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Ques: Sri Lanka's first Blue Bond was listed on which exchange in India?

- A) BSE
- B) NSE
- C) NSE International Exchange (NSE IX)
- D) MCX
- E) India INX

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sri Lanka's first Blue Bond worth LKR 3 billion was issued by DFCC Bank.
- It has been dually listed on NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT City under India's IFSC jurisdiction.
- Blue Bonds are a subset of Green Bonds and finance marine conservation, sustainable fisheries, clean water supply and ocean-based sustainable activities.

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Ques: As per the Second Advance Estimates, India's GDP growth for FY26 is projected at?

- A) 7.1%
- B) 7.4%
- C) 7.6%
- D) 7.8%
- E) 6.9%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per the Second Advance Estimates based on the new GDP series, India's economic growth is projected at 7.6% for FY 2025–26.
- The growth rate is higher than the 7.4% projected in the First Advance Estimates.
- The economy recorded 7.8% real GDP growth in Q3 of FY26.
- It is released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and the Base Year (New Series) is 2022–23.

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Ques: The JPY-equivalent \$400 million External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) has been provided to which organisation?

- A) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- B) Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd (IRFC)
- C) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation
- D) Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation
- E) Railway Board

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- A JPY-equivalent \$400 million External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) has been given to Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd (IRFC).
- The loan has been provided by Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), GIFT City Branch, and MUFG Bank Ltd, GIFT City Branch.
- The tenure of the loan is five years.

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Ques: Which country was the largest source of FDI into India during April–December FY26?

- A) Singapore
- B) Mauritius
- C) USA
- D) Japan
- E) Netherlands

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- FDI into India increased 18% year-on-year to \$47.87 billion during April–December FY26.
- In the October–December quarter, FDI equity inflows rose 17% YoY to \$12.69 billion.
- Singapore was the largest source of FDI into India at \$17.65 billion during this period.
- The Computer Software & Hardware sector attracted the highest inflows at \$10.7 billion.
- The USA and Mauritius followed Singapore as other major contributors.

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Ques: India's first "Swasthya Scheme" under the National Pension System (NPS) — "ICICI PF NPS Swasthya Equity Plus" — has been launched by which company?

- A) SBI Pension Funds Pvt. Ltd.
- B) HDFC Pension Management Co. Ltd.
- C) LIC Pension Fund Ltd.
- D) ICICI Prudential Pension Funds Management Company Limited
- E) UTI Retirement Solutions Ltd.

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- ICICI Prudential Pension Funds Management Company Limited has launched India's first Swasthya Scheme — "ICICI PF NPS Swasthya Equity Plus" under the National Pension System (NPS).
- The scheme integrates retirement savings with healthcare financial support, marking an important innovation in pension planning.
- The scheme has been developed in collaboration with Apollo HealthCo Limited as the healthcare network partner and KFin Technologies Limited as the digital and technology partner.
- Under the scheme, subscribers are allowed to make multiple withdrawals up to 25% of their own contributions specifically for medical expenses.





Ques: Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of which organisation?

- A) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- B) New India Assurance Company
- C) General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)
- D) National Insurance Company
- E) United India Insurance Company

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re).
- He replaced Ramaswamy Narayanan in this position.
- GIC Re was established in 1972.
- The headquarters of GIC Re is located in Mumbai.

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Ques: IIFL Home Finance secured a \$300 million loan from which organization?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) IMF
- D) RBI
- E) AIIB

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- IIFL Home Finance signed a \$300 million (approx. ₹2,700 crore) loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank.
- The loan aims to strengthen affordable housing finance, especially for women in low-income urban and peri-urban areas.
- More than 25% of the loan amount will be allocated for green-certified affordable homes.

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Ques: Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) was originally launched in which year?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Centre has temporarily discontinued rice fortification under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).
- The decision was taken after reviewing concerns related to effectiveness and storage stability of fortified rice.
- The government clarified that foodgrain entitlements under the Public Distribution System (PDS) will not be reduced.

About PMGKAY:

- Launched – March 2020
- Launched by – Government of India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Objective – To provide free foodgrains to poor and vulnerable sections during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Implemented through – PDS under National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.
- Beneficiaries – Around 80 crore NFSA beneficiaries.





Ques: As of February 2026, which state/UT has the highest number of fake universities declared by UGC?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Karnataka
- D) Delhi
- E) Kerala

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) has declared 32 institutions across India as fake universities as of February 2026.
- According to the latest notice, Delhi accounts for the highest number with 12 fake universities.
- Uttar Pradesh has 4 fake universities.
- Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala each have 2 fake universities.
- The notice cited provisions under Section 2(f) and Section 3 of the UGC Act.

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Ques: What is the total corpus of India's newly launched 'Zero Prize' environmental award?

- A) ₹1 Crore
- B) ₹3 Crore
- C) ₹5 Crore
- D) ₹10 Crore
- E) ₹15 Crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India has announced its first-ever results-based environmental award 'Zero Prize' targeting verified pollution reduction.
- The award focuses on scientifically validated reduction in Air, Water and Land pollution within defined geographic areas.
- The total corpus of the Zero Prize is ₹5 crore.
- ₹1 crore each will be awarded for the three categories – Air, Water and Land pollution reduction.
- Nature of Award: Results-Based Environmental Award (impact-driven and performance-linked).

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Ques: Jammu & Kashmir won their first Ranji Trophy title in which season?

जम्मू-कश्मीर ने अपना पहला रणजी ट्रॉफी खिताब किस सत्र में जीता?

