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**Ques: Who has been designated as the new Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Yes Bank?**

- A) Prashant Kumar
- B) Vinay Tonse
- C) Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- D) Dinesh Khara
- E) Sandeep Bakhshi

**Answer: B) Vinay Tonse**

**Explanation:**

- Vinay Tonse has been designated as the Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Yes Bank.
- He will serve as MD & CEO designate from March 12 to April 5 to ensure a smooth leadership transition.
- He will officially assume charge on April 6, succeeding Prashant Kumar.
- His appointment has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India for a three-year term.
- Earlier, he served as Managing Director (Retail Business & Operations) at State Bank of India from November 2023 to November 2025.





**Ques: From which date has India's expanded financial reporting framework including crypto-assets and CBDCs become effective?**

- A) 1 January 2024
- B) 1 July 2025
- C) 1 January 2026
- D) 1 April 2026
- E) 1 January 2027

**Answer: C) 1 January 2026**

**Explanation:**

- The Income Tax Department of India expanded the financial account reporting framework to include crypto-assets, Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs), and certain electronic money products.
- The amendment was notified by the Central Board of Direct Taxes and became effective from 1 January 2026.
- Under the new framework, crypto-asset service providers and financial institutions must report transactions and holdings related to these assets.
- The move aims to improve cross-border tax transparency and align India with global standards such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework (CARF).

**Static Facts**

- Central Board of Direct Taxes – Established: 1964
- Parent Ministry – Ministry of Finance
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Common Reporting Standard (CRS) was developed by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- India's CBDC – Digital Rupee (e₹) issued by Reserve Bank of India





**Ques: According to the Brand Finance Banking 500 Report 2026, which Indian bank has been ranked the 16th strongest bank globally with an AAA+ brand strength rating?**

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

**Answer: C) State Bank of India**

**Explanation:**

- According to the Brand Finance Banking 500 Report 2026, State Bank of India has been ranked the 16th strongest bank globally.
- SBI is the only Indian bank with an AAA+ brand strength rating, the highest recognition for brand strength.
- SBI's brand value increased by 2% to \$8.1 billion, ranking 56th among the world's most valuable banking brands.
- Meanwhile, HDFC Bank was named the most valuable Indian banking brand, although its global ranking dropped to 31st position.





**Ques:** Under the proposed compensation framework of the Reserve Bank of India, the maximum eligible amount for small-value digital fraud transactions is:

- A) ₹25,000
- B) ₹29,412
- C) ₹50,000
- D) ₹1,00,000
- E) ₹75,000

**Answer: C) ₹50,000**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India has proposed a compensation framework for small-value fraudulent digital banking transactions up to ₹50,000.
- Customers will receive 85% of the net loss or ₹25,000 (whichever is lower) if the fraud is reported within 5 days to the bank and the National Cyber Crime Helpline 1930.

**• Compensation sharing formula:**

- If the loss is below ₹29,412, RBI will bear 65%, while the customer's bank and beneficiary bank will bear 10% each.
- If the loss is between ₹29,412 and ₹50,000, RBI will contribute ₹19,118, while the customer's bank and beneficiary bank will contribute ₹2,941 each.

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**Ques: The 'Sashakt Nari–Viksit Bharat' Conference, where the government reaffirmed its focus on women-led development, was inaugurated by which Union Minister?**

- A) Smriti Irani
- B) Annapurna Devi
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) Meenakshi Lekhi
- E) Droupadi Murmu

**Answer: B) Annapurna Devi**

**Explanation:**

- The 'Sashakt Nari–Viksit Bharat' Conference in New Delhi was inaugurated by Annapurna Devi, Union Minister for Women and Child Development.
- She reaffirmed that women-led development is central to the government's policy framework.
- The minister highlighted schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Startup India, and Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi, which promote financial assistance and entrepreneurship among women.
- These initiatives have strengthened financial inclusion, entrepreneurship, confidence, and self-reliance among women across India.
- The government also proposed the SHE-Mart platform as a marketing platform for women entrepreneurs to promote products under the "Local for Global" vision.
- Around 10 crore women are linked with Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across India and more than 2 crore women have become Lakhpati Didis, with a target to increase this number to 6 crore.
- The Minister also highlighted that around 43% of students in STEM fields are women and the government plans to establish one hostel in every district to support girls pursuing STEM education.





**Ques: Which state will recruit its first-ever batch of women firefighters under new recruitment rules?**

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

**Answer: B) Telangana**

**Explanation:**

- Telangana will recruit its first-ever batch of women firefighters under newly introduced recruitment rules.
- The recruitment process will be conducted by the Telangana State Level Police Recruitment Board.
- The selection process includes preliminary test, physical efficiency test, written examination, and document verification.
- The new rules provide 33.33% reservation for women in direct recruitment for the posts of Fire Fighter and Station Fire Officer.

**Static Facts:**

- Capital – Hyderabad
- Chief Minister – A. Revanth Reddy
- Governor – Shiv Pratap Shukla
- State Formation – 2 June 2014





**Ques: Which cricketer smashed the fastest century (33 balls) in ICC Men's T20 World Cup history during the semi-final against South Africa national cricket team in Kolkata?**

- A) Sikandar Raza
- B) Muhammad Fahad
- C) Chris Gayle
- D) Sahil Chauhan
- E) Finn Allen

**Answer: E) Finn Allen**

**Explanation:**

- Finn Allen, opener of the New Zealand national cricket team, smashed the fastest century in ICC Men's T20 World Cup history.
- He scored the 100 runs in just 33 balls during the semi-final against South Africa national cricket team in Kolkata.
- This broke the previous record of 47 balls held by Chris Gayle in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2016.
- Allen's 33-ball century is also the joint-fastest T20I century by a Full Member nation, equalling the record of Sikandar Raza.
- Overall fastest T20I centuries were scored by Sahil Chauhan (27 balls, Estonia) and Muhammad Fahad (29 balls, Turkey).





**Ques: Which institution has been designated as the nodal agency for implementing the North Eastern Science & Technology (NEST) Cluster Project?**

- A) IIT Delhi
- B) IIT Guwahati
- C) IIM Shillong
- D) Tezpur University
- E) NIT Agartala

**Answer: B) Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has sanctioned the North Eastern Science & Technology (NEST) Cluster Project to strengthen the research and innovation ecosystem in the Northeast.
- The project is funded through the North Eastern Council and aims to promote research, start-ups, and skill development across the eight North Eastern states.
- Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati has been designated as the nodal agency and will lead the implementation of the project.
- Project Duration: 5 years
- Total Investment: Approximately ₹22.98 crore
- Hub: IIT Guwahati will act as the central command and resource centre.
- Spokes: Institutions such as Indian Institute of Management Shillong, National Institute of Technology Agartala, National Institute of Technology Meghalaya, and Tezpur University will support implementation across the region.

**Thematic Areas | प्रमुख विषय क्षेत्र :**

- Grassroot Technologies – Promoting local innovations and traditional knowledge.
- Semiconductor & Artificial Intelligence – Preparing the region for future deep-tech industries.
- Bamboo-Based Technology – Innovation in bamboo, known as the “Green Gold” of the North East.





- Eco-friendly Plastics – Research on biodegradable materials to promote sustainability.
- The project aims to build a self-sustaining innovation ecosystem empowering youth, women, and marginalized communities (SC/ST/Divyangjan) in the North East.



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**Ques: “Project KAL”, India’s first indigenous long-range one-way attack drone, has been developed by which company?**

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- B) Bharat Electronics Limited
- C) IG Defence
- D) Tata Advanced Systems
- E) Larsen & Toubro

**Answer: C) IG Defence**

**Explanation:**

- IG Defence, a defence technology firm based in Odisha, has unveiled “Project KAL”, India’s first indigenous long-range one-way attack drone.
- The drone is designed for deep-penetration strike missions and can travel up to 1,000 km with an endurance of 3–5 hours.
- The UAV can carry high-explosive payloads to target strategic assets such as infrastructure, logistics hubs, and radar installations.
- The development supports India’s indigenous defence capability under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

**Static Facts:**

- IG Defence Headquarters – New Delhi
- Odisha Capital – Bhubaneswar
- Odisha Chief Minister – Mohan Charan Majhi





**Ques: According to the Women, Business and the Law Report released by the World Bank Group, what is the average global score for gender-equality laws (on paper)?**

- A) 67
- B) 60
- C) 69
- D) 75
- E) 80

**Answer: A) 67**

**Explanation:**

- According to the Women, Business and the Law Report released by the World Bank Group, laws ensuring equal economic opportunities for women are only partially enforced worldwide.
- The average global score for gender-equality laws (on paper) is 67 out of 100.
- The global enforcement score stands at 53/100, while the adequacy of implementation systems is 47/100.
- Only 4% of women globally live in economies with near-full legal equality.
- The report highlights significant “opportunity gaps” between legislation and real-world outcomes.
- For the first time, the report evaluates the presence of gender-equality laws, their enforcement, and institutional mechanisms supporting implementation.
- The report also assesses women’s economic participation across 10 domains, including safety from violence, employment protections, entrepreneurship opportunities, asset ownership, pay equality, and pension security.





**Ques: The Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 (CAA) provides Indian citizenship to certain persecuted minorities from which three countries?**

- A) Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka
- B) Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan
- C) Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh
- D) China, Nepal, Afghanistan
- E) Iran, Nepal, Bangladesh

**Answer: B) Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan**

**Explanation:**

- The Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 amends the Citizenship Act, 1955 and allows certain persecuted minorities to apply for Indian citizenship.
- The Act covers minorities from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan who entered India before 31 December 2014.
- Eligible communities include Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, and Christian.
- Recently, Dipali Das, a 60-year-old woman from Barak Valley in Assam, became the first person in the state to receive Indian citizenship under CAA on 6 March 2026.
- She had entered India from Bangladesh in 1988 and was earlier declared a non-citizen by the Foreigners Tribunal in Silchar.





