district has been designated as the Nodal Officer for supervision and coordination.





Ques: India and Brazil have set a target to raise bilateral trade to how much by 2030?

- A) \$20 billion
- B) \$25 billion
- C) \$30 billion
- D) \$35 billion
- E) \$40 billion

Answer: C) \$30 billion

Explanation:

- India and Brazil have set a new target to increase bilateral trade to \$30 billion by 2030, up from the earlier \$20 billion goal.
- The decision was taken during the visit of Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva to India.
- The earlier \$20 billion target was considered not ambitious enough, prompting a revised higher goal.
- Both nations aim to expand cooperation in oil & gas, renewable energy, biofuels, sustainable aviation fuel, agriculture, livestock, healthcare, and space collaboration.
- The move is expected to strengthen the India–Brazil strategic partnership and boost economic growth.





Ques: Anti-flammable protection measures have been implemented in which forest district known for its ecological sensitivity and biodiversity?

- A) Sundarbans Forest
- B) Simlipal Forest
- C) Kaziranga Forest
- D) Gir Forest
- E) Nilgiris Forest District

Answer: E) Nilgiris Forest District

Explanation:

- Anti-flammable protection measures have been implemented in the Nilgiris Forest District.
- The total forest area of the district is approximately 638 sq km, and it is an ecologically sensitive and biodiversity-rich region.
- The region is prone to forest fires during the summer season.
- Contributing factors include mist and frost during winter, drying of leaves, and accumulation of dry biomass.

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Ques: Which country became the 89th signatory to endorse the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Nepal
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Malaysia
- E) Indonesia

Answer: C) Bangladesh

Explanation:

- Bangladesh became the 89th signatory to endorse the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact adopted at the India AI Impact Summit 2026.
- The Declaration has been endorsed by 89 countries and international organisations.
- The Summit was held in New Delhi and witnessed participation from major nations including the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Japan, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Russia.
- Guided by the principle of “Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya”, the Declaration emphasizes equitable sharing of AI benefits.

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Ques: Karpoori Thakur, who was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2024, was popularly known by which title?

- A) Loknayak
- B) Jananayak
- C) Deshbandhu
- D) Karmayogi
- E) Rashtraneta

Answer: B) Jananayak

Explanation:

- Karpoori Thakur was popularly known as “Jananayak” (Leader of the People).
- He was a former Chief Minister of Bihar and a prominent freedom fighter dedicated to the upliftment of marginalized and backward classes.
- He was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2024.
- The first recipients of the Bharat Ratna in 1954 were C. Rajagopalachari, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, and C. V. Raman.
- The first posthumous Bharat Ratna was awarded to Lal Bahadur Shastri in 1966.

About Bharat Ratan :

- Established : January 2, 1954
- Highest Rank : India’s Highest Civilian Award
- Eligibility : Exceptional service in "any field of human endeavor" (Expanded in 2011)
- Nomination : Recommended by the Prime Minister to the President
- Annual Limit : Maximum 3 per year (Exception: 2024 saw 5 awards)
- Prize Money : ₹0 (Nil). No monetary grant is provided.
- Physical Award : A Peepal leaf-shaped bronze medallion + a Sanad (Certificate).
- Precedence : Recipients are ranked 7A in the Indian Order of Precedence.
- Constitutional Law : Article 18(1): Cannot be used as a title (prefix or suffix) to the name.
- Key Privileges : Diplomatic Passport, State Guest status, and lifetime free travel (Air India/Railways).





Ques: Which Manipuri film won India's first-ever BAFTA Award?

- A) Eeb Allay Ooo
- B) Boong
- C) Village Rockstars
- D) Court
- E) The Disciple

Answer: B) Boong

Explanation:

- India created history at the 79th British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA).
- The Manipuri film Boong, directed by Lakshmipriya Devi, won India's first-ever BAFTA Award.
- The film won in the Best Children and Family Film category.
- The ceremony was held in London.
- Producers Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani backed the film.

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Ques: Who won the inaugural Liber Win Champions Cup 2026 held in Bengaluru?

- A) Kamal Chawla
- B) Pankaj Advani
- C) Aditya Mehta
- D) Sourav Kohari
- E) Geet Sethi

Answer: B) Pankaj Advani

Explanation:

- Pankaj Advani won the inaugural Liber Win Champions Cup 2026.
- He defeated Kamal Chawla 6–3 in a best-of-11 final.
- The tournament was held at the Karnataka State Billiards Association in Bengaluru.
- Following his victory, Pankaj Advani was named Liber Win's Indian Brand Ambassador.

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Ques: How many countries signed the New Delhi Declaration at the AI Impact Summit?

- A) 50
- B) 60
- C) 75
- D) 85
- E) 100

Answer: D) 85

Explanation:

- 85 countries and 3 international organisations signed the New Delhi Declaration at the AI Impact Summit.
- The declaration provides a voluntary, non-binding framework for cooperation in Artificial Intelligence.
- Major participants including the United States and China endorsed the declaration.
- It emphasizes AI safety, trust, security, and human-centric development.
- The initiative also introduces a Global AI Impact Commons to share AI use cases among governments.

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Ques: The High-Level Advisory Group on Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) has been formed by which institution under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)?

- A) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) SEBI
- E) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

Answer: A) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs

Explanation:

- The High-Level Advisory Group on Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) has been formed by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- The Advisory Group is chaired by Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General (DG) and CEO of IICA.
- Objective: To strengthen and modernise India's corporate regulatory framework, especially compliance under the Companies Act, 2013.

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Ques: The Gender Budget Statement for FY 2026–27 earmarks what percentage share in the total Union Budget for the current year?

- A) 8.86%
- B) 9.37%
- C) 10.55%
- D) 11.55%
- E) 7.95%

Answer: B) 9.37%

Explanation:

- The Gender Budget Statement for FY 2026–27 earmarks 9.37% of the total Union Budget for gender-related allocations.
- This marks an increase from 8.86% in the previous financial year.
- The total allocation shows an 11.55% increase over ₹4.49 lakh crore allocated in the previous year.
- Gender Budgeting refers to integrating gender perspectives into the budgeting process.
- It includes allocation, monitoring, and evaluation of schemes benefiting women and girls.

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Ques: India's first underwater Road-cum-Rail tunnel connecting Gohpur and Numaligarh has a total project length of how many kilometres?