- A) 2022–23
- B) 2023–24
- C) 2024–25
- D) 2025–26
- E) 2021–22

Answer: Option D

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Jammu and Kashmir created history by winning their maiden Ranji Trophy title in the 2025–26 season.
- जम्मू-कश्मीर ने 2025–26 सत्र में पहली बार रणजी ट्रॉफी जीतकर इतिहास रच दिया।
- They defeated Karnataka in the final at Hubli on the basis of first-innings lead.
- उन्होंने हुबली में खेले गए फाइनल में पहली पारी की बढ़त के आधार पर कर्नाटक को हराया।
- This marks the first Ranji Trophy triumph in the history of Jammu & Kashmir cricket.
- यह जम्मू-कश्मीर क्रिकेट इतिहास का पहला रणजी ट्रॉफी खिताब है।

About Ranji Trophy :

- Founded – 1934
- स्थापना – 1934
- Administered by – Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- संचालन – भारतीय क्रिकेट नियंत्रण बोर्ड (BCCI)
- Named After – Maharaja Ranjitsinhji
- नामकरण – महाराजा रणजीतसिंहजी के नाम पर





Ques: Who was honoured with the “Business Leader of the Year” award at the 2026 Managing India Awards organised by AIMA?

2026 मैनेजिंग इंडिया अवॉर्ड्स (AIMA) में “बिज़नेस लीडर ऑफ द ईयर” पुरस्कार से किसे सम्मानित किया गया?

- A) Gautam Adani / गौतम अडानी
- B) Karan Adani / करण अडानी
- C) Kumar Mangalam Birla / कुमार मंगलम बिड़ला
- D) Mukesh Ambani / मुकेश अंबानी
- E) N. Chandrasekaran / एन. चंद्रशेखरन

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Karan Adani, Managing Director of Adani Ports & SEZ Ltd and Adani Cement Ltd, received the “Business Leader of the Year” award.
- अदानी पोर्ट्स एंड एसईजेड लिमिटेड तथा अदानी सीमेंट लिमिटेड के प्रबंध निदेशक करण अडानी को “बिज़नेस लीडर ऑफ द ईयर” पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया।
- The award was presented at the 2026 Managing India Awards organised by the All India Management Association (AIMA).
- यह पुरस्कार ऑल इंडिया मैनेजमेंट एसोसिएशन (AIMA) द्वारा आयोजित 2026 मैनेजिंग इंडिया अवॉर्ड्स में प्रदान किया गया।
- The ceremony was held during AIMA’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations in New Delhi.
- यह समारोह नई दिल्ली में AIMA के प्लैटिनम जुबिली समारोह के दौरान आयोजित किया गया।
- The event marked AIMA’s 70th Foundation Day and the 20th National Management Day.
- इस अवसर पर AIMA का 70वां स्थापना दिवस और 20वां राष्ट्रीय प्रबंधन दिवस भी मनाया गया।

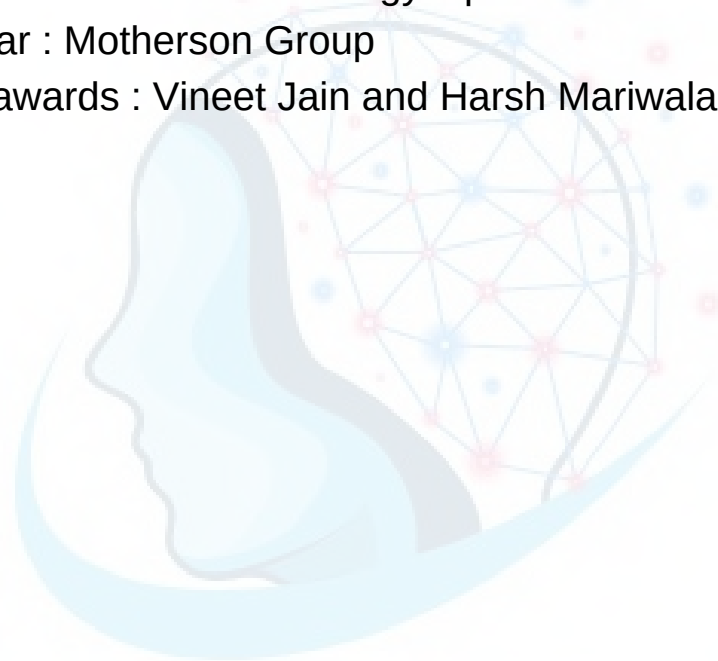
Other winners :

- Entrepreneur of the Year : Aravind Sanka, Pavan Guntupalli and SR Rishikesh of Rapido
- Director of the Year : Director Mohit Suri





- Outstanding Contribution to Journalism : Rahul Kanwal
- Outstanding PSU of the Year : Cochin Shipyard Limited
- Business Leader of the Decade award : Sunil Bharti Mittal
- Transformational Business Leader of the Year : V Vaidyanathan
- Young Business Leader of the Year : Ananya Birla
- AIMA Excellence Award : Sunil Kant Munjal
- MNC in India of the Year : Micron Technology Operations India LLP
- Indian MNC of the Year : Motherson Group
- Lifetime Contribution awards : Vineet Jain and Harsh Mariwala



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Ques: According to the Global AI Brain Race Report 2026, what is India's rank in global Artificial Intelligence (AI) leadership?

ग्लोबल एआई ब्रेन रेस रिपोर्ट 2026 के अनुसार, वैश्विक कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) नेतृत्व में भारत का स्थान क्या है?