**Ques: According to the Global Mind Health in 2025 report, what is India's global rank among 84 countries in mental well-being indicators for young adults (18–34 years)?**

- A) 45th
- B) 52nd
- C) 60th
- D) 68th
- E) 72nd

**Answer: C) 60th**

**Explanation:**

- According to the Global Mind Health in 2025 released by Sapien Labs (USA), young adults in India ranked 60th among 84 countries in key mental well-being indicators.
- The report highlights a significant generational divide in India's mental health indicators.
- Young adults aged 18–34 years recorded an average Mental Health Quotient (MHQ) score of 33, indicating compromised mental well-being.
- In contrast, adults aged 55 years and above recorded a much higher MHQ score of 96 and ranked 49th globally, indicating normal mental functioning.
- The report also observed weaker youth mental health in several developed regions such as Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the United Kingdom.
- Meanwhile, several Sub-Saharan African countries such as Ghana and Nigeria performed relatively better in youth mental well-being indicators.





**Ques: The New Seed Act 2026, announced by the Government of India to modernize the agricultural regulatory framework, will replace which earlier Act?**

- A) Seeds Act, 1966
- B) Fertilizer Control Order, 1985
- C) Essential Commodities Act, 1955
- D) Insecticides Act, 1968
- E) Protection of Plant Varieties Act, 2001

**Answer: A) Seeds Act, 1966**

**Explanation:**

- Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, announced two major legislative reforms: New Seed Act 2026 and Revised Pesticide Act 2026.
- The reforms were unveiled in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand, to modernize India's agricultural regulatory framework and ensure quality agricultural inputs.
- The New Seed Act 2026 will replace the Seeds Act, 1966.

**Key Provisions of the New Seed Act 2026:**

- Mandatory registration of seed companies.
- Only authorized companies will be allowed to sell seeds.
- QR codes on seed packets to help farmers verify authenticity and product details.
- Details of registered companies will be publicly available to prevent fake firms and unauthorised sellers.
- Penalties increased to ₹30 lakh with possible imprisonment for serious violations.

**Revised Pesticide Act 2026**

- It will replace the Insecticides Act, 1968 to modernize pesticide regulations in India.
- Awareness campaigns will be conducted under the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan.
- All Krishi Vigyan Kendras (731 KVKs) across India will educate farmers about seed quality, selection, and grievance redressal.





**Ques: The U.S. Department of the Treasury recently issued a temporary 30-day waiver allowing which country to buy Russian oil?**

- A) Japan
- B) Germany
- C) India
- D) South Korea
- E) Turkey

**Answer: C) India**

**Explanation:**

- The U.S. Department of the Treasury issued a temporary 30-day waiver allowing India to continue purchasing Russia oil.
- The announcement was made by Scott Bessent, the U.S. Treasury Secretary, to allow completion of transactions involving Russian oil already in transit at sea.
- The decision may help India manage short-term supply disruptions and oil price volatility.

**Static Facts:**

- India imports about 85% of its crude oil requirement.
- Major crude oil suppliers to India include Russia, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates.
- More than 55% of India's oil imports pass through the Strait of Hormuz.





**Ques:** The book “Mahatma: A Great Communicator” was written by whom?

- A) Dhiraj Kakadia
- B) Amitabh Kant
- C) Bibek Debroy
- D) Sanjay Baru
- E) Rajiv Kumar

**Answer:** A) Dhiraj Kakadia

**Explanation:**

- The book Mahatma: A Great Communicator is written by Dhiraj Kakadia, who serves as Additional Director General of Akashvani.
- The book was released by Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for the Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- It highlights the communication skills and mass outreach strategies of Mahatma Gandhi.

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**Ques: The 400-ft Bailey Suspension Taram Chu Bridge, restored by the Border Roads Organisation in 2026, is located in which Indian state?**

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Sikkim
- C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Uttarakhand
- E) Nagaland

**Answer: B) Sikkim**

**Explanation:**

- Sanjay Seth, Minister of State for Defence, inaugurated the restored Chungthang–Lachen axis and the 400-ft Bailey Suspension Taram Chu Bridge in Sikkim.
- The infrastructure was rebuilt by the Border Roads Organisation to restore crucial connectivity in North Sikkim.
- Restoration was required after several natural disasters, including the Sikkim Glacial Lake Outburst Flood 2023, Cyclone Remal in June 2024, and multiple cloudbursts during May–June 2025.
- The project helped restore vital Lines of Communication (LoC) in this strategically important border region.





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

- A) 27 February
- B) 28 February
- C) 1 March
- D) 3 March
- E) 5 March

**Answer: C) 1 March**

**Explanation:**

- World Seagrass Day is observed every year on 1 March to raise awareness about the importance of seagrass ecosystems.
- The observance was officially proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly and was first celebrated in 2022.
- In 2026, the world celebrated the 4th edition of this day.
- Seagrass plays a crucial role in carbon storage, marine biodiversity, and coastal protection.

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**Ques: Which bank launched a \$500 million syndicated social term loan facility for women's empowerment in 2026?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- State Bank of India (SBI) launched a \$500 million syndicated social term loan facility focused on women's empowerment initiatives.
- The announcement was made on the occasion of International Women's Day 2026.
- The financing includes a greenshoe option and aims to accelerate social impact through ESG-focused funding.

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**Ques: Which Public Sector Bank became the first in India to align its Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework with ISO 31000:2018?**

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) observed Risk Awareness Day on 2 March 2026, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening enterprise-wide risk awareness.
- On this occasion, IOB became the first Public Sector Bank in India to align its Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework with ISO 31000:2018, a globally recognized standard for effective risk management.
- The step aims to enhance risk governance, strengthen decision-making, and build a robust risk management culture across the bank.

**About Indian Overseas Bank:**

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





**Ques: The National Climate Stack Innovation Challenge with a top prize of ₹15 lakh was launched by which organisation?**

- A) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- B) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- C) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- D) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- E) NITI Aayog

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) launched the National Climate Stack Innovation Challenge to promote AI/ML-based climate solutions for rural India.
- The initiative is launched in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Dalberg Advisors.
- The challenge aims to develop open-source tools for climate hazard forecasting to support agriculture and rural livelihoods.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the next Supreme Leader of Iran after Ayatollah Ali Khamenei?**

- A) Hassan Rouhani
- B) Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf
- C) Ali Larijani
- D) Ebrahim Raisi
- E) Mojtaba Hosseini Khamenei

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Mojtaba Hosseini Khamenei, the second-eldest son of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has been appointed as the new Supreme Leader of Iran.
- He was selected by the Assembly of Experts, an 88-member clerical body responsible for choosing and supervising Iran's Supreme Leader.
- The appointment came after the death of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who had served as Iran's Supreme Leader since 1989.
- Mojtaba Khamenei is considered a mid-ranking cleric with strong ties to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and has long been seen as an influential figure within Iran's political establishment.





**Ques: Which city entered the Guinness World Records by planting over 2.5 lakh saplings in one hour in March 2026?**

- A) Lucknow
- B) Ahmedabad
- C) Indore
- D) Varanasi
- E) Bhopal

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation | व्याख्या:**

- Varanasi, the parliamentary constituency of Narendra Modi, entered the Guinness World Records by planting over 2.5 lakh saplings within one hour.
- The plantation drive was organised by the Varanasi Municipal Corporation on 1 March 2026, with participation from over 20,000 residents.
- The plantation was carried out in the Domari area along the Ganga River riverfront, where an urban forest project named Namoo Van is being developed.
- Around 2.51 lakh saplings were planted in 60 minutes using the Miyawaki Method, which promotes dense plantation of native species for faster forest growth.
- This surpassed China's previous record of 1.53 lakh saplings planted in one hour.





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- A) England
- B) Australia
- C) India
- D) New Zealand
- E) Pakistan

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India national cricket team won the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 by defeating the New Zealand national cricket team by 96 runs in the final.
- Sanju Samson was named Player of the Tournament and credited Sachin Tendulkar for his guidance and support.
- With this victory, India won its third T20 World Cup title after 2007 and 2024.
- Overall, it became India's fifth Cricket World Cup title – 2 ODI (1983, 2011) and 3 T20 (2007, 2024, 2026).

**Static Fact:**

- Governing body – International Cricket Council (ICC)
- Founded – 1909
- Headquarters – Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Chairman – Jay Shah





**Ques: Pakyong Airport, the only airport in Sikkim, is set to be renamed after which freedom fighter?**

- A) Trilochan Pokhrel
- B) Tashi Namgyal
- C) Kazi Lhendup Dorjee
- D) Palden Thondup Namgyal
- E) Bhimsen Gurung

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Prem Singh Tamang, Chief Minister of Sikkim, announced that Pakyong Airport will be renamed after freedom fighter Trilochan Pokhrel.
- Trilochan Pokhrel was popularly known as “Gandhi Pokhrel” because he was deeply influenced by the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi.
- He is regarded as Sikkim’s first freedom activist and actively participated in major national movements such as the Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, and Quit India Movement.
- Pakyong Airport is located about 30 km from Gangtok and was inaugurated on 24 September 2018 by Narendra Modi.
- The airport is strategically important in the Himalayan region as it improves tourism, trade, and regional connectivity in Sikkim.





**Ques: Which state government announced a ban on social media use for children below 16 years?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Karnataka Government announced a ban on the use of social media for children below 16 years of age.
- The initiative aims to protect children from the negative impacts of excessive mobile and social media usage.
- The Andhra Pradesh Government also proposed restricting social media access for children below 13 years.

