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**Ques: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed ODA loan agreements with India worth approximately how much amount?**

- A) ¥150 billion
- B) ¥200 billion
- C) ¥300 billion
- D) ¥275 billion
- E) ¥350 billion

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan agreements worth ¥275 billion (approx ₹16,420 crore) with the Government of India.
- The funds will support major development projects across Punjab, Maharashtra, and Karnataka.

**Key Projects:**

- Maharashtra Healthcare Project: ¥62,294 million (₹3,708 crore approx.)
- Punjab Climate-Resilient Horticulture Project: ¥18,684 million (₹1,112 crore approx.)
- Bengaluru Metro Rail Phase 3: ¥102,480 million (₹5,500 crore approx.) for 44.65 km elevated corridors
- Mumbai Metro Line 11: ¥92,400 million (₹6,100 crore approx.) for 17.51 km underground corridor
- These projects aim to improve healthcare, infrastructure, urban transport, and climate-resilient agriculture.





**Ques: RBI recently imposed penalties on which of the following entities for non-compliance with KYC and regulatory norms?**

- A) SBI, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Paytm
- B) Union Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Bank of India, Pine Labs
- C) Axis Bank, Yes Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Razorpay
- D) PNB, Canara Bank, IDBI Bank, PhonePe
- E) UCO Bank, Indian Bank, Bandhan Bank, BharatPe

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed monetary penalties on:
  - Union Bank of India (₹95.40 lakh)
  - Central Bank of India (₹63.60 lakh)
  - Bank of India (₹58.50 lakh)
  - Pine Labs (₹3.10 lakh)
- The penalties were imposed for non-compliance with KYC norms, digital transaction rules, and lending practices.
- **Key issues included:**
  - Delay in crediting funds in unauthorized transactions (Union Bank)
  - Failure to upload KYC records (Central Bank)
  - Improper charges and interest issues (Bank of India)
  - Issuing PPIs without full KYC (Pine Labs)





**Ques: How much will the Government borrow in H1 FY27?**

- A) ₹6.5 lakh crore
- B) ₹7.2 lakh crore
- C) ₹8.2 lakh crore
- D) ₹9.5 lakh crore
- E) ₹10 lakh crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India will borrow ₹8.20 lakh crore during April–September FY 2026–27 through dated securities.
- This is about 51% of the total annual borrowing target of ₹16.09 lakh crore.
- Borrowing will be conducted via 26 weekly auctions across maturities ranging from 3 to 50 years.
- ₹15,000 crore will be raised through Sovereign Green Bonds to support green projects.
- Borrowing is mainly done through Government Securities (G-Secs) to manage fiscal deficit and fund expenditure.

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- A) 5.8%
- B) 6.1%
- C) 6.5%
- D) 7.0%
- E) 7.6%

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) revised India's GDP growth forecast downward by 10 basis points to 6.1% for FY 2026–27 in its Economic Outlook Interim Report.
- For FY 2025–26, the GDP growth rate is estimated at 7.6%.
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**vQues: India signed a ₹445 crore deal with which country for Tunguska air defence systems?**

- A) USA
- B) France
- C) Israel
- D) Russia
- E) UK

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹445 crore deal with JSC Rosoboronexport to procure Tunguska air defence systems.
- The 2S6 Tunguska will strengthen India's multi-layered air defence against drones, aircraft, and cruise missiles.
- It is a self-propelled system equipped with both guns and missiles, operated by a crew of four.
- The deal is part of efforts to boost defence capabilities under Mission Sudarshan Chakra.
- System Range: Approx. 8 km (missile)
- The deal enhances India's air defence preparedness with advanced short-range air defence systems.





**Ques: Which airport has been declared the 'Airport of the Year 2026' at the Skytrax World Airport Awards?**

- A) Hamad International Airport
- B) Singapore Changi Airport
- C) Dubai International Airport
- D) Heathrow Airport
- E) Indira Gandhi International Airport

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The World Airport Awards 2026 published by Skytrax declared Singapore Changi Airport as the 'Airport of the Year 2026'.
- The award ceremony was held at PTE World in London.
- **Singapore Changi Airport has won this title 13 times and also received multiple awards including:**
  - World's Best Airport Dining
  - Best Airport (60–70 million passengers category)
  - Best Airport Immigration Service
  - Best Airport in Asia
- Indira Gandhi International Airport ranked 28th globally (improved from 32nd in 2025) and is the only Indian airport in the top 30.
- It also won 'Best Airport in India & South Asia' for the 8th consecutive year.

**Other Indian Winners**

- Best Airport Staff (India & South Asia) : Rajiv Gandhi International Airport – Ranked 43rd globally (5th time winner)





- Cleanest Airport (India & South Asia) : Manohar International Airport – Ranked 64th globally (2nd consecutive year)
- Best Regional Airport (India & South Asia) : Kempegowda International Airport – Ranked 41st globally

### List of top 5 airports of Skytrax Awards 2026:

- 1 Singapore Changi Airport
  - 2 Incheon International Airport
  - 3 Tokyo International Airport (Haneda)
  - 4 Hong Kong International Airport
  - 5 Narita International Airport
- 28 Indira Gandhi International Airport

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**Ques: The PRISM-SG Portal, recently launched, is related to which sector?**

- A) Banking
- B) Agriculture
- C) Education
- D) Health
- E) Infrastructure & Bridge Construction

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways launched the PRISM-SG Portal in New Delhi.
- PRISM-SG stands for Portal for Rail-Road Inspection and Stages Management – Steel Girders.
- It is a digital platform designed to streamline bridge construction processes.
- The portal focuses on Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and railway bridges to improve coordination and reduce delays.
- It enhances efficiency, transparency, and real-time monitoring of infrastructure projects.

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**Ques:** The Noida International Airport, whose Phase 1 was inaugurated recently, is located in which district of Uttar Pradesh?

- A) Lucknow
- B) Gautam Buddha Nagar
- C) Ghaziabad
- D) Meerut
- E) Agra

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The first phase of Noida International Airport was inaugurated at Jewar.
- It is located in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh.
- The airport is one of India's largest greenfield airport projects, developed under the PPP model.
- Initial capacity: 12 million passengers per annum (expandable up to 70 million).
- The project will boost connectivity, trade, employment, and economic growth in Western Uttar Pradesh, benefiting regions like Agra and Mathura.

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**Ques: India's first major private-sector gold mine since Independence is being launched in which state?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Telangana
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Odisha

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India's first major private-sector gold mine since Independence is being launched in Andhra Pradesh at Jonnagiri.
- The mine will be operated by Geomysore Services.
- Commercial production is expected to begin in April 2026.
- The project aims to produce around 750 kg of gold annually, boosting domestic production.
- Famous old gold mine: Kolar Gold Fields (KGF)
- Last major mine in India: Hutti Gold Mines
- The Jonnagiri project is a significant step toward increasing domestic gold production and achieving self-reliance.





**Ques: INS Sudarshini, recently seen in news, reached which country under the Lokayan-26 expedition?**

- A) Spain
- B) Italy
- C) France
- D) Greece
- E) Portugal

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- INS Sudarshini arrived at Sète, France as part of the Lokayan-26 transoceanic expedition.
- The expedition aims to promote India's maritime heritage, cultural ties, and global outreach.
- Such missions are conducted by the Indian Navy to strengthen international cooperation and naval diplomacy.
- INS Sudarshini is a sail training ship used for cadet training and international goodwill missions.
- These expeditions enhance India's global engagement and showcase its rich maritime traditions.

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**Ques: The 14th Ministerial Conference (MC-14) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) was held in which city?**

- A) Yaoundé
- B) Geneva
- C) Nairobi
- D) Doha
- E) Paris

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The 14th Ministerial Conference (MC-14) of the World Trade Organization was held in Yaoundé, Cameroon.
- The conference was chaired by Luc Magloire Mbarga Atangana, Minister of Trade of Cameroon.
- The World Trade Organization (WTO) succeeded the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).
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**About WTO:**

- Established: 1 January 1995
- Headquarters: Geneva
- Members: 166 countries (166th member: Timor-Leste)





**Ques: Kalinjar Fort Hill, recently declared a National Geo-Heritage Site, is located in which state?**

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Geological Survey of India has declared Kalinjar Fort Hill as a National Geo-Heritage Site.
- It is located in Banda district, Uttar Pradesh, and is part of the Vindhya Range.
- The site features ~2.5 billion-year-old Bundelkhand granite beneath ~1.2 billion-year-old Kaimur sandstone, representing distinct geological eras.
- This unique formation helps scientists study the long-term evolution of the Earth.

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**Ques: BHASHINI platform, recently in news, is related to which field?**

- A) Language translation & digital services
- B) Banking services
- C) Agriculture technology
- D) Space research
- E) Defence communication

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The BHASHINI platform is an AI-powered language translation platform developed by the Government of India.
- It enables users to access digital services in their regional languages, promoting digital inclusion.
- The initiative is part of the BHASHINI Sahayogi programme, aiming to deliver services in 22 languages (Eighth Schedule).
- Recently, an MoU was signed under “BHASHINI for Seva-Sanchalan” to provide pension-related services in multiple languages.
- It is managed by the Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

**Key Points:**

- Initiative: BHASHINI for Seva-Sanchalan
- Programme: BHASHINI Sahayogi
- Coverage: 22 languages
- Focus: Digital inclusion through language technology
- Aim: Improve accessibility of government services





**Ques: Who became the first batter in IPL history to score 4,000 runs in run chases?**

- A) Rohit Sharma
- B) David Warner
- C) Virat Kohli
- D) KL Rahul
- E) MS Dhoni

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Virat Kohli became the first batter in IPL history to score 4,000 runs in run chases.
- He achieved this milestone during the IPL 2026 opener between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Sunrisers Hyderabad at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.
- He is regarded as one of the greatest run-chasers, especially in T20 cricket.
- His consistency and dominance in chasing targets make him one of the best players in IPL history.

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**Ques: Where was the World Buddhist Peace Conference 2026 held?**

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Hyderabad hosted the World Buddhist Peace Conference 2026, with delegates from over 20 countries.
- The conference focused on peace, reconciliation, ethical leadership, and Buddhist approaches to conflict resolution.
- Telangana aims to develop a Buddhist tourism circuit linking Phanigiri, Dhulikatta, and Nagarjunakonda.
- The event was organized by the Buddhavanam Project with international collaboration and concluded with a global peace declaration.
- It emphasized peace, ethical values, and Buddhist philosophy for global harmony, while promoting tourism and cultural ties.

