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**Ques: Who was appointed as the Interim Part-Time Chairman of HDFC Bank after Atanu Chakraborty's resignation?**

- A) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- B) Atanu Chakraborty
- C) Keki Mistry
- D) Shaktikanta Das
- E) Uday Kotak

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Atanu Chakraborty, part-time chairman of HDFC Bank, resigned with immediate effect citing concerns related to “values and ethics.”
- Following the resignation, board members approached the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for approval to appoint Keki Mistry as interim part-time chairman, which was quickly approved.
- RBI clarified that there were no governance or conduct issues at HDFC Bank.
- The bank's stock fell by 5.1%, and its market capitalization declined significantly after the news.
- The board is also expected to approve the reappointment of MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan.





**Ques: Which bank received a USD 500 million loan from an IFSC Banking Unit in GIFT City, Gujarat?**

- A) Bank of Baroda
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) Punjab National Bank

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Bank of Baroda received a USD 500 million loan from an IFSC Banking Unit located in GIFT City.
- The loan has a tenure of five years and will be used for general banking operations and corporate purposes.
- The deal saw participation from 13 investors across Asian markets, including Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, and Singapore.
- MUFG Bank and HSBC acted as mandated lead arrangers for the loan.

**About Bank of Baroda:**

- Established: 1908
- Headquarters: Vadodara, Gujarat
- Tagline: India's International Bank
- MD & CEO: Debadatta Chand





**Ques: The National Para Athletics Championship 2026 will be held at which stadium?**

- A) Kalinga Stadium
- B) Salt Lake Stadium
- C) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
- D) DY Patil Stadium
- E) Sardar Patel Stadium

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The National Para Athletics Championship 2026 will be held at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.
- The event is scheduled from 19–21 March 2026.
- It is organised by the Paralympic Committee of India in collaboration with the Government of Odisha.
- The championship promotes sports participation among para-athletes in India.

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**Ques: NTPC Renewable Energy has begun commercial supply of 165 MW electricity from which solar project?**

- A) Khavda-I Solar Project
- B) Rewa Solar Project
- C) Khavda-II Solar Project
- D) Bhadla Solar Project
- E) Pavagada Solar Project

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- NTPC Renewable Energy, the step-down arm of NTPC Limited, has begun commercial supply of 165 MW electricity from the Khavda-II Solar Project in Gujarat.
- The Khavda-II Solar Project has a total capacity of 1200 MW.
- With this commissioning, NTPC Group's total installed capacity has reached 88,709 MW, while commercial capacity stands at 87,629 MW.
- In a separate filing, NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) reported its commercial capacity at 9,562.68 MW.
- This reflects NTPC Group's rapid expansion in renewable energy and its push toward achieving 60 GW renewable capacity by 2032.
- It also contributes to India's broader target of achieving 500 GW renewable energy capacity by 2030.

**About NTPC Limited :**

- **Full Name – National Thermal Power Corporation Limited**
- **Founded – 7 November 1975**
- **Headquarters – New Delhi**
- **CMD (2026) – Gurdeep Singh**





**Ques: Which country has been ranked as the happiest country in the world for the 9th consecutive year according to the World Happiness Report 2026?**

- A. Iceland
- B. Denmark
- C. Finland
- D. Sweden
- E. Norway

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The World Happiness Report 2026, published by the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford, ranked Finland as the world's happiest country for the 9th consecutive year.
- Iceland and Denmark secured the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively, while Costa Rica achieved 4th rank — the highest ever for a Latin American country.
- The report covered 147 countries, and India ranked 116th, improving from its 118th position in 2025.
- A key concern highlighted was the decline in happiness levels among youth (under 25 years) in countries like the USA, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.
- Excessive use of social media over the past decade has been identified as a major factor behind this decline.





**Ques: N. Chandrasekaran was awarded the honorary title of Knight Commander of which order by the UK government?**

- A) Order of the British Empire
- B) Order of the Garter
- C) Order of the Thistle
- D) Royal Victorian Order
- E) Order of Merit

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Chairman of the Tata Group, was awarded an honorary knighthood by the UK government.
- He was conferred the title of “Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE)”.
- The honour was given for his outstanding contribution to strengthening India-UK business relations.
- Honorary knighthood is awarded to foreign nationals for significant contributions in various fields.

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**Ques: President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Nand Kishor Somani Oncology Block at which hospital?**

- A) AIIMS, Lucknow
- B) Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama Hospital, Vrindavan
- C) Sanjay Gandhi PGI, Lucknow
- D) BHU Hospital, Varanasi
- E) Medanta Hospital, Lucknow

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Nand Kishor Somani Oncology Block at Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama Hospital.
- The initiative aims to strengthen cancer care facilities in the region.
- The Oncology Block is equipped with advanced radiotherapy and diagnostic facilities, improving access to quality cancer treatment.
- During her three-day visit to Uttar Pradesh, she also visited Premanand Ji Maharaj Ashram.
- She paid floral tributes at the Samadhi of Neeb Karori Baba in Vrindavan.
- She is also scheduled to visit Vatsalya Gram, a welfare organisation working for elderly, women, and children.

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**Ques:** India has become the world's \_\_\_\_ largest metro network in terms of length.

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

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- India has become the world's third-largest metro network.
- India now operates over 1,143 km of metro lines, with nearly 936 km under construction.
- Metro coverage has expanded from just 5 cities in 2014 to 26 cities in 2025.
- The metro network increased significantly from 248 km in 2014 to around 1,095 km by 2025.
- The annual metro budget rose from ₹5,798 crore (2013–14) to ₹29,550 crore (2025–26), showing strong government focus on urban transport.

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**Ques: Which stadium has been selected to host the 2028 World Athletics Indoor Championships in India?**

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi
- B) Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, Delhi
- C) Kalinga Indoor Stadium, Bhubaneswar
- D) Sardar Patel Stadium, Ahmedabad
- E) Barabati Stadium, Cuttack

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The World Athletics Council allotted the 2028 World Athletics Indoor Championships to India.
- The event will be held at the Kalinga Indoor Stadium, Bhubaneswar, as confirmed by AFI President Bahadur Singh Sagoo.
- The decision was taken during the World Athletics Council meeting in Torun, Poland, which is also the venue for the 2026 edition.
- The Kalinga Indoor Stadium is the first of its kind indoor athletics facility in India.
- A two-member World Athletics delegation inspected the venue in January before final approval.
- The stadium is also a front-runner to host the 2028 Asian Indoor Championships.
- India last hosted a global athletics event in 2004 — the World Half-Marathon.





**Ques:** Which state has emerged as the top contributor to India's mining economy as per the ASSOCHAM-ICRA report?

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Odisha has emerged as the top contributor to India's mining economy, according to the ASSOCHAM-ICRA report.
- Odisha contributes around 14% of India's mining Gross Value Added (GVA).
  
- **Other major contributing states include:**
  - Gujarat – 12.9%
  - Maharashtra – 12.1%
  - Rajasthan – 9.6%
  - Madhya Pradesh – 8.6%
  
- These top 5 states together contribute more than 57% of India's mining GVA.





**Ques: The Election Commission of India has extended the postal ballot facility to electors above which age and which category?**

- A) Above 75 years & Senior Citizens
- B) Above 80 years & PwD
- C) Above 85 years & PwD
- D) Above 90 years & PwD
- E) Above 70 years & Women

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Election Commission of India has extended the postal ballot facility to electors above 85 years of age and Persons with Disabilities (PwD).
- This step has been taken ahead of assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, along with by-elections in six states.
- Eligible voters can apply using Form 12D within five days of election notification with the help of Booth Level Officers (BLOs).
- Polling teams will visit voters' residences to collect votes, ensuring convenience and secrecy.
- The facility is also extended to essential service workers and authorised media personnel through nodal officers.
- Service voters will receive ballots through the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS).

**Static Part — Election Commission of India (ECI) :**

- **Established – 25 January 1950**
- **Headquarters – Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi**
- **Chief Election Commissioner (2026) – Gyanesh Kumar**
- **Constitutional Provision – Article 324 of Indian Constitution**





**Ques: What is the name of the AI chatbot launched as part of PRARAMBH 2026 by the Income Tax Department?**

- A. Kar Saathi
- B. Tax Mitra
- C. Seva Bot
- D. Aykar Setu
- E. Digi Tax

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched 'PRARAMBH 2026', a nationwide multimedia campaign by the Income Tax Department to educate taxpayers about the new Income Tax Act, 2025 effective from April 1, 2026.
- As part of this initiative, an AI chatbot named "Kar Saathi" was introduced to assist taxpayers and provide guidance for a smooth transition to the new tax system.
- The campaign also includes 300+ workshops and the launch of Income Tax Website 2.0 with improved usability and navigation.
- The initiative, guided by Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), aims to simplify taxation, reduce disputes, improve compliance, and build trust among taxpayers.
- It also marks a significant step as both direct and indirect tax systems are being reformed simultaneously for the first time in independent India.