- A) 25.5 km
- B) 30.2 km
- C) 33.7 km
- D) 40.1 km
- E) 45.0 km

Answer: C) 33.7 km

Explanation:

- The total project length of India's first underwater Road-cum-Rail tunnel is 33.7 km.
- The tunnel length is 15.79 km, constructed as a twin-tube TBM underwater tunnel.
- The project connects Gohpur (NH-15) to Numaligarh (NH-715).
- The total capital cost of the project is ₹18,662.02 crore.
- It is India's first underwater Road-cum-Rail tunnel and only the second of its kind in the world.

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Ques: Where will India's first dedicated Quantum & AI University campus be established?

- A) Hyderabad
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Amaravati
- D) Chennai
- E) Visakhapatnam

Answer: C) Amaravati

Explanation:

- At the India AI Impact Summit, the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) signed an MoU with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- NIELIT functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The MoU aims to establish India's first dedicated Quantum & AI University campus in Amaravati.
- The initiative aligns with the proposed Andhra Quantum Mission and the State's Quantum Valley initiative.
- The MoU was signed in the presence of N. Chandrababu Naidu and MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan.





Ques: The global “Beat the Heat” programme, joined by 30 cities of Maharashtra during Mumbai Climate Week 2026, primarily focuses on:

- A) Sustainable Cooling
- B) Electric Vehicles
- C) Coastal Tourism
- D) Coal Power
- E) River Linking

Answer: A) Sustainable Cooling

Explanation:

- Maharashtra announced that 30 of its cities joined the global “Beat the Heat” programme during Mumbai Climate Week 2026.
- The initiative focuses on sustainable cooling and urban resilience to combat extreme heat.
- It was announced under the COP30 Presidency of Brazil.
- The programme is supported by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) through the Cool Coalition.
- It aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cooling systems and promote energy-efficient, low-carbon technologies.





Ques: Which platform is promoted under the campaign “Badhna Hai Toh Yahan Judna Hai”?

- A) PMKVY Portal
- B) National Career Service (NCS)
- C) Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH)
- D) DIKSHA Platform
- E) SWAYAM Portal

Answer: C) Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH)

Explanation:

- The campaign was launched by Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (I/C) for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.
- It was unveiled during the India AI Impact Summit 2026.
- The campaign promotes the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), an integrated digital platform for skilling, employment, and lifelong learning.
- Amitabh Bachchan has been onboarded to enhance awareness and participation.
- SIDH offers an LMS-enabled learning hub, digitally verified credentials, and QR-code-enabled digital CVs with Aadhaar-based eKYC registration.

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Ques: Mumbai will host which prestigious global environmental award ceremony in November 2026, marking its first time in India?

- A) Earthshot Prize
- B) Champions of the Earth
- C) Goldman Environmental Prize
- D) Blue Planet Prize
- E) Zayed Sustainability Prize

Answer: A) Earthshot Prize

Explanation:

- Mumbai will host The Earthshot Prize 2026 in November 2026, the first time the ceremony is held in India.
- The Earthshot Prize was founded in 2020 by Prince William.
- Each year, 15 finalists are selected under five award categories called Earthshots.
- The five themes: Protect and Restore Nature, Clean Our Air, Revive Our Oceans, Build a Waste-Free World, and Fix Our Climate.

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Ques: India's Tejaswin Shankar won a historic gold medal at which championship in 2026?

- A) Asian Games
- B) Asian Indoor Athletics Championships
- C) Commonwealth Games
- D) World Athletics Championships
- E) Diamond League

Answer: B) Asian Indoor Athletics Championships

Explanation:

- Tejaswin Shankar won a historic gold medal at the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships 2026.
- The championship was held in Tianjin.
- He scored 5,993 points, securing India's only gold at the event.
- India won a total of 5 medals and finished 6th overall.

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Ques: The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has signed an MoU with which international organization to supply 2 lakh metric tonnes of rice for global humanitarian operations?

- A) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- B) World Bank
- C) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- D) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- E) World Food Programme (WFP)

Answer: E) World Food Programme (WFP)

Explanation:

- Food Corporation of India signed an MoU with World Food Programme to supply 2 lakh metric tonnes of rice for global humanitarian operations.
- FCI, established in 1965 under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, handles procurement, storage, and distribution of food grains under the Public Distribution System (PDS).
- WFP, established in 1961 with headquarters in Rome, Italy, is part of the United Nations and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2020.

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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to Shri Sant Sevalal Maharaj on the occasion of his birth anniversary. The Prime Minister highlighted the reformer's role in instilling a "new consciousness" through the principles of truth, non-violence, and moral integrity. Spiritual Leader of the Banjara Community.

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Columbia University to establish Columbia- IIT Bombay Centre of Artificial Intelligence for Manufacturing

India's year-on-year retail inflation rate, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) with the revised base year 23-24, stood at 2.75 per cent in January 2026, according to data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)

Google announced a \$15 billion investment over five years to strengthen AI and digital connectivity infrastructure.

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Ques: Axis Bank has partnered with which airline to launch co-branded travel and lifestyle credit cards?

- A) Air India
- B) SpiceJet
- C) Vistara
- D) IndiGo
- E) Akasa Air

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank, has partnered with IndiGo (InterGlobe Aviation Limited) to launch two co-branded credit cards.
- The two cards are: IndiGo Axis Bank Credit Card and IndiGo Axis Bank Premium Credit Card.
- The cards offer rewards through IndiGo's loyalty programme "IndiGo BluChip".
- IndiGo Axis Bank Credit Card has an annual fee of ₹799 (including GST) and targets retail customers.
- IndiGo Axis Bank Premium Credit Card has an annual fee of ₹5,000 (including GST) and is designed for affluent and frequent travellers.
- Both cards are available on RuPay Network and Visa Network.





Ques: What is the total asset monetisation target under NMP 2.0 for FY26–FY30?

- A) ₹10 lakh crore
- B) ₹6 lakh crore
- C) ₹12 lakh crore
- D) ₹16.72 lakh crore
- E) ₹20 lakh crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government has launched the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) 2.0 to monetise assets worth ₹16.72 lakh crore during FY26–FY30.
- The programme was launched by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- NMP 2.0 is more than 2.6 times larger than NMP 1.0 and includes a ₹5.8 lakh crore private sector investment component.
- Major sectors covered include Highways, MMLPs & Ropeways (₹4.42 lakh crore), Power (₹2.76 lakh crore), Ports (₹2.63 lakh crore), Railways (₹2.62 lakh crore), and Coal (₹2.16 lakh crore).
- The proceeds from monetisation will be used for capital expenditure and new infrastructure creation, and revenues from central projects will flow to the Consolidated Fund of India.