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**Ques: As per the new Indian Railways refund policy (2026), within how many hours before departure is no refund allowed on ticket cancellation?**

- A) 4 hours
- B) 6 hours
- C) 22 hours
- D) 12 hours
- E) 8 hours

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- As per the new Indian Railways refund policy (2026), no refund is allowed if tickets are cancelled within 8 hours before departure.
- This replaces the earlier 4-hour rule.
- The changes are being implemented between April 1 and April 15, 2026.

**New Refund Rules:**

- 0–8 hours: No refund
- 8–24 hours: 50% deduction
- 24–72 hours: 25% deduction
- 72+ hours: Full refund (minus charges)

**Comparison with Old Rules |**

- Earlier no refund rule: within 4 hours
- Earlier deduction slab: 48–12 hours → 25%
- New rules tighten the cancellation window significantly

**Additional Reforms**





- Counter ticket passengers can now upgrade class up to 30 minutes before departure
- Counter tickets can now be cancelled at any station (earlier only at originating/terminating station)
- Passengers can change boarding station up to 30 minutes before departure



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**Ques: Carolina Marín, who recently retired, is associated with which sport?**

- A) Tennis
- B) Badminton
- C) Table Tennis
- D) Squash
- E) Hockey

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Carolina Marín is associated with badminton and is one of the greatest players in the sport.
- She won Olympic Gold at Rio 2016, becoming the only non-Asian woman to win badminton singles gold.
- She also won 3 World Championships, was World No.1 for 66 weeks, and secured 7 European titles.
- She announced her retirement due to a serious ACL knee injury suffered during the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- She is regarded as one of the most successful badminton players in history.

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**Ques: 'Operation Urja Suraksha' launched by the Indian Navy is aimed at protecting which area?**

- A) South China Sea
- B) Strait of Hormuz
- C) Suez Canal
- D) Malacca Strait
- E) Persian Gulf

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Navy launched 'Operation Urja Suraksha' to secure energy supply routes.
- The operation focuses on protecting ships near the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil transit chokepoint.
- It was launched amid rising tensions in West Asia.
- The mission ensures uninterrupted energy supply and maritime security for India.

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**Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to attend the G7 Summit in which country?**

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

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit France to attend the G7 Summit scheduled from June 15 to 17.
- The G7 is a group of major advanced economies that discuss global economic and political issues.
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar also participated in the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting with partner countries.

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**Ques: World Down Syndrome Day is observed on which date?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- World Down Syndrome Day is observed every year on 21 March.
- The day aims to raise awareness about Down Syndrome, a genetic condition caused by an extra partial or full copy of chromosome 21.
- The theme for the year is “Together Against Loneliness.”

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**Ques: World Day for Glaciers is observed on which date?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- World Day for Glaciers is observed every year on 21 March.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of glaciers and the need for their protection.
- Global organizations and scientists emphasize urgent action to protect glaciers.
- The Decade of Action for Cryospheric Sciences (2025–2034) has been launched to promote research, awareness, and policy action for protecting glaciers and the cryosphere.

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**Ques: SEBI has extended the ban on futures trading in how many agricultural commodities till March 2027?**

- A) 5
- B) 6
- C) 7
- D) 8
- E) 9

**Answer: C) 7**

**Explanation:**

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has extended the suspension of futures trading in certain agricultural commodities till March 31, 2027.
- The ban was originally imposed in December 2021 to control rising food inflation.
- The decision aims to curb speculative trading and reduce price volatility in essential food items.
- The suspension applies to 7 key agricultural commodities: Wheat, Moong, Paddy (Non-Basmati), Chana, Mustard Seeds, Soybean, and Crude Palm Oil.
- Futures trading involves buying and selling contracts for a future date, which can lead to speculative price movements.
- The move is expected to help stabilize food prices and protect consumers.





**Ques: Lakshya Asset Management Company, recently approved by SEBI, is set to operate in which sector?**

- A) Insurance
- B) Banking
- C) Telecom
- D) Real Estate
- E) Mutual Fund

**Answer: E) Mutual Fund**

**Explanation:**

- Lakshya Asset Management Company has received approval from Securities and Exchange Board of India to start its Mutual Fund business in India.
- The company is sponsored by Wealth First Portfolio Managers, which is listed on National Stock Exchange of India and Bombay Stock Exchange.
- It will be the first Asset Management Company (AMC) headquartered in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

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**Ques: 'Payments Vision 2028' released by RBI primarily aims to focus on which area?**

- A) Agricultural Credit Expansion
- B) Digital Payments Ecosystem
- C) Industrial Development
- D) Export Promotion
- E) Monetary Policy Reform

**Answer: B) Digital Payments Ecosystem**

**Explanation:**

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the 'Payments Vision 2028', outlining a 3-year roadmap for strengthening the digital payments ecosystem.
- The vision focuses on enhancing safeguards, improving efficiency, and promoting user empowerment in digital payments.
- RBI plans to introduce electronic cheques to modernize traditional payment systems.
- A Payments Switching Service (PaSS) is proposed to enable seamless transfer of payment instructions across banks.
- A Shared Responsibility Framework will be introduced for handling unauthorized digital transactions.
- RBI will implement a Domestic Legal Entity Identifier (DLEI) framework to improve transaction traceability.
- A Cyber Key Risk Indicators (KRI) framework will be introduced for non-bank payment operators.
- Regulatory oversight on digital payment platforms will be expanded for better compliance and security.
- RBI will review cheque design and security features to enhance reliability.
- Full interoperability across Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platforms will be explored to support MSMEs.





**Ques:** The world's first freight-only Shinkansen (bullet train) was introduced by which country?

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

**Answer:** A) Japan

**Explanation:**

- Japan has introduced the world's first freight-only Shinkansen (bullet train) to enable fast and efficient cargo transport.
- It is operated by East Japan Railway Company.
- The project uses the E3 Series Shinkansen, which was earlier used for passenger services and has now been modified for cargo transport.

**Static Facts:**

- Capital: Tokyo
- Currency: Japanese Yen
- Prime Minister: Sanae Takaichi





**Ques: Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay, selected for the 35th Saraswati Samman (2025), is associated with which field?**

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

**Answer: E) Literature**

**Explanation:**

- Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay, an eminent Bengali writer, has been selected for the 35th Saraswati Samman (2025).
- He is honoured for his novel Hara Parbati Katha (2020).
- The award is a major recognition for Bengali literature.

About Saraswati Samman:

- Instituted in 1991 by K. K. Birla Foundation
- Named after Saraswati (Goddess of knowledge and learning)
- One of India's highest literary awards
- Given for outstanding literary work published in the last 10 years in any of the 22 languages of Schedule VIII





**Ques: Jawed Ashraf, recently awarded France's Legion of Honour (Commandeur rank), served as India's Ambassador to which country?**

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

**Answer: E) France**

**Explanation:**

- Jawed Ashraf, former Ambassador of India to France and Chairman of the India Trade Promotion Organisation, has been awarded France's prestigious Legion of Honour (Commandeur rank).
- The Commandeur rank is the third-highest rank in France's Legion of Honour.
- He was honoured for his significant contribution to strengthening the India–France Strategic Partnership.
- He became the first Indian Ambassador to receive this honour.
- The award was presented by Thierry Mathou in the presence of Ajit Doval.





**Ques: The nationwide implementation of Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan in schools is planned for how many years?**

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

**Answer: A) 3 year**

**Explanation:**

- Ministry of Education issued a joint advisory with Ministry of Home Affairs for nationwide implementation of Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan in schools.
- The advisory was sent to Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs for mission-mode implementation.
- The action plan will be implemented over a 3-year period.
- The aim is to create a drug-free India by preventing substance abuse among students and spreading awareness about harmful effects of drugs.
- Schools are required to declare a 500-metre radius as drug-free zones.
- The decision was taken during the 9th Apex Meeting of NCORD (Narco-Coordination Centre) chaired by Amit Shah.
- The initiative focuses on preparing a roadmap till 2029 to combat drug abuse.





**Ques: 'Prahar' Light Machine Guns (LMGs), recently delivered to the Indian Army, are manufactured by which company?**

- A) DRDO
- B) HAL
- C) BEL
- D) Adani Defence and Aerospace
- E) OFB

**Answer: D) Adani Defence and Aerospace**

**Explanation:**

- Adani Defence and Aerospace delivered the first batch of 2,000 'Prahar' Light Machine Guns (LMGs) to the Indian Army.
- These weapons are of 7.62 mm calibre.
- They are manufactured under the Make in India initiative.
- The LMGs were produced at the Small Arms Complex in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

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**Ques: India's first "Port of Refuge" initiative, recently operationalised, is associated with which company?**

- A) Adani Ports
- B) Reliance Ports
- C) Essar Ports
- D) JSW Infrastructure
- E) Shipping Corporation of India

**Answer: A) Adani Ports**

**Explanation:**

- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd has operationalised India's first Port of Refuge to assist ships in distress.
- This initiative creates a structured system for emergency assistance to vessels, filling a major gap in India's maritime infrastructure.

Identified Ports:

- Dighi Port (West Coast) → Covers Arabian Sea & Persian Gulf routes
- Gopalpur Port (East Coast) → Covers Bay of Bengal & Malacca Strait routes

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**Ques: 'Speaking of History: Conversations about India's Past and Present' is authored by which of the following?**

- A) Ramachandra Guha & Shashi Tharoor
- B) Romila Thapar & Namit Arora
- C) Irfan Habib & Bipin Chandra
- D) Amish Tripathi & Devdutt Pattanaik
- E) Chetan Bhagat & Durjoy Datta

**Answer: B) Romila Thapar & Namit Arora**

**Explanation:**

- The book *Speaking of History: Conversations about India's Past and Present* explores India's historical and contemporary issues.
- It is authored by renowned historian Romila Thapar and writer Namit Arora.
- The book presents conversations and discussions on India's past and its relevance in the present.
- It encourages critical thinking and historical understanding among readers.
- The book is published by Allen Lane India.

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**Ques:** The National Commission for Women (NCW) partnered with which company to launch the 'TrueCyberSakhi' digital safety initiative?

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

**Answer: D) Truecaller**

**Explanation:**

- National Commission for Women partnered with Truecaller to launch a digital safety initiative for women.
- The initiative aims to raise awareness about online risks and improve access to support systems, including the NCW 24×7 helpline.
- It launched "TrueCyberSakhi: A Digital Safety Toolkit, Created for Her."
- National Commission for Women is an autonomous statutory body, established under the NCW Act, 1990, and set up in 1992 to protect and promote women's rights.