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**Ques: At which summit was the International Conference on Carbon Markets 'Prakriti 2026' inaugurated?**

- A. India Energy Summit 2026
- B. Bharat Electricity Summit 2026
- C. Green India Summit 2026
- D. Climate Action Summit 2026
- E. Renewable Energy India Expo 2026

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the International Conference on Carbon Markets — 'Prakriti 2026' and the Indian Carbon Market Portal at the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 in New Delhi.
- He emphasized that climate responsibility and economic development can progress together under the leadership of Narendra Modi.
- India is developing a transparent and credible carbon market framework, which will act as a long-term national asset and strengthen India's global climate leadership.
- India has already launched a Carbon Credit Trading Scheme with 9 notified methodologies and over 40 registered entities working in sectors like biogas, hydrogen, and forestry.





**Ques: Which platform has partnered with FIFA to stream the first 10 minutes of FIFA World Cup 2026 matches?**

- A) YouTube
- B) Amazon Prime
- C) Netflix
- D) Disney+ Hotstar
- E) Facebook

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- FIFA has partnered with YouTube to introduce a new streaming format for the FIFA World Cup 2026.
- Under this plan, global fans will be able to watch the first 10 minutes of matches live on YouTube.
- After the initial 10 minutes, viewers will be redirected to official broadcasters.
- The 2026 edition will be the largest in history, featuring 48 teams and 104 matches.
- It will be hosted by United States, Canada, and Mexico.

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**Ques: Prambanan Temple, recently in news, is dedicated to which Hindu concept?**

- A) Dashavatara
- B) Trimurti (Shiva, Vishnu, Brahma)
- C) Shakti
- D) Navagraha
- E) Panchatatva

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India and Indonesia have announced a joint initiative to restore the Prambanan Temple complex.
- The temple is located in Sleman near Yogyakarta in Java and is the largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia.
- It is also known as “Roro Jonggrang,” meaning the Temple of the Slender Virgin.
- The temple was built in the 9th century by the Sanjaya Dynasty.
- It is dedicated to the Hindu Trimurti—Brahma (creator), Vishnu (preserver), and Shiva (destroyer).
- The site was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991.
- The complex consists of around 240 temples, showcasing advanced architecture and craftsmanship.





**Ques: What is the Theme of International Day of Forests 2026?**

- A. Forests and Innovation
- B. Forests and People
- C. Forests and Economies
- D. Forests and Water
- E. Forests and Biodiversity

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The International Day of Forests (IDF) is observed every year on 21st March and was proclaimed in 2012 by the United Nations General Assembly to raise awareness about the importance of forests.
- The theme for 2026 is "Forests and Economies", highlighting the vital role of forests in supporting economic development and livelihoods.
- Union Minister Bhupender Yadav urged citizens to protect forests, emphasizing that forests are not just resources but are essential for life.
- Countries across the world organise activities like tree plantation drives and awareness campaigns to promote forest conservation and sustainability.

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

- A) 15th March
- B) 20th March
- C) 22nd March
- D) 25th March
- E) 5th June

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- World Sparrow Day is observed every year on 20th March across the world.
- It was launched in 2010 by Nature Forever Society in collaboration with Eco-Sys Action Foundation.
- The objective is to raise awareness about the rapid decline in sparrow populations due to urbanization, pollution, and habitat loss.
- Sparrows play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance by controlling insects and aiding pollination.
- Various activities like awareness campaigns, art competitions, and community initiatives are organized globally.
- Simple steps like installing bird feeders, planting native vegetation, and reducing pesticide use can help conserve sparrows.





**Ques: National Vaccination Day is observed in India on which date?**

- A) 14 March
- B) 15 March
- C) 18 March
- D) 17 March
- E) 16 March

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- National Vaccination Day is observed on 16 March every year in India.
- It commemorates the first dose of the Pulse Polio Programme administered on 16 March 1995.
- India was declared polio-free by the World Health Organization on 27 March 2014.
- The day highlights the importance of immunization in preventing life-threatening diseases.

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**Ques: Jose Joseph Kattur, recently appointed as part-time chairman, is associated with which bank?**

- A) Federal Bank
- B) South Indian Bank
- C) Canara Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) Indian Bank

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Jose Joseph Kattur has been appointed as non-executive part-time chairman of South Indian Bank.
- The appointment is for a 3-year term effective from 23 March 2026, after RBI approval.
- He succeeds VJ Kurian.
- He has over 30 years of experience at RBI (1991–2023) and has been an independent director since July 2024.
- South Indian Bank was founded in 1929 and is headquartered in Thrissur.

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**Ques:** According to the statement by Pankaj Chaudhary, what is the total amount of loans written off by banks in the last 11 financial years?

- A) ₹5.50 lakh crore
- B) ₹7.25 lakh crore
- C) ₹9.75 lakh crore
- D) ₹12.00 lakh crore
- E) ₹15.00 lakh crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Banks have written off loans worth ₹9.75 lakh crore in the last 11 financial years.
- The highest write-off was recorded in FY20 at ₹1.59 lakh crore.
- Since then, the amount has been declining, reaching ₹47,568 crore in FY25.
- Earlier trend shows steady rise: ₹31,723 crore (FY15), ₹40,416 crore (FY16), ₹68,308 crore (FY17), ₹99,132 crore (FY18).
- In FY19, write-offs crossed ₹1 lakh crore, reaching around ₹1.59 lakh crore.

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**Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a ₹31.8 lakh penalty on which bank for non-compliance with rules related to inoperative accounts?**

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) HSBC
- D) Axis Bank
- E) Standard Chartered

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The RBI imposed a ₹31.8 lakh penalty on HSBC.
- The penalty was for non-compliance with RBI guidelines on inoperative accounts and unclaimed deposits.
- The action followed a statutory inspection based on the bank's financial position as of 31 March 2025.
- HSBC was founded in 1865 and is headquartered in London, United Kingdom.
- Its CEO (2026) is Georges Elhedery and Chairman is Brendon Nelson.

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**Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revised its approval for which bank's transition to a universal bank without requiring a Non-Operating Holding Company (NOHC) for now?**

- A) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- B) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- C) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- D) Jana Small Finance Bank
- E) AU Small Finance Bank

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The RBI has revised its earlier approval for AU Small Finance Bank to transition into a universal bank.
- It has allowed promoter shareholding to continue without setting up a Non-Operating Holding Company (NOHC) for now.
- RBI clarified that NOHC will be required only if the group sets up additional financial service entities in the future.
- Earlier, RBI had granted in-principle approval on 7 August 2025, valid for 18 months for this transition.

**About AU Small Finance Bank:**

- **Established : 2017**
- **HQ : Jaipur, Rajasthan**
- **CEO & MD : Sanjay Agarwal**
- **Tagline : Badlaav Humse Hai**





**Ques: RBI's "Utkarsh 3.0" framework will guide policy priorities for which period?**

- A) 2025–2028
- B) 2026–2029
- C) 2024–2027
- D) 2027–2030
- E) 2023–2026

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- RBI approved the Medium-Term Strategy Framework "Utkarsh 3.0" for 2026–2029.
- The decision was taken at the 622nd Central Board meeting held in Patna.
- The meeting was chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.
- The framework focuses on strengthening regulation, financial stability, and institutional efficiency.
- RBI also approved the budget for FY 2026–27 during the meeting.

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**Ques: By 2030, India's digital economy is projected to contribute approximately what percentage to the country's GDP?**

- A) 10%
- B) 13%
- C) 18%
- D) 20%
- E) 30%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- India's digital economy is projected to contribute nearly 20% to GDP by 2030, up from about 13% currently.
- Growth is driven by digital sectors expanding faster than the overall economy.
- India has signed agreements with 53+ countries to export its Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) model.
- DPI includes digital identity, payments, and data exchange systems.
- Software service exports (~\$250 billion) are expected to shift towards high-value AI-enabled services.

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**Ques: What is the total outlay proposed under the Biopharma SHAKTI initiative ?**

- A) ₹5,000 crore
- B) ₹8,000 crore
- C) ₹10,000 crore
- D) ₹12,000 crore
- E) ₹15,000 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Biopharma SHAKTI initiative was proposed in Union Budget 2026–27.
- The total outlay is ₹10,000 crore over 5 years.
- It aims to make India a global biopharmaceutical manufacturing hub.
- Focus is on domestic production of biologics and biosimilars.
- It will boost innovation and growth in the pharmaceutical sector.