Ques: Which digital payments platform has introduced biometric authentication for UPI transactions up to ₹5,000?

- A) Paytm
- B) Google Pay
- C) BHIM
- D) Amazon Pay
- E) PhonePe

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- PhonePe has introduced biometric authentication for Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions.
- Users can authorise payments using fingerprint authentication or facial recognition within the app.
- Biometric authentication is applicable for UPI payments up to ₹5,000.
- Transactions above ₹5,000 will continue to require the UPI PIN as per regulatory guidelines.
- The feature uses the smartphone's native device-level security system and acts as a second authentication factor, ensuring faster and secure payment authorisation.
- The objective is to reduce friction in digital payments, improve user convenience, and strengthen transaction security through hardware-grade authentication.

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Ques: Which organisation provided a USD 197.67 million guarantee to Citibank N.A. for supporting rooftop solar projects in India?

- A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
- D) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- E) New Development Bank (NDB)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A guarantee of USD 197.67 million was provided to Citibank N.A.
- The guarantee was given by the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), the guarantee arm of the World Bank Group (WBG).
- The tenure of the guarantee is five years.
- The objective is to support Citibank's non-shareholder loan to the State Bank of India (SBI).
- The loan will help refinance investments in India's grid-connected Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic (GRPV) systems.

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Ques: An EPF account is declared inoperative if there is no contribution for how many consecutive months?

- A) 12 months
- B) 24 months
- C) 30 months
- D) 36 months
- E) 48 months

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Ministry of Labour and Employment will auto credit ₹30.52 crore lying in 7.11 lakh inoperative EPFO accounts.
- These accounts hold ₹1,000 or less per account.
- No documentation is required; only bank verification and Aadhaar-seeded account confirmation are needed.
- Total inoperative EPFO accounts stand at 31.86 lakh, holding ₹10,903 crore.
- As per EPFO rules, an EPF account is declared 'inoperative' if no contribution is received for 36 consecutive months.
- The move aims to benefit small subscribers and simplify fund access.





Ques: Which bank organised a Facilitation Camp under the Salary Account Package for Central Government Employees?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) organised a Facilitation Camp under its Salary Account Package for Central Government Employees.
- The package offers a one-stop financial solution including banking services, debit & credit card benefits, and insurance protection.

Insurance Coverage:

- Personal Accident Insurance (PAI): up to ₹1.5 crore
- Air Accident Insurance (AAI): up to ₹2 crore
- Permanent Disability Cover (TPD/PPD): up to ₹1.5 crore
- Life Insurance: up to ₹20 lakh (with optional top-up)
- Comprehensive medical insurance for self & family





Ques: Which firm has been appointed by IDFC First Bank to investigate the ₹590 crore fraud?

- A) Deloitte
- B) EY
- C) PwC
- D) KPMG
- E) Grant Thornton

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- IDFC First Bank has appointed KPMG as a forensic auditor to investigate a ₹590 crore fraud at its Chandigarh branch.
- The fraud involved Haryana government accounts and suspected collusion between branch staff and external parties.
- Funds were allegedly diverted from a State government deposit account to external beneficiaries.
- Forged cheques and irregular entries were reportedly cleared by branch employees.
- The Haryana government has withdrawn around ₹200 crore deposits and de-pannelled the bank from State business.
- The bank's stock plunged nearly 20% intraday after the fraud surfaced.

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Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released draft directions permitting Authorised Dealer (AD) Category-I banks to undertake which type of derivative contracts?

- A) Currency Swaps
- B) Interest Rate Futures
- C) Non-Deliverable Derivative Contracts
- D) Credit Default Swaps
- E) Commodity Futures

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued draft directions allowing AD Category-I banks to undertake Rupee Non-Deliverable Derivative Contracts (NDDCs).
- The move is expected to strengthen banking operations in GIFT City located in the Gandhinagar–Ahmedabad Metropolitan Region.

What are NDDCs?

- Non-Deliverable Derivative Contracts are forex derivative instruments where no physical exchange of currency takes place.
- Settlement is done in cash, usually in rupees or foreign currency.
- They are widely used by global investors to hedge currency risk.

Key Proposals in RBI Draft Framework

- Eligible participants include other AD banks, overseas entities, IFSC Banking Units (IBUs), and Offshore Banking Units (OBUs).
- Transactions may be undertaken directly or through overseas branches on a back-to-back basis.
- The framework also includes provisions related to IFSC presence, offshore electronic trading platforms (ETPs), liberalisation of forex operations, and deployment of surplus foreign currency funds.





Ques: How much stake is the Government planning to sell in IRFC through OFS?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Centre will sell up to 4% stake in Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) through an Offer For Sale (OFS).
- The stake sale is expected to raise around ₹5,500 crore.
- The OFS will take place over two days (Wednesday–Thursday).
- The government has fixed a floor price of ₹104 per share.
- The floor price is set at a 5% discount to the previous closing price.
- The disinvestment is part of the government's asset monetisation and divestment strategy.

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Ques: Which film won the Best Film award at the 79th BAFTAs?

- A) Hamnet
- B) Sinners
- C) Sentimental Value
- D) One Battle After Another
- E) Mr. Nobody Against Putin

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- One Battle After Another, directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, won the Best Film award at the 79th British Academy Film Awards (BAFTAs) held in London.
- The film won a total of six awards, including Best Director, Adapted Screenplay, Cinematography, and Editing.
- Jessie Buckley won Best Actress for her role in Hamnet, becoming the first Irish performer to win in this category.
- Robert Aramayo won Best Actor for I Swear.
- Wunmi Mosaku won the Supporting Actress award for her role in Sinners.
- Sentimental Value won Best Film Not in English Language, and Mr. Nobody Against Putin won Best Documentary.
- Donna Langley received the prestigious BAFTA Fellowship.





Ques: GIFT City signed an MoU with which institute to strengthen financial education and talent development?

- A) IIM Ahmedabad
- B) National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM)
- C) Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM)
- D) National Institute of Bank Management (NIBM)
- E) RBI Academy

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM).
- AJNIFM is located in Faridabad, Haryana and functions under the Ministry of Finance (MoF).
- The partnership aligns advanced financial education with the evolving needs of India's only International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at GIFT City.
- The collaboration aims to build a future-ready talent pipeline for global and cross-border finance.