**About Karnataka:**

- Capital – Bengaluru
- Chief Minister – Siddaramaiah
- Governor – Thawar Chand Gehlot
- Statehood Day – 1 November 1956





**Ques: The ASMITA Women's Sports League, aimed at promoting women's participation in sports, stands for:**

- A) Action for Sports Movement Inspiring Talent and Achievement
- B) Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action
- C) Association for Sports Management and International Training for Athletes
- D) All Sports Mission for Inclusion, Talent and Advancement
- E) Active Sports Movement Inspiring Talent and Achievement

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, announced a special edition of the ASMITA Women's Sports League in New Delhi.
- The initiative has been organised to mark International Women's Day on 8 March 2026.
- ASMITA stands for "Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action."
- The competitions will be held across 250 locations in three age categories:
  - Under 13 years
  - 13 to 18 years
  - 18 years and above
- Athletics events include 100 metres, 200 metres and 400 metres races.





**Ques: The Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Act in India was enacted in which year?**

- A) 2000
- B) 2003
- C) 2005
- D) 2010
- E) 2015

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 was enacted to promote exports, attract investment, and generate employment in India.
- The Act is administered by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Recently, the Government of India constituted a 17-member committee to review and recommend reforms in the SEZ policy to enhance export competitiveness.
- The committee includes officials from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), NITI Aayog, and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- The committee will examine alignment of SEZs with export-promotion schemes like EOU (Export Oriented Unit), EPCG (Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme), MOOWR (Manufacture and Other Operations in Warehouse Regulations), AA (Advance Authorisation), and DFIA (Duty Free Import Authorisation).
- SEZ exports grew by 7.37% to \$172.27 billion in FY 2024-25, with 276 operational SEZs and about 6,279 units across India.

**Static Facts :**

- First SEZ in India – Kandla Special Economic Zone (1965)
- Operational SEZs in India – 276
- SEZ exports in FY 2024-25 – \$172.27 billion (7.37% growth)





**Ques: Which Indian company has been named an official partner for World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development (WED) 2026?**

- A) Adani Group
- B) Tata Power
- C) Reliance Industries
- D) NTPC Limited
- E) JSW Energy

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Adani Group has been named an official partner for the World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development 2026.
- The international observance is recognised by UNESCO and delivered by the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO).
- A key focus of this partnership is the Khavda Renewable Energy Park being developed by Adani Green Energy Limited in the Kutch region of Gujarat.
- The project is being built across 538 sq km of barren land and aims to achieve 30 GW capacity by 2029, making it the world's largest power plant across all energy sources.
- Currently, more than 7 GW renewable capacity has already been operationalised.
- The theme for WED 2026 is "Smart engineering for a sustainable future through innovation and digitalisation."





**Ques: India registered the highest T20 total at which stadium?**

- A) Wankhede Stadium
- B) Eden Gardens
- C) Narendra Modi Stadium
- D) Arun Jaitley Stadium
- E) M. Chinnaswamy Stadium

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The India national cricket team scored 255/5, the highest-ever T20 total recorded at the Narendra Modi Stadium.
- During the match, Jimmy Neesham took three wickets in the 16th over, attempting to slow India's scoring.
- This total also became the third-highest team score in a ICC Men's T20 World Cup match.

**Static Facts:**

- Governing body – International Cricket Council (ICC)
- Founded – 1909
- Headquarters – Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Chairman – Jay Shah





**Ques: Jio Finance Platform and Service Limited (JFPSL) has launched which new mobile app for AI-driven financial services?**

- A) FinTrack
- B) Finsider
- C) JioMoney Plus
- D) FinAssist
- E) WealthMate

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Jio Finance Platform and Service Limited (JFPSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Jio Financial Services Limited (JFSL), has launched a new mobile app called Finsider.
- The company has also introduced an early access programme allowing selected users to test the app and provide feedback before its full-scale rollout.
- The app offers AI-driven personalisation powered by Agentic AI and neural networks to deliver customised financial services.
- It also functions as a multi-product financial marketplace and includes automated liquidity management features for users.
- According to Hitesh Sethia, Managing Director and CEO of JFSL, the platform aims to enhance digital financial experiences using advanced AI technologies.

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**Ques: According to the Hurun Global Rich List 2026, how many new billionaires were added in India in 2026?**

- A) 32
- B) 45
- C) 57
- D) 68
- E) 75

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- According to the Hurun Global Rich List 2026, India added 57 new billionaires, taking the total number of billionaires to 308.
- India became the third-largest country for billionaires, after China and the United States.
- The total wealth of Indian billionaires reached about ₹112 lakh crore, with an average wealth of ₹36,570 crore per billionaire.
- Many of the new billionaires emerged from sectors such as healthcare, auto components, energy, and financial services.

**Top 5 Richest Indians (Hurun List 2026):**

1. Mukesh Ambani & Family – ₹9.8 lakh crore
2. Gautam Adani & Family – ₹7.5 lakh crore
3. Roshni Nadar Malhotra & Family – ₹3.2 lakh crore
4. Cyrus S. Poonawalla & Family – ₹3 lakh crore
5. Kumar Mangalam Birla & Family – ₹2.5 lakh crore

**Static Facts :**

- Total Billionaires in India (2026): 308
- New Billionaires in 2026: 57
- India's Global Rank: 3rd
- Top Countries: 1st – China, 2nd – United States





**Ques: Renowned Bengali novelist Mani Shankar Mukhopadhyay, popularly known by which pen name, passed away recently?**

- A) Bibhutibhushan
- B) Shankar
- C) Sunil
- D) Parashuram
- E) Shirshendu

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Renowned Bengali novelist Mani Shankar Mukhopadhyay, popularly known by his pen name “Shankar”, passed away recently.
- He began his career as a clerk at the Calcutta High Court under the last British barrister Noel Barwell.
- His first novel Kato Ajanare (1955) was based on his experiences at the High Court.
- He received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2021 for his autobiographical memoir Eka Eka Ekashi.
- He also served as the Sheriff of Kolkata in 2019 and was honoured with Bankim Puraskar and Banga Bibhushan, one of the highest civilian honours of West Bengal.

**Notable Works :**

- Chowringhee (1962) – Adapted into a famous film (1968) starring Uttam Kumar.
- Seemabaddha – Adapted into a film by Satyajit Ray as part of the Calcutta Trilogy.
- Jana Aranya – Also adapted by Satyajit Ray.
- Maan Samman – Adapted into the Hindi film Sheesha by Basu Chatterjee.
- Achena Ajana Vivekananda – A well-known biographical work on Swami Vivekananda.





**Ques: RBI purchases or sells government securities in the market through which monetary policy tool?**

- A) Repo Rate
- B) Open Market Operations
- C) Cash Reserve Ratio
- D) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
- E) Reverse Repo Rate

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) buys or sells government securities in the market through Open Market Operations (OMO) to regulate money supply and maintain liquidity in the financial system.
- For example, RBI purchased ₹50,000 crore worth of Government Securities under OMO as part of a ₹1,00,000 crore liquidity injection plan.
- OMOs are a key tool used by RBI to increase or decrease liquidity in the banking system by buying or selling government securities.

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**Ques: J&K Bank has partnered with which NBFCs to expand home and gold loan lending?**

- A) Bajaj Finance & Muthoot Finance
- B) IIFL Finance & Home First Finance Company India
- C) Shriram Finance & Tata Capital
- D) LIC Housing Finance & PNB Housing Finance
- E) L&T Finance & Manappuram Finance

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Jammu & Kashmir Bank has partnered with Home First Finance Company India and IIFL Finance to expand its retail lending business, particularly home loans and gold loans, beyond Jammu & Kashmir.
- The agreements were signed at the Jammu Zonal Office in the presence of Amitava Chatterjee (MD & CEO) and Sudhir Gupta (Executive Director).
- Under the co-lending model, banks and NBFCs jointly finance loans by combining the bank's deposit base and branch network with the NBFCs' credit delivery expertise.
- J&K Bank – Headquarters: Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir; MD & CEO: Amitava Chatterjee; Founded: 1938.

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**Ques: Which NBFC launched the “Spoorthi” programme to support women entrepreneurs?**

- A) Bajaj Finance Ltd
- B) Tata Capital Ltd
- C) Mahindra Finance Ltd
- D) Muthoot Finance Ltd
- E) L&T Finance Ltd

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- L&T Finance Ltd, a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), launched the “Spoorthi” programme to support women entrepreneurs.
- The programme provides easier access to finance for women-led businesses.
- It offers home loans and Loan Against Property (LAP) to help women entrepreneurs expand their businesses and meet working capital needs.
- The initiative is designed to encourage financial inclusion and promote women-led enterprises in India.

EXAM  
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**Ques: Which state government launched the Chief Minister Krishi Vistara Scheme to increase farmers' income?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced the Chief Minister Krishi Vistara Scheme in the Karnataka Budget 2026–27 to increase farmers' income.
- The scheme has an outlay of ₹2,100 crore for the next three years.
- It aims to strengthen post-harvest activities and improve market linkages for farmers.
- The initiative focuses on processing, value addition, value-chain development, recycling of agricultural waste, and improved market access to generate additional income for rural farmers.

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**Ques: Indonesia recently signed an initial agreement with India to acquire which missile system?**

- A) Agni Missile
- B) Prithvi Missile
- C) BrahMos Missile
- D) Akash Missile
- E) Nag Missile

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Indonesia signed an initial agreement with India to acquire the BrahMos Missile, a supersonic cruise missile system.
- The BrahMos Missile is jointly developed by India and Russia.
- Indonesia will become the second country after the Philippines to purchase this missile system from India.
- The deal aims to strengthen Indonesia's maritime defence capabilities and enhance strategic defence cooperation with India in the Indo-Pacific region.