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**Ques: Yamaha Music India appointed which personality as its brand ambassador?**

- A) Arijit Singh
- B) A. R. Rahman
- C) Sonu Nigam
- D) Shankar Mahadevan
- E) Amit Trivedi

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Yamaha Music India Private Limited appointed A. R. Rahman as its brand ambassador.
- The company is a subsidiary of Yamaha Corporation, headquartered in Hamamatsu, Japan.
- The announcement was made at a press event in Chennai.
- A. R. Rahman highlighted Yamaha's role in his musical journey and said Yamaha products will be used in his music school.
- Yamaha aims to expand its presence in India and inspire young talent through this partnership.

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**Ques: Why was the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2025 withdrawn from the Lok Sabha?**

- A) New law
- B) Committee changes
- C) No support
- D) Merge bill
- E) Protest

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Government withdrew the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2025 to incorporate recommendations of a Select Committee.
- The bill aims to decriminalise minor offences and rationalise penalties.
- The withdrawal motion was moved by Piyush Goyal and approved by voice vote in the Lok Sabha.
- The 2025 Bill continues reforms initiated under the Jan Vishwas Act, 2023.

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**Ques: INS Taragiri, recently in news, belongs to which project?**

- A) Project 15B
- B) Project 75
- C) Project 17A
- D) Project 28
- E) Project 1135.6

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- INS Taragiri will be commissioned on April 3, 2026.
- The ceremony will be held in Visakhapatnam and presided over by Rajnath Singh.
- It is an indigenous stealth frigate equipped with advanced weapons including supersonic missiles.
- INS Taragiri is the fourth Nilgiri-class ship under Project 17A.
- It was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited and delivered on November 28, 2025.
- It highlights India's progress in self-reliance in naval design and construction.

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**Ques: Lionel Messi recently became the second men's footballer to achieve which milestone?**

- A) 500 goals
- B) 700 goals
- C) 800 goals
- D) 900 goals
- E) 1000 goals

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Lionel Messi became the second men's footballer to score 900 goals in official matches.
- He achieved this milestone while playing for Inter Miami CF against Nashville SC in Florida.
- He joins Cristiano Ronaldo, who was the first to reach 900 goals in September 2024.
- This milestone reflects Messi's consistency and long-term excellence in football.

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**Ques: What is the revised monthly stipend under the PM Internship Scheme?**

- A) ₹9,000
- B) ₹7,000
- C) ₹5,000
- D) ₹10,000
- E) ₹12,000

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The government increased the monthly stipend from ₹5,000 to ₹9,000 to boost participation.
- The scheme now includes sectors like semiconductors, renewable energy, and global capability centres.
- Companies can participate even without mandatory CSR obligations.
- Eligibility criteria: 18–25 years age group.
- Internship duration revised to 6–9 months (earlier 1 year).

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**Ques: The Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR initiative, recently commenced by the Indian Navy, is associated with which concept?**

- A) Trade expansion
- B) Tourism promotion
- C) Space research
- D) Agriculture growth
- E) Maritime security & cooperation

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The IOS SAGAR initiative focuses on maritime security and cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region.
- It involves participation from Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) with 16 member nations.
- India assumed the chairmanship of IONS in February 2026 at the conclave held in Visakhapatnam.
- The initiative reflects India's SAGAR vision (Security and Growth for All in the Region).

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**Ques: Which country ranked first in the Global Terrorism Index 2026?**

- A) Pakistan
- B) Afghanistan
- C) Iraq
- D) Syria
- E) Nigeria

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Pakistan ranked No. 1 in the Global Terrorism Index 2026 for the first time.
- The report is published by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).
- Terror-related fatalities in Pakistan increased by 6% in 2025.
- The country recorded 1,139 deaths and 1,045 terror incidents in 2025, the highest since 2013.
- 2025 marked the sixth consecutive year of rising terrorism deaths in Pakistan.
- A major surge in hostage incidents was observed, including the Jaffar Express attack.
- Regions like Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan accounted for the majority of attacks and deaths.

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**Ques: Who won the Mark Lynton History Prize 2026 for the book “The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World”?**

- A) Ramachandra Guha
- B) William Dalrymple
- C) Romila Thapar
- D) Irfan Habib
- E) Audrey Truschke

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- William Dalrymple won the Mark Lynton History Prize 2026.
- He was awarded for his book The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World.
- The prize carries a cash award of \$10,000.
- It is awarded by the Nieman Foundation for Journalism and the Columbia University School of Journalism.

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**Ques: Why did FIFA impose a fine of \$190,700 on the Israeli Football Association (IFA)?**

- A) Match fixing
- B) Racist behaviour
- C) Financial fraud
- D) Doping violation
- E) Ticket issues

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- FIFA fined the Israeli Football Association for breaching anti-discrimination rules.
- The penalty was imposed due to failure to act against racist behaviour.
- The issue was linked to incidents involving Beitar Jerusalem.

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**Ques: Who received the KISS Humanitarian Award 2025?**

- A) Sudha Murty
- B) Nita Ambani
- C) Indra Nooyi
- D) Ratan Tata
- E) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Nita Ambani received the KISS Humanitarian Award 2025.
- The award ceremony was held at the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar.
- The award was presented by Mohan Munasinghe.
- The KISS Humanitarian Award was established in 2008 by Achyuta Samanta.
- It recognizes outstanding contributions to humanity, compassionate service, and social upliftment.

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**Ques:** By which year does the Government aim to provide insurance coverage for all, as stated by Nirmala Sitharaman?

- A) 2028
- B) 2029
- C) 2031
- D) 2033
- E) 2040

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

- The Government aims to provide insurance coverage for all by 2033.
- A rural outreach plan will cover 25,000 Gram Panchayats as basic units under Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) norms.
- India's insurance penetration is low, with per capita premium at \$97 compared to the global average of \$943.
- The health insurance sector is growing rapidly, reaching ₹1,17,505 crore and covering about 58 crore lives.

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**Ques: What is the total investment under the 'Punjab Sikhya Kranti 2.0' initiative?**

- A) ₹2,000 crore
- B) ₹2,500 crore
- C) ₹3,000 crore
- D) ₹3,500 crore
- E) ₹4,000 crore

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of Punjab, in collaboration with the World Bank, launched 'Punjab Sikhya Kranti 2.0'.
- The initiative has a total investment of ₹3,500 crore over a period of 6 years.
- Out of this, the World Bank will provide ₹2,500 crore as loan assistance, while the Punjab Government will contribute ₹1,000 crore.
- The initiative aims to strengthen the education system through reforms in its second phase.

**About World Bank:**

- Established: 1944
- Headquarters: Washington, DC
- Members: 189
- President: Ajay Banga





**Ques: Under SEBI's proposed revised nomination rules, what is the maximum number of nominees allowed for demat accounts and mutual fund folios?**

- A) 4
- B) 5
- C) 3
- D) 7
- E) 10

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed changes to simplify nomination rules for demat accounts and mutual fund folios.
- The number of nominees will be capped at four, replacing the earlier proposal of up to ten nominees.
- The proposal allows nominees to operate accounts in case the investor becomes incapacitated but still has contractual capacity.
- The existing Power of Attorney mechanism can also be used in such situations.
- Only name and relationship of nominee will be mandatory; other details are optional to reduce compliance burden.
- Nomination will be the default option for new accounts, and investors must opt out if they do not wish to appoint a nominee.
- Existing account holders without nomination will receive reminders via email and SMS.

**About SEBI :**

- **Established : April 12, 1988**
- **ACT : Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992**
- **HQ : Mumbai**
- **Chairman : Tuhin Kanta Pandey**





**Ques: Which initiative was launched in partnership with Google and YouTube for AI skill development?**

- A) MyWAVES Platform
- B) Digital India Mission
- C) National AI Skilling Initiative
- D) BharatNet Project
- E) Startup India

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- Ashwini Vaishnaw launched three initiatives to boost India's media, broadcasting, and digital sector.
- The National AI Skilling Initiative was launched in partnership with Google and YouTube through IICT.
- The initiative aims to build an AI-skilled workforce in India.
- MyWAVES platform was launched as a citizen creator platform on WAVES OTT.
- Advanced EPG and in-built satellite tuners were introduced to improve access to DD Free Dish services.
- These initiatives promote the "Orange Economy" and strengthen public broadcasting.





**Ques: What is the total financial outlay of the RELIEF scheme launched by DGFT to support exporters affected by the West Asia conflict?**

- A) ₹347 crore
- B) ₹497 crore
- C) ₹457 crore
- D) ₹600 crore
- E) ₹750 crore

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- Directorate General of Foreign Trade under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched the RELIEF (Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) scheme.
- The scheme aims to support Indian exporters affected by the ongoing conflict in West Asia.
- The total financial outlay of the scheme is ₹497 crore under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM).
- ECGC Ltd. is the nodal and implementing agency responsible for verification, claim processing, disbursement, and monitoring.
- ECGC will cover consignments to or via countries like United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Iraq, Iran, Israel, and Yemen.
- The scheme has three components: insured exporters, upcoming exports, and non-insured exporters.
- Already insured exporters will get up to 100% risk coverage (Feb 14–Mar 15, 2026) with ₹56 crore support.
- Future exporters (Mar 16–Jun 15, 2026) will get up to 95% risk coverage with ₹159 crore support.
- MSME exporters will get up to 50% reimbursement for freight and insurance surcharge (₹282 crore support).
- The support is subject to conditions, verification, and a ceiling of up to ₹50 lakh per exporter.