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Ques: What is the name of India's first-ever National Counter Terrorism Policy released by MHA?

- A) SURAKSHA
- B) PRAHAR SHIELD
- C) SHATRU
- D) RAKSHA
- E) PRAHAAR

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has released India's first-ever National Counter Terrorism Policy and Strategy titled PRAHAAR.
- The policy states that India faces terrorist threats across water, land and air domains.
- It highlights risks from cross-border sponsored terrorism, cyber-attacks by criminal hackers, and threats from nation-states.
- The policy identifies threats from both state and non-state actors, including global terror outfits.
- PRAHAAR outlines measures to safeguard critical sectors such as power, railways, aviation, ports, defence, space, and atomic energy.
- The document emphasizes that terrorism is not linked to any specific religion, ethnicity, or nationality and also lists key agencies responsible for counter-terrorism tasks.





Ques: Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve (USTR), where the “Hornbill Restaurants” project has been launched, is located in which state?

- A) Odisha
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Jharkhand
- E) Chhattisgarh

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Chhattisgarh is transforming the Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve into a sanctuary for the Malabar Pied Hornbill through an initiative called “Hornbill Restaurants.”
- The project involves planting large clusters of fruit-bearing trees to ensure a year-round food supply for the “Near Threatened” Malabar Pied Hornbill.
- Key tree species include Peepal, Banyan, and other Ficus species.
- Six “Hornbill Restaurants” are being developed. One is already operational in the Sornammal area (40 hectares), and another is planned in Ondh village.

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Ques: Who became the most-capped player in women's international cricket?

- A) Meg Lanning
- B) Suzie Bates
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Mithali Raj
- E) Ellyse Perry

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India captain Harmanpreet Kaur created history by becoming the most-capped player in women's international cricket.
- She achieved the milestone during the second T20I against Australia in Canberra.
- With her 356th international appearance, Harmanpreet surpassed New Zealand's Suzie Bates, who previously held the record with 355 matches.

Most International Appearances (Women's Cricket):

- Harmanpreet Kaur – 356 Matches
- Suzie Bates – 355 Matches
- Ellyse Perry – 349 Matches
- Mithali Raj – 333 Matches
- Charlotte Edwards – 309 Matches





Ques: Who replaced Abhinav Bindra as Vice-Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission?

- A) Sebastian Coe
- B) Humphrey Kayange
- C) Thomas Bach
- D) Neeraj Chopra
- E) David Rudisha

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian shooting legend Abhinav Bindra announced the end of his eight-year tenure as Vice-Chair of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athletes' Commission.
- Bindra became India's first individual Olympic gold medallist at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.
- He worked towards strengthening athlete representation and voice in Olympic governance during his tenure.
- He has been replaced by Kenyan rugby player Humphrey Kayange following a panel restructuring.
- Bindra described serving athletes globally as one of the most meaningful chapters of his sporting journey.





Ques: Under which Article of the Constitution can Parliament alter the name of a State?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet of India chaired by Narendra Modi approved the proposal to change the name of the State of “Kerala” to “Keralam.”
- The proposal is based on a resolution passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly in June 2024.
- As per Article 3 of the Constitution, Parliament has the power to alter the name of any State by law.
- The President will refer the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 to the State Legislature for its views.
- No Bill under Article 3 can be introduced in Parliament without the recommendation of the President.
- The amendment will require changes in the First Schedule of the Constitution.
- “Keralam” is the name of the State in Malayalam language.





Ques: India has gifted the first high-speed ferry to which country to enhance inter-island connectivity under the Raajje Transport Link (RTL) project?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Mauritius
- C) Seychelles
- D) Maldives
- E) Indonesia

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has gifted the first high-speed ferry to Maldives to enhance inter-island connectivity.
- The ferry launch marks the beginning of Raajje Transport Link (RTL) services in Faafu and Dhaalu Atolls.
- The initiative is being implemented under the High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) – Phase III.
- A total of 12 high-speed ferries are planned under the India–Maldives Ferry Project.
- The delivered ferry will operate within the RTL national ferry network.
- The objective is to improve maritime connectivity, enhance mobility across remote islands, and support trade, tourism, and local livelihoods.





Ques: Under the amended India–France tax treaty, what dividend tax rate will apply to French companies holding at least 10% capital in an Indian company?

- A) 15%
- B) 12%
- C) 10%
- D) 5%
- E) 0%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has amended its three-decade-old tax treaty with France through an Amending Protocol.
- The amendment modifies the taxation of dividend income.
- Earlier, a single dividend tax rate of 10% was applicable.
- Now, French companies holding at least 10% capital in an Indian entity will pay only 5% dividend tax, while those holding less than 10% will pay 15%.
- The move is expected to benefit major French investors in India while broadening India's taxation powers.

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Ques: The Young Scientist Programme (YUVIKA) 2026, launched by ISRO, is primarily aimed at students of which class?

- A) Class 7
- B) Class 8
- C) Class 9
- D) Class 10
- E) Class 11

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced the 2026 edition of its Young Scientist Programme, popularly known as YUVIKA (YUva Vigyani KAryakram).
- The initiative is aimed at school students to introduce them to the basics of space technology, space science, and space applications at an early stage.
- The programme is specifically meant for students studying in Class 9 across India.
- It is a two-week residential programme conducted at nine ISRO centres.
- The programme will be conducted at centres including Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Satish Dhawan Space Centre, and U R Rao Satellite Centre, among others.
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Other Parameters:

- Online quiz performance – 10%
- Participation in science fairs and co-curricular activities – 2–10% (depending on level)





- Olympiad or equivalent achievements – 2–5%
- Sports competition achievements – 2–5%
- Scout and Guides / NCC / NSS membership (last 3 years) – 5%
- Students from rural schools located in Panchayat areas – 15%



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Ques: Which launch vehicle's repeated failures are being probed by the newly formed ISRO committee?

- A) GSLV Mk III
- B) SSLV
- C) ASLV
- D) LVM3
- E) PSLV

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has constituted a high-level committee to probe systemic issues behind successive failures of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
- The committee includes K. Vijay Raghavan (former Principal Scientific Adviser) and S. Somanath (former ISRO Chairman).
- The panel consists of experts external to ISRO and will submit its findings to the ISRO Chairman.
- It will examine processes related to manufacturing, procurement, and assembly of PSLV components.
- The move follows failures of PSLV-C61 and PSLV-C62, where the third stage reportedly failed to ignite.
- PSLV-C62 (January 12) failed to place 16 satellites into orbit.