- A) 3rd
- B) 4th
- C) 5th
- D) 6th
- E) 8th

Answer: Option D

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- According to the Global AI Brain Race Report 2026, the United States secured the top position in global Artificial Intelligence leadership, followed by China and Singapore, while India ranked 6th worldwide.
- ग्लोबल एआई ब्रेन रेस रिपोर्ट 2026 के अनुसार, वैश्विक एआई नेतृत्व में संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका प्रथम स्थान पर रहा, इसके बाद चीन और सिंगापुर का स्थान रहा, जबकि भारत 6वें स्थान पर रहा।
- The report has been published by EssayHumaniser.io and uses a weighted scoring model with a total of 100 points.
- यह रिपोर्ट EssayHumaniser.io द्वारा प्रकाशित की गई है और इसमें 100 अंकों के वेटेड स्कोरिंग मॉडल का उपयोग किया गया है।
- The United States secured Rank 1 with a score of 82 out of 100, maintaining its global leadership in AI innovation and research.
- संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका ने 100 में से 82 अंक प्राप्त कर पहला स्थान हासिल किया और एआई नवाचार एवं अनुसंधान में अपनी वैश्विक नेतृत्व स्थिति बनाए रखी।
- China ranked second, Singapore third, South Korea fourth, and the United Kingdom fifth in the global AI leadership rankings.
- वैश्विक एआई नेतृत्व रैंकिंग में चीन दूसरे, सिंगापुर तीसरे, दक्षिण कोरिया चौथे और यूनाइटेड किंगडम पांचवें स्थान पर रहे।
- India secured the 6th position with a score of 32 out of 100, reflecting its growing but comparatively developing AI ecosystem.





Ques: INS Anjadip, recently commissioned by the Indian Navy, is primarily designed for which purpose?

हाल ही में भारतीय नौसेना में शामिल आईएनएस अंजदीप मुख्य रूप से किस उद्देश्य के लिए डिजाइन किया गया है?

- A) Aircraft Carrier Operations / विमानवाहक पोत संचालन
- B) Anti-Submarine Warfare / पनडुब्बी रोधी युद्ध
- C) Amphibious Assault / उभयचर हमला
- D) Missile Defence / मिसाइल रक्षा
- E) Coastal Surveillance Only / केवल तटीय निगरानी

Answer: Option B

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- The Indian Navy commissioned INS Anjadip, its fourth indigenously designed and built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at Chennai Port.
- भारतीय नौसेना ने चेन्नई पोर्ट पर स्वदेशी रूप से डिजाइन और निर्मित चौथा एंटी-सबमरीन वारफेयर शैलो वाटर क्राफ्ट (ASW-SWC) आईएनएस अंजदीप शामिल किया।
- INS Anjadip is designed to detect, track and neutralise enemy submarines in coastal waters.
- आईएनएस अंजदीप तटीय जलक्षेत्र में दुश्मन पनडुब्बियों का पता लगाने, उनका पीछा करने और उन्हें निष्क्रिय करने के लिए डिजाइन किया गया है।
- The vessel is equipped with modern sonar systems, lightweight torpedoes and anti-submarine rockets to enhance underwater combat capability.
- यह पोत आधुनिक सोनार प्रणाली, हल्के टॉरपीडो और एंटी-सबमरीन रॉकेट्स से सुसज्जित है, जिससे जलमग्न युद्ध क्षमता में वृद्धि होती है।
- The commissioning strengthens India's coastal defence and anti-submarine warfare preparedness.
- इस पोत के शामिल होने से भारत की तटीय सुरक्षा और पनडुब्बी रोधी युद्ध क्षमता मजबूत हुई है।





Ques: The Lengtekai Bridge, also known as 'Faith Bridge', inaugurated by Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma, is built over which river?

मिजोरम के मुख्यमंत्री लालदुहोमा द्वारा उद्घाटित लेंगटेकाई ब्रिज (फेथ ब्रिज) किस नदी पर बनाया गया है?

- A) Barak River / बराक नदी
- B) Kolodnye River / कोलोडाइन नदी
- C) Tuivawl River / तुइवाल नदी
- D) Tlawng River / त्लावंग नदी
- E) Teirei River / तेरेई नदी

Answer: Option D

Explanation | व्याख्या:

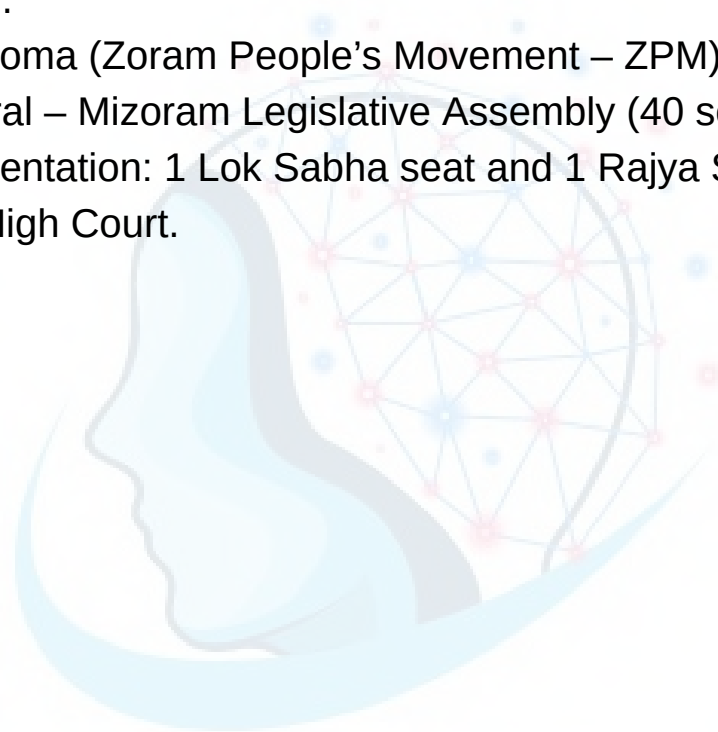
- The Lengtekai Bridge, also known as 'Faith Bridge', was inaugurated by Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma in Aizawl.
- लेंगटेकाई ब्रिज, जिसे 'फेथ ब्रिज' भी कहा जाता है, का उद्घाटन मिजोरम के मुख्यमंत्री लालदुहोमा ने आइजोल में किया।
- The bridge is constructed over the Tlawng River to strengthen regional road connectivity.
- यह पुल त्लावंग नदी पर क्षेत्रीय सड़क संपर्क को मजबूत करने के लिए बनाया गया है।
- The bridge is 100 metres long and 7.5 metres wide, with 1.5-metre footpaths on both sides.
- पुल की लंबाई 100 मीटर और चौड़ाई 7.5 मीटर है, तथा दोनों ओर 1.5 मीटर के फुटपाथ बनाए गए हैं।
- It is a steel bridge capable of carrying loads up to 385 metric tonnes (MT), enhancing transport capacity and road safety.
- यह एक स्टील पुल है, जो 385 मीट्रिक टन तक का भार वहन कर सकता है, जिससे परिवहन क्षमता और सड़क सुरक्षा में वृद्धि होगी।
- The bridge improves connectivity between Aizawl, Lengpui Airport, and Mamit district near the Tripura border.
- यह पुल आइजोल, लेंगपुई हवाई अड्डे और त्रिपुरा सीमा के पास स्थित मामित जिले के बीच संपर्क को बेहतर बनाता है।