**Ques: Who has become the youngest centurion in Women's T20 Internationals (T20Is)?**

- A) Shafali Verma
- B) Fanny Utagushmaninde
- C) Smriti Mandhana
- D) Prosscovia Alako
- E) Meg Lanning

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- Fanny Utagushmaninde became the youngest centurion in Women's T20 Internationals.
- She scored an unbeaten 111 runs off 65 balls against Ghana.
- She achieved this feat at the age of 15 years and 223 days.
- She surpassed the previous record held by Prosscovia Alako, who scored a century at 16 years and 233 days in 2019.

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**Ques: What is the name of India's first privately developed tokamak?**

- A) ADITYA-1
- B) SST-1
- C) PRAGYA
- D) ITER
- E) ADITYA-U

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- Pranos Fusion, a Bengaluru-based startup, developed a tokamak device named PRAGYA.
- PRAGYA is India's first privately developed tokamak and also the smallest, with a radius of just 40 cm.
- A tokamak is a device used in nuclear fusion reactors to confine plasma using magnetic fields for energy generation.
- India already operates tokamaks like ADITYA-1, ADITYA-U, and SST-1 under the Institute of Plasma Research, Gandhinagar.
- SST-1 is notable for using superconducting magnets for plasma confinement.
- Tokamaks are crucial for nuclear fusion research aimed at clean and sustainable energy.





**Ques: Which state government has launched the Rythu Bharosa scheme?**

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

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

- The Telangana Government has released the first installment of the Rythu Bharosa scheme.
- The disbursement was launched by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.
- The scheme provides financial assistance to farmers, especially those owning up to one acre of land.
- It aims to support agricultural activities and improve farmers' income.

Telangana:

- Capital: Hyderabad
- Chief Minister: Revanth Reddy
- Governor: Shiv Pratap Shukla

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**Ques: Bhupathiraju Anmish Varma set a Guinness World Record in which field?**

- A) Fastest Everest climb
- B) Seven Summits
- C) Seven Volcanic Summits
- D) Deep sea diving
- E) Polar expedition

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- Bhupathiraju Anmish Varma, an Indian mountaineer from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, set a Guinness World Record.
- He became the fastest male to scale the Seven Volcanic Summits across all seven continents.
- He completed the challenge in 92 days, 4 hours, and 45 minutes.
- The Seven Volcanic Summits include the highest volcanoes on each of the seven continents.
- This achievement highlights India's growing presence in global mountaineering records.

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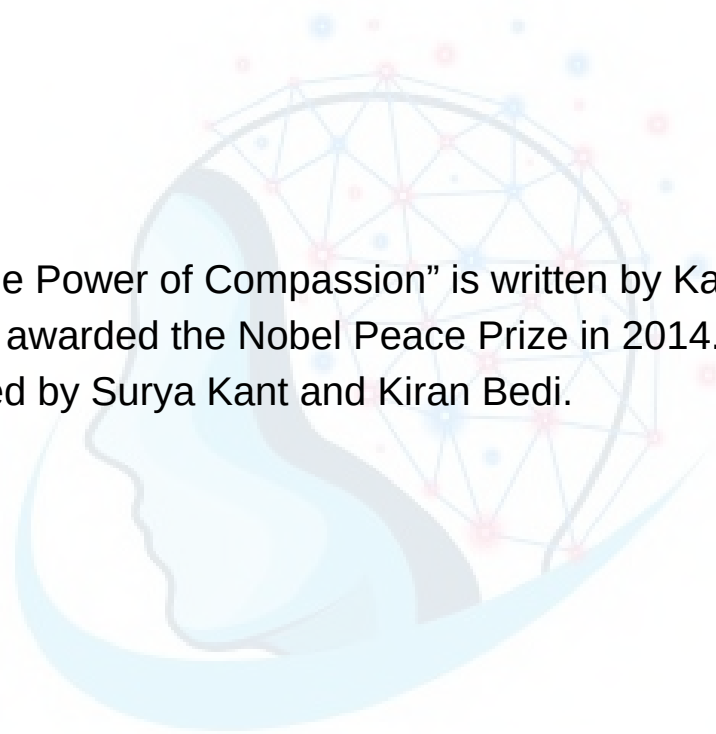
**Ques: “Karuna: The Power of Compassion” is written by whom?**

- A) Amartya Sen
- B) Shashi Tharoor
- C) Chetan Bhagat
- D) Sudha Murty
- E) Kailash Satyarthi

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

- The book “Karuna: The Power of Compassion” is written by Kailash Satyarthi.
- Kailash Satyarthi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.
- The book was released by Surya Kant and Kiran Bedi.



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**Ques: By which year does India aim to achieve self-reliance in drone manufacturing?**

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- Ministry of Defence aims to achieve self-reliance in drone manufacturing by 2030.
- The initiative focuses on reducing dependence on foreign drones.
- The Indian military is expanding its UAV capabilities from surveillance to loitering munitions.
- A roadmap is being prepared to develop key components like electronics, engines, and batteries domestically.
- The plan emphasizes localisation and ensuring Indian companies hold intellectual property rights (IPR).
- India aims to reduce reliance on countries like China, Israel, and the United States due to global supply chain disruptions.
- The Defence Acquisition Procedure has been modified to give higher priority to Indian companies.





**Ques: Who won the Women's Singles title at the Indian Open Squash tournament held in Mumbai?**

- A) Joshna Chinappa
- B) Anahat Singh
- C) Dipika Pallikal
- D) Hana Moataz
- E) Sunayna Kuruvilla

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- Anahat Singh won the Women's Singles title at the Indian Open Squash tournament held in Mumbai.
- She defeated Hana Moataz in the final.
- In Men's Singles, Abhay Singh won the title.
- He defeated Veer Chotrani in the final.

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**Ques: Who has been awarded the 2026 Stockholm Water Prize?**

- A) Kaveh Madani
- B) Rajendra Singh
- C) Sunita Narain
- D) Johan Rockström
- E) Peter Gleick

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- Kaveh Madani, Director of the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health, won the 2026 Stockholm Water Prize.
- The award was announced at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris ahead of World Water Day.
- At the age of 44, he became the youngest recipient in the prize's 35-year history.
- He is also the first UN official and the first former politician to receive the award.

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**Ques: Which country won the 21st AFC Women's Asian Cup title?**

- A) Japan
- B) China
- C) Australia
- D) South Korea
- E) Thailand

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- Japan won their third AFC Women's Asian Cup title by defeating host Australia in the final.
- Maika Hamano scored the only goal of the match.
- Japan's previous titles were in 2014 and 2018.
- It was the 21st edition of the tournament organized by the Asian Football Confederation.
- AFC was formed on 7 May 1954 and is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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**Ques: From April 1, 2026, which of the following is correct regarding new PAN rules?**

- A) PAN number will change to 12 digits
- B) PAN will not be required for property transactions
- C) PAN name will be removed and Aadhaar details will be used
- D) PAN will be required only for income tax filing
- E) PAN validity will expire after 5 years

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- From April 1, 2026, the name printed on PAN card will be removed and details will be aligned with Aadhaar.
- PAN is a 10-digit alphanumeric number issued by the Income Tax Department.
- PAN will be mandatory for cash deposits or withdrawals of ₹10 lakh or more in a financial year.
- The threshold for immovable property transactions has been increased to ₹20 lakh.
- PAN is required for purchase of motor vehicles above ₹5 lakh.
- Cash payments in hotels/restaurants above ₹1 lakh will require PAN.
- These changes aim to improve transparency, curb tax evasion, and strengthen financial tracking.





**Ques: When is the International Day of Happiness observed?**

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- The International Day of Happiness is observed on March 20 every year.
- The theme for 2026 is “Caring and Sharing”.
- It was first observed in 2013.
- The day emphasizes the importance of happiness and well-being as universal goals.

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**Ques: What is the revised minimum investment limit for Social Impact Funds (SIFs) as per Securities and Exchange Board of India?**

- A) ₹10,000
- B) ₹50,000
- C) ₹1,000
- D) ₹2 lakh
- E) ₹5,000

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Securities and Exchange Board of India has reduced the minimum investment limit in Social Impact Funds (SIFs) from ₹2 lakh to ₹1,000.
- SIFs are a sub-category of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).
- The move aims to increase participation of retail and small investors in social investing.
- It aligns SIF investment norms with Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) instruments on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE).
- The reform will help improve funding access for social enterprises in sectors like education, healthcare, and livelihood.