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**Ques: The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) has approved naming a stadium stand at Wankhede Stadium after which former Indian cricket captain?**

- A) Kapil Dev
- B) Ravi Shastri
- C) Sunil Gavaskar
- D) Sourav Ganguly
- E) Rahul Dravid

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) approved naming a stadium stand at Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai after former Indian cricket captain Ravi Shastri.
- The decision was made during the MCA Apex Council Meeting to honour his contributions to Indian cricket.
- Additionally, three stadium gates will be named after legendary Mumbai cricketers Dilip Sardesai, Eknath Solkar, and Diana Edulji.
- Ravi Shastri was an all-rounder and part of the 1983 Cricket World Cup-winning Indian team.
- After retirement, he served as a prominent cricket commentator and later became the head coach of the Indian national team.

**About Wankhede Stadium**

- Wankhede Stadium was established in 1974 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- It is one of India's most historic cricket venues and has hosted major international matches, including World Cup games and international finals.





**Ques: According to the SIPRI report (2021–2025), which country remained the world's second-largest arms importer?**

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Pakistan
- E) Japan

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report, India was the second-largest importer of major arms globally during 2021–2025.
- India accounted for 8.2% of global arms imports in this period.
- The United States remained the largest arms exporter with 42% of global exports, followed by France (9.8%) and Russia (6.8%).
- SIPRI was founded in 1966 and is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden.

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**Ques: The Solar Energy Corporation of India conducted a landmark auction for Green Ammonia under which scheme?**

- A) National Solar Mission
- B) SIGHT Programme
- C) National Bio-Energy Mission
- D) PM-KUSUM Scheme
- E) National Electric Mobility Mission

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) conducted a landmark auction for Green Ammonia under the SIGHT Programme (Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition).
- The initiative aims to decarbonize India's industrial sectors, especially the fertilizer industry, and reduce dependence on fossil fuel imports.
- Green Ammonia is produced using renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, or hydro power, unlike conventional ammonia produced from fossil fuels.
- The SIGHT Programme is part of the National Green Hydrogen Mission, with a total budget of ₹17,490 crore and will remain active until 2029–30.
- Component I of SIGHT focuses on electrolyser manufacturing in India, while Component II promotes green hydrogen and derivatives like green ammonia.
- focuses on production of green hydrogen and its derivatives such as green ammonia.
- Outlay : ₹4,440 crore (Component I ), ₹13,050 crore (Component II )

**About Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited :**

- Establishment : 2011
- HQ : New Delhi
- MD : Shri Akash Tripathi
- Theme / Tagline : (Vision: Energy transformation towards a greener planet)





**Ques: India and Uzbekistan recently launched a Pharma-Nutra Trade Corridor mainly to expand access to which regional market?**

- A) ASEAN Market
- B) European Union
- C) CIS & Eurasian Healthcare Market
- D) African Union Market
- E) Middle East Market

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India and Uzbekistan launched a Pharma-Nutra Trade Corridor to expand access to the CIS and wider Eurasian healthcare market, valued at around \$7–10 billion.
- The initiative involves Uzbekistan’s Ministry of Health, Nutrifly Today, and Pharma Eurasia to create a policy-backed platform for regulatory alignment, investment, and market entry for global manufacturers, especially from India.
- The corridor will promote partnerships, joint ventures, supply-chain integration, and trade facilitation in the pharmaceutical and nutraceutical sectors.
- Its commercial execution will be showcased at Pharma Eurasia 2026 in Tashkent (20–22 May 2026).

**About Uzbekistan :**

- Capital – Tashkent
- Currency – Uzbekistani Som
- President – Shavkat Mirziyoyev





**Ques: Which state government launched the 'MeHEALTH' app to provide information about nearby government health facilities?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Health Department of Kerala launched the 'MeHEALTH' mobile app to help citizens access information about nearby government health facilities.
- The app allows users to locate hospitals within a 10-kilometre radius, view available specialties, laboratory tests, charges, and also provides information about blood banks, radiology units, pharmacies, and pay wards.
- Patients can also book doctor appointments through the app.
- This initiative aims to enhance healthcare accessibility and digital services for citizens in Kerala.

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**Ques: Which organization is leading India's initiative that resulted in a 400% increase in organ transplants over the last decade?**

- A) Indian Council of Medical Research
- B) National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization
- C) World Health Organization
- D) All India Institute of Medical Sciences
- E) National Health Authority

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) is leading India's initiative that has resulted in a 400% increase in organ transplants over the last decade.
- This effort is helping India become a global hub for low-cost, high-quality life-saving transplant surgeries.
- The initiative focuses on building an ethical, transparent, and self-reliant organ transplant system across the country.
- Technology and public awareness campaigns aim to bridge the gap between organ demand and supply, especially in underserved regions.
- The program's theme is "Angdaan – Jeevan Sanjeevani" (Organ Donation – Life-Saving Mission).
- Total transplants increased from about 5,000 in 2013 to nearly 20,000 in 2025, while deceased donations account for about 18% of total transplants.
- The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Registry (NOTTR) was launched on 17 September 2023 with an Aadhaar-based registry, where over 4.8 lakh citizens have registered for organ donation.
- India now performs the highest number of hand transplants globally and ranks 3rd in the world in total organ transplants, after United States and China.
- Green Corridors are also created to ensure traffic-free movement of organs between hospitals for faster transplantation.





## About NOTTO :

- Established : 2014 (Established after the 2011 THOTA Amendment)
- Director : Dr. Anil Kumar
- HQ : New Delhi



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**Ques:** How many Indian players were named in the ICC Team of the Tournament for the 2026 T20 World Cup?

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four
- D) Five
- E) Six

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the Team of the Tournament for the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup.
- Four Indian players — Sanju Samson, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya, and Jasprit Bumrah — were included.
- Sanju Samson was selected as the wicketkeeper, Ishan Kishan as a top-order batter, Hardik Pandya as an all-rounder, and Jasprit Bumrah as the lead fast bowler.
- Their selection reflects India's strong performance throughout the tournament.

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**Ques: Who became India's 92nd Grandmaster (GM) in January 2026, marking another milestone in India's rapidly growing chess talent pool?**

- A) Aarav Dengla
- B) Aaryan Varshney
- C) R Praggnanandhaa
- D) Nihal Sarin
- E) Arjun Erigaisi

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Aaryan Varshney became India's 92nd Grandmaster (GM) in January 2026, highlighting the rapid growth of Indian chess on the global stage.
- His achievement adds to India's expanding pool of elite chess talent, alongside players like Aarav Dengla, who has also recently made notable international successes.
- Viswanathan Anand was India's first Grandmaster in 1988 and a five-time World Chess Champion, famously known as the "Tiger of Madras."
- India is now recognized as one of the fastest-growing chess nations, producing a steady stream of young grandmasters and international champions.





**Ques: India conducts the joint military exercise 'Lamitiye' with which country?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India conducts the joint military exercise 'Lamitiye' with the Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF).
- The 11th edition, Lamitiye 2026, was held at the Seychelles Defence Academy from 9–20 March.
- 'Lamitiye' means "friendship" in the Creole language.
- The exercise involves all three services of the Indian Armed Forces, including the Assam Regiment, INS Trikand of the Navy, and a C-130J Super Hercules aircraft of the Air Force.
- It aims to strengthen defence cooperation, interoperability, and maritime security between India and Seychelles.

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**Ques: Which NBA player broke the all-time field goal record, surpassing Kareem Abdul-Jabbar?**

- A) Stephen Curry
- B) Michael Jordan
- C) Kobe Bryant
- D) Kevin Durant
- E) LeBron James

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- LeBron James broke the NBA all-time field goal record, surpassing Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.
- He reached 15,838 career field goals during his 23rd NBA season.
- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar previously held the record with 15,837 field goals over his 20-year career.
- This milestone further cements LeBron James's legacy as one of the greatest players in NBA history.

EXAM  
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**Ques: World Hearing Day is observed globally every year on which date?**

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The World Health Organization (WHO) observes World Hearing Day every year on 3 March to raise awareness about hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care globally.
- The 2026 theme is: "From communities to classrooms: hearing care for all children."
- The year 2026 marks the 20th global observance of World Hearing Day.

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**Ques: CISF Raising Day is celebrated every year on which date?**

- A) March 10
- B) March 9
- C) March 8
- D) March 12
- E) March 15

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- CISF Raising Day is observed every year on 10 March to mark the establishment of the Central Industrial Security Force in 1969.
- The CISF provides security to airports and critical installations across India and has been designated as the nodal agency for drone security.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs has also mandated CISF to provide security at all ports in India.

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**Ques: Which regulator approved Allianz Jio Reinsurance and Kiwi General Insurance to start operations in India?**

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- D) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- E) Competition Commission of India

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) approved Allianz Jio Reinsurance and Kiwi General Insurance to begin insurance operations in India.
- The approval was granted during IRDAI's 134th Board Meeting, where the regulator issued Certificates of Registration to both entities.
- Allianz Jio Reinsurance will operate as a reinsurer, while Kiwi General Insurance will function as a general insurance company in the Indian insurance market.

**About Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI):**

- Established: 1999
- HQ: Hyderabad, Telangana
- Chairperson: Ajay Seth





**Ques: Which international organisation approved a \$1.2 billion loan to India to support climate resilience and sustainable infrastructure development?**

- A) World Bank
- B) New Development Bank
- C) International Monetary Fund
- D) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- E) Asian Development Bank

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$1.2 billion loan to India to support climate resilience and sustainable infrastructure development.
- Out of the total package, \$650 million will support the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.
- Around \$200 million will be provided through the Green Climate Fund.
- Another \$331 million will be invested in a wind-solar hybrid plant of ReNew Energy Global.

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**Ques: Indian Railways launched which mobile application to enable women employees to report sexual harassment at the workplace?**

- A) SAKHI
- B) SHINE
- C) Suraksha
- D) Nari Shakti
- E) Raksha

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Railways launched a customised mobile application named “SHINE” (Sexual Harassment Incident Notification for Empowerment).
- The application enables women employees to report incidents of sexual harassment at the workplace in a secure and accessible manner.
- The SHINE app was launched on the occasion of International Women's Day, observed every year on 8 March.