About Mizoram | मिजोरम के बारे में:

- State Formation: 20 February 1987.
- Capital & Largest City: Aizawl.
- Number of Districts: 11.
- Governor: V. K. Singh.
- Chief Minister: Lalduhoma (Zoram People's Movement – ZPM).
- Legislature: Unicameral – Mizoram Legislative Assembly (40 seats).
- Parliamentary Representation: 1 Lok Sabha seat and 1 Rajya Sabha seat.
- High Court: Gauhati High Court.



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Ques: The Strait of Hormuz connects which two water bodies?

होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य किन दो जल निकायों को जोड़ता है?

- A) Red Sea and Arabian Sea / लाल सागर और अरब सागर
- B) Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea / भूमध्य सागर और काला सागर
- C) Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman / फारस की खाड़ी और ओमान की खाड़ी
- D) Caspian Sea and Black Sea / कैस्पियन सागर और काला सागर
- E) Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal / अरब सागर और बंगाल की खाड़ी

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Iran temporarily closed sections of the Strait of Hormuz for live-fire missile drills.
- ईरान ने लाइव-फायर मिसाइल अभ्यास के लिए होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य के कुछ हिस्सों को अस्थायी रूप से बंद कर दिया।
- The Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman.
- होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य फारस की खाड़ी को ओमान की खाड़ी से जोड़ता है।
- Around 20% of the world's oil trade passes through this narrow waterway, making it one of the most strategically important chokepoints globally.
- विश्व के लगभग 20% तेल व्यापार का परिवहन इसी संकीर्ण जलमार्ग से होता है, जिससे यह वैश्विक स्तर पर अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण सामरिक मार्ग बन जाता है।
- This is the first official closure of sections of the Strait by Iran since the United States recently threatened military intervention.
- हाल ही में संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका द्वारा सैन्य हस्तक्षेप की धमकी के बाद यह पहली बार है जब ईरान ने आधिकारिक रूप से जलडमरूमध्य के कुछ हिस्सों को बंद किया।
- Iran stated that the closure was for "safety and maritime concerns" during its "Smart Control" military exercises.
- ईरान ने कहा कि यह बंदी "सुरक्षा और समुद्री चिंताओं" के कारण "स्मार्ट कंट्रोल" सैन्य अभ्यास के दौरान की गई।
- Because there is no easy alternative route for oil flowing through the Strait, even temporary closures cause global energy prices to fluctuate and create economic uncertainty worldwide.





Ques: Nine cheetahs (6 females and 3 males) were recently brought from Botswana to which National Park?

हाल ही में बोत्सवाना से लाए गए 9 चीते किस नेशनल पार्क में छोड़े गए?

- A) Jim Corbett National Park / जिम कॉर्बेट नेशनल पार्क
- B) Kaziranga National Park / काजीरंगा नेशनल पार्क
- C) Kuno National Park / कुनो नेशनल पार्क
- D) Kanha National Park / कान्हा नेशनल पार्क
- E) Bandhavgarh National Park / बांधवगढ़ नेशनल पार्क

Answer: Option C

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav announced the arrival of nine cheetahs from Botswana.
- केंद्रीय पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री भूपेंद्र यादव ने बोत्सवाना से 9 चीतों के आगमन की घोषणा की।
- The cheetahs (6 females and 3 males) were released into quarantine enclosures at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh on February 28, 2026.
- 28 फरवरी 2026 को 6 मादा और 3 नर चीतों को मध्य प्रदेश के कुनो नेशनल पार्क के क्वारंटीन बाड़ों में छोड़ा गया।
- They will undergo acclimatisation and health monitoring before being released into the wild.
- इन्हें जंगल में छोड़े जाने से पहले अनुकूलन और स्वास्थ्य निगरानी प्रक्रिया से गुजरना होगा।
- Earlier, 8 cheetahs were brought from Namibia (September 2022) and 12 from South Africa (February 2023).
- इससे पहले 8 चीते नामीबिया (सितंबर 2022) और 12 दक्षिण अफ्रीका (फरवरी 2023) से लाए गए थे।

Static Facts | स्थैतिक तथ्य:

- Project Cheetah launched – 17 September 2022
- प्रोजेक्ट चीता प्रारंभ – 17 सितंबर 2022
- Launched under – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)