**Static Facts:**

- SEBI Established: 1988
- SEBI Act: 1992
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Chairman: Tuhin Kanta Pandey





**Ques: Which bank became the first in India to launch an overdraft (OD) facility on UPI for women SHG members with PMJDY accounts?**

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Bank of Baroda launched an overdraft (OD) facility on UPI for verified women Self-Help Group (SHG) members holding PMJDY accounts.
- With this, BoB became the first bank in India to introduce such a digital credit solution.
- Eligible women can access up to ₹5,000 as overdraft through this facility.
- The initiative aims to strengthen financial inclusion and promote women-led economic empowerment.
- The project was launched by Shivraj Singh Chouhan at the 25th Central Level Coordination Committee meeting on rural development in Hyderabad.





**Ques: Under the modified MCGS-MSME scheme, what percentage of loan guarantee is provided by the government?**

- A) 50%
- B) 60%
- C) 70%
- D) 75%
- E) 80%

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Government of India has modified the Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME) to enhance business support.
- The scheme provides 60% guarantee cover through National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited.
- In case of default, 60% of the risk is borne by the government.
- Loans are provided by Member Lending Institutions (MLIs) such as banks (SCBs), NBFCs, and All India Financial Institutions.
- Only MSMEs with Udyam Registration can avail the benefit.
- Loan is provided for purchase of machinery and equipment and now includes both manufacturing and service sectors.

**MCGS-MSME Scheme – Key Updated Points:**

- Maximum loan limit is ₹100 crore; total project cost can exceed this amount.
- Minimum machinery/equipment cost requirement reduced to 60% (earlier 75%).
- Repayment:
  - Up to ₹50 crore: 8 years with up to 2 years moratorium
  - Above ₹50 crore: Flexible repayment terms
- Fees:
  - Upfront contribution: 5% (refundable from 4th year)
  - Annual fee: 0% (1st year), 1.5% (next 3 years), then 1%
- Guarantee Tenure:





**Ques: The 5G Innovation Hackathon 2026 is launched by which organization?**

प्रश्न: 5G इनोवेशन हैकैथॉन 2026 किस संगठन द्वारा शुरू किया गया है?

- A) TRAI / ट्राई
- B) DoT / DoT
- C) NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
- D) ISRO / इसरो
- E) MeitY / MeitY

**Answer: Option B**

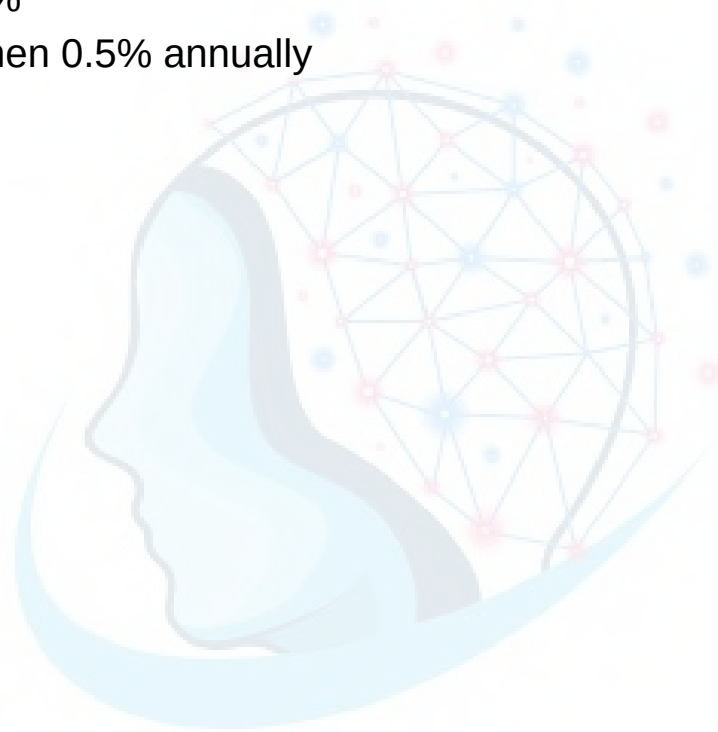
**Explanation | व्याख्या:**

- Department of Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications launched the 2nd edition of 5G Innovation Hackathon 2026 under the “100 5G Use Case Labs” initiative.
- दूरसंचार विभाग ने संचार मंत्रालय के तहत 5G इनोवेशन हैकैथॉन 2026 (दूसरा संस्करण) लॉन्च किया, जो “100 5G यूज़ केस लैब्स” पहल के अंतर्गत है।
- Applications are open from March 20 to April 17, 2026, with a multi-stage evaluation process (screening → regional → national → prototype demo). Selected teams will receive ₹50 lakh seed funding and access to 5G labs.
- आवेदन 20 मार्च से 17 अप्रैल 2026 तक खुले हैं, जिसमें बहु-स्तरीय चयन प्रक्रिया होगी। चयनित टीमों को ₹50 लाख सीड फंड और 5G लैब्स की सुविधा मिलेगी।
- The prize pool exceeds ₹10 lakh (₹5 lakh winner, ₹3 lakh runner-up, ₹1.5 lakh second runner-up + ₹50,000 Best Idea), along with IPR support for up to 25 teams. Results will be announced on October 1, 2026, at the India Mobile Congress 2026.
- कुल पुरस्कार राशि ₹10 लाख से अधिक है (₹5 लाख प्रथम, ₹3 लाख द्वितीय, ₹1.5 लाख तृतीय + ₹50,000 बेस्ट आइडिया), साथ ही 25 टीमों को IPR सहायता मिलेगी। परिणाम 1 अक्टूबर 2026 को India Mobile Congress 2026 में घोषित होंगे।
- Focus areas include 5G/5G Advanced, AI/ML, IoT, network security, healthcare, agriculture, disaster management, FWA, NTN, network slicing, and QoS to develop scalable telecom innovations.
- फोकस क्षेत्र में 5G/5G एडवांस्ड, AI/ML, IoT, नेटवर्क सुरक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, कृषि, आपदा प्रबंधन, FWA, NTN, नेटवर्क स्लाइसिंग व QoS शामिल हैं, जिनका उद्देश्य स्केलेबल टेलीकॉम समाधान विकसित करना है।





- 4 years or until ₹27 lakh crore limit is reached
- Overall validity: 10 years
- Special Provisions for Exporters:
  - Must have 25% export turnover in last 3 years
  - Guaranteed loan: ₹20 crore
  - Guarantee cover: 75%
  - Fee: 0% (1st year), then 0.5% annually



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**Ques: Which ministry launched the “Yoga 365” initiative to promote daily yoga practice?**

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B) Ministry of AYUSH
- C) Ministry of Education
- D) Ministry of Culture
- E) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of AYUSH launched the “Yoga 365” initiative to promote daily adoption of yoga.
- The campaign was unveiled during Yoga Mahotsav 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, marking the 100-day countdown to International Day of Yoga 2026.
- Awareness of yoga is about 95% in rural areas and 96% in urban areas (as per NSS data).
- Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) partnered with Habuild to provide free daily online yoga sessions.
- The initiative builds on programs like Y-Break, Common Yoga Protocol, and therapeutic yoga modules for non-communicable diseases.





**Ques: Stuti Pradhan, recently in news, belongs to which Indian state?**

- A) Assam
- B) Sikkim
- C) Manipur
- D) Meghalaya
- E) Nagaland

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Stuti Pradhan from Sikkim has been selected to represent India at the World Youth Parliament.
- The World Youth Parliament is an international platform where youth from countries like South Korea, UAE, Kuwait, and Thailand discuss global issues.
- She is the winner of Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025 and has shown strong leadership and parliamentary skills.
- She was also invited as a special guest at Republic Day 2026 in Sikkim.
- She will represent the voice and aspirations of Sikkim and India at the global stage.

**Static Facts:**

- Capital of Sikkim: Gangtok
- Governor: Om Prakash Mathur
- Chief Minister: Prem Singh Tamang





**Ques:** A ₹100 crore Integrated Aqua Park project has been announced in which district of Jammu & Kashmir?

- A) Srinagar
- B) Baramulla
- C) Anantnag
- D) Kupwara
- E) Pulwama

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh announced a ₹100 crore Integrated Aqua Park project in Anantnag district.
- The announcement was made during the first-ever National Conference on Cold Water Fisheries held in Srinagar.

**Objectives:**

- Strengthen aquaculture infrastructure
- Promote cold-water fisheries
- Boost fish production and employment
- Ensure scientific and sustainable development
- The conference was held at Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre and organized by the Department of Fisheries.
- Beneficiaries received refrigerated vehicles and three-wheelers to improve fish transport and market access.
- Sara Bano received approval to set up a Recirculating Aquaculture System unit under the FIDF scheme.