Ques: Where was the 9th Conclave of Chiefs of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) held on 20 February 2026?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 9th Conclave of Chiefs of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) was held at Visakhapatnam on 20 February 2026, with participation from 33 countries.
- The Indian Navy assumed the Chairmanship of IONS from the Royal Thai Navy for a two-year term, marking India's return to the role after 16 years.
- India had earlier held the inaugural Chairmanship from 2008 to 2010.
- The Philippines was included as an Observer, and Oman joined the IONS Working Group on HADR (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief).

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Ques: The 1,720 MW Kamala Hydroelectric Project, recently approved by the Environment Ministry's expert panel, will be developed on which river?

- A) Siang River
- B) Lohit River
- C) Kamala River
- D) Dibang River
- E) Teesta River

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's Environment Ministry expert panel has approved the 1,720 MW Kamala Hydroelectric Project in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The project will be implemented by NHPC Limited (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation).
- It will be developed on the Kamala River, a right-bank tributary of the Subansiri River, in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The construction will require the felling of approximately 2.34 million (23.4 lakh) trees.
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Ques: When is International Mother Language Day (IMLD) observed every year?

- A) 20 February
- B) 21 February
- C) 22 February
- D) 23 February
- E) 24 February

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- International Mother Language Day is observed every year on 21 February.
- The year 2026 marks the 27th observance of International Mother Language Day.
- Theme 2026 – “Youth voices on multilingual education.”
- First Observance – 2000.

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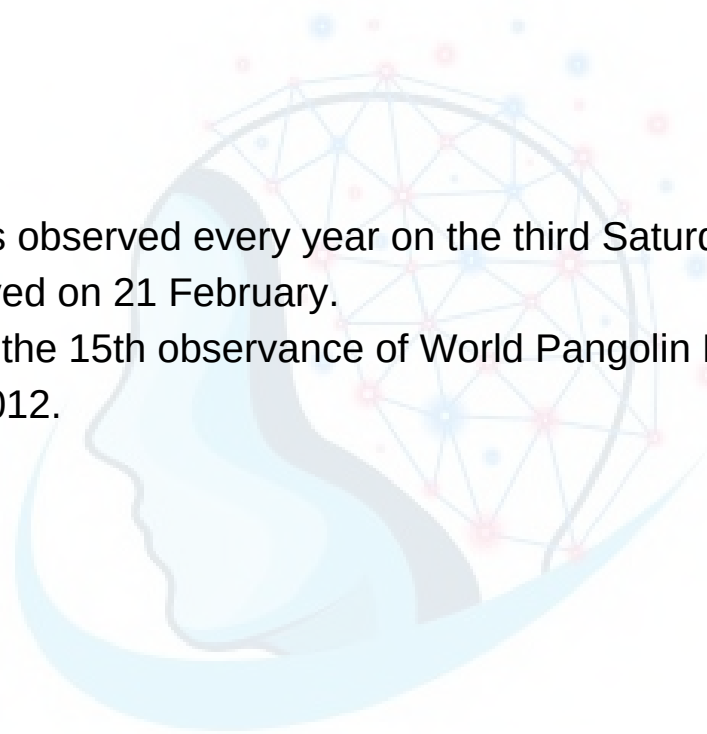
Ques: When is World Pangolin Day observed every year?

- A) 1st Saturday of February
- B) 2nd Saturday of February
- C) 3rd Saturday of February
- D) 4th Saturday of February
- E) 28 February

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Pangolin Day is observed every year on the third Saturday of February.
- In 2026, it was observed on 21 February.
- The year 2026 marks the 15th observance of World Pangolin Day.
- First Observance – 2012.



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Ques: The first-phase Agri Robotics Laboratory inaugurated by SBI has been established in which state?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Challa Sreenivasulu Setty inaugurated the first-phase Agri Robotics Lab.
- The lab has been established at Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University (PJTSAU) in Telangana.
- The project is funded by SBI Foundation, the CSR arm of SBI.
- The initiative promotes the use of AI, drones, robotics, and unmanned tractors in agriculture.

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Ques: ESIC was established in which year?

- A) 1948
- B) 1950
- C) 1952
- D) 1955
- E) 1960

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) commenced its 75th Year of Service celebration at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ESIC started its journey in 1952 with around 1.2 lakh beneficiaries and one dispensary.
- Currently, ESIC covers over 15 crore beneficiaries through a vast network of hospitals, medical colleges, and dispensaries.
- Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the event and highlighted ESIC's role in strengthening social security.

About ESIC:

- Established – 1952
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chairman (2026) – Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya





Ques: A penalty of ₹38.60 lakh was imposed on which bank for violations related to savings deposit interest, locker rent refunds, and SHG credit reporting?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Bank of Baroda
- C) UCO Bank
- D) Canara Bank
- E) Indian Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- UCO Bank has been imposed a penalty of ₹38.60 lakh.
- The penalty was imposed for violations related to periodic interest payment on savings deposits, locker rent refunds, and credit information reporting for Self Help Group (SHG) members.
- The penalty was imposed under the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and the Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act, 2005.

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Ques: The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) was established as a Constitutional Body through which Constitutional Amendment Act?

- A) 86th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2002
- B) 89th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003
- C) 91st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003
- D) 92nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003
- E) 97th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2011

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) is a Constitutional Body.
- It was formally established on 19 February 2004.
- It was established through the 89th Constitutional Amendment Act.
- The amendment modified Article 338 and inserted a new Article 338A in the Constitution.
- This led to the bifurcation of the earlier commission into:
 - National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
 - National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)
- The Commission consists of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and three other Members.
- At least one member must be a woman.





Ques: The Joint Military Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' is conducted between India and which country?

- A) USA
- B) Australia
- C) Japan
- D) France
- E) Russia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 7th edition of Joint Military Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' commenced at Foreign Training Node, Chaubattia (Uttarakhand).
- The exercise is conducted between the Indian Army and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF).
- It will be held from 24 February to 9 March 2026 and is conducted alternately in India and Japan.
- The aim is to enhance interoperability and joint operational capabilities in semi-urban environments.
- Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' is a bilateral military exercise to strengthen defence cooperation between India and Japan.