- प्रारंभ – पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत
- Spearheaded by – National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
- संचालन – राष्ट्रीय बाघ संरक्षण प्राधिकरण द्वारा
- Aligns with – United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15 (Life on Land)
- संबंधित – संयुक्त राष्ट्र सतत विकास लक्ष्य 15 (स्थल पर जीवन)
- Last confirmed wild cheetah sighting in India – 1947 (Koriya district, present-day Chhattisgarh)
- भारत में अंतिम बार जंगली चीता देखे जाने की पुष्टि – 1947 (कोरिया जिला, वर्तमान छत्तीसगढ़)
- Officially declared extinct in India – 1952
- भारत में आधिकारिक रूप से विलुप्त घोषित – 1952
- Scientific name – *Acinonyx jubatus*
- वैज्ञानिक नाम – *Acinonyx jubatus*
- IUCN Status – Vulnerable (VU)
- IUCN स्थिति – असुरक्षित (VU)
- “Mukhi” – First cheetah cub born in India under Project Cheetah; later gave birth to five healthy cubs.
- “मुखी” – प्रोजेक्ट चीता के तहत भारत में जन्मा पहला शावक; बाद में पाँच स्वस्थ शावकों को जन्म दिया।

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Ques: Which airport won the Asia-Pacific's Best Airport for Departures (Over 40-million passengers category) at the 2025 Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards?

प्रश्न: 2025 एयरपोर्ट सर्विस क्वालिटी (ASQ) पुरस्कार में 40 मिलियन से अधिक यात्रियों की श्रेणी में एशिया-प्रशांत का सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रस्थान हवाई अड्डा कौन सा बना?

- A) Indira Gandhi International Airport / इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा
- B) Kempegowda International Airport / केम्पेगौड़ा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा
- C) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport / नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा
- D) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport / राजीव गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा
- E) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport / छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा

Answer: Option E

Explanation | व्याख्या:

- Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) won the Asia-Pacific's Best Airport for Departures in the Over 40-million passengers category at the 2025 ASQ Customer Experience Awards.
- मुंबई का छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा (CSMIA) 2025 ASQ ग्राहक अनुभव पुरस्कार में 40 मिलियन से अधिक यात्रियों की श्रेणी में एशिया-प्रशांत का सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रस्थान हवाई अड्डा बना।
- The award was presented by Airports Council International (ACI).
- यह पुरस्कार एयरपोर्ट्स काउंसिल इंटरनेशनल (ACI) द्वारा प्रदान किया गया।
- CSMIA is operated by Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL).
- CSMIA का संचालन मुंबई इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (MIAL) द्वारा किया जाता है।
- MIAL is a joint venture between Adani Airport Holdings Limited and the Airports Authority of India.
- MIAL, अदानी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड और भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के बीच एक संयुक्त उपक्रम है।





Ques: What is the maximum amount Bank of Baroda plans to raise through green infrastructure bonds?

- A) ₹5,000 crore
- B) ₹7,000 crore
- C) ₹8,000 crore
- D) ₹10,000 crore
- E) ₹12,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda plans to raise up to ₹10,000 crore through green infrastructure bonds.
- The base issue size is ₹5,000 crore with a green shoe option of ₹5,000 crore, totaling ₹10,000 crore.
- The bonds will have a 7-year tenure and will mature in 2033.
- They have been rated 'AAA' (Stable) by CARE Ratings and ICRA.
- Green bonds are debt instruments used to finance environmentally sustainable projects.

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Ques: The newly inaugurated SBI Parbung Branch is located in which district of Manipur?

- A) Imphal West
- B) Churachandpur
- C) Pherzawl
- D) Ukhrul
- E) Thoubal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India Chairman C.S. Setty virtually inaugurated the SBI Parbung Branch from the bank's Local Head Office in Guwahati.
- The branch is located in Pherzawl district and marks the first-ever banking facility in the district.
- The initiative strengthens financial inclusion by providing access to savings accounts, deposits, and essential banking services locally.
- SBI was established on 1 July 1955 and its headquarters is in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The tagline of SBI is "The Banker to Every Indian."

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Ques: Waaree Energies Limited has announced the establishment of India's largest integrated Lithium-ion Battery Gigafactory in which state?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Waaree Energies Limited has announced the establishment of India's largest integrated Lithium-ion Battery Gigafactory at Rambilli in Anakapalli district of Andhra Pradesh.
- The project will significantly strengthen India's energy storage capacity and clean-energy manufacturing ecosystem.
- The total planned investment is ₹8,175 crore (approx. USD 890 million).
- The facility is expected to have a production capacity of 16 Gigawatt-hours (GWh), making it one of the largest battery manufacturing units in the country.

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Ques: From March 1, 2026, messaging apps like WhatsApp must be linked to what?

- A) Aadhaar Card
- B) Email ID
- C) Active SIM card in the device
- D) PAN Card
- E) Bank Account

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- From March 1, 2026, major digital security and telecom changes will come into effect across India.
- Messaging apps like WhatsApp, Telegram, and Signal must be linked to an active SIM card physically present in the device.
- If the SIM card associated with the account is removed, the app will stop functioning.
- WhatsApp Web and desktop versions will auto log out every 6 hours and require re-authentication via QR scan from the phone.
- Under UPI changes, high-value transactions may require biometric or multi-factor authentication instead of only UPI PIN.
- Newly registered UPI users may face a 24-hour transaction restriction, generally capped at ₹5,000.
- Indian Railways is phasing out the old UTS mobile app for unreserved and platform tickets.
- The new RailOne App will replace UTS for booking unreserved and platform tickets.
- These measures aim to curb fraud, fake accounts, cybercrime, and unauthorized access.





Ques: The 'Vanjeevi Didi' initiative, aimed at empowering women for forest and wildlife protection, has been launched in which Tiger Reserve?