**Best Fisheries Cooperative Societies awarded:**

- Jehlum Fisherman Cooperative Limited
- Affarwat Trout Fish Farmers Cooperative Limited
- Bandi Trout Fish Cooperative Limited





**Ques: Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (RIIT) is associated with which sector?**

- A) Banking
- B) Insurance
- C) Road Infrastructure
- D) Agriculture
- E) Telecom

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- National Highways Authority of India-sponsored Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (RIIT) is set to be listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange.
- RIIT is an Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) that pools funds from investors to invest in highway and road infrastructure assets.
- The listing provides investment opportunities to retail and institutional investors in road infrastructure.
- InvITs are regulated by SEBI.
- The move supports asset monetisation of highway projects under government initiatives.
- Listing on BSE enhances transparency, liquidity, and public participation.

**Static Facts :**

- **NHAI Established: 1988**
- **Headquarters: New Delhi**
- **Chairperson: Santosh Kumar Yadav**
- **SEBI Established: 1992**
- **BSE Established: 1875**





**vQues: Who won the ICC Player of the Month (Men's) award for February?**

- A) Babar Azam
- B) Sahibzada Farhan
- C) Virat Kohli
- D) Rizwan Mohammad
- E) Jos Buttler

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Sahibzada Farhan won the Men's ICC Player of the Month award for February.
- He was recognised for his record-breaking performance in the T20 World Cup.
- Arundhati Reddy won the ICC Player of the Month award (Women) for her performance in the T20I series in Australia.
- The awards recognise outstanding individual performances in international cricket.

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**Ques: India's first LPG ATM has been launched by which company?**

- A) Indian Oil Corporation
- B) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
- C) Adani Total Gas
- D) Reliance Industries
- E) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- India's first LPG ATM has been launched by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
- It is located in Gurugram (Sector 33, Sohna).
- BPCL is a Maharatna PSU under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.
- The project is named "BharatGas Insta LPG" (pilot project).
- Aim: Automated LPG distribution in urban areas with 24×7 access.

**How it works:**

- Enter registered mobile number
- OTP verification
- Scan QR/barcode
- Payment via UP

- Cylinder features: Composite cylinders (~15 kg), lighter than traditional (~31 kg).
  - Capacity: Stores up to 10 cylinders and sends alert when stock falls below 2.
  - The initiative ensures quick, safe delivery and is useful during supply shortages.
- I/debit card





**Ques:** From which date will the Income Tax Rules 2026 come into effect?

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

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- Central Board of Direct Taxes has notified Income Tax Rules 2026, effective from April 1, 2026.
- The rules aim to enhance transparency, digital compliance, and standardization in taxation.
- Children's education allowance increased to ₹3,000/month and hostel allowance to ₹9,000/month per child.
- HRA exemption rules expanded with simplified 50% and 40% criteria.
- Crypto-assets, CBDCs, and digital money are now included under reportable accounts.
- Number of tax rules reduced from 511 to 333 for simplification.
- A new "Tax Year" concept replaces Previous Year & Assessment Year.
- Charitable trusts record-keeping reduced to 6 years from earlier 10 years.
- Stock exchanges must maintain audit trails for 7 years and submit regular reports.
- New rules give more powers for cross-border taxation and income estimation.

**Static Facts**

- CBDT Established: 1964
- Parent Ministry: Ministry of Finance
- Function: Direct tax administration in India





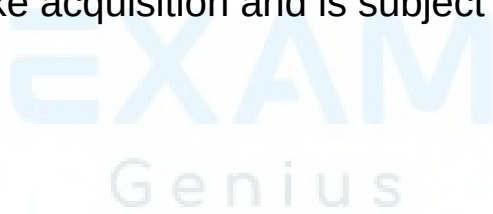
**Ques: Rajasthan Royals has been acquired by a consortium led by which entrepreneur?**

- A) Mukesh Ambani
- B) Gautam Adani
- C) Kal Somani
- D) Ratan Tata
- E) Nandan Nilekani

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Rajasthan Royals has been acquired by a consortium led by US-based entrepreneur Kal Somani.
- The deal is valued at \$1.63 billion (₹15,000+ crore approx.), making it one of the biggest deals in IPL history.
- The consortium includes investors like Rob Walton and members of the Hamp family (Ford).
- Kal Somani is an Arizona-based tech entrepreneur and founder of IntradoEdge, Truyo, and AI Academy.
- The deal involves 100% stake acquisition and is subject to BCCI approval, expected after the 2026 IPL season.





**Ques: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) has been acquired by a consortium led by which groups in the \$1.78 billion deal?**

- A) Tata Group & Reliance Industries
- B) Aditya Birla Group & Times of India Group
- C) Infosys & Wipro
- D) Mahindra Group & HCL
- E) Vedanta & Adani Group

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- A consortium led by Aditya Birla Group and Times of India Group has agreed to acquire Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB).
- The deal is valued at \$1.78 billion (₹16,600+ crore approx.), making it one of the biggest deals in IPL history.
- The consortium also includes Bolt Ventures and Blackstone.
- The acquisition involves a 100% stake in RCB.
- The seller is United Spirits Limited, a subsidiary of Diageo.
- The deal covers both IPL (men's team) and Women's Premier League (women's team).

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**Ques: The 150th anniversary Test match between Australia and England in 2027 will be held at which venue?**

- A) Melbourne Cricket Ground
- B) Lord's Cricket Ground
- C) Sydney Cricket Ground
- D) Eden Gardens
- E) Adelaide Oval

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) will host the historic 150th anniversary Test match in March 2027.
- The match commemorates 150 years of Test cricket, as the first-ever Test match was played at the same venue in 1877.
- It also marks 50 years of the Centenary Test held in 1977.
- Interestingly, both the 1877 and 1977 matches were played at MCG and were won by Australia by 45 runs.

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**Ques: Shaheed Diwas (Martyrs' Day) is observed in India on which date?**

- A) March 30
- B) March 23
- C) January 26
- D) August 15
- E) October 2

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Shaheed Diwas is observed every year on March 23 across India.
- It commemorates the sacrifice of Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar.
- On this day in 1931, they were executed by British authorities at Lahore Jail.
- Their martyrdom became a turning point in India's freedom struggle.

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**Ques: World Meteorological Day is observed globally on which date?**

- A) March 23
- B) March 22
- C) March 21
- D) April 1
- E) May 5

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- World Meteorological Day is observed globally on March 23 every year.
- The day marks the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization in 1950.
- The theme for the year is “Observing today, protecting tomorrow.”

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**Ques: Under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, which body hears cases above ₹2 crore?**

- A) District Commission
- B) State Commission (SCDRC)
- C) Supreme Court of India
- D) Central Consumer Protection Authority
- E) National Commission (NCDRC)

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

• **Under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019:**

- District Commission: up to ₹50 lakh
- State Commission: ₹50 lakh to ₹2 crore
- National Commission (NCDRC): above ₹2 crore

- The India Justice Report highlights issues in the consumer dispute redressal system, focusing on capacity and performance.
- Despite disposal of 88.5% cases (7.64 lakh), pendency increased by 21% (2020–2024).
- Delays exceed the prescribed 3–5 months limit under the Act.
- Mediation usage is very low, with only 134 cases referred (23 states data).
- Women representation in State Commissions declined from 35% (2021) to 29% (2025).
- High vacancies persist, with about 50% State Commissions lacking presidents.
- The Act replaced the 1986 law to ensure faster and more effective consumer protection.

**3-Tier System:**

- District Commission: up to ₹50 lakh





- State Commission (SCDRC): ₹50 lakh – ₹2 crore
- National Commission (NCDRC): above ₹2 crore (also hears appeals from states)
- Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) investigates violations and can recall unsafe goods/services.
- Recently, the Supreme Court of India used Article 142 to allow High Courts to hear consumer appeals when commissions are non-functional.



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**Ques: Bihar Diwas is celebrated on which date?**

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Bihar Diwas is celebrated every year on March 22.
- On this day in 1912, Bihar was carved out of the Bengal Presidency as a separate state.
- In 2026, Bihar celebrated its 114th Foundation Day.
- The theme for the celebration was “Unnat Bihar, Ujjwal Bihar”.

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**Ques: By how much did TB cases decline in India between 2015–2024, as per WHO report?**

- A) 15%
- B) 18%
- C) 21%
- D) 25%
- E) 30%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- According to the World Health Organization Global TB Report 2025, TB cases in India declined by 21% between 2015–2024.
- TB-related deaths in India also reduced by 28% during the same period.
- India has shown one of the fastest declines globally due to strong efforts in detection, screening, and treatment.
- Use of advanced technology, community participation, and affordable treatment is helping India move towards TB elimination.