**About National Commission for Women:**

- Established: 1992
- HQ: New Delhi
- Chairperson: Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar





**Ques: The Tunguska Air Defence Missile System, recently in news, was procured from which country/company?**

- A) USA
- B) Russia
- C) France
- D) Israel
- E) UK

**Answer: B) Russia**

**Explanation:**

- Ministry of Defence signed two defence contracts worth ₹858 crore to strengthen India's defence capabilities.
- A ₹445 crore contract was signed with JSC Rosoboronexport (Russia) for the Tunguska Air Defence Missile System for the Indian Army.
- The Tunguska system is used to counter aircraft, drones, and cruise missiles, enhancing India's air defence network.
- Another ₹413 crore contract was signed with Boeing India Defense Private Limited for MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul) of P-8I aircraft of the Indian Navy.





**Ques: Under PM E-DRIVE scheme, incentives for electric two-wheelers are available till which date?**

- A. March 31, 2027
- B. July 31, 2026
- C. December 31, 2026
- D. March 31, 2028
- E. January 1, 2026

**Answer: B. July 31, 2026**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries has extended the PM E-DRIVE scheme till March 31, 2028 to promote electric mobility in India.
- The scheme has a total outlay of ₹10,900 crore.
- Incentives for electric two-wheelers are available only for vehicles registered till July 31, 2026.
- However, incentives for electric three-wheelers (e-rickshaws, e-carts) will continue till 2028.
- The scheme focuses on improving last-mile connectivity in both urban and rural areas.
- It also aims to promote clean energy adoption and reduce carbon emissions.
- Full Form – PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement
- Launched – 1 oct 2024
- Ministry – Ministry of Heavy Industries
- Outlay – ₹10,900 crore

**Major Financial Allocations :**

- Subsidies (₹3,679 Crore): For demand incentives on e-2W, e-3W, e-ambulances, and e-trucks.





- E-Buses (₹4,391 Crore): To deploy 14,028 electric buses across 9 major cities (40L+ population).
- Charging Infrastructure (₹2,000 Crore): To install Public Charging Stations (EVPCS) nationwide.
- Testing Infrastructure (₹780 Crore): For upgrading MHI testing agencies to handle new EV technology



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**Ques: 'Vayu Baan', India's first helicopter-launched drone project, was launched by which organization?**

- A) Indian Army
- B) DRDO
- C) Indian Air Force
- D) ISRO
- E) HAL

**Answer: C) Indian Air Force**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Air Force launched 'Vayu Baan' in March 2026, India's first helicopter-launched drone project.
- With this, India joins countries like United States and China in advanced drone warfare capabilities.
- The drone is designed to be dropped mid-air from a moving helicopter.
- It enables stand-off attacks from over 50 km, keeping helicopters safe from enemy air defence systems.

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**Ques: IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) TTX 2026 was hosted by which country?**

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) India
- C) France
- D) Indonesia
- E) Maldives

**Answer: B) India**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Navy hosted the IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) TTX 2026 in Kochi.
- The exercise was conducted at the Maritime Warfare Centre under the Southern Naval Command.
- It brought together naval representatives from countries of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- Participating IONS member countries included Bangladesh, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Maldives, and Sri Lanka among others.
- The exercise was conducted in a simulated table-top (TTX) environment.
- It focused on non-traditional threats, coordination, and information sharing among navies.
- The aim was to address emerging maritime security challenges and enhance cooperation.
- India is set to take over the chairmanship of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium for 2026–2028 after 16 years.





**Ques: Gurjant Singh, who recently announced his retirement, is associated with which sport?**

- A) Cricket
- B) Football
- C) Hockey
- D) Badminton
- E) Wrestling

**Answer: C) Hockey**

**Explanation:**

- Gurjant Singh is a member of the Indian hockey team who announced his retirement during the Hockey India Awards ceremony held in New Delhi.
- He was part of the Indian team that won bronze medals at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paris 2024 Olympics.
- Gurjant Singh has scored 33 goals since making his international debut in 2017.
- He was born in Khailar village in Amritsar, Punjab.

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**Question: RBI has set the WMA limit at ₹2,50,000 crore for which period?**

- A) Full FY 2026–27
- B) April–September 2026
- C) October–March 2027
- D) Calendar Year 2026
- E) Only April 2026

**Correct Answer: B) April–September 2026**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in consultation with the Government of India, has set the WMA (Ways and Means Advances) limit at ₹2,50,000 crore.
- This limit is applicable for the first half of FY 2026–27, i.e., April–September 2026.
- WMA is a short-term borrowing facility used by the government to manage temporary cash flow mismatches.
- When 75% of the WMA limit is utilized, RBI may trigger fresh market loan issuance.
- The interest rate on WMA is linked to the repo rate, while overdraft is charged at repo rate + 2%.
- RBI retains the flexibility to revise the WMA limit based on prevailing economic conditions.

**About WMA (Ways and Means Advances):**

- Purpose : Short-term borrowing facility for government
- Type : Temporary liquidity support
- Interest Link : Repo Rate
- Repayment Period : Within 90 days





**Question: Who won the Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year (Men) at the Hockey India Annual Awards 2025?**

- A) Manpreet Singh
- B) Harmanpreet Singh
- C) Mandeep Singh
- D) PR Sreejesh
- E) Hardik Singh

**Correct Answer: E) Hardik Singh**

**Explanation:**

- Hardik Singh won the Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year (Men) at the Hockey India Annual Awards 2025.
- He is a two-time Olympic medallist, and this was his third time winning this prestigious award.
- In the women's category, Navneet Kaur received the award.
- The ceremony was held in New Delhi.
- Zafar Iqbal was honored with the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to Indian hockey.

**Hockey India Awards 2025 winners :**

- Hockey India Baljit Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year : Bichu Devi Kharibam
- Hockey India Pargat Singh Award for Defender of the Year Winner : Sanjay
- Hockey India Ajit Pal Singh Award for Midfielder of the Year Winner : Sumit
- Hockey India Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year Winner : Sukhjeet Singh
- Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Women-U21) Winner : Sakshi Rana
- Hockey India Jugraj Singh Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Men-U21) Winner : Prince Deep Singh
- Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year (Women) Winner : Navneet Kaur





- Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year (Men) Winner : Hardik Singh
- Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award Winner: Zafar Iqbal



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**Question: The Bharat Innovates Deep-Tech Pre Summit was held at which institution?**

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Delhi
- C) IIT Madras
- D) IISc Bengaluru
- E) IIT Kanpur

**Correct Answer: A) IIT Bombay**

**Explanation:**

- The Bharat Innovates Deep-Tech Pre Summit was held at IIT Bombay.
- The event was inaugurated by Dharmendra Pradhan and Ajay Kumar Sood.
- The summit showcased 137 leading startups from 13 different industries.
- It focused on promoting deep-tech innovation and strengthening India's startup ecosystem.

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**Question:** Under the ECMS Programme, how many projects have been approved recently?

- A) 50
- B) 60
- C) 75
- D) 80
- E) 100

**Correct Answer: C) 75**

**Explanation:**

- Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the approval of 75 projects under the ECMS (Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme).
- The total investment of these projects is around ₹61,000 crore.
- These initiatives are expected to generate approximately 65,000 direct jobs.
- The programme aims to strengthen India's electronics manufacturing ecosystem.
- It also focuses on moving up the value chain—from finished goods to components, modules, and sub-modules manufacturing.
- The broader goal is to promote self-reliance, build a semiconductor ecosystem, and integrate with global supply chains.
- Launched : April 2025 by Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY)
- Objective : Promote domestic manufacturing of electronic components and reduce imports
- Outlay : ₹40,000 crore (enhanced in Budget 2026; earlier ₹22,919 crore)
- Tenure : 6 years (FY 2025-26 to 2031-32)
- Target : Build \$500 billion electronics ecosystem by 2030-31
- Focus Areas : PCB, camera modules, sensors, semiconductors, display components





**Question: What is the name of the space station being developed by ISRO as part of its future space exploration plans?**

- A) Aryabhata Station
- B) Bharatiya Antriksh Station
- C) Vikram Space Hub
- D) Gaganyaan Station
- E) Shakti Orbital Station

**Correct Answer: B) Bharatiya Antriksh Station**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is developing the Bharatiya Antriksh Station as part of its long-term space exploration plans.
- The project is closely linked with the Gaganyaan mission and has progressed beyond the conceptual stage.
- The space station will consist of five modules.
- The first module (BAS-01) is expected to be launched by 2028.
- Currently, approval has been granted only for the first module.
- The complete space station is targeted to be fully operational by 2035.
- The estimated cost for the first module (2025–2028) is around ₹1763 crore.





**Question: Kimi Antonelli, who won the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka, is associated with which Formula One team?**

- A) Mercedes
- B) Ferrari
- C) Red Bull Racing
- D) McLaren
- E) Aston Martin

**Correct Answer: A) Mercedes**

**Explanation:**

- Kimi Antonelli represents Mercedes in Formula One.
- He won the Japanese Grand Prix held at Suzuka Circuit.
- This victory marked his second consecutive win, following his triumph at the 2026 Chinese Grand Prix.
- At just 19 years old, he became the youngest driver in Formula One history to lead the world championship standings.

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**Question: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved the policy 'Protection of the Female (Women's) Category in Olympic Sport' which will come into effect from which Olympic Games?**

- A) Paris 2024 Olympics
- B) Brisbane 2032 Olympics
- C) Tokyo 2020 Olympics
- D) Los Angeles 2028 Olympics
- E) Rio 2016 Olympics

**Correct Answer: D) Los Angeles 2028 Olympics**

**Explanation:**

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has approved a new policy titled 'Protection of the Female (Women's) Category in Olympic Sport'.
- This policy will come into effect from the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.
- It will replace the 2021 framework and will not be applied retroactively.
- The policy introduces SRY (Sex-determining Region Y) gene screening, requiring athletes to be SRY-negative to compete in female categories.
- It is based on concerns regarding biological advantages in strength, power, and endurance.
- The policy will apply to all IOC events, including the Olympic Games, Youth Olympics, and qualification events.

**About International Olympic Committee (IOC):**

- Established : 1894
- Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland
- Role : Governing body of the Olympic Movement
- President : Thomas Bach





**Question:** The 'Morung system', recently mentioned in news, is associated with which state?

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

**Correct Answer: B) Nagaland**

**Explanation:**

- The Morung system is a traditional community-based education model from Nagaland.
- It was highlighted by Narendra Modi in the Mann Ki Baat.
- The system blends traditional knowledge with modern subjects like mathematics and science.
- It focuses on storytelling, folk songs, life skills, and cultural values for holistic development.
- The initiative reflects how the Naga community preserves its cultural heritage while embracing modern education.