- A) Simlipal Tiger Reserve
- B) Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- C) Palamu Tiger Reserve
- D) Sundarbans Tiger Reserve
- E) Kanha Tiger Reserve

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Palamu Tiger Reserve has launched the 'Vanjeevi Didi' initiative, a community-based conservation programme focused on empowering women to protect forests and wildlife.
- The initiative has been introduced by the South Division of PTR to strengthen grassroots participation in biodiversity conservation.
- Under the programme, 18 women from 17 villages have been selected and designated as 'Vanjeevi Didis' (Forest Sisters).
- These Vanjeevi Didis will act as conservation ambassadors, spreading awareness and encouraging communities to avoid poaching, illegal logging, and deforestation.





Ques: The Bihar State Cabinet has approved the construction of a Greenfield International Airport at which location in the state?

- A) Sonpur (Saran district)
- B) Purnea
- C) Darbhanga
- D) Muzaffarpur
- E) Bhagalpur

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Bihar State Cabinet, chaired by Nitish Kumar, approved the construction of a Greenfield International Airport at Sonpur in Saran district.
- The airport will become the 24th Greenfield Airport in India.
- An estimated ₹1,302 crore has been sanctioned for land acquisition, and the project is targeted for completion by 2030.
- The airport will be developed over approximately 4,200 acres in the Dariyapur Chanwar area.

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Ques: The Our Lady of Grace Cathedral, which received the Award of Merit at the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation, is located in which state?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Our Lady of Grace Cathedral, located in Papdy village, Vasai in Maharashtra, received the Award of Merit at the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation announced in Bangkok.
- The recognition honours the successful community-led restoration of the 475-year-old Portuguese-era cathedral.
- Built in the 16th century during Portuguese rule in India, it symbolises the spread of Catholicism in Maharashtra.
- The cathedral was constructed using traditional stone masonry and mud-based techniques without cement or bricks.
- The UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards recognise excellence in conserving cultural heritage across the region.
- The highest Award of Distinction in 2025 went to projects in Japan and China, while other recognised sites included those in Malaysia, Nepal and Vanuatu.





xQues: Under the nationwide HPV vaccination campaign, which vaccine will be administered to 14-year-old girls?

- A) Covaxin
- B) Cervavac
- C) Gardasil 4
- D) Rotavac
- E) Pentavalent Vaccine

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the nationwide HPV Vaccination Campaign from Ajmer, Rajasthan.
- Under the campaign, a single-dose 'Gardasil 4', a quadrivalent HPV vaccine, will be administered to 14-year-old girls.
- The vaccine protects against HPV types 6, 11, 16, and 18, which are responsible for cervical cancer and other HPV-related diseases.
- The U-WIN platform will be used for registration and reporting, while the e-VIN portal will manage vaccine stock and logistics.
- HPV types 16 and 18 are the leading causes of cervical cancer, the second most common cancer among women in India.





Ques: Where was the National Arogya Fair 2026 held?

- A) Nagpur
- B) Aurangabad
- C) Nashik
- D) Pune
- E) Shegaon, Buldhana (Maharashtra)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The National Arogya Fair 2026 was held at Shegaon in Buldhana district of Maharashtra.
- The event was inaugurated by the Honorable President of India, Droupadi Murmu.
- It was organised by the Ministry of Ayush in collaboration with the All India Ayurvedic Congress.

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Ques: The Indian Army conducted a live firing test of the Strela-10 VSHORADS at which location in Rajasthan?

- A) Mahajan Field Firing Range
- B) Barmer Sector
- C) Jaisalmer Air Base
- D) Bikaner Range
- E) Pokhran Field Firing Range

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Indian Army successfully conducted a high-intensity live firing test of the Strela-10 Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the Pokhran Field Firing Range.
- The exercise was carried out by the Konark Corps and the Air Defence Warriors of the Blazing Skies Brigade to enhance desert battlefield air defence preparedness.
- The Strela-10 is a Very Short Range Air Defence System functioning as a Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) system to counter helicopters, low-flying aircraft, UAVs, and other low-altitude aerial threats.
- The system has an engagement range of approximately 6 to 10 kilometres.





Ques: Who has recently taken charge as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited?

- A) Sandeep Kumar Gupta
- B) Deepak Gupta
- C) Sanjiv Singh
- D) Alok Kumar
- E) Rajesh Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Deepak Gupta has assumed charge as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited.
- He replaced Sandeep Kumar Gupta, who superannuated on February 28.
- He had earlier joined GAIL as Director (Projects) in February 2022.
- His tenure as CMD will continue till February 28, 2029.
- Founded in 1984, GAIL is India's largest natural gas transmission and marketing company, headquartered in New Delhi.

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Ques: The National Divyangjan Cricket Sports Festival-2026 was inaugurated in which city?

- A) Bhopal
- B) Indore
- C) Gwalior
- D) Jabalpur
- E) Ujjain

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Mohan Yadav inaugurated the National Divyangjan Cricket Sports Festival-2026 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- The event is organised under the theme “Not Out @ 100” and is described as a first-of-its-kind global sporting initiative for Divyang athletes.
- A total of 350 Divyang cricket players from 25 states across India are participating in the festival.
- A unique feature of the festival is the organisation of continuous cricket matches for 100 hours to create a world record in inclusive sports participation.

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Ques: 'Prachand' Light Combat Helicopter is developed by which organization?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu undertook a sortie in the indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) 'Prachand' at Air Force Station, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- 'Prachand' (LCH) has been developed and manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- The helicopter was formally inducted into the Indian Air Force in 2022.
- It is capable of operating in high-altitude areas with advanced avionics and weapon systems, showcasing India's indigenous defence capability.