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**Ques: PB-SHABD platform, which provides logo-free news content, is an initiative of which organization?**

- A) Press Information Bureau
- B) Prasar Bharati
- C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) National Informatics Centre

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The PB-SHABD (Prasar Bharati – Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination) platform is an initiative of Prasar Bharati.
- The platform provides free logo-free daily news content for media organisations and digital platforms until March next year.
- It produces around 1,000 news stories daily in multiple formats with the support of 1,500+ correspondents and about 60 editorial desks working round the clock.
- The platform also provides live feeds of national events, investiture ceremonies, and press briefings, and the content can be used without logo or credit.

About PB-SHABD:

- Full Form: Prasar Bharati Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination
- Organization: Prasar Bharati
- Ministry: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting





**Ques: Which ministry launched the nationwide social media campaign “Say No To Proxy Sarpanch” to promote genuine leadership of elected women representatives in village governance?**

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched a nationwide social media campaign titled “Say No To Proxy Sarpanch.”
- The campaign aims to stop the practice known as “Sarpanch Pati,” where male relatives exercise authority instead of elected women leaders in village governance.
- The initiative promotes empowerment and independent leadership of women representatives in Panchayati Raj institutions.

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**Ques:** The 16th-century bronze statue of Saint Tirumankai Alvar, set to be returned to India by the Ashmolean Museum, originally belonged to which temple in Tamil Nadu?

- A) Meenakshi Amman Temple
- B) Ranganathaswamy Temple
- C) Brihadeeswara Temple
- D) Chidambaram Temple
- E) Soundararajaperumal Temple

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- A 16th-century bronze statue of Tirumankai Alvar is set to be returned to India by the Ashmolean Museum at the University of Oxford.
- The statue measures 57.5 centimetres in height and had been part of the museum's collection since 1967.
- Tirumankai Alvar is one of the twelve Alvar saints revered in the Vaishnavite tradition of Hinduism.
- These saints were poet-devotees who composed hymns praising Vishnu and played an important role in the Bhakti movement in South India.
- The bronze idol originally belonged to the Soundararajaperumal Temple located in Thadikombu village in Tamil Nadu.





**Ques: The Jal Jeevan Mission has been extended till which year by the Union Cabinet?**

- A) 2028
- B) 2027
- C) 2026
- D) 2030
- E) 2035

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Jal Jeevan Mission has been extended by the Union Cabinet of India until December 2028.
- The Cabinet meeting was chaired by Narendra Modi and the mission will now focus on service delivery along with infrastructure development.
- The government approved an enhanced total outlay of ₹8.69 lakh crore, including ₹3.59 lakh crore as central assistance to strengthen rural drinking water supply systems.
- A national digital framework called “Sujalam Bharat” will be launched to digitally map the entire drinking water supply system from source to tap in villages.

**About Jal Jeevan Mission:**

- Launched: 15 August 2019
- Ministry: Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Total Outlay: ₹8.69 lakh crore
- Extended till: 2028





**Ques: The indigenously developed 30 kW Wide Band Gap (WBG)-based Integrated Drive System (IDS) for Electric Vehicles was launched in which city?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The indigenously developed 30 kW Wide Band Gap (WBG)-based Integrated Drive System (IDS) for Electric Vehicles was launched in Chennai.
- The technology was jointly developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Indian Institute of Technology Madras, and Lucas TVS.
- The project was developed under the National Mission on Power Electronics Technology (NaMPET) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- The system was launched by S. Krishnan, Secretary of MeitY, at Indian Institute of Technology Madras.
- The Integrated Drive System (IDS) is a Wide Band Gap semiconductor-based EV powertrain system that integrates the electric motor and inverter into a single compact, high power-density unit.
- It replaces the traditional configuration where the motor and drive systems are installed separately, improving efficiency and compactness.





**Ques: Which programme has connected more than 2.15 lakh Gram Panchayats in India through optical fibre networks?**

- A) Digital India Programme
- B) PM-WANI
- C) BharatNet Programme
- D) National Broadband Mission
- E) Smart Cities Mission

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The BharatNet Programme has connected more than 2.15 lakh Gram Panchayats across India through the expansion of optical fibre networks and digital infrastructure.
- 5G connectivity now covers 99.9% of districts in India, supported by more than 5.18 lakh Base Transceiver Stations (BTS).
- Under the Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) initiative, 4,09,111 public Wi-Fi hotspots have been deployed across the country as of February 2026.
- BharatNet Programme was launched in 2011 and implemented by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL).
- Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) was launched in 2020 to provide affordable public Wi-Fi access.





**Ques: India's Mahindra Group partnered with which aircraft manufacturer to establish an MRO facility in India for the C-390 Millennium aircraft?**

- A) Boeing
- B) Airbus
- C) Embraer
- D) Lockheed Martin
- E) Dassault Aviation

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Brazilian aircraft manufacturer Embraer and Mahindra Group have partnered to establish a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility in India.
- The facility will support the Embraer C-390 Millennium, a modern military transport aircraft.
- In October 2025, Embraer and Mahindra Group signed a Strategic Cooperation Agreement to manufacture the Embraer C-390 Millennium aircraft in India.

**About the C-390 Millennium Aircraft:**

- Payload Capacity: Up to 26 tons, capable of carrying heavy cargo or troops.
- Speed & Range: Faster and has a longer range than most medium-sized transport aircraft.
- Versatility: Used for military transport, medical evacuation, search and rescue, and aerial refueling.
- Runway Flexibility: Can land and take off from temporary or unpaved runways.

**About Brazil :**

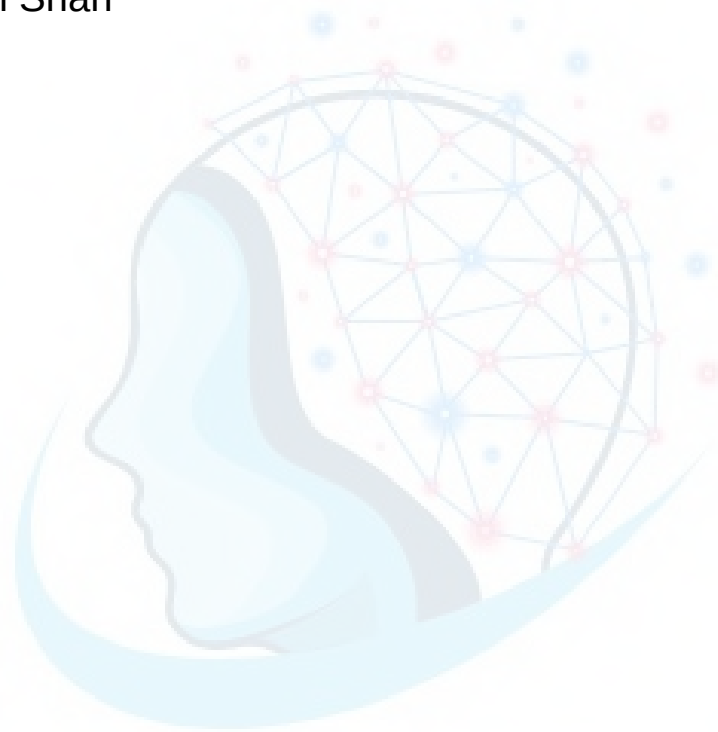
- Capital : Brasília
- Currency : Brazilian Real (BRL / R\$)
- President : Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (In office since Jan 2023)





## About Mahindra Group :

- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Anand Mahindra
- MD & CEO : Dr. Anish Shah



EXAM  
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**Ques: The Union Cabinet recently approved declaring which airport in Tamil Nadu as an International Airport?**

- A) Coimbatore Airport
- B) Madurai Airport
- C) Tiruchirappalli Airport
- D) Salem Airport
- E) Tuticorin Airport

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet of India, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved declaring Madurai Airport in Tamil Nadu as an International Airport.
- Madurai Airport is located in Madurai, popularly known as the Temple City, and is one of the oldest airports in Tamil Nadu.
- Granting international status will enhance regional connectivity, boost tourism and pilgrimage, and promote trade and economic development in Southern Tamil Nadu.

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**Ques: Which organisation signed a Statement of Intent with NITI Aayog to improve nutrition and health outcomes in Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks?**

- A) World Health Organization
- B) UNICEF India
- C) World Bank
- D) Asian Development Bank
- E) UNDP

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- NITI Aayog and UNICEF India signed a Statement of Intent to improve nutrition and health outcomes in Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks across India.
- The partnership aims to strengthen maternal and child nutrition outcomes, particularly in underserved regions.
- UNICEF India will provide technical expertise through the IMPAct4Nutrition (I4N) platform.

**National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog):**

- Established: January 1, 2015
- HQ: New Delhi
- Chairperson: Narendra Modi
- Vice Chairperson: Suman Bery





**Ques: Who has taken interim charge of IndiGo after the resignation of CEO Pieter Elbers?**

- A) Rakesh Gangwal
- B) Rahul Bhatia
- C) Ronojoy Dutta
- D) Ajay Singh
- E) Vinay Dube

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Pieter Elbers, CEO of IndiGo (parent company InterGlobe Aviation), has resigned with immediate effect.
- Rahul Bhatia, Managing Director and Co-founder of IndiGo, has taken interim charge until a new CEO is appointed.
- Pieter Elbers joined IndiGo as CEO in September 2022, succeeding Ronojoy Dutta, and earlier served as CEO of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

**About IndiGo:**

- Parent Company: InterGlobe Aviation
- Founded: 2006
- HQ: Gurugram, Haryana
- Founders: Rahul Bhatia & Rakesh Gangwal





**Ques: Which ministry announced three flagship festivals — Tribes Art Fest, Living Roots Festival, and Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 — to showcase India's tribal heritage?**

- A) Ministry of Culture
- B) Ministry of Tourism
- C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) Ministry of Minority Affairs

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) announced three flagship festivals to showcase the richness of India's tribal heritage and culture.