**Static Facts:**

- World TB Day: March 24
- WHO Established: 1948
- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland





**Ques: SEBI has partnered with which company to introduce verified badges for trading apps?**

- A) Microsoft
- B) Amazon
- C) Google
- D) Meta
- E) Apple

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Securities and Exchange Board of India has partnered with Google to tackle fraudulent trading apps.
- A “Verified Tick Mark Badge” will be introduced for legitimate stock trading apps.
- The badge will appear on apps of registered stockbrokers/intermediaries on the Play Store.
- The initiative aims to protect investors from fraud and scam apps.
- Google will use AI technology to identify and remove rule-violating apps and influencers.

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**Ques: Gujarat has become the second state in India to pass the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill. Which was the first state to implement UCC?**

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Goa

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Gujarat has become the second state in India to pass the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill.
- Uttarakhand was the first state in India to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).
- Uniform Civil Code (UCC) is a law that provides the same personal laws for all citizens, irrespective of religion.
- It covers areas like marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption, ensuring equality and uniformity in civil matters.

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**Ques: What is the maximum accident insurance cover provided under PM Jan Dhan Yojana?**

- A) ₹1 lakh
- B) ₹2 lakh
- C) ₹5 lakh
- D) ₹10 lakh
- E) ₹50,000

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana is a flagship financial inclusion scheme of the Government of India.
- The scheme provides zero-balance bank accounts with no minimum balance requirement.
- Beneficiaries receive a free RuPay debit card with ₹2 lakh accident insurance cover.
- An overdraft facility of up to ₹10,000 is available.
- Deposits earn interest at the rate of 3% to 4%.

**Static Facts:**

- Launch Date: 28 August 2014
- Launched by: Government of India





**Ques:** As per NIRYAT data for FY 2024–25, which state emerged as the top textile-exporting state in India?

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry released the NIRYAT data for FY 2024–25.
- Tamil Nadu emerged as the top textile-exporting state with exports worth USD 7,997.17 million, accounting for 21.84% of India's total textile exports.
- India's total textile exports stood at USD 36,610 million in FY25.
- Other top exporting states include Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- The NIRYAT portal, launched in 2022, provides real-time comprehensive foreign trade data.

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**Ques: The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026 amends which Act?**

- A) Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016
- B) Transgender Persons Act, 2019
- C) Human Rights Act, 1993
- D) Juvenile Justice Act, 2015
- E) Equality Act, 2010

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026 has been passed by the Parliament of India.
- It was approved by the Rajya Sabha after being passed by the Lok Sabha.
- The Bill amends the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.
- The amendment redefines transgender identity and modifies certification procedures, shifting towards a biological (intersex-based) framework.
- It introduces stricter punishments for offences, including imprisonment up to 14 years for serious crimes like forced labour or forced identity change.
- The Bill sparked political debate and demands for further scrutiny.

**Static Facts :**

- **Original Act Year: 2019**
- **Ministry: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**





**Ques: Exercise Kakadu 2026, in which INS Nilgiri participated, is hosted by which country's navy?**

- A) India
- B) United States
- C) Australia
- D) Japan
- E) United Kingdom

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- INS Nilgiri, an Indian Navy frigate, participated in the sea phase of Exercise Kakadu 2026 in Australia.
- Exercise Kakadu 2026 is the 17th edition of the multinational naval exercise.
- The exercise is hosted by the Royal Australian Navy.
- It aims to enhance maritime cooperation, interoperability, and regional security among participating nations.

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**Ques: NITI Aayog has sanctioned ₹1.55 crore for which centre in Andhra Pradesh?**

- A) MSME Centre
- B) RISE Centre
- C) Startup India Hub
- D) Skill India Centre
- E) Digital India Centre

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- NITI Aayog has sanctioned ₹1.55 crore for the RISE Centre in Andhra Pradesh.
- RISE stands for Rural Innovations, Incubation, Skilling and Entrepreneurship.
- The centre is located at Guntupalli in the NTR district.
- The initiative aims to empower rural women through development and entrepreneurship.
- Focus areas include AI-based skill training, infrastructure development, and entrepreneurship support.
- The initiative aligns with the vision of “One Family–One Entrepreneur.”

**About NITI Aayog:**

- Established: 1 January 2015
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairperson: Prime Minister of India





**Ques:** Under the 'Namo Drone Didi' scheme, what percentage of financial assistance is provided by the government for purchasing drones?

- A) 50%
- B) 60%
- C) 80%
- D) 90%
- E) 100%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 'Namo Drone Didi' scheme is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at empowering rural women.
- It provides drones to Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) for agricultural services like spraying fertilizers and pesticides.
- The government provides 80% Central Financial Assistance (CFA) on the cost of drones (including accessories), up to ₹8 lakh per SHG.
- The remaining cost can be financed through loans under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund with 3% interest subvention.
- The drone package includes spray system, batteries, propellers, nozzle sets, fast charger, and training for pilot and assistant.
- Training is provided through Directorate General of Civil Aviation-authorized Remote Pilot Organisations (RPOs).
- The scheme improves agricultural productivity, promotes modern farming, and increases income opportunities for rural women.





**Ques: The recent Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) outbreak in Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home occurred in which state?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The outbreak of Herpes Simplex Virus was reported in Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home located in West Bengal.
- The incident highlighted poor health conditions in Indian prisons, including overcrowding, lack of medical staff, and poor hygiene infrastructure.
- According to Prison Statistics India 2023, the national prison occupancy rate is 120.8%.
- Some district jails reach 200–300% occupancy, indicating severe overcrowding.
- In West Bengal, prisons exceed 160% occupancy, with some jails historically crossing even higher levels.

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**Ques: The IVFRT scheme is related to which sector?**

- A) Agriculture
- B) Banking
- C) Immigration & Visa Services
- D) Education
- E) Health

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- IVFRT (Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration & Tracking) scheme has been extended for 5 years by the Union Cabinet.
- It will run from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031 with a total outlay of ₹1800 crore.
- The scheme aims to modernise immigration and visa services in India.
- It enables 100% contactless visa processing with online appointment and payment facilities.
- Around 91% of e-visa applications are processed within 72 hours.

**Static Facts:**

- Scheme Start Year: 2010
- Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs
- Type: E-Governance / Immigration System





**Ques:** Datta Meghe, who recently passed away, was associated with which field?

- A) Politics
- B) Sports
- C) Science
- D) Literature
- E) Business

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- Datta Meghe was a veteran leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party and a former Member of Parliament.
- He was first elected as a Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council in 1978 and served three consecutive terms till 1991.
- He was a four-time Member of the Lok Sabha, representing constituencies like Nagpur, Ramtek, and Wardha.
- He also served as a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 2002 to 2008.





**Ques: The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed on which date?**

- A) 20 March
- B) 22 March
- C) 23 March
- D) 25 March
- E) 27 March

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed annually on 25 March.
- The date marks the passage of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act, 1807 in the United Kingdom.
- Theme: "Justice in Action: Confronting History, Advancing Dignity, Empowering Futures"
- The day aims to honor victims of slavery and promote awareness about the history and impact of the transatlantic slave trade.

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**Ques: World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is observed on which date?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is observed globally on 20 March every year.
- The day aims to promote the cultural rights of children and youth.
- It highlights the importance of live theatre and performing arts in education and development.

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**Ques: Paisalo Digital Limited has recently been appointed as a Business Correspondent (BC) partner for which bank?**

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Paisalo Digital Limited has been appointed as a Business Correspondent (BC) partner for Indian Overseas Bank.
- This move expands its Banking-as-a-Service (BaaS) platform.
- Paisalo Digital already partners with State Bank of India and Bank of India.
- A Business Correspondent (BC) is an agent appointed by banks to provide basic banking services in areas where bank branches are not easily available.

**About Indian Overseas Bank (IOB):**

- Founded – 1937
- Headquarters – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- It is a public sector bank.

**About Business Correspondent (BC) Model:**

- Introduced by the Reserve Bank of India in 2006.
- Aim – To promote financial inclusion in rural and remote areas.





**Ques: The Gruh Sugam Portal has been launched by which organization?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- National Housing Bank (NHB) has launched the Gruh Sugam Portal to promote a cost-effective housing finance system.
- The portal enables defence and government personnel to easily avail home loans from their place of posting.
- NHB acts as the apex housing finance institution in India, strengthening the housing credit system.
- Established → 1988 | Headquarters → New Delhi
- The Gruh Sugam Portal simplifies the home loan process and improves accessibility for government and defence employees.

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**Ques: The Government of India has decided to retain the retail inflation target framework for the period 2026–2031 at what level?**

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Finance has announced that India's inflation target framework will remain unchanged for another five years (2026–2031).
- The target inflation is set at 4% with a tolerance band of 2%–6%.
- This is the third consecutive 5-year term of the same framework.
- As per Section 45ZA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the government sets the inflation target every 5 years in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India.
- The framework was first introduced on 5 August 2016.
- First term: 2016–2021; Second term: 2021–2026; Third term: 2026–2031.
- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is now based on a new series with base year 2024.