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**Question: In response to the escalating West Asia crisis, how many empowered committees were formed by the Government of India?**

- A) Five
- B) Six
- C) Seven
- D) Eight
- E) Nine

**Correct Answer: C) Seven**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India formed seven empowered committees to address challenges arising from the escalating West Asia crisis.
- Key committees and their leadership include:
  - Defence, External Affairs, and Public Order – led by Vikram Misri, with Govind Mohan and Rajesh Kumar Singh as key members.
  - Economy, Finance, and Supply Chains – headed by Anuradha Thakur.
  - Energy Security (Petroleum, LNG, Power) – led by Neeraj Mittal.
  - Fertilizers and Agriculture – led by Rajat Kumar Mishra.
- These committees aim to ensure coordination across key sectors to manage the crisis effectively.
- The Essential Commodities panel is headed by Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare.
- The Transport, Logistics and Trade Routes panel is led by Ports, Shipping and Waterways Secretary Vijay Kumar.
- The Information, Communication and Public Engagement panel is headed by Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sanjay Jaju.





**Question: Kaynes Semicon OSAT facility inaugurated by PM Modi is located in which state?**

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

**Correct Answer: C) Gujarat**

**Explanation:**

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kaynes Semicon OSAT facility at Sanand, Gujarat on March 31, 2026.
- The facility has an investment of ₹3,300 crore and a production capacity of 60 lakh chips per day.
- It is India's second semiconductor unit after Micron Technology.
- The facility focuses on OSAT (Assembly, Testing, Marking & Packaging) of semiconductor chips.
- Production has started for Intelligent Power Modules (IPMs) used in automotive and industrial sectors, with each module containing 17 chips.
- The project is supported by ₹1,653.5 crore under the India Semiconductor Mission.
- Sanand is emerging as a semiconductor hub, with projects from Micron, Kaynes, and CG Power.

**Key Semiconductor Units Approved:**

- Micron Technology – Location: Sanand – Type: ATMP
- Kaynes Semicon – Location: Sanand – Type: OSAT
- CG Power – Location: Sanand – Type: OSAT
- Tata Electronics – Location: Dholera – Type: Fab
- Tata Electronics – Location: Morigaon – Type: Unit





## About India Semiconductor Mission:

- Launch Date: 21 December 2021
- Outlay: ₹76,000 crore
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- Target: Build a \$103 billion semiconductor market by 2030

## Quick Understanding:

- ATMP → Assembly, Testing, Marking, Packaging
- OSAT → Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Testing
- Fab → Semiconductor fabrication plant (chip manufacturing unit)

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**Question: What new feature is being planned under the revamped PM-KUSUM 2.0 scheme?**

- A) Wind Energy Integration
- B) Battery Energy Storage
- C) Nuclear Power Support
- D) Hydro Power Expansion
- E) Biofuel Subsidy

**Correct Answer: B) Battery Energy Storage**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India is planning to add Battery Energy Storage under the revamped PM-KUSUM scheme 2.0.
  - The existing PM-KUSUM scheme (launched in 2019) is nearing expiry and will be replaced by the updated version.
  - Battery storage will help store excess solar energy generated during the day and supply it after sunset, improving energy reliability.
  - There is ongoing discussion on storage duration:
    - Ministry of Power suggests 4 hours
    - Ministry of New and Renewable Energy suggests 2 hours
  - The project deadline has been extended to March 31, 2027 (for PPAs issued before December 31, 2025).
  - PM-KUSUM 2.0 will also introduce Agrivoltaics (10 GW), allowing solar panels and crops to coexist on the same land.
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- A new Component D (Feeder Level Solarisation) will enable a single solar plant to supply electricity to entire village farms.
  - A single national portal is proposed to replace multiple state-level portals.
  - The budget is expected to increase from ₹34,422 crore to around ₹50,000 crore.





## About PM-KUSUM Scheme:

- Launch Year : 2019
- Objective : Promote solar energy use in agriculture and provide energy security to farmers
- Nodal Ministry : Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- Target : 34.8 GW solar capacity
- Budget (2.0) : ~₹50,000 crore (expected)

## Components:

- A : Decentralised solar plants
- B : Standalone solar pumps
- C : Grid-connected pump solarisation
- D : Feeder Level Solarisation (new)

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**Question: Aryna Sabalenka won her second consecutive Miami Open title by defeating which player in the final?**

- A) Iga Świątek
- B) Naomi Osaka
- C) Elena Rybakina
- D) Coco Gauff
- E) Jessica Pegula

**Correct Answer: D) Coco Gauff**

**Explanation:**

- Aryna Sabalenka won her second consecutive Miami Open title by defeating Coco Gauff in the final.
- She is currently ranked World No. 1 in women's tennis.
- Sabalenka became the first woman since Iga Świątek (2022) to win both Indian Wells and Miami Open titles in the same year.
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**About Miami Open:**

- It is an ATP & WTA 1000 tournament.
- Held in Miami, USA.
- Played on a hard court surface.





**Question: PM SVANidhi Scheme was launched in which year?**

- A) 2018
- B) 2019
- C) 2020
- D) 2021
- E) 2022

**Correct Answer: C) 2020**

**Explanation:**

- The PM SVANidhi Scheme was launched in June 2020.
- It aims to provide collateral-free working capital loans to street vendors.
- Under the scheme, over 1 crore loans worth ₹17,115 crore have been disbursed.
- **Loan structure:**
  - ₹15,000 (1st tranche)
  - ₹25,000 (2nd tranche)
  - ₹50,000 (3rd tranche)
- **The scheme also offers cashback incentives for digital transactions:**
  - Up to ₹100 per month for retail transactions (12 months)
  - ₹100 per quarter for wholesale transactions (4 quarters)
- It promotes digital payments and supports financial inclusion.

**About PM SVANidhi Scheme:**

- Full Form : Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi
- Launch Year : 2020
- Ministry : Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- Extended Till : 31 March 2030
- Objective : Provide affordable working capital loans to street vendors
- Loan Type : Collateral-free loans with 7% interest subsidy
- Digital Incentive : Cashback on UPI/digital transactions





**Question: The Akasha300, recently delivered to ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, is what type of technology?**

- A) Satellite Communication System
- B) High-temperature 3D Printer
- C) Rocket Engine
- D) Space Telescope
- E) Cryogenic Fuel System\

**Correct Answer: B) High-temperature 3D Printer**

**Explanation:**

- Akasha300 is an industrial-grade high-temperature 3D printer delivered to the ISRO Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre.
- It has been developed by Spacetime 4D.
- The project is supported by the Space Technology Innovation and Incubation Centre and Kerala Startup Mission.
- It enables domestic production of complex, heat-resistant components for rockets and satellites, supporting Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- The printer can operate at very high temperatures, with nozzle temperatures up to 350°C (upgradeable to 550°C).
- It supports advanced materials like PEEK, PEKK, and carbon-fiber composites.





**Question: International Day of Zero Waste is observed globally on which date?**

- A) March 28
- B) March 29
- C) March 30
- D) March 31
- E) April 1

**Correct Answer: C) March 30**

**Explanation:**

- The International Day of Zero Waste is observed globally on March 30.
- It was established by the United Nations and first observed in 2023.
- The day promotes sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- The 2026 theme focuses on reducing food waste.
- Globally, nearly 1 billion tonnes of food is wasted every year, accounting for about one-fifth of the food available to consumers.

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**Question: World Theatre Day is observed on which date every year?**

- A) March 25
- B) March 26
- C) March 27
- D) March 28
- E) March 29

**Correct Answer: C) March 27**

**Explanation:**

- World Theatre Day is observed every year on March 27.
- It is organized by the International Theatre Institute (ITI).
- The day was first celebrated in 1962.
- In 2026, it marked the 64th World Theatre Day.
- Celebrations were held in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg.
- The day highlights the importance of theatre arts and promotes cultural exchange worldwide.

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**Ques: The Reserve Bank of India imposed a penalty of ₹231.80 lakh on which bank for non-compliance with disclosure norms?**

- A) Paytm Payments Bank
- B) Jio Payments Bank
- C) India Post Payments Bank
- D) Fino Payments Bank
- E) Airtel Payments Bank

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of ₹231.80 lakh on Airtel Payments Bank Limited.
- The penalty was due to non-compliance with guidelines related to disclosure in financial statements.
- RBI found that the bank failed to disclose certain customer complaints in its annual financial statements for FY 2024–25.

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**Ques: For which period has the Government kept interest rates unchanged for small savings schemes like PPF and Sukanya Samriddhi?**

- A) January–March 2026
- B) April–June 2026
- C) July–September 2026
- D) October–December 2026
- E) Full Year 2026

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Government has maintained interest rates for twelve small savings schemes for the April–June 2026 quarter.
- This marks the ninth consecutive quarter with no change in interest rates.
- The schemes include popular instruments like Public Provident Fund (PPF) and Sukanya Samriddhi Account.

Interest Rates of Small Savings Schemes (April–June 2026):

- Post Office Savings Deposit : 4.0%
- 1-Year Time Deposit : 6.9%
- 2-Year Time Deposit : 7.0%
- 3-Year Time Deposit : 7.1%
- 5-Year Time Deposit : 7.5%
- 5-Year Recurring Deposit : 6.7%
- Senior Citizen Savings Scheme : 8.2%
- Monthly Income Account Scheme : 7.4%
- National Savings Certificate : 7.7%
- Public Provident Fund (PPF) : 7.1%
- Kisan Vikas Patra : 7.5% (matures in 115 months)
- Sukanya Samriddhi Account : 8.2%





## About Small Savings Schemes:

- Regulated by : Government of India (Ministry of Finance)
- Review Frequency : Quarterly
- Objective : Encourage savings and provide secure investment options



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**Ques: Moody's Investors Service has applied to establish a branch in which location to strengthen India's offshore financial ecosystem?**

- A) Mumbai
- B) GIFT City
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Hyderabad
- E) Chennai

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Moody's Investors Service has applied to establish a branch in GIFT City to strengthen India's position as a global offshore financial centre.
- The application has been filed under the IFSCA (Capital Market Intermediaries) Regulations, 2025.
- The proposed entity will undertake credit rating and related financial activities.
- S&P Global Ratings has already received registration from IFSCA to operate in the IFSC.
- Among domestic agencies, CARE Ratings (CareEdge) was the first to set up a base in GIFT IFSC through its subsidiary in October 2024.
- Moody's is one of the "Big Three" global credit rating agencies along with S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings.