About the Three Flagship Festivals:

- Tribes Art Fest (TAF) 2026: Held from 2–13 March 2026 at Travancore Palace Art Gallery, New Delhi.
- Living Roots Festival (LRF): Scheduled from 13–15 March 2026 at Bikaner House and India Gate, New Delhi.
- Bharat Tribes Fest 2026: Focuses on promoting tribal arts, crafts, and traditions across India.

- **Bharat Tribes Fest (BTF) 2026:**

Will take place from 18–30 March 2026 at Sunder Nursery, New Delhi.

Bharat Tribes Fest (BTF) 2026:





**Ques: Which countries were recently added to the FATF Grey List?**

- A) Sri Lanka and Nepal
- B) Iran and North Korea
- C) Kuwait and Papua New Guinea
- D) Myanmar and Pakistan
- E) Bangladesh and Thailand

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has added Kuwait and Papua New Guinea to its “Grey List,” placing them under increased monitoring.
- The Grey List includes countries that have strategic deficiencies in anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorist financing (CFT) systems but have committed to working with FATF to resolve these issues.
- FATF works globally to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing.

**About Financial Action Task Force (FATF):**

- Established: 1989
- Founded by: Group of Seven (G7) countries
- HQ: Paris, France
- President: Elisa de Anda Madrazo (Mexico)





**Ques: Which leader of the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) is set to become the next Prime Minister of Nepal after strong results in the parliamentary elections?**

- A) Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- B) Sher Bahadur Deuba
- C) Balendra “Balen” Shah
- D) KP Sharma Oli
- E) Madhav Kumar Nepal

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Balendra Shah, popularly known as “Balen,” is set to become the next Prime Minister of Nepal after strong results in the parliamentary elections.
- He is the leader of the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), a political party that has recently emerged as a major force in Nepalese politics.
- The 35-year-old rapper-turned-politician previously served as the Mayor of Kathmandu.
- The election followed the 2025 Gen Z protests, which led to the fall of the government led by K. P. Sharma Oli.
- The Rastriya Swatantra Party was founded on 1 July 2022 and has quickly become a significant political force in Nepal.





**Ques:** India recently dispatched 1,000 metric tons of rice as humanitarian aid to which country affected by the El Niño drought?

- A) Zambia
- B) Malawi
- C) Kenya
- D) Ethiopia
- E) Mozambique

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India dispatched 1,000 metric tons of rice to Malawi as humanitarian aid to support the country facing drought due to the El Niño effect.
- The aid shipment was dispatched from Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Nhava Sheva).
- The initiative highlights India's commitment to humanitarian assistance, food security, and South–South cooperation among Global South partner countries.

About Malawi:

- Capital: Lilongwe
- Currency: Malawian Kwacha
- President: Peter Mutharika

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**Ques: The first Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) 2026 will be held in which state?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The first Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) 2026 will be held from 25 March to 6 April 2026 in Chhattisgarh.
- The games will be organised across three cities – Raipur, Jagdalpur, and Surguja.
- The announcement was made by Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya.
- The Games will include seven medal sports – athletics, football, hockey, weightlifting, archery, swimming, and wrestling.
- Mallakhamb and Kabaddi will be included as demonstration sports.
- The Games will be organised jointly by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India, Indian Olympic Association, National Sports Federations, and the Chhattisgarh State Organising Committee.





**Ques: Who unveiled the “Defence Forces Vision 2047: A Roadmap for a Future-Ready Indian Military”?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Ajit Doval

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Rajnath Singh, the Defence Minister of India, unveiled the Defence Forces Vision 2047 titled “A Roadmap for a Future-Ready Indian Military.”
- The vision document outlines a long-term strategy to transform the Indian Armed Forces into a modern, integrated, and technologically advanced military by 2047.
- A key focus of the roadmap is greater jointness and coordination among the Army, Navy, and Air Force to improve operational efficiency.

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**Ques: Lance Havildar K.G. George (Retd.), who passed away recently, was a recipient of which gallantry award?**

- A) Param Vir Chakra
- B) Maha Vir Chakra
- C) Vir Chakra
- D) Ashoka Chakra
- E) Kirti Chakra

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- K. G. George, a Lance Havildar (Retd.) and hero of the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965, passed away recently.
- He was honoured with the Vir Chakra, India's third-highest wartime gallantry award, for his bravery in the war.
- The award recognises acts of exceptional courage and valour shown by members of the armed forces during wartime.

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**Ques: Jan Aushadhi Diwas is observed every year on which date?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Jan Aushadhi Diwas is observed every year on 7 March to promote awareness about affordable generic medicines in India.
- The year 2026 marks the 8th edition of Jan Aushadhi Diwas.
- The observance started in 2019.
- The day is associated with the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), which aims to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices through dedicated stores across the country.

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**Ques: Which fintech company recently received RBI approval to operate as a Payment Aggregator?**

- A) Razorpay
- B) Paytm
- C) CRED
- D) PhonePe
- E) BharatPe

**Answer: C) CRED**

**Explanation:**

- Fintech company CRED received the final Payment Aggregator (PA) licence from the Reserve Bank of India.
- This approval allows the company to onboard merchants and process digital payments.
- The Bengaluru-based firm can now collect payments on behalf of merchants, manage settlements, and handle refunds across different payment methods.
- CRED already has approval for Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) from the RBI, strengthening its role in India's digital payments ecosystem.

**Static Facts:**

- Founded – 2018
- Founder & CEO – Kunal Shah
- Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka





**Ques: Which bank launched the specialised “YES Essence Women’s Salary Account” to support the financial and lifestyle needs of working women ahead of International Women’s Day?**

- A) Yes Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) State Bank of India

**Answer: A) Yes Bank**

**Explanation:**

- Yes Bank launched the specialised “YES Essence Women’s Salary Account” to support the financial and lifestyle needs of working women ahead of International Women’s Day (8 March).
- Key benefits include free locker facility for the first year and ₹5 lakh complimentary top-up health insurance for one year.
- The account also offers an annual preventive health check-up for eligible account holders.
- It provides a complimentary Elegance Debit Card with 5% cashback up to ₹6,000 per year on selected spending categories.





**Ques:** Under the new dividend payout framework issued by the Reserve Bank of India (effective FY27), bank dividend payouts are primarily linked with which capital ratio?

- A) CRAR (Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio)
- B) CET1 Ratio (Common Equity Tier-1 Ratio)
- C) SLR Ratio (Statutory Liquidity Ratio)
- D) Repo Rate
- E) Net Interest Margin

**Answer: B) CET1 Ratio (Common Equity Tier-1 Ratio)**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued revised prudential norms for dividend payouts by commercial banks, effective from FY27.
- Under the new framework, dividend payouts are primarily linked to the Common Equity Tier-1 (CET1) Ratio and Adjusted Profit After Tax (PAT).
- Generally, the maximum dividend payout is capped at 75% of PAT.
- Banks with CET1 above 20% may distribute up to 100% of adjusted profit, subject to the overall cap.
- Banks must maintain minimum regulatory capital requirements before and after dividend distribution. Adjusted PAT is calculated as PAT minus 50% of net NPAs.





**Ques:** According to the 7th Kaziranga Waterbird Estimation, approximately how many waterbirds were recorded in the Kaziranga–Laokhowa–Burhachapori floodplain complex?

- A) 55,540
- B) 75,300
- C) 1,05,540
- D) 1,50,000
- E) 2,05,540

**Answer:** C) 1,05,540

**Explanation:**

- The 7th Kaziranga Waterbird Estimation recorded 1,05,540 waterbirds from 107 species, highlighting the ecological importance of the region.
- The survey covered the Kaziranga–Laokhowa–Burhachapori floodplain complex in the Brahmaputra Valley, including 166 wetlands across 10 forest ranges.
- Kaziranga National Park in Assam is an important part of the Central Asian Flyway, a major migratory route for birds.
- The bird count exceeds the Ramsar Criterion 5, which requires at least 20,000 waterbirds for a wetland to be considered of international importance.





**Ques: Which award will Rahul Dravid receive at the Board of Control for Cricket in India Naman Awards?**

- A) Arjuna Award
- B) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna
- C) CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award
- D) Polly Umrigar Award
- E) Lala Amarnath Award

**Answer: C) CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Explanation:**

- Former India captain Rahul Dravid will be honoured with the CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award at the BCCI Naman Awards organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India in New Delhi.
- At the same event, Shubman Gill will receive the Cricketer of the Year Award, while Ayush Mhatre will be honoured with the Lala Amarnath Award for domestic cricket performance.
- Known as “The Wall,” Rahul Dravid was a key batsman for the India national cricket team and later served as the team’s head coach, guiding India to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 title.

**Static Facts:**

- Board of Control for Cricket in India – Founded: 1928
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- President – Mithun Manhas





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chief Superintendent of Kaiga Generating Station Units 3 and 4 in Karnataka, becoming the first woman to head operations of a functional nuclear power plant in India?**

- A) R.M. Nachammai
- B) Anil Kakodkar
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- E) Tessy Thomas

**Answer: A) R.M. Nachammai**

**Explanation:**

- R.M. Nachammai has been appointed as the Chief Superintendent of Kaiga Generating Station Units 3 and 4 in Karnataka.
- She made history by becoming the first woman to head operations of a functional nuclear power plant in India.
- Kaiga Generating Station is one of the country's key nuclear power plants and contributes significantly to electricity generation in India.
- India aims to expand its nuclear power capacity to about 100 gigawatts by 2047.