Ques: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has constituted a joint committee to address severe coastal erosion in which region of West Bengal?

- A) Digha Coast
- B) Sundarbans
- C) Haldia Port Region
- D) Bakkhali Coast
- E) Diamond Harbour

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- National Green Tribunal (NGT) has constituted a joint committee to address severe coastal erosion in the Sundarbans region of West Bengal, particularly Ghoramara Island.
- The committee will prepare a comprehensive coastal protection plan and suggest measures for mangrove protection, expansion, and mitigation of coastal erosion.
- Nearly 40% of Ghoramara Island may disappear by 2042 due to sea erosion; its area reduced from 8.59 sq km in 1969 to 3.83 sq km in 2019.
- The Sundarbans region lost over 250 sq km of land between 1969 and 2019.
- The Sundarbans is the world's largest mangrove ecosystem, located in the delta of the Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Meghna rivers along the Bay of Bengal.





Ques: DigiLocker operates under which ministry of the Government of India?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- E) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- DigiLocker operates under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- MeitY has constituted a high-level committee to review and improve rules related to DigiLocker and prepare a roadmap for its expansion, including Entity Locker services, wider ecosystem participation, and possible commercialisation.
- DigiLocker is a flagship initiative under MeitY launched as part of the Digital India Programme to provide secure cloud-based digital document storage and verification services.

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Ques: From which date will cash payments be discontinued at all National Highway toll plazas in India?

- A) January 1, 2026
- B) March 31, 2026
- C) April 1, 2026
- D) July 1, 2026
- E) October 1, 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has proposed to discontinue cash payments at all National Highway toll plazas from 1 April 2026.
- According to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), toll payments will now be processed exclusively through digital modes.
- Accepted digital modes include FASTag and Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- The move aims to make toll booths fully digital – “Cash Out, FASTag In,” ensuring faster transactions, reduced congestion, and improved transparency.

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Ques: 'Him-CONNECT' initiative is primarily related to which region?

- A) Coastal Region
- B) Desert Region
- C) Indian Himalayan Region
- D) Indo-Gangetic Plains
- E) Deccan Plateau

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Him-CONNECT is organised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) as part of the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2026.
- The summit is hosted by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in New Delhi.
- 'Him-CONNECT' aims to connect researchers from the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) with start-ups, investors, and policymakers.
- The platform promotes scaling and on-ground implementation of research-based innovations in the Himalayan region.

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Ques: SWIFT 2.0 platform launched by CBIC is mainly related to which sector?

- A) Agriculture Subsidy
- B) Digital Payments
- C) Export-Import Clearance
- D) Income Tax Filing
- E) Insurance Claims

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has launched SWIFT 2.0.
- SWIFT 2.0 is a single-window digital platform to ensure faster and seamless clearance for exports and imports under customs procedures.
- The initiative aims to enhance ease of doing business and improve customs procedures.
- The revamped Atithi App will facilitate international travellers with digital compliance and essential information.

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Ques: 'Vajra Prahar' is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

- A) Russia
- B) France
- C) Japan
- D) United States
- E) Australia

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 16th edition of Exercise 'Vajra Prahar' will be conducted at Special Forces Training School.
- It is a Joint Special Forces Exercise between the Indian Army and the US Army.
- The exercise is scheduled from 24 February to 16 March 2026.
- The aim is to enhance interoperability and joint capabilities in conducting Special Forces operations in mountainous terrain.
- Exercise 'Vajra Prahar' is a bilateral Special Forces exercise to strengthen defence cooperation and joint operational effectiveness in challenging terrains.

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Ques: The ePlane Company has partnered with which global technology firm to develop India's first electric air taxi, e200x?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- ePlane Company has partnered with Nvidia to develop India's first electric air taxi named e200x.
- The collaboration focuses on technology and knowledge exchange, with no financial investment involved.
- The e200x is an eVTOL designed for urban air mobility, short-distance aerial transport, and future city-based air taxi services.
- The aircraft aims to reduce traffic congestion, travel time, and urban carbon emissions.

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Ques: Sachin Tendulkar has been appointed as ‘Global Champion for Road Safety’ by which organisation?

- A) World Bank
- B) World Health Organization
- C) United Nations
- D) International Olympic Committee
- E) UNESCO

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar has been designated as a ‘Global Champion for Road Safety’ by the United Nations.
- He joins a group of prominent international figures advocating safer roads worldwide.
- The initiative aims to promote awareness about road safety and reduce road traffic injuries and fatalities globally.
- As a Global Champion, he will support advocacy campaigns and promote responsible road behaviour.
- The United Nations appoints Global Champions to promote key global causes and leverage their global influence for awareness campaigns.





Ques: The IIT Madras Global Research Foundation has established its first international Applied AI Innovation Centre in which city?

- A) Dubai
- B) London
- C) Singapore
- D) New York
- E) Sydney

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- IIT Madras Global Research Foundation has established its first international Applied Artificial Intelligence (AI) Innovation Centre.
- The centre is located at Dubai CommerCity in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- The agreement was signed on the sidelines of WORLDEF Dubai 2026.
- In its initial phase, the centre will host six applied AI startups with a combined valuation of USD 118 million.
- The startups are expected to generate USD 281 million in revenue over five years.

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Ques: The Uttar Pradesh Government signed an MoU with which company for the construction of an International Cricket Stadium in Gorakhpur?

- A) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- B) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
- C) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- E) GAIL (India) Limited

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Uttar Pradesh Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Oil Corporation Limited for constructing an International Cricket Stadium in Gorakhpur.
- The total project cost is ₹339 crore with a seating capacity of 30,000 spectators.
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited will contribute ₹60 crore; Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited will contribute ₹30 crore and ₹10 crore respectively.
- The project aims to strengthen sports infrastructure and promote cricket development in Eastern Uttar Pradesh.

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Ques: Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has entered into a strategic collaboration with which company to establish sovereign gigawatt-scale AI factory infrastructure in India?

- A) NVIDIA
- B) IBM
- C) Intel
- D) Microsoft
- E) Google

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has entered into a strategic collaboration with NVIDIA.
- The announcement was made during the India AI Impact Summit 2026.
- The collaboration aims to establish sovereign gigawatt-scale AI factory infrastructure in India.
- An AI Factory is large-scale computing infrastructure designed to train AI models, process massive datasets, and deliver AI services at an industrial scale, functioning like a power plant but producing AI computing capacity instead of electricity.