**About GIFT City (IFSC):**

- Full Form : Gujarat International Finance Tec-City
- Location : Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Regulator : International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)
- Purpose : Develop India as a global financial services hub





**Ques: According to ICRA, what is the projected GDP growth rate of India for FY 2026–27?**

- A) 5.5%
- B) 6.0%
- C) 6.5%
- D) 7.0%
- E) 7.6%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- ICRA has projected that India's GDP growth will moderate to 6.5% in FY 2026–27.
- This is lower than the 7.6% growth estimated for the current financial year.
- The moderation indicates a gradual slowdown in economic growth.

About ICRA Limited:

- Founded: 1991
- Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana
- Type: Credit Rating Agency
- Function: Provides credit ratings, research, and risk assessment services

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**Ques: India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth rate in February 2026 stood at what percentage?**

- A) 4.5%
- B) 5.0%
- C) 5.8%
- D) 6.0%
- E) 5.2%

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- India's industrial growth, measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), rose to 5.2% in February 2026.
- This shows a slight increase from 5.1% recorded in January 2026.
- The growth was driven by strong performance in the manufacturing sector.
- Manufacturing sector output growth accelerated to 6% in February 2026.
- The data was released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

About Index of Industrial Production (IIP):

- Measures: Industrial output in sectors like manufacturing, mining, and electricity
- Base Year: 2011–12
- Released by: NSO (Ministry of Statistics)
- Frequency: Monthly





**Ques: India signed a working arrangement on aviation manufacturing and safety standards with which organization?**

- A) NATO
- B) European Union
- C) ASEAN
- D) World Bank
- E) IMF

**Answer: Option B**

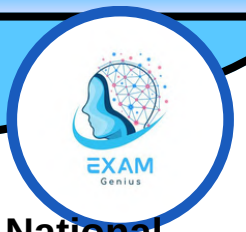
**Explanation:**

- The Government of India signed a working arrangement with the European Union to strengthen aviation manufacturing and safety standards.
- The agreement was signed ahead of the EU–South Asia Aviation Partnership workshop held in New Delhi.
- The pact was exchanged between the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).
- It will support projects such as the assembly of Airbus Helicopters H125/AS350 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

**About European Union (EU):**

- Formed : 1993 (after Maastricht Treaty)
- Membership : 27 countries
- Headquarters : Brussels, Belgium
- President of European Council : Antonio Costa
- President of European Commission : Ursula von der Leyen





**Ques: Who has recently assumed charge as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)?**

- A) Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti
- B) Hansraj Gangaram Ahir
- C) Smriti Irani
- D) Meenakshi Lekhi
- E) Anupriya Patel

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti has assumed charge as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).
  - She succeeded Hansraj Gangaram Ahir.
  - The announcement was made by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- About National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC):

- Type: Constitutional Body
- Ministry: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Established: 1993 (as a statutory body)
- Constitutional Status: Granted in 2018 through 102nd Constitutional Amendment (Article 338B)
- Headquarters: New Delhi

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**Ques: The Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTC) signed an MoU with which organization to develop Delhi as a media hub?**

- A) Doordarshan
- B) Prasar Bharati
- C) Press Trust of India
- D) Film Division of India
- E) NFDC

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Prasar Bharati.
- The objective of the agreement is to develop Delhi as a major media and entertainment hub in India.

About Prasar Bharati:

- Formed: 23 November 1997
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Ministry: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- Role: Public Service Broadcaster (Doordarshan and All India Radio)





**Ques: India's first hydrogen-powered train will operate on which route?**

- A) Delhi–Agra
- B) Mumbai–Pune
- C) Jind–Sonipat
- D) Chennai–Bengaluru
- E) Jaipur–Udaipur

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India's first hydrogen-powered trainset successfully completed oscillation trials, marking a major step toward sustainable transportation.
- The milestone was confirmed by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- The trial was conducted by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) for safety and performance validation.
- India will now join countries like Germany, Japan, and China that operate hydrogen-powered trains.
- The train will operate on the Jind–Sonipat route in Haryana.
- It has been developed by the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, entirely within India.
- During trials, the train covered 20 km with a maximum speed of 70 km/h.

**Key Features of India's Hydrogen Train**

- World's longest hydrogen train with 10 coaches
- Power output: 2400 kW (two power cars of 1200 kW each)
- Zero carbon emissions — emits only water vapour





**Ques: According to Morning Consult, what is the approval rating of Narendra Modi, making him the world's most popular global leader?**

- A) 62%
- B) 65%
- C) 68%
- D) 70%
- E) 75%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Narendra Modi remains the world's most popular global leader with an approval rating of 68%, according to Morning Consult.
- He recorded a disapproval rating of 26%, while 6% respondents were undecided.
- The ratings are based on a trailing seven-day simple moving average of public opinion among adults in each country surveyed.
- Earlier in 2026, he became the first global leader to cross 100 million followers on Instagram.

**Top 5 Leaders (Approval Ratings):**

1. Narendra Modi – 68%
2. Guy Parmelin – 62%
3. Lee Jae-myung – 62%
4. Andrej Babiš – 57%
5. Javier Milei – 56%





**Ques: Who won the Miami Open 2026 Men's Singles title?**

- A) Novak Djokovic
- B) Jannik Sinner
- C) Roger Federer
- D) Carlos Alcaraz
- E) Daniil Medvedev

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Jannik Sinner won the Miami Open 2026 Men's Singles title by defeating Jiri Lehecka 6–4, 6–4 in the final.
- The Italian star completed the historic "Sunshine Double" by winning both Indian Wells and Miami Open in the same season.
- He achieved this feat without dropping a single set in both tournaments.
- Sinner became the first player since Roger Federer (2017) to win both tournaments back-to-back.
- He joined an elite group of players including Novak Djokovic, Andre Agassi, and Pete Sampras.

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**Ques: The United Nations task force to address disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz will be led by whom?**

- A) António Guterres
- B) Kristalina Georgieva
- C) Tedros Adhanom
- D) Jorge Moreira da Silva
- E) Ajay Banga

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- UN Secretary-General António Guterres announced the formation of a task force to address disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz amid the West Asia crisis.
- The task force will be led by Jorge Moreira da Silva.
- The initiative aims to ensure stability in global energy supply and maritime routes.

About United Nations (UN):

- Established: 24 October 1945
- Headquarters: New York, USA
- Membership: 193 member states
- Secretary-General: António Guterres (9th, Portugal)





**Ques: Who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Film Festival of Delhi 2026?**

- A) Chiranjeevi
- B) Nagarjuna
- C) Mohanlal
- D) Nandamuri Balakrishna
- E) Kamal Haasan

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Veteran Telugu actor Nandamuri Balakrishna received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Film Festival of Delhi 2026.
- The award was presented by Rekha Gupta.
- During the festival, his film “Bhagavanth Kesari”, directed by Anil Ravipudi, was screened.
- The film had earlier won the Best Telugu Film award at the 71st National Film Awards.
- Nandamuri Balakrishna was also awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2025, India’s third-highest civilian honour.





**Ques: Indonesia has banned social media use for children below which age?**

- A) 14 years
- B) 15 years
- C) 17 years
- D) 16 years
- E) 21 years

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Indonesia has banned social media use for children under 16 years.
- Indonesia follows Australia, which became the first country in December to impose such a restriction for under-16 users.
- The move aims to protect children from online risks and promote safer digital environments.

About Indonesia:

- Capital: Jakarta
- Currency: Rupiah
- President: Prabowo Subianto

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**Ques: The National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB) signed an MoU with which company to boost skill development in the construction sector?**

- A) ACC Limited
- B) Ambuja Cement
- C) UltraTech Cement
- D) Dalmia Bharat
- E) Shree Cement

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UltraTech Cement Limited.
- The aim is to boost skill development in the construction sector.
- The initiative will provide training and certification programmes for civil engineers, contractors, workers, and masons over the next 3–5 years.
- The programme aligns with the Skill India Mission launched in 2015.

About Skill India Mission:

- Launched: 2015
- Launched by: Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Objective: Provide skill training and enhance employability





**Ques: The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed on which date?**

- A) 21 March
- B) 24 March
- C) 25 March
- D) 27 March
- E) 30 March

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed every year on 25 March.
- The day honours UN staff members who have been detained, abducted, or have gone missing while performing their duties.
- Since the establishment of the United Nations in 1945, many staff members have lost their lives in peacekeeping and humanitarian missions.

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**Ques: The RBI has mandated the use of UTI for which type of financial transactions?**

- A) Government Securities Market
- B) Foreign Exchange Spot Transactions
- C) All OTC Derivatives Transactions
- D) Equity Market Transactions
- E) Mutual Fund Transactions

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has mandated the use of Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) and Unique Transaction Identifier (UTI) for financial market transactions.
- LEI is effective immediately, while UTI will be applicable from January 1, 2027.
- The 20-character LEI is required for non-individual entities in OTC, government securities, and foreign exchange markets.
- The up-to-52-character UTI is mandated for all over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives transactions.
- These identifiers are global standards aimed at enhancing transparency in financial markets.
- LEI will also apply to users undertaking non-derivative foreign exchange transactions.

**Static Part :**

- **RBI Foundation Day – 1 April 1935**
- **Headquarters – Mumbai**
- **Governor – Sanjay Malhotra**





**Ques: The RBI has capped banks' net open positions in the rupee at what amount per day?**

- A) \$50 million
- B) \$75 million
- C) \$100 million
- D) \$150 million
- E) \$200 million

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has capped banks' net open positions in the rupee at \$100 million at the end of each business day.
- This move aims to tighten oversight in the foreign exchange market amid volatility in the rupee.
- RBI has directed authorised dealers of foreign currency to comply with the rule by April 10.

**About Net Open Position (NOP):**

- Meaning: Difference between foreign currency assets and liabilities held by banks
- Purpose: Manage exchange rate risk and ensure market stability
- Regulated by: RBI





**Ques: In which year was the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) established?**

- A) 1930
- B) 1932
- C) 1935
- D) 1947
- E) 1950

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was established on April 1, 1935 under the RBI Act, 1934 based on the recommendations of the Hilton Young Commission.
- RBI regulates and supervises India's banking system and acts as the central bank of the country.
- The headquarters was permanently shifted to Mumbai in 1937 (initially in Calcutta).
- First Governor: Sir Osborne Smith | First Indian Governor: C.D. Deshmukh | Current Governor: Sanjay Malhotra.
- RBI is governed by a Central Board of Directors consisting of one Governor, up to four Deputy Governors and other directors (appointed for 4 years).
- RBI also served as the central bank for Burma (Myanmar) till 1947 and Pakistan till June 1948.
- Currency printing is handled by Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Pvt Ltd (BRBNMPL) at Mysore and Salboni.