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**Ques: Reliance Industries announced a \$300 billion partnership to build a major oil refinery in which U.S. state?**

- A) California
- B) Texas
- C) Alaska
- D) Florida
- E) Louisiana

**Answer: B) Texas**

**Explanation:**

- Reliance Industries will partner with America First Refining to build a major oil refinery in Brownsville, Texas, United States.
- The announcement was made by Donald Trump, President of the United States.
- The project is valued at about \$300 billion, making it one of the largest energy investment deals in U.S. history and the first major refinery project in nearly 50 years.
- The refinery will process light shale oil from the Permian Basin and produce fuels such as gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel. Construction is expected to begin in Q2 2026.

**Static Facts:**

- Reliance Industries – Founded: 1966
- Founder – Dhirubhai Ambani
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Chairman & MD – Mukesh Ambani





**Ques: Which country officially ratified the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in March 2026 after signing it in December 2023?**

- A) Romania
- B) Poland
- C) Hungary
- D) Bulgaria
- E) Czech Republic

**Answer: A) Romania**

**Explanation:**

- Romania officially ratified the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in March 2026.
- Earlier, in December 2023, Romania had signed the agreement and joined ISA as the 118th member country.
- The International Solar Alliance was launched in 2015 by India and France during the COP21 Paris Climate Conference 2015.

**Static Facts:**

- International Solar Alliance – Established: 2015
- Headquarters – Gurugram, Haryana, India
- Director General – Ashish Khanna





**Ques: Which state topped the NITI Aayog Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2026?**

- A) Goa
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Odisha
- D) Gujarat
- E) Maharashtra

**Answer: C) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

- Odisha retained the top position in the Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2026 released by NITI Aayog, scoring 73.1 points.
- Goa and Jharkhand followed Odisha and were placed in the “Achiever” category of top-performing states.
- The index evaluates states based on parameters such as quality of expenditure, revenue mobilisation, fiscal prudence, debt index, and debt sustainability.

**Static Facts:**

- NITI Aayog – Full Form: National Institution for Transforming India
- Established – 1 January 2015
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi
- Vice Chairman – Suman Bery
- CEO – B. V. R. Subrahmanyam
- Headquarters – New Delhi





**Ques: Who among the following Indian social leaders was featured in the TIME Women of the Year 2026 list for her contribution to girls' education through the NGO Educate Girls?**

- A) Sudha Murty
- B) Medha Patkar
- C) Kiran Bedi
- D) Ela Bhatt
- E) Safeena Husain

**Answer: E) Safeena Husain**

**Explanation:**

- Safeena Husain, founder of the NGO Educate Girls, was featured in the TIME Women of the Year 2026 list for her work in promoting girls' education in India.
- She was recognised alongside Indian-origin leaders Reshma Kewalramani and Reshma Saujani for their contributions in education, biotechnology, and social advocacy.
- The awardees will be honoured at the Women of the Year Leadership Forum and Gala on 10 March 2026 in Los Angeles, United States.
- Safeena Husain founded Educate Girls in 2007 to address the issue of out-of-school girls in rural, remote, and tribal communities of India, particularly those affected by poverty and gender bias.





**Ques: Which Union Territory recently achieved 99.93% literacy rate and was declared a fully literate UT?**

- A) Puducherry
- B) Lakshadweep
- C) Chandigarh
- D) Ladakh
- E) Andaman & Nicobar Islands

**Answer: C) Chandigarh**

**Explanation:**

- Chandigarh achieved a 99.93% literacy rate, becoming a fully literate Union Territory in India.
- The announcement was made by Gulab Chand Kataria, who serves as the Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh.
- Chandigarh became the 6th State/UT in India and the 2nd Union Territory to achieve the status of a fully literate region.
- The milestone was supported by the ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) programme, which helped the UT surpass the 95% literacy benchmark under the National Education Policy 2020.

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**Ques: Which company has won a significant contract from the Department of Atomic Energy to build the LIGO-India (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory) in Maharashtra?**

- A) Tata Projects
- B) Larsen & Toubro
- C) Reliance Infrastructure
- D) Adani Enterprises
- E) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

**Answer: B) Larsen & Toubro**

**Explanation:**

- Engineering major Larsen & Toubro has secured a major contract from the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, to construct the LIGO-India observatory.
- The facility will be built at Aundha in Hingoli district, Maharashtra.
- The contract is estimated between ₹1,000 crore and ₹2,500 crore, with completion expected within 48 months.
- The project aims to detect Gravitational Waves, which are tiny ripples in the fabric of space-time.
- LIGO-India will become the fifth node in the global gravitational-wave observatory network, alongside LIGO Hanford, LIGO Livingston in the United States, Virgo detector in Italy, and KAGRA detector in Japan.





**Ques:** Under the PM-KISAN scheme, how much financial assistance is provided to eligible farmer families per year?

- A) ₹3,000
- B) ₹4,000
- C) ₹5,000
- D) ₹6,000
- E) ₹8,000

**Answer:** D) ₹6,000

**Explanation:**

- Narendra Modi will release the 22nd installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) from Guwahati, Assam on 13 March 2026.
- Over ₹18,640 crore will be transferred to more than 9.32 crore farmer families through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system.
- With this installment, the total amount transferred under PM-KISAN will exceed ₹4.27 lakh crore since the scheme's launch.
- Under the scheme, eligible farmer families receive ₹6,000 per year, paid in three installments of ₹2,000 every four months.

**Static Facts:**

- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi – Launched: 24 February 2019
- Launch Place – Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, India





- Effective From – 1 December 2018
- Launched By – Narendra Modi
- Implementing Ministry – Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- Financial Benefit – ₹6,000 per year
- Installment Pattern – ₹2,000 every four months (3 installments)
- Funding Type – Central Sector Scheme (100% funded by Government of India)



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**Ques: What was the theme of the International Malaria Conference 2026 held in New Delhi?**

- A) Zero Malaria: Global Partnership for Health
- B) Discovery, Development and Delivery: Driving Malaria Elimination and Beyond
- C) United Against Malaria
- D) End Malaria Now
- E) Global Action for Malaria Control

**Answer: B) Discovery, Development and Delivery: Driving Malaria Elimination and Beyond**

**Explanation:**

- The International Malaria Conference 2026 was held in New Delhi, India.
- The conference was organised by the National Institute of Malaria Research (NIMR) under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- The theme of the conference was “Discovery, Development and Delivery: Driving Malaria Elimination and Beyond.”
- The event focused on accelerating global efforts to control and eliminate Malaria.
- India aims to eliminate malaria by 2030 under the National Framework for Malaria Elimination.

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**Ques: INS Trikand belongs to which class of warships in the Indian Navy?**

- A) Kolkata-class destroyer
- B) Talwar-class frigate
- C) Shivalik-class frigate
- D) Kamorta-class corvette
- E) Delhi-class destroyer

**Answer: B) Talwar-class frigate**

**Explanation:**

- INS Trikand reached Port Louis, Mauritius to participate in the 58th National Day celebrations.
- A marching contingent, naval band, and helicopter from the ship will take part in the National Day Parade at Champ de Mars.
- The visit aims to strengthen maritime cooperation and bilateral relations between India and Mauritius.
- INS Trikand is a Talwar-class frigate of the Indian Navy, commissioned in 2013.

**Static Facts:**

- Ship – INS Trikand
- Commissioned – 29 June 2013
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi
- Capital of Mauritius – Port Louis
- Mauritius National Day – 12 March





**Ques: What is the theme of the 51st International Women's Day (8 March) in 2026?**

- A) DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality
- B) Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow
- C) Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls
- D) Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress
- E) Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future

**Answer: C) Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls**

**Explanation:**

- The International Women's Day (51st edition) was observed on 8 March 2026.
- The theme for 2026 is "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls."
- The global commemoration was hosted by the United Nations at its headquarters in New York, United States.
- In India, celebrations were organised in New Delhi in the presence of Droupadi Murmu, the President of India.

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**Ques: Which municipal corporation listed Maharashtra's first public issue of Urban Local Body (ULB) Green Municipal Bonds on the NSE?**

- A) Pune Municipal Corporation
- B) Nagpur Municipal Corporation
- C) Aurangabad Municipal Corporation
- D) Mumbai Municipal Corporation
- E) Nashik Municipal Corporation

**Answer: E) Nashik Municipal Corporation**

**Explanation:**

- Nashik Municipal Corporation listed Maharashtra's first public issue of Urban Local Body (ULB) Green Municipal Bonds on the National Stock Exchange of India in Mumbai.
- Funds raised through Green Municipal Bonds must be used 100% for environmentally sustainable ("green") projects, unlike normal municipal bonds.
- This initiative supports India's goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2047.
- Earlier, Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh became India's first municipal body to issue Green Municipal Bonds in 2021, raising ₹150 crore for a tertiary sewage treatment plant.





**Ques: The State Bank of India (SBI) recently partnered with which Japanese bank to finance mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and infrastructure projects?**

- A) Mizuho Bank
- B) Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
- C) MUFG Bank
- D) Nomura Bank
- E) Resona Bank

**Answer: C) MUFG Bank**

**Explanation:**

- State Bank of India partnered with MUFG Bank, a part of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group of Japan.
- The partnership aims to finance mergers & acquisitions (M&A), aviation, and infrastructure projects for Indian and global clients.
- This collaboration combines SBI's strong domestic banking network in India with MUFG's global financial network and cross-border expertise.