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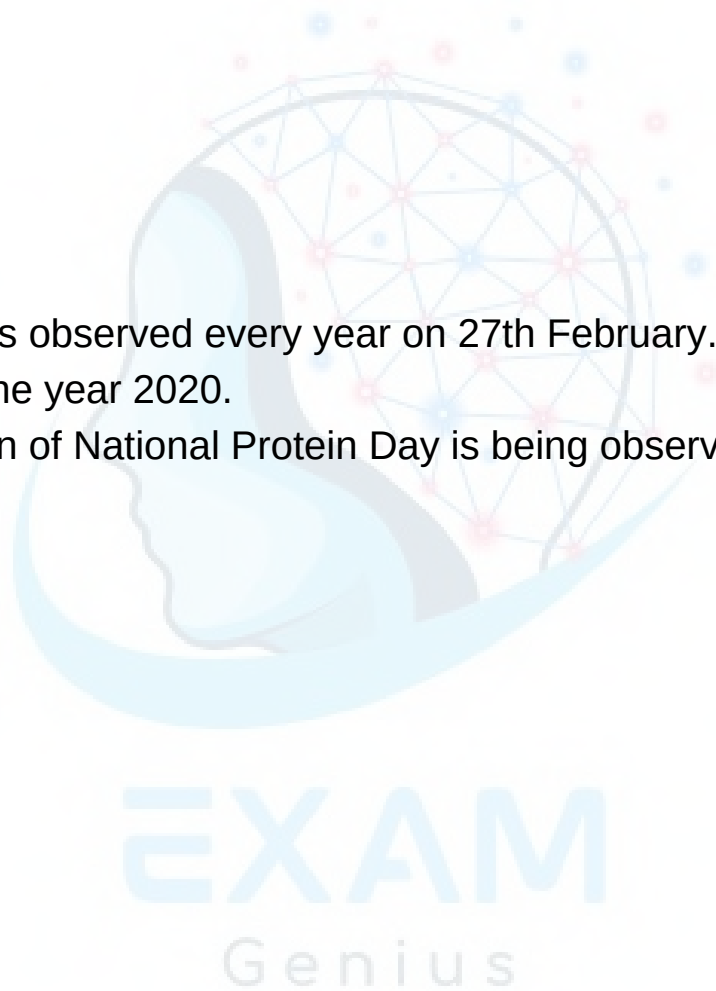
Ques: National Protein Day, observed on 27th February, was first started in which year?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Protein Day is observed every year on 27th February.
- It was first started in the year 2020.
- In 2026, the 7th edition of National Protein Day is being observed.





Ques: The Reserve Bank of India has approved SBI Mutual Fund to acquire up to what percentage stake in Bandhan Bank?

- A) 5%
- B) 7.5%
- C) 9.99%
- D) 12%
- E) 15%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved a proposal by SBI Mutual Fund to acquire an aggregate holding of up to 9.99% in Bandhan Bank.
- The approval is subject to compliance with the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- SBI Mutual Fund has one year from the date of approval to complete the share acquisition up to the 9.99% limit.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- A) Børge Brende
- B) António Guterres
- C) Klaus Schwab
- D) Kristalina Georgieva
- E) Alois Zwinggi

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Alois Zwinggi has been appointed as the Interim President and CEO of the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- He replaced Børge Brende of Norway.
- Alois Zwinggi was earlier appointed as President and CEO of the WEF in 2017.
- The World Economic Forum was established in 1971 and is headquartered in Cologny, Switzerland.

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Ques: India's 1st State Innovation Mission (SIM) was formally launched in which city?

- A) Guwahati
- B) Shillong
- C) Agartala
- D) Aizawl
- E) Imphal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Jitendra Singh formally launched India's 1st State Innovation Mission (SIM) at the Hapania International Exhibition Center in Agartala, Tripura.
- The mission is designed as a long-term institutional framework to support States and Union Territories in building robust and inclusive innovation ecosystems.
- The State Innovation Mission (SIM) is part of the approved Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) 2.0 programme, led by NITI Aayog's State Support Mission (SSM).
- During the event, the Minister described the Northeast as the 'New Engine' of India's growth.

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Ques: The “Rah-Veer” scheme, aimed at encouraging citizens to help road accident victims within the golden hour, has been launched in which state/UT?

- A) Haryana
- B) Punjab
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Delhi

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The “Rah-Veer” scheme has been announced by Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.
- Under the scheme, any person who helps a seriously injured road accident victim and ensures transport to a hospital or trauma centre within the golden hour will receive ₹25,000 as a cash reward along with a certificate of appreciation.
- A maximum of ₹25,000 per incident will be provided even if multiple victims are saved in the same incident.
- Every year, ten outstanding “Rah-Veers” selected nationally will receive a special award of ₹1 lakh along with a certificate.

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Ques: The Rail Tech Policy and complete digitisation of the Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT) are part of which initiative of Indian Railways?

- A) Digital India Mission
- B) Gati Shakti Programme
- C) National Rail Plan 2030
- D) 52 Reforms in 52 Weeks
- E) Make in India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the launch of the Rail Tech Policy and the complete digitisation of the Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT).
- These are Reform Number Three and Reform Number Four under Indian Railways' flagship '52 Reforms in 52 Weeks' initiative.
- A dedicated RailTech Portal will be launched to enable innovators to submit proposals through a fully digital, end-to-end process.
- The Railways will fund up to 50% of development costs for viable solutions and place large-scale orders for successful innovations.
- Under the major procedural reform in RCT, 24×7 e-filing, online hearings, and instant access to orders will simplify accident and untoward incident claims for litigants.





Ques: The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Raebareli signed an MoU with which company to strengthen pharmaceutical education and innovation-driven drug development?