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the new CEO of IndiGo?**

- A) Willie Walsh
- B) Pieter Elbers
- C) Tony Fernandes
- D) Alan Joyce
- E) Ajay Singh

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- IndiGo has appointed William Walsh (Willie Walsh) as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- He succeeds Pieter Elbers, who stepped down from the position.
- Willie Walsh is currently serving as the Director General of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
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**About IndiGo:**

- Founded: 2005
- Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana
- Type: Low-cost airline

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**Ques: The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹1,950 crore contract with which company for procurement of mountain radars for the Indian Air Force?**

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited
- B) HAL
- C) BHEL
- D) Larsen & Toubro
- E) Tata Advanced Systems

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹1,950 crore contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the procurement of two mountain radars for the Indian Air Force.
- The mountain radar has been designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- BEL will be responsible for manufacturing the radars.
- These radars are specifically designed for deployment in mountainous terrains to enhance surveillance and defence capabilities.

**About BEL:**

- Established: 1954
- Headquarters: Bengaluru
- Chairman & MD: Bhanu Prakash Srivastava





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Director General of DGCA?**

- A) Abhishek Singh
- B) Chanchal Kumar
- C) Vir Vikram Yadav
- D) Rohit Kansal
- E) Sanjay Jaju

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Vir Vikram Yadav has been appointed as Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- Chanchal Kumar has been appointed as Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B).
- Abhishek Singh has been appointed as Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA).
- These appointments are part of a major bureaucratic reshuffle approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

**Static Part:**

- DGCA Established: 1978
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Ministry: Ministry of Civil Aviation
- NTA Established – 2018
- Headquarters – New Delhi





**Ques: INS Dunagiri, recently inducted into the Indian Navy, is built under which project?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- INS Dunagiri is an indigenous stealth frigate built under Project 17A.
- It has been delivered to the Indian Navy by Garden Reach Shipbuilding and Engineers Ltd (GRSE).
- It is the fifth vessel of the Nilgiri-class frigates.
- It is the second ship of this class to be constructed at GRSE.
- Project 17A focuses on advanced stealth features, improved survivability, and modern weapon systems.

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**Ques: Under the Telangana Employees' Responsibility and Parental Care Monitoring Bill, 2026, what penalty will an employee face if found neglecting their parents?**

- A) 10% salary deduction or ₹5,000 whichever is less
- B) 15% salary deduction or ₹10,000 whichever is less
- C) 20% salary deduction or ₹15,000 whichever is less
- D) 25% salary deduction or ₹20,000 whichever is less
- E) Imprisonment up to 1 year

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Telangana Assembly passed the Telangana Employees' Responsibility and Parental Care Monitoring Bill, 2026.
- The Bill provides relief to elderly parents who are neglected or ill-treated by their children.
- If neglect is proven, up to 15% of gross salary or ₹10,000 (whichever is lower) will be deducted.
- The deducted amount will be directly transferred to the bank accounts of the aggrieved parents.
- The law applies to both government and private sector employees.
- A Senior Citizens Commission will be set up to handle complaints.
- The Act strengthens enforcement beyond the existing Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

**Static Part :**

- State – Telangana





- Capital – Hyderabad
- Chief Minister – A. Revanth Reddy
- Governor – Jishnu Dev Varma



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**Ques: Exercise Dweep Shakti, recently conducted by India, was held in which region?**

- A) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- B) Lakshadweep Islands
- C) Arabian Sea
- D) Bay of Bengal
- E) Gujarat Coast

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- India conducted Exercise Dweep Shakti to strengthen coastal and island defence.
- It was a Tri-Service exercise involving the Army, Navy, and Air Force, showcasing joint operational capability.
- The exercise was held in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands region.
- The region is strategically important due to its proximity to the Malacca Strait, a key global shipping route.

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**Ques: India Pharma 2026, to be held in New Delhi, is being organized by the Department of Pharmaceuticals in association with which organizations?**

- A) CII & ASSOCHAM
- B) DRDO & ISRO
- C) NITI Aayog & WHO
- D) ICMR & AIIMS
- E) FICCI & Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers will host India Pharma 2026 on 13–14 April in New Delhi.
- The event is being organized in association with FICCI and the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance.
- The aim is to strengthen India's position as a global leader in pharmaceuticals and life sciences.
- Theme: "Discover in India: Leapfrogging Life-Sciences Innovation".

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**Ques: INS Sanshodhak, recently inducted into the Indian Navy, belongs to which category of vessels?**

- A) Destroyer
- B) Frigate
- C) Aircraft Carrier
- D) Survey Vessel (Large)
- E) Submarine

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- INS Sanshodhak is the fourth and final Survey Vessel (Large) inducted into the Indian Navy.
- It has been built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE).
- The earlier ships in the series are INS Sandhayak, INS Nirdeshak, and INS Ikshak.
- These ships were commissioned between February 2024 and November 2025.
- INS Sanshodhak has been designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau.
- Survey vessels are used for hydrographic surveys, navigation support, and mapping of sea routes.





**Ques:** The SIM-binding deadline for OTT messaging platforms has been extended till which date?

- A) June 30, 2026
- B) September 30, 2026
- C) December 31, 2026
- D) March 31, 2027
- E) January 1, 2027

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has extended the SIM-binding deadline for OTT messaging platforms to December 31, 2026.
- The rule applies to platforms like WhatsApp, Telegram, and Signal.
- Earlier, users had to log out from web versions every 6 hours and re-login using QR code.
- The government is now considering replacing fixed logout with a risk-based logout system.
- The move aims to improve user experience while ensuring security and compliance.

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**Ques: The Samrat Samprati Museum, inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi, is located in which state?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Samrat Samprati Museum on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The museum is located at Shri Mahavir Jain Aradhana Kendra in Koba village, Gandhinagar.
- It is named after Samrat Samprati, the grandson of Emperor Ashoka.
- Samrat Samprati is a revered figure in Jain tradition, known for promoting non-violence and spreading Jainism.

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**Ques: Who was named “Para Archer of the Year 2025” by the World Archery Federation?**

- A) Deepika Kumari
- B) Sheetal Devi
- C) Jyothi Surekha
- D) Aditi Swami
- E) Ankita Bhakat

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Sheetal Devi from Jammu and Kashmir was named “Para Archer of the Year 2025” by the World Archery Federation.
- She is India’s first female armless para-archer competing at the international level.
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**Other Awards:**

- Archer of the Year: Emircan Haney (Türkiye)
- Young Archer of the Year: Baptiste Addis (France)
- Best Team of the Year: Korea’s recurve men’s team

**Additional News:**

- Pankaj Advani won his maiden National 9-ball pool championship title in Ludhiana.
- He defeated Nitin Sharma of Chandigarh in the final.





**Ques:** Japan recently deployed long-range Type-12 missiles with a range of approximately how many kilometers?

- A) 200 km
- B) 500 km
- C) 800 km
- D) 1,000 km
- E) 1,500 km

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Japan has deployed its first long-range “standoff” missiles (upgraded Type-12) at military bases.
- The missiles are deployed at Camp Kengun (Kumamoto) and Camp Fuji (Shizuoka).
- These missiles are developed by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.
- The upgraded Type-12 missile has a range of around 1,000 km, significantly higher than the earlier 200 km range.
- The deployment aims to strengthen Japan’s defensive and deterrence capabilities amid rising regional security concerns.

**Static Part:**

- Country – Japan
- Capital – Tokyo
- Prime Minister – Sanae Takaichi
- Currency – Japanese Yen





**Ques: Which app is used to monitor banking infrastructure coverage in India through a GIS-based system?**

- A) Jan Dhan Darshak (JDD) App
- B) BHIM App
- C) UMANG App
- D) DigiLocker
- E) Aadhaar App

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India monitors banking infrastructure coverage using the Jan Dhan Darshak (JDD) App, a GIS-based application.
- The government aims to ensure availability of a banking outlet (bank branch, BC, or IPPB) within 5 km of all inhabited villages.
- As per JDD App data, about 99.92% of villages in India are covered with banking outlets within a 5 km radius as of 6 March 2026.
- In Dadra and Nagar Haveli, 100% villages have banking access within 5 km.
- The information was shared by Minister of State for Finance, Pankaj Chaudhary, in the Lok Sabha.





**Ques: Where is the 18th BRICS Summit scheduled to be held in 2026?**

- A) Beijing
- B) Moscow
- C) New Delhi
- D) Johannesburg
- E) Rio de Janeiro

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 18th BRICS Summit is scheduled to be held in New Delhi on September 9–10, 2026.
- India assumed the BRICS Presidency on January 1, 2026.
- India's theme is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
- BRICS grouping has expanded to include Iran and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The summit is expected to bring together global leaders including Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping.

**Static Part (BRICS):**

- Founded – 2009 (BRIC), 2010 (South Africa joined)
- Members – 10 countries
- India's Presidency – 2026
- 18th Summit Venue – New Delhi
- Date – 9–10 September 2026





**Ques: Earth Hour is observed annually by switching off lights for one hour during which time?**

- A) 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- B) 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- C) 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM
- D) 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- E) 10:00 PM – 11:00 PM

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Earth Hour is observed by switching off lights from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM to promote energy conservation and climate action.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), in collaboration with WWF-India, organized awareness activities in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh to mark 20 years of Earth Hour.
- The campaign carried the message “Give an Hour for Earth.”
- Awareness drives and exhibitions were held at The Scindia School and the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM), Madhya Pradesh.

**About Earth Hour**

- Started by: WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature)
- First Observed : 2007 (Sydney, Australia)
- Objective : Raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation





**Ques: Dr. Vijaypat Singhania, who recently passed away, was awarded the Padma Bhushan in which field?**

- A) Literature
- B) Science & Technology
- C) Trade & Industry
- D) Social Work
- E) Sports

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Padma Bhushan awardee and former Raymond chairman Dr. Vijaypat Singhania passed away at the age of 87 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2006 in the field of Sports.
- He authored an autobiography titled “An Angel in the Cockpit” (2005), highlighting his microlight aviation journey.
- He was also a recipient of the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award (2001).