**About SBI:**

- Foundation Day – 1 July 1955
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Chairman – C. S. Setty
- Tagline – “Pure Banking Nothing Else”





**Ques: PhonePe launched the RuPay “On-The-Go” Card under which Government of India initiative?**

- A) Digital India
- B) Startup India
- C) Make in India
- D) Smart Cities Mission
- E) One Nation One Card

**Answer: E) One Nation One Card**

**Explanation:**

- PhonePe launched the RuPay “On-The-Go” Card, a National Common Mobility Card (NCCM) for contactless payments in public transport.
- The card supports the Government of India’s One Nation One Card initiative, which aims to create a single interoperable transit payment system across India.
- The prepaid card stores value directly on its chip with a maximum balance of ₹2,000 and supports offline transactions up to ₹500 for fast payments.
- It was first launched at the ticket counters of Hyderabad Metro in Hyderabad, Telangana in partnership with L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited.

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**Ques: The Counterparty Credit Risk (CCR) framework recently revised by the Reserve Bank of India is mainly related to which type of financial exposure?**

- A) Retail Loans
- B) Derivative Transactions
- C) Gold Loans
- D) Agricultural Credit
- E) Microfinance Loans

**Answer: B) Derivative Transactions**

**Explanation:**

- Reserve Bank of India revised the Counterparty Credit Risk (CCR) framework to align it with **Basel III** international banking norms.
- The revision updates add-on factors used to calculate Potential Future Exposure (PFE) in derivative transactions, improving the measurement of counterparty risk.
- This change will help banks assess derivative exposure more accurately and strengthen their risk management practices.

**About RBI:**

- Established – 1 April 1935
- Nationalised – 1 January 1949
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- Deputy Governors – 4





**Ques: Assam's Joha Rice, recently exported to the UK and Italy, received the GI tag in which year?**

- A) 2015
- B) 2017
- C) 2019
- D) 2020
- E) 2022

**Answer: B) 2017**

**Explanation:**

- Joha Rice from Assam received the GI Tag in 2017. It is known for its distinct aroma and high nutritional value.
- India recently exported 25 metric tonnes of this GI-tagged rice to the United Kingdom and Italy.
- The export was facilitated by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).
- Piyush Goyal stated that such exports will help boost India's agricultural exports and improve farmers' income.

**About Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**

- Established – 1986
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Parent Ministry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- GI Tag for Joha Rice – 2017





**Ques: The Suezmax tanker “Shenlong”, recently in news, successfully transited which important global oil chokepoint to reach Mumbai?**

- A) Strait of Malacca
- B) Strait of Hormuz
- C) Bosphorus Strait
- D) Suez Canal
- E) Panama Canal

**Answer: B) Strait of Hormuz**

**Explanation:**

- The Liberia-flagged Suezmax tanker Shenlong successfully transited the Strait of Hormuz while carrying crude oil to India.
- The tanker transported about 1.35 lakh tonnes of crude oil from Saudi Arabia to Mumbai Port in Mumbai.
- It became the first vessel to pass through the Strait of Hormuz for India-bound crude shipments after recent geopolitical tensions in the region.

**About Strait of Hormuz:**

- Connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman.
- Nearby countries include Iran, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates.
- It is one of the world’s most important oil transit chokepoints, through which a significant share of global crude oil and LNG trade passes.





**Ques: Exercise Cold Response 2026 was organised by which organisation?**

- A) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)
- B) European Union (EU)
- C) United Nations (UN)
- D) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)
- E) ASEAN

**Answer: A) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)**

**Explanation:**

- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) organised Exercise Cold Response 2026.
- The exercise was conducted in the northern regions of Norway and Finland.
- Around 25,000 troops from 14 NATO countries participated in this large-scale military drill.
- The Government of Norway also declared 2026 as the year of “Total Defense”, focusing on stronger coordination between military and civilian sectors for national preparedness.

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**Ques: The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) recently signed an agreement with which company to support startups in the cooling and smart appliance ecosystem?**

- A) Havells
- B) Voltas
- C) Blue Star
- D) LG
- E) Samsung

**Answer: B) Voltas**

**Explanation:**

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) signed an agreement with Voltas to support startups.
- The partnership aims to promote startups in the cooling and smart appliance ecosystem.
- It will support startups working on technologies related to HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning).

**About DPIIT:**

- Established – 2019
- Parent Ministry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Secretary – Amardeep Singh Bhatia (IAS)





**Ques: Project GANGA, launched by the Uttar Pradesh government, aims to provide high-speed broadband connectivity to how many rural households?**

- A) 5 lakh
- B) 10 lakh
- C) 15 lakh
- D) 20 lakh
- E) 30 lakh

**Answer: D) 20 lakh**

**Explanation:**

- The Project GANGA (Government Assisted Network for Growth & Advancement) was launched by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to expand digital connectivity in rural areas.
- The initiative aims to provide high-speed broadband connectivity to more than 20 lakh rural households within the next 2–3 years.
- The project will help bridge the digital divide and promote services like e-governance, online education, and telemedicine in villages.

**About Uttar Pradesh:**

- Founded – 24 January 1950
- Capital – Lucknow
- Chief Minister – Yogi Adityanath
- Governor – Anandiben Patel





**Ques: Who became the President of Chile, succeeding Gabriel Boric?**

- A) Sebastián Piñera
- B) José Antonio Kast
- C) Michelle Bachelet
- D) Ricardo Lagos
- E) Andrés Allamand

**Answer: B) José Antonio Kast**

**Explanation:**

- José Antonio Kast became the new President of Chile.
- He succeeded Gabriel Boric, who served as the President of Chile from 2022 to 2026.
- Kirti Vardhan Singh, India's Minister of State for External Affairs, attended the presidential inauguration ceremony in Santiago, representing India.

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**Ques: Bharat Tex 2026, launched by the Union Textiles Minister, will be held at which venue in New Delhi?**

- A) Pragati Maidan
- B) Bharat Mandapam
- C) Vigyan Bhawan
- D) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
- E) India Habitat Centre

**Answer: B) Bharat Mandapam**

**Explanation:**

- Giriraj Singh, Union Minister for Textiles, launched Bharat Tex 2026 in New Delhi.
- The third edition of the event will be held from 14–17 July 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The event will act as a global platform for trade, investment, and networking in the textile sector, with participation expected from around 141 countries.

**About Ministry of Textiles:**

- Established – 1985
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Union Minister – Giriraj Singh





**Ques: The Asian Women's Film Festival (AWFF) 2026 is being held in which city?**

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

**Answer: C) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

- The 21st edition of Asian Women's Film Festival (AWFF) 2026 has begun in New Delhi, celebrating women's voices and stories from across Asia.
- The three-day festival is organised by the International Association of Women in Radio and Television (IAWRT) and is being held at the India International Centre.
- Around 75 films across documentary, fiction, animation, and experimental formats will be showcased along with discussions, masterclasses, and curated sessions.
- The festival opened with the Bhutanese film I, The Song and will conclude with Shadowbox, directed by Tanushree Das and Saumyananda Sahi.

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**Ques: Which country was the Country Partner at the 40th AAHAR International Food and Hospitality Fair inaugurated in New Delhi?**

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

**Answer: B) Italy**

**Explanation:**

- Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated the 40th edition of AAHAR International Food and Hospitality Fair in New Delhi.
- The event is organised by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO).
- Italy participated as the Country Partner for this edition of the fair.

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**Ques: Which port became the first in India to launch the Digital Twin initiative for port management?**

- A) Chennai Port
- B) Mumbai Port
- C) V.O. Chidambaranar Port
- D) Cochin Port
- E) Paradip Port

**Answer: C) V.O. Chidambaranar Port**

**Explanation:**

- V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority became the first port in India to launch the Digital Twin initiative for port management.
- The platform was inaugurated on 23 February 2026 by Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- The Digital Twin platform creates a real-time virtual replica of port infrastructure and operations, enabling predictive analytics and data-driven decision-making.
- It integrates technologies such as IoT sensors, GPS tracking, LiDAR mapping, drone imaging, and CCTV networks to improve port efficiency.
- The port is located in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, and is also known as Tuticorin Port.





**Ques: How much cash reward did the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announce for the Indian squad after winning the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026?**

- A) ₹101 crore
- B) ₹115 crore
- C) ₹125 crore
- D) ₹131 crore
- E) ₹150 crore

**Answer: D) ₹131 crore**

**Explanation:**

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a cash reward of ₹131 crore for the India national cricket team after winning the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026.
- The reward will be distributed among 15 players, the coaching staff, and other support staff associated with the team.
- This amount is ₹6 crore higher than the ₹125 crore reward given after India's victory in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, led by Rohit Sharma.
- According to reports, each of the 15 players will receive ₹6 crore, while the remaining ₹41 crore will be shared among the support staff.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) confirmed a total players' prize money pool of US\$11.25 million for the tournament.

**Prize Money Distribution:**

- India – \$2.64 million
- New Zealand – \$1.42 million





**Ques: The Khanij Diwas is celebrated as the Foundation Day of which organisation in India?**

- A) Geological Survey of India
- B) Indian Bureau of Mines
- C) Coal India Limited
- D) National Mineral Development Corporation
- E) Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited

**Answer: B) Indian Bureau of Mines**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) celebrated its 79th Foundation Day as Khanij Diwas on 1 March 2026.
- The event was organised at its headquarters in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- On this occasion, the Indian Minerals Yearbook – 2023 and the Hindi magazine “Khan Bharati” were released.
- The Indian Bureau of Mines was established in 1947 under the Ministry of Mines.
- Its key functions include regulation of the mining sector, conservation of mineral resources, data collection, technical guidance, and promotion of sustainable mining practices.

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**Ques: When was No Smoking Day 2026 observed?**

- A) 8 March 2026
- B) 9 March 2026
- C) 10 March 2026
- D) 11 March 2026
- E) 12 March 2026

**Answer: D) 11 March 2026**

**Explanation:**

- No Smoking Day 2026 was observed on 11 March 2026.
- It is observed every year on the second Wednesday of March to spread awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use.
- The day highlights serious health risks caused by tobacco, including diseases such as Cancer and Heart disease, and encourages people to quit smoking. 🚭

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