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Ques: The International Research Institute of Ayurveda (IRIA) inaugurated in Kannur is located in which state?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the International Research Institute of Ayurveda (IRIA) at Kalliad in Kannur.
- The institute has been declared India's first comprehensive centre for Ayurveda research.
- The initiative aims to integrate traditional Ayurvedic knowledge with modern scientific research.
- IRIA aims to promote scientific validation and global recognition of traditional Indian medicine systems.

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Ques: Fitch Ratings has affirmed the long-term rating of PNB and Bank of Baroda at which level?

- A) BBB+
- B) BBB-
- C) BB+
- D) A-
- E) AA-

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Fitch Ratings affirmed the long-term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) of Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Bank of Baroda (BoB) at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook.
- The rating reflects a high probability of extraordinary government support if required, as the Government of India holds ~70% stake in PNB and 64% in BoB.
- Fitch also upgraded the Viability Rating of both banks to 'BB' from 'BB-' due to improved asset quality, capitalization, and profitability.

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Ques: According to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, India's climate action spending has increased to nearly what percentage of GDP?

- A) 5.6%
- B) 4.2%
- C) 3.7%
- D) 6.5%
- E) 7.0%

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Nirmala Sitharaman stated that India has increased its climate action spending to nearly 5.6% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), up from 3.7% six years ago.
- The Union Budget 2026–27 includes funding and incentives for carbon capture strategies.
- A ₹20,000-crore outlay has been allocated to help businesses reduce their carbon footprint.
- The initiative aims to support India's transition towards a greener and sustainable economy.

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Ques: What is the present annual remittance limit under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)?

- A) USD 25,000
- B) USD 1,00,000
- C) USD 2,50,000
- D) USD 5,00,000
- E) USD 6,00,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS), resident individuals can remit up to USD 2,50,000 per financial year for permissible transactions.
- Outward remittances under LRS fell by 4.1% to \$21.37 billion in FY26 (April–December) from \$22.28 billion last year.
- LRS was launched on 4 February 2004 with an initial limit of USD 25,000, which has now increased to USD 2,50,000 per financial year.

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Ques: The YUVAi Global Youth Challenge is implemented in partnership with which two organisations?

- A) NITI Aayog and AICTE
- B) MyBharat and National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology
- C) MeitY and ISRO
- D) UNICEF and UNESCO
- E) Digital India Corporation and NIC

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The India AI Impact Summit 2026 announced the winners of the YUVAi Global Youth Challenge, which received over 2,500 applications from 38 countries.
- The challenge, for youth aged 13–21, provides structured learning, technical mentorship, and ecosystem support to identify, mentor, and empower young AI leaders.
- It is implemented in partnership with MyBharat and National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology to promote innovative AI solutions for real-world problems.
- Selected participants receive awards with prizes worth up to ₹85 lakh.

List of winners :

First Prize (₹15 lakh)

- Paraspeak : Mr. Pranet Khetan
- AgniSena : Mr. Samaraho Mukherjee; Mr. Maghnad Debnath
- Z-TRACS : Mr. Gaurav Yadav; Mr. Nitesh Kapildev Yadav





Second Prize (₹10 lakh) :

- CytoScanZ : Mr. Carl Tidtijumreonpon; Mr. Pongkun Fucheun
- WAYV : Aditya Bhandari; Manya Chaturvedi
- VOX-AID : Ms. Chirashree Pan; Ms. Debasmita Pal

Special Recognition (₹5 lakh) :

- MalariaX : Ms. Thida Jopanya; Mr. Poomjai Pongsriwat
- KedovoAI : Mr. Akshaj Gupta



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Ques: According to ISMA, the estimated sugar production for the current marketing season (Oct 2025–Sept 2026) is?

- A) 296.25 lakh tonnes
- B) 324 lakh tonnes
- C) 293 lakh tonnes
- D) 310 lakh tonnes
- E) 350 lakh tonnes

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Sugar and Bio-energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) has estimated sugar production at 324 lakh tonnes for the current marketing season (Oct 2025–Sept 2026).
- Last season's sugar production was 296.25 lakh tonnes.
- Around 31 lakh tonnes of sugar will be diverted for ethanol production, leaving a net sugar production of 293 lakh tonnes.
- Major sugar-producing states include Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka.

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Ques: The scheme 'Banglar Yuva Sathi' has been launched by which state government?

- A) Odisha
- B) Bihar
- C) Assam
- D) Jharkhand
- E) West Bengal

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The scheme 'Banglar Yuva Sathi' has been launched by Mamata Banerjee, Chief Minister of West Bengal.
- It will commence from April 1, 2026, aiming to provide financial assistance to unemployed youth for livelihood and skill development.
- Beneficiaries receive a monthly stipend of ₹1,500 via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for up to five years, provided they remain unemployed.
- Eligibility: Applicants must have passed the Madhyamik examination, be aged 21–40 years, and not be beneficiaries of any other West Bengal welfare scheme.

About West Bengal :

- Capital : Kolkata
- CM : Mamata Banerjee
- Governor : Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose





Ques: The “State of Energy Innovation 2026” report has been released by which organisation?

- A) World Bank
- B) International Energy Agency (IEA)
- C) International Renewable Energy Agency
- D) United Nations Environment Programme
- E) World Economic Forum

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The report “State of Energy Innovation 2026” was released by the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- It highlights that geopolitics and supply chain security are now major drivers of energy innovation alongside climate goals.
- While R&D spending is rising, public funding intensity has not reached the peak levels seen in the 1980s.
- Many mature technologies fail to scale due to a lack of early-stage funding, a phenomenon termed the “Valley of Death.”
- IEA Headquarters – Paris, France.
- Founded in 1974 following the 1973 oil crisis within the OECD framework.
- Aim – To provide analysis, data, policy recommendations and solutions to ensure secure and sustainable energy for all.
- Membership – 32 Member countries and 13 Association countries (India is an associate member).





Ques: The 'Rail Parcel App' has been launched by which Railway Zone?

- A) Northern Railway
- B) Western Railway
- C) South Central Railway
- D) Eastern Railway
- E) Southern Railway

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 'Rail Parcel App' was launched by South Central Railway (SCR) at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.
- It is India's first digital e-marketplace for rail freight logistics, offering doorstep pickup, delivery, real-time tracking, and digital payments.
- The app aims to modernise and streamline rail-based parcel logistics.
- SCR was established on 2 October 1966, headquartered in Secunderabad, with General Manager (2026) Sanjay Kumar Srivastava.