**About Padma Bhushan:**

- Rank: 3rd highest civilian award in India
- Instituted: 1954
- Given for: Distinguished service of high order in any field





**Ques: Chandrikapersad Santokhi, who recently passed away, was the former President of which country?**

- A) Guyana
- B) Mauritius
- C) Fiji
- D) Suriname
- E) Trinidad and Tobago

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Chandrikapersad Santokhi was the former President of Suriname and served from 2020 to 2025.
- He was also the leader of the Progressive Reform Party.
- Earlier, he served as the Justice Minister of Suriname.
- He was popularly known by the nickname “Sheriff.”
- He was a recipient of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman and attended Pravasi Bharatiya Divas as Chief Guest.

**About Suriname:**

- Capital: Paramaribo
- Currency: Surinamese Dollar
- Location: South America

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**Ques: Odisha Day (Utkal Divas) is celebrated on which date?**

- A) March 31
- B) April 1
- C) April 2
- D) May 1
- E) June 1

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Odisha Day, also known as Utkal Divas, is celebrated on April 1 every year.
- The day marks the formation of Odisha as a separate province in 1936 during British rule.
- Odisha was carved out from the Bihar and Orissa Province.
- It became the first state in India formed on a linguistic basis (Odia language).
- The day highlights the cultural identity and linguistic heritage of Odisha.

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**Ques: As per RBI's directive, Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) for all digital transactions became effective from which date?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) for all digital transactions became effective from April 1, 2026.
- The directive was issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- It applies to all digital transactions, including UPI platforms.
- The ecosystem has primarily adopted SMS-based OTP as the second authentication factor.
- Users must now verify transactions through OTP, fingerprint, or facial recognition in addition to UPI PIN.
- Screenshots and screen recording are restricted in banking apps to prevent fraud.
- The initiative aims to reduce fraud and improve accountability in digital payments.

**Static Part**

- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Nationalised – 1 January 1949
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Current RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- Deputy Governors – M. Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar, Swaminathan J., Poonam Gupta





**Ques: India's gross GST collections in March 2026 crossed which milestone, showing an 8.8% growth compared to March 2025?**

- A) ₹1.5 lakh crore
- B) ₹1.75 lakh crore
- C) ₹2 lakh crore
- D) ₹2.5 lakh crore
- E) ₹3 lakh crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India's gross GST collections recorded a growth of 8.8% in March 2026 compared to the same month last year.
- The collections crossed the ₹2 lakh crore mark, indicating strong economic activity and better compliance.
- For the financial year 2025–26, gross GST revenues reached ₹22 lakh crore.
- This marks an increase of 8.3% over ₹20 lakh crore recorded in the previous financial year.
- The data was released by the Ministry of Finance.

**Static Part:**

- GST Implemented – 1 July 2017
- Constitutional Amendment – 101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016
- GST Council Head – Union Finance Minister





**Ques:** As per RBI's revised capital market exposure norms, what is the cap on loans for subscribing to shares through IPOs or ESOPs per individual?

- A) ₹10 lakh
- B) ₹20 lakh
- C) ₹25 lakh
- D) ₹50 lakh
- E) ₹1 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- RBI has capped loans for purchase of shares and other eligible securities at ₹1 crore per borrower across the banking system.
- Earlier, this limit was ₹20 lakh, which has now been increased to ₹1 crore.
- However, for IPOs, Follow-on Public Offers (FPOs) and ESOPs, the borrowing limit is restricted to ₹25 lakh per individual.
- The revised capital market exposure rules have been deferred by 3 months—from April 1 to July 1, 2026.
- The deferral was due to operational and interpretational concerns raised by banks and market participants.
- The move aims to prevent excessive leverage, curb speculative borrowing and reduce risks in the banking system.
- RBI also clarified that acquisition finance now includes mergers and amalgamations.
- Banks must obtain a corporate guarantee from the acquiring company when financing subsidiaries or SPVs.

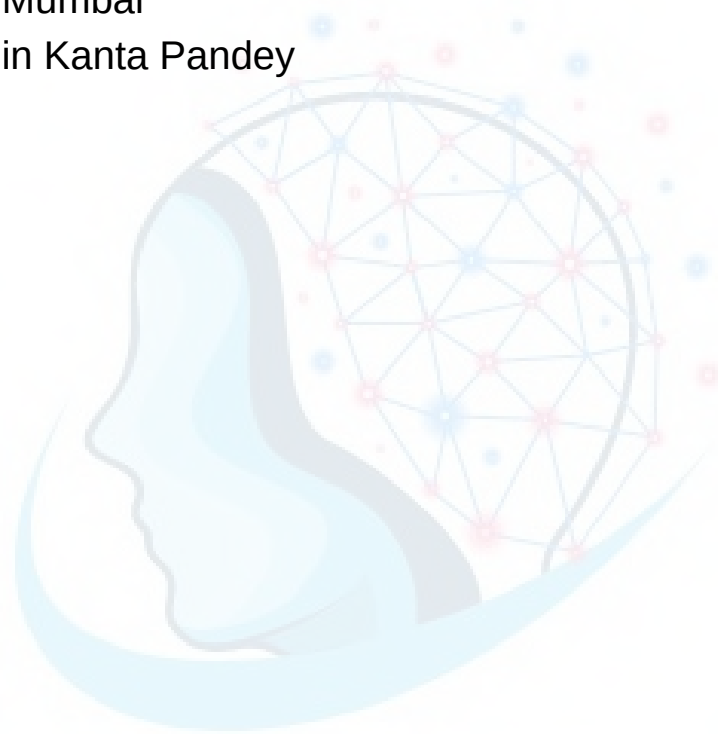
**Static Part |:**

- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Nationalised – 1 January 1949
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Governor – Sanjay Malhotra





- IPO Full Form – Initial Public Offering
- FPO Full Form – Follow-on Public Offer
- ESOP Full Form – Employee Stock Option Plan
- SPV Full Form – Special Purpose Vehicle
- Capital Market Regulator – SEBI
- SEBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- SEBI Chairman – Tuhin Kanta Pandey



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**Ques: The 'Tea Mark' quality certification scheme has been introduced by which body under the Government of India?**

- A) FSSAI
- B) APEDA
- C) Tea Board of India
- D) BIS
- E) Spices Board of India

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Tea Board of India, under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, has introduced the 'Tea Mark' quality certification scheme.
- The scheme will be rolled out in May 2026.
- 'Tea Mark' signifies that the tea has been tested and verified as per control orders and food safety standards.
- The scheme is voluntary and available to manufacturers registered under the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003.
- It aims to curb adulteration, blending with inferior teas, and misrepresentation of origin.
- The Tea Board will design, select, register and popularise the 'Tea Mark' logo.
- The scheme ensures digital traceability and verification of supply chain integrity through empanelled testing laboratories.
- Tea Board may also develop an e-commerce platform to promote and facilitate the sale of 'Tea Mark' certified teas.

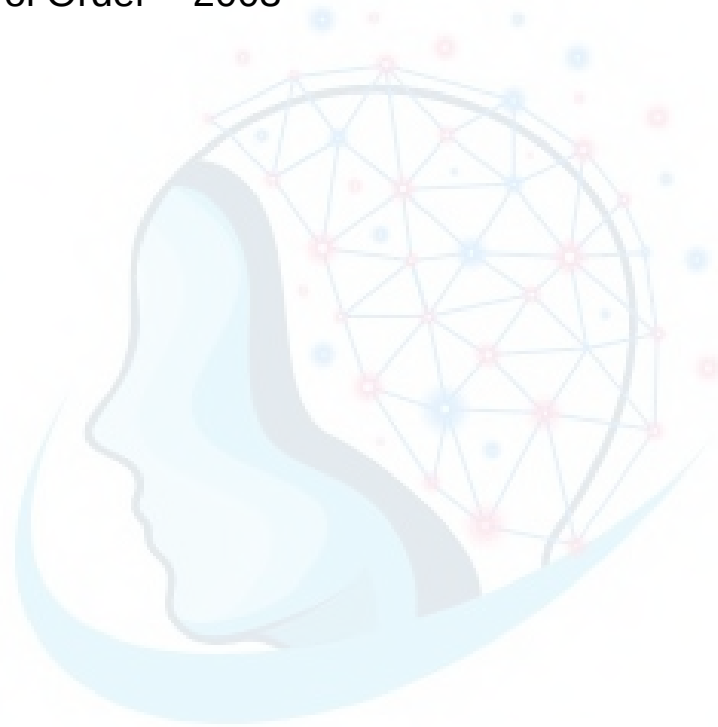
**Static Part |:**

- Tea Board of India Established – 1954
- Headquarters – Kolkata, West Bengal
- Ministry – Ministry of Commerce & Industry





- Chairman – P.K. Bezbaruah
- India's Rank in Tea Production – 2nd largest in world (after China)
- India's Rank in Tea Export – 4th largest exporter
- Major Tea Producing States – Assam, West Bengal (Darjeeling), Tamil Nadu, Kerala
- Famous Indian Teas – Darjeeling Tea, Assam Tea, Nilgiri Tea (GI Tagged)
- Tea (Marketing) Control Order – 2003



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**Ques: Who has been named the Men's Player of the Year 2025 by the Asian Squash Federation (ASF)?**

- A) Abhay Singh
- B) Saurav Ghosal
- C) Ramit Tandon
- D) Mahesh Mangaonkar
- E) Velavan Senthilkumar

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- India's Abhay Singh has been named the Men's Player of the Year 2025 by the Asian Squash Federation (ASF).
- Japan's Satomi Watanabe won the ASF Women's Player of the Year award.
- In the junior category, India's Anahat Singh was awarded the Girls' Player of the Year.
- The Indian boys' squash team received the Men's Team Award.
- The team earned this recognition after winning a bronze medal at the 2025 World Junior Team Championships held in Egypt.

**Static Part:**

- Asian Squash Federation (ASF) Founded – 1980
- Headquarters – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Governing Body in India – Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI)
- World Squash Federation (WSF) – Global governing body





**Ques: As per the government's extended import policy, which of the following pulses will continue to attract an import duty of 30%?**

- A) Tur / Pigeon Pea
- B) Urad / Black Matpe
- C) Moong / Green Gram
- D) Yellow Peas
- E) Masoor / Red Lentil

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Union government has extended the import policy for key pulses—tur, urad and yellow peas—till March 31, 2027.
- The previous import policy had expired on March 31, 2026.
- Imports of tur (pigeon pea) and urad (black matpe) will continue to remain duty-free.
- However, yellow peas will continue to attract an import duty of 30%.
- DGFT issued separate notifications extending the free import policy for tur and urad till March 31, 2027.
- Pulses imports are expected to exceed 5 million tonnes during 2026–27.
- The extension was due to El Niño concerns affecting kharif production and supply disruptions due to West Asia conflict.
- Yellow peas imports remain free without MIP condition and port restrictions, subject to online import monitoring registration.