**Ques: What was the total health insurance premium collected in India in FY25?**

- A) ₹80,000 crore
- B) ₹1 lakh crore
- C) ₹1.2 lakh crore+
- D) ₹2 lakh crore
- E) ₹50,000 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India's health insurance sector recorded around 9% growth in FY25.
- Total premium collections exceeded ₹1.2 lakh crore.
- Growth was driven by rising awareness, higher coverage, and increasing healthcare demand.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India introduced timelines for cashless claims (1 hour pre-authorization, 3 hours final approval).
- Over 1.37 lakh grievances were reported, with 93% resolved in FY25.
- Claim rejections mainly occurred due to policy conditions such as co-pay, sub-limits, and room rent caps.
- India's health insurance sector showed strong growth with improved regulations and faster claim processing timelines.





**Ques: Kalpana Soren, who was recently honoured with the "Women Empowerment Trailblazer Award", received the award at which event?**

- A) G20 Women Summit
- B) World Women Congress
- C) India Economic Summit
- D) NITI Aayog Women Forum
- E) BRICS CCI WE Annual Women Summit 2026

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Kalpana Soren is an MLA from Gandey constituency in Jharkhand.
- She was honoured with the "Women Empowerment Trailblazer Award".
- The award was presented at the BRICS CCI WE Annual Women Summit 2026.
- The event was held in New Delhi.

Static GK:

- Jharkhand was formed on 15 November 2000.
- Capital of Jharkhand: Ranchi
- BRICS is a grouping of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

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**Ques:** The World Bank has placed which country in the 'red category' due to persistently high food inflation over the last 10 months?

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- World Bank has placed Bangladesh in the 'red category' due to persistently high food inflation over the last 10 months.
- This indicates that the risk of food insecurity remains high in the country.
- Apart from Bangladesh, 13 other countries are also in the red category for 10 months.
- These include: Ethiopia, Mozambique, Angola, Ghana, Mongolia, Nigeria, Tunisia, Ukraine, Zambia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova, and Russia.

**About World Bank:**

- Established – 1944
- Headquarters – Washington, D.C., USA
- It provides financial and technical assistance to developing countries.





**Ques: L&T Finance Ltd (LTF) has recently become a signatory to which global sustainability initiative?**

- A) Paris Climate Agreement
- B) UNEP Finance Initiative
- C) Kyoto Protocol
- D) Green Climate Fund
- E) United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- L&T Finance Ltd (LTF) has become a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact.
- UNGC is the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative.
- LTF will integrate ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) principles into its core business strategy.
- The UNGC's Ten Principles cover human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption.
- LTF is also a signatory to the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials.

**About United Nations Global Compact (UNGC):**

- Launched – 2000
- Headquarters – New York, USA
- It encourages businesses worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies.





**Ques: What is the major modification in the UDAN scheme recently?**

- A) Launch of new metro airports
- B) Subsidy reduced to 2 years
- C) Subsidy increased from 3 to 5 years
- D) Scheme discontinued
- E) Only international routes added

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet approved the modified UDAN scheme with an outlay of ₹28,850 crore for 10 years (2026–36).
- ₹10,043 crore is allocated as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to support airlines on regional routes.
- The scheme will develop 100 airports (₹12,159 crore) and 200 helipads (₹3,661 crore) for better connectivity.
- Earlier, the UDAN scheme was launched in 2016 to connect Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
- Airlines earlier received subsidy for 3 years on routes.
- The modified scheme extends the subsidy period to 5 years (major change).
- The new scheme puts a strong focus on infrastructure development (100 airports + 200 helipads).
- It also emphasizes last-mile connectivity in remote, hilly, and island areas.
- A long-term 10-year framework has been introduced for sustainability.





**Ques: The 9th PharmaMed 2026, recently held in New Delhi, was organized by the Department of Pharmaceuticals in association with which organization?**

- A) FICCI
- B) ASSOCHAM
- C) CII
- D) PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)
- E) NASSCOM

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The 9th PharmaMed 2026 was hosted by the Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- It was organized in association with PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- The event was held in New Delhi.
- Theme: “Healthcare Equity: Reaching Every Citizen of Viksit Bharat.”

**Static GK:**

- The Department of Pharmaceuticals functions under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- PHDCCI is a leading industry body established in 1905.





**Ques: How many sponsors were announced by JioStar for IPL 2026?**

- A) 20
- B) 25
- C) 27
- D) 30
- E) 32

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- JioStar has announced 27 sponsors for Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026.
- Co-presenting sponsors include Google, Campa, Havells & Lloyd.
- After the exit of gaming brands like Dream11 and My11Circle in 2025, new brands have entered.
- Artificial Intelligence has emerged as a new category in cricket advertising.
- Other sponsors include Google Pay, TVS Motor Company (TVS EV), Angel One, Amul, Sunfeast, Birla Opus, Hero MotoCorp, Amazon.
- Associate sponsors include Association of Mutual Funds in India, Asian Paints, Flipkart (Flipkart Minutes), MRF, RuPay, Mondelez International, Mother Dairy, Rapido etc.

**Static GK:**

- IPL Started → 2008
- Governing Body → Board of Control for Cricket in India





**Ques: According to the Forbes World's Wealthiest Individuals Report 2026, who is the richest person in the world?**

- A) Jeff Bezos
- B) Bernard Arnault
- C) Elon Musk
- D) Bill Gates
- E) Larry Page

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The World's Wealthiest Individuals Report 2026 (40th edition) is published by Forbes.
- Elon Musk has retained his position as the world's richest person.
- The list features a record 3,428 billionaires globally.
- Combined net worth is USD 20.1 trillion (up from USD 16.1 trillion in 2025).
- Alice Walton is the world's richest woman with USD 134 billion.
- A total of 481 women (14%) are on the list.
- Mukesh Ambani is the richest Indian with USD 99.7 billion.
- Aravind Srinivas (31) is the youngest Indian billionaire with USD 2.1 billion.

**Top Countries With most number of Billionaires:**

- USA 989 billionaires
- China 539 billionaires
- India 229 billionaires

**Ranking of World's Top 5 Billionaires :**

- 1 Elon Musk - 839 Billion (Tesla, SpaceX USA)
- 2 Larry Page - 257 Billion (Google USA)
- 3 Sergey Brin - 237 Billion ( Google USA)





- 4 Jeff Bezos - 224 Billion (Amazon USA)
- 5 Mark Zuckerberg - 222 Billion (Facebook (Meta))

### Ranking of India's Top 5 Billionaires :

- 21 Mukesh Ambani - 99.7 Billion (Reliance Industries Limited (RIL))
- 31 Gautam Adani - 63.8 Billion (Adani Group)
- 51 Savitri Jindal - 39.1 Billion (Jindal Group (OP Jindal Group))
- 70 Lakshmi Mittal - 31.0 Billion (Arcelor Mittal)
- 71 Shiv Nadar - 30.9 Billion (HCL Technologies Limited)

### About Forbes:

- Founded – 1917
- Headquarters – New Jersey, USA
- It is known for rankings like billionaires, richest persons, and global business lists.

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**Ques: Balendra Shah is set to become Prime Minister of which country?**

- A) India
- B) Nepal
- C) Bhutan
- D) Sri Lanka
- E) Maldives

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Balendra Shah (Balen) has been elected leader of the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) parliamentary party.
- He is set to become the youngest Prime Minister of Nepal and will take oath at Shital Niwas (Presidential Office).
- He earlier served as Mayor of Kathmandu and entered politics as an independent candidate.

**Static GK:**

- Country → Nepal
- Capital → Kathmandu

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**Ques:** P. Kumaran has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to which country?

- A) USA
- B) UK
- C) Canada
- D) Australia
- E) France

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- P. Kumaran, a 1992-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.
- He is currently serving as Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- He has previously served as Ambassador to Singapore and Qatar, with extensive diplomatic experience.

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**Ques: Lionel Robert Jospin, who recently passed away, served as the Prime Minister of which country?**

- A) Germany
- B) Italy
- C) Spain
- D) France
- E) Canada

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Lionel Robert Jospin was the former Prime Minister of France.
- He served as Prime Minister from 1997 to 2002 under President Jacques Chirac.
- He is known for reducing the work week from 39 hours to 35 hours in France.

**About France:**

- Capital – Paris
- Currency – Euro
- France is a country in Western Europe.

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**Ques: International Nowruz Day, also known as the Persian New Year, is observed on which date?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- International Nowruz Day is observed on March 21 every year.
- It marks the Persian New Year and the arrival of spring.
- The day was officially recognized by the United Nations in 2010.
- Nowruz was inscribed in 2009 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.

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