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Ques: The Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor is India’s first operational system under which transport network?

- A) Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)
- B) High-Speed Rail (Bullet Train)
- C) Metro Rail System
- D) Suburban Rail Network
- E) Dedicated Freight Corridor

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 82 km Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor is India’s first operational Regional Rapid Transit System.
- It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Meerut.
- Designed for speeds up to 180 kmph, it connects Delhi with Ghaziabad, Modinagar, and Meerut.
- For the first time in India, Nammo Bharat trains and Metro rail operate on the same track and stations.

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Ques: What is the minimum Research Octane Number (RON) mandated for E20 petrol from April 1, 2026?

- A) 91
- B) 92
- C) 93
- D) 95
- E) 97

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- From April 1, 2026, sale of E20 petrol (20% ethanol blend) is mandatory across all States and Union Territories.
- The minimum Research Octane Number (RON) for E20 petrol is 95.
- The mandate aims to reduce oil imports, cut emissions, and promote ethanol blending.
- Higher RON ensures better engine performance and prevents knocking.

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Ques: The “Speaker of the Knesset Medal” is the highest honour of which country’s Parliament?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Speaker of the Knesset Medal is the highest honour of the Israeli Parliament (Knesset).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian PM to address the Knesset plenum and receive this medal during his 2026 visit.
- This award recognises distinguished contributions and strengthens India–Israel bilateral relations.

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Ques: Under the CBDC-based Food Subsidy Pilot launched in Puducherry under PMGKAY, subsidy will be credited in which form?

- A) Direct cash transfer in bank account
- B) UPI transfer
- C) Programmable CBDC tokens in CBDC wallet
- D) Food coupons
- E) Aadhaar-linked vouchers

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the CBDC-based Food Subsidy Pilot in Puducherry, the subsidy is credited as programmable CBDC tokens directly into beneficiaries' CBDC wallets.
- These tokens can be redeemed only at Fair Price Shops (FPS) for entitled foodgrains.
- The pilot integrates Digital Rupee (₹) issued by RBI with the DBT framework, implemented with support from RBI, PFMS, and Canara Bank.

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Ques: The 'Chintan Shivir' organized by the Ministry of Minority Affairs in February 2026 was held at which university?

- A) Nalanda University
- B) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- C) Banaras Hindu University
- D) Aligarh Muslim University
- E) Patna University

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) organized 'Chintan Shivir' to review and strengthen minority welfare policies.
- The event was held from 18–19 February 2026 at Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar.
- It was led by Union Minister Kiren Rijju and Union Minister of State George Kurian.
- Digital initiatives like the NIGRANI App under PMJVK were launched to enable real-time monitoring and enhance transparency of infrastructure projects.

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Ques: Night-time pilotage has been introduced for the first time in the upper reaches of which river?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority (SMPA) conducted night-time pilotage for the first time in its 155-year history.
- The operation took place in the upper reaches of the Hooghly River to improve navigation efficiency.
- The initiative is expected to reduce vessel turnaround time and enhance overall port productivity.
- SMP Port (Kolkata Port) is located on the Hooghly River in Kolkata, West Bengal, under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

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Ques: The Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games were hosted by which country?

- A) France
- B) Switzerland
- C) Italy
- D) Austria
- E) Germany

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games were held in northern Italy from February 6 to 22, 2026.
- It was the 25th edition of the Winter Olympics and the fourth time Italy hosted an Olympic event.
- The Games were primarily conducted in Milan (Milano) and Cortina d'Ampezzo, marking the first time two cities officially co-hosted the Winter Olympics.
- The 2026 Games featured the debut of ski mountaineering as a Winter Olympic sport.
- These were the first Olympics under the International Olympic Committee (IOC) presidency of Kirsty Coventry.

Ranking of top 3 in medal tally:

- 1 Norway : (18) Gold, (12) Silver, (11) Bronze, (41) Total
- 2 USA : (12) Gold, (12) Silver, (9) Bronze, (33) Total
- 3 Netherlands : (10) Gold, (7) Silver, (3) Bronze, (20) Total

About Winter Olympic Games:

- Venues : 1. Milan (ice events) 2. Cortina d'Ampezzo (women's alpine and sliding sports) 3. Valtellina/Livigno (freestyle and snowboard) 4. Val di Fiemme (Nordic events)





- Organiser : International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- Sports : 116 in 16 sports
- Motto : IT's Your Vibe
- Mascot : Tina and Milo
- 26th Edition : Hosted by French Alps, France
- India : India fielded a two-member contingent—Arif Mohammad Khan (Alpine Skiing) and Stanzin Lundup (Cross-Country Skiing)— though the country did not secure a medal



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Ques: India's highest total in T20 World Cup history (256/4) came against which country?

- A) England
- B) Australia
- C) Zimbabwe
- D) South Africa
- E) New Zealand

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India scored 256/4 against Zimbabwe in Chennai, marking its highest-ever total in T20 World Cup history.
- This surpassed India's previous best of 218/4 against England in Durban (2007).
- Overall, it is the second-highest total in T20 World Cup history, after Sri Lanka's 260/6 vs Kenya (2007).

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Ques: Rob Jetten has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Belgium
- B) Denmark
- C) Netherlands
- D) Sweden
- E) Norway

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rob Jetten (38) has been appointed as the youngest Prime Minister of the Netherlands.
- At 38 years, he became the youngest person in the country's history to hold the office.
- Previously, the youngest Prime Minister was Ruud Lubbers, who took office in 1982 at 43 years.

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Ques: The semiconductor plant inaugurated in Sanand by PM Narendra Modi belongs to which company?

- A) Intel
- B) TSMC
- C) Micron Technology
- D) Samsung
- E) AMD

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Micron Technology's ATMP semiconductor plant in Sanand, Gujarat.
- The plant is an ATMP (Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging) facility, India's first of its kind.
- It will assemble and test DRAM and NAND memory products, and manufacture SSDs for domestic and global markets.
- Micron Technology has invested ₹22,516 crore in the project, currently employing around 2,000 people, with potential for 5,000 direct jobs.
- Micron's headquarters is in Boise, Idaho, USA.
- Sanand is located in Gujarat.
- The project is aligned with the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).
- DRAM stands for Dynamic Random Access Memory and NAND is a flash memory technology.