**Static Part:**

- DGFT Full Form – Directorate General of Foreign Trade
- Under Ministry – Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- MIP Full Form – Minimum Import Price
- Tur (Pigeon Pea) – Arhar / Toor Dal
- Urad (Black Matpe) – Urad Dal





- Kharif Pulses – Tur, Urad, Moong
- Sowing Season – June–July | Harvest – October–November
- India Pulses and Grains Association Chairman – Bimal Kothari



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**Ques: 'Malwan', recently received by the Indian Navy, belongs to which category of naval vessels?**

- A) Aircraft Carrier
- B) Destroyer
- C) Frigate
- D) Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC)
- E) Patrol Vessel

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Navy has received 'Malwan', the second vessel in a series of eight ASW Shallow Water Crafts (ASW SWC).
- The ship has been built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi.
- It is part of an 8-ship programme aimed at strengthening coastal defence.
- ASW SWC are specially designed naval vessels used to detect and destroy enemy submarines in shallow coastal waters.
- These ships enhance India's anti-submarine warfare capabilities in coastal regions.

**Static Part:**

- Indian Navy Founded – 26 January 1950
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chief of Naval Staff – Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi
- Cochin Shipyard Limited – Established in 1972
- Location – Kochi, Kerala





**Ques: Meghalaya government has partnered with which company to pilot satellite-based internet services in remote hill regions?**

- A) Starlink India
- B) OneWeb
- C) Jio Satellite
- D) Amazon Kuiper
- E) BSNL Satellite

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of Meghalaya has partnered with Starlink India to pilot satellite-based internet services in remote hill regions.
- The initiative aims to address connectivity challenges in difficult terrains.
- It will provide high-speed internet access to underserved and remote areas.
- Satellite-based internet helps overcome infrastructure limitations like lack of fiber networks.
- This move is expected to boost digital inclusion and connectivity in hilly regions.

**Static Part:**

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





**Ques: The RoDTEP scheme, extended till September 30, 2026, provides refunds to exporters in which form?**

- A) Direct Bank Transfer
- B) Cash Voucher
- C) Transferable Duty Credit Scrip
- D) Gold Bond
- E) Tax Exemption Certificate

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The government has extended the RoDTEP scheme for six months till September 30, 2026.
- The scheme had earlier expired on March 31, 2026.
- The extension aims to support exporters facing high freight costs and war-related trade risks in the Gulf and West Asia maritime corridor.
- RoDTEP reimburses taxes, duties and levies at central, state and local levels that are not refunded under any other mechanism.
- Refunds range from 0.3% to 3.9% of the export value.
- These refunds are provided as transferable duty credit scrips.
- The scheme covers 10,780 products from DTA units, EoU, AA holders and SEZ units.
- For FY 2026-27, the allocation for RoDTEP is ₹15,728 crore, including ₹5,346 crore for clearing past dues.
- Apparel, garments and made-ups are not covered under RoDTEP; they are covered under the RoSCTL scheme.
- RoDTEP replaced the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS), which was challenged by the USA at WTO.
- From April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025, benefits worth ₹77,262.60 crore have been provided under the scheme.
- RoDTEP replaced MEIS, which was successfully challenged at the WTO by the United States as it violated global trade norms.





## Static Part :

- RoDTEP Full Form – Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products
- Launched – January 1, 2021
- Replaced – MEIS (Merchandise Exports from India Scheme)
- Administered by – Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- Refund Form – Transferable Duty Credit Scrip
- RoSCTL Full Form – Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies
- Covers – Apparel, Garments & Made-ups
- WTO – World Trade Organization (HQ: Geneva, Switzerland)

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**Ques: Under the 4th tranche of the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), how many proposals were approved by MeitY?**

- A) 25
- B) 29
- C) 46
- D) 75
- E) 84

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) approved 29 proposals under the 4th tranche of ECMS.
- These proposals involve a projected investment of ₹7,104 crore and expected production of ₹84,515 crore.
- The initiative is expected to generate around 14,246 direct employment opportunities.
- Earlier, 46 applications worth ₹54,567 crore were approved.
- In total, 75 applications have now been approved under ECMS with expected investments of ₹61,671 crore.
- This exceeds the scheme's investment target of ₹59,350 crore.
- The government increased the ECMS budget allocation to ₹40,000 crore from ₹22,919 crore in the latest budget.

**About Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) Scheme:**

- Outlay : Rs 22,919 crore
- Tenure : 6 year, with one year of gestation period
- Investment Target : To attract Investment of Rs.59,350 crore
- Result : It will result in the production of Rs 4,56,500 crore





**Ques: The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026 recognises which city as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh?**

- A) Visakhapatnam
- B) Kurnool
- C) Tirupati
- D) Vijayawada
- E) Amaravati

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Lok Sabha has unanimously passed the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026.
- The Bill recognises Amaravati as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh.
- The provision has been given retrospective effect from June 2, 2024.
- The Bill will now be sent to the Rajya Sabha for approval.

**Static Part:**

- State – Andhra Pradesh
- Capital – Amaravati
- Formation Day – 1 November 1956





**Ques: The Artemis II mission launched by NASA aims to achieve which of the following objectives?**

- A) Establish a permanent Moon base
- B) Conduct a crewed Moon landing
- C) Test spacecraft systems and safety for future missions
- D) Launch a Mars exploration mission
- E) Deploy satellites in lunar orbit

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- NASA successfully launched the Artemis II mission, marking the first crewed lunar flyby in over 50 years since the Apollo era.
- The mission was launched using the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket from Kennedy Space Center.
- The crew includes four astronauts: Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and Jeremy Hansen.
- The mission duration is about 10 days, during which the Orion spacecraft will travel around the Moon and return to Earth without landing.
- The journey will end with a splashdown in the Pacific Ocean.
- The primary objective is to test the safety, reliability, and performance of spacecraft systems and prepare for future human Moon landings.

**Static Part |:**

- Space Agency – National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- Established – 1958
- Headquarters – Washington, D.C., USA
- Artemis Program – NASA's program to return humans to the Moon
- Apollo Missions – First human Moon landing in 1969 (Apollo 11)





**Ques: NMDC became the first company in India's mining history to surpass which annual iron ore production milestone in FY26?**

- A) 30 mt annual production mark
- B) 40 mt annual production mark
- C) 45 mt annual production mark
- D) 50 mt annual production mark
- E) 60 mt annual production mark

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- NMDC achieved a record production of 53 million tonnes (mt) of iron ore in FY26.
- With this, NMDC became the first company in India's mining history to cross the 50 mt annual production mark.
- In March 2026 alone, NMDC produced 5.35 mt of iron ore, showing a growth of 51% over last year.
- Iron ore sales in March stood at 5.90 mt, reflecting a 40% increase year-on-year.
- The strong performance highlights NMDC's key role in India's mining and steel sector.

**Static Part:**

- NMDC Full Form – National Mineral Development Corporation
- Founded – 1958
- Headquarters – Hyderabad, Telangana
- Type – Navratna PSU
- Ministry – Ministry of Steel





**Ques: Uchral Nyam-Osor, recently in news, has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?**

- A) Kazakhstan
- B) Mongolia
- C) Uzbekistan
- D) Kyrgyzstan
- E) Turkmenistan

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Uchral Nyam-Osor has been elected as the Prime Minister of Mongolia.
- He became the country's third Prime Minister in just nine months.
- The outgoing Prime Minister Zandanshatar Gombojav resigned amid pressure over corruption allegations.

**Static Part:**

- Country – Mongolia
- Capital – Ulaanbaatar
- Currency – Tögrög

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**Ques: How many journalists were recognized at the Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards 2026?**

- A) 19
- B) 20
- C) 22
- D) 24
- E) 26

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards 2026 recognized 24 journalists across 19 categories.
- These awards celebrate outstanding contributions to Indian journalism.
- The awards were presented in New Delhi by the Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan.
- The jury panel included eminent personalities such as B. N. Srikrishna, C. Raj Kumar, Rohini Nilekani, and S. Y. Quraishi.

**List of Major Award Winners 2026:**

- Print (Hindi): Avadhesh Akodia – Dainik Bhaskar
- Broadcast/Digital (Hindi): Sarvapriya Sangwan – BBC News
- Hindi Print/Digital (Regional Languages): Muhammad Sabith & Akhil Sivanand – Mathrubhumi
- Broadcast/Digital (Regional Languages) : Fousiya Musthafa News - Malayalam 24\*7
- Environment, Science & Technology Reporting : Jayashree Nandi & Tannu Jain - Hindustan Times
- Environment, Science & Technology Reporting (Broadcast/Digital) : Rohini Krishnamurthy & Dhruval Parekh - Down to Earth
- Uncovering India Invisible : Vijay Pal Dudi - Dainik Bhaskar
- Uncovering India Invisible (Broadcast/Digital) : Basant Kumar - NewsLaundry





- Business & Economic Journalism : Praveen Paramasivam, Munsif Vengattil & Aditya Kalra - Thomson Reuters
- Reporting on Politics and Government : Deeptiman Tiwary - The Indian Express
- Reporting on Politics and Government (Broadcast/Digital) : Rishika Kashyap - Deccan Herald
- Sports Journalism : Srikanth Dhasarathy - DT Next
- Investigative Reporting (Print/Digital) : Mridulika Jha - Aaj Tak
- Investigative Reporting (Broadcast) : Sreya Chatterjee - India Today
- Feature Writing : Vidheesha Kuntamalla - The Indian Express
- Civic Journalism : Sandip Dighe - The Times of India
- Civic Journalism : Sreya Chatterjee & Arvind Ojha - India Today
- Photojournalism : Praveen Jain - The Print
- Books (Non-Fiction) : Aparajith Ramnath : Penguin Random House

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**Ques: World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) is observed every year on which date?**

- A) April 1
- B) April 2
- C) April 3
- D) April 5
- E) April 7

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The United Nations General Assembly observes World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) every year on April 2.
- The day was designated in 2007 to promote awareness about autism.
- It also aims to ensure the rights and inclusion of autistic individuals worldwide.
- Theme for 2026 is “Autism and Humanity - Every Life Has Value”.

**Static Part:**

- Declared By – United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- First Observed – 2008