- A) Pfizer India
- B) Cipla Limited
- C) Boehringer Ingelheim India Private Limited
- D) Sun Pharmaceutical Industries
- E) Dr. Reddy's Laboratories

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Raebareli (NIPER), Uttar Pradesh, along with its Centre of Excellence for Novel Drug Delivery Systems (CoE-NDDS), signed an MoU with Boehringer Ingelheim India Private Limited.
- The collaboration aims to strengthen pharmaceutical education, research collaboration, and innovation-driven drug development in India.
- During the event, Cohort-2 of AMRITVA (Alliance for Medical Research, Innovation, Translation & Value Acceleration) was launched to accelerate medical research translation and commercialization.
- A total of 5 innovators were selected, including 3 faculty-led projects and 2 research-led initiatives.
scholar-led projects.
- Selected innovators will receive grant support for commercialization of research outcomes.
- AMRITVA is implemented by Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre IIT Kanpur (SIIC-IIT Kanpur) in partnership with NIPER Raebareli.





Ques: The 'Meri Rasoi' scheme, recently launched, has been introduced by which state government?

- A) Punjab
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Haryana
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Uttarakhand

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 'Meri Rasoi' scheme has been launched by the Government of Punjab.
- The objective of the scheme is to provide nutritional support to nearly 40 lakh economically weaker families across the state.
- Under this scheme, food kits will be distributed free of cost for three months at a time.
- The first phase will cover April, May and June 2026.

Each eligible family will receive:

- 2 kg chana dal
- 2 kg sugar
- 1 kg iodized salt
- 200 g turmeric powder
- 1 litre mustard oil





Ques: The National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) has been upgraded to which category of Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)?

- A) Schedule 'A'
- B) Schedule 'B'
- C) Schedule 'C'
- D) Schedule 'D'
- E) Maharatna Category

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) has upgraded the National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) from Schedule 'B' to Schedule 'A' category CPSE.
- Schedule 'A' status provides NSIC greater financial and operational autonomy.
- This upgrade will strengthen NSIC's role in implementing Government of India programmes.
- The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) classifies CPSEs into four schedules: A, B, C, and D to streamline management and salary structures.

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Ques: The Union Government has introduced a national Access Pass system to promote sustainable fishing within which maritime zone?

- A) Territorial Sea
- B) Contiguous Zone
- C) Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- D) High Seas
- E) Continental Shelf

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Government has introduced a national Access Pass system to encourage sustainable fishing within India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- The EEZ extends up to 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.
- Under the EEZ Rules, the Access Pass aims to promote deep-sea fishing and encourage the formation of Fisheries Cooperatives and Fishermen Fish Producer Organisations (FFPOs).
- The pass is mandatory for around 64,000 mechanised vessels and large motorised vessels above 24 metres, while traditional non-motorised or artisanal fishers are exempted.
- the National Informatics Centre and the Department of Fisheries.
- ReALCRaft is integrated with the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for Catch Certificates and the Export Inspection Council (EIC) for Health Certificates to ensure regulatory compliance and export facilitation.





Ques: Mount Aconcagua, recently summited by a six-member Indian team, is located in which country?

- A) Argentina
- B) Peru
- C) Chile
- D) Bolivia
- E) Ecuador

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- A six-member team from the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM), Uttarkashi, and the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM&WS), Pahalgam, successfully summited Mount Aconcagua in Argentina.
- The expedition was formally flagged off by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The team was led by Colonel Hem Chandra Singh, Principal of NIM and JIM&WS.
- Mount Aconcagua is the highest peak in South America.

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Ques: The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has launched which initiative to monitor the quality of ongoing National Highway (NH) projects across India?

- A) National Highway Expansion Mission
- B) Mobile Quality Control Vans (MQCVs) Initiative
- C) Bharat Highway Acceleration Project
- D) Smart Toll Monitoring Scheme
- E) Green Corridor Development Programme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has launched the Mobile Quality Control Vans (MQCVs) Initiative to monitor the quality of ongoing National Highway projects across India.
- The initiative reflects a shift from rapid road expansion towards ensuring high-quality, safe and reliable highway infrastructure.
- Pilot projects have been implemented in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Karnataka and Odisha.
- MQCVs function as mobile laboratories conducting on-site and real-time testing using non-destructive testing technologies.
- The equipment installed in these vans includes Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity Meters, Rebound Hammers, Asphalt Density Gauges and Reflectometers.
- MoRTH is also developing a National Highway Quality Monitoring Portal that will provide online access to quality test reports, real-time GPS tracking of MQCVs and a transparent, data-driven monitoring system.





Ques: Where was the 4th World Ocean Science Congress 2026 held?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 4th World Ocean Science Congress 2026 was held at the National Institute of Oceanography in Panaji, Goa.
- The Congress is organised biannually.
- Theme: “Ocean Health and Sustainable Future”.
- It was organised by the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), and Goa University.
- Previous editions were held in Visakhapatnam, Kochi, and Chennai.

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Ques: Teacher App 2.0, aimed at accelerating AI adoption in India's K-12 ecosystem, was launched by whom?

- A) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- B) Dharmendra Pradhan
- C) Jitendra Singh
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Rajnath Singh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Teacher App 2.0 was launched by Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan.
- The app has been developed by Bharti Airtel Foundation in collaboration with CK-12 Foundation.
- Its objective is to accelerate Artificial Intelligence (AI) adoption in India's K-12 ecosystem.
- The initiative is aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the Viksit Bharat @2047 vision.
- The app currently supports over two lakh educators across India and is available as a free-for-life digital platform.





Ques: The Government of India has reduced duty benefits under which export support scheme by 50% with immediate effect?

- A) MEIS (Merchandise Exports from India Scheme)
- B) SEIS (Service Exports from India Scheme)
- C) RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products)
- D) EPCG (Export Promotion Capital Goods)
- E) PLI (Production Linked Incentive)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has reduced duty benefits under the RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) scheme by 50% with immediate effect.
- The decision was notified by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).
- The RoDTEP scheme was launched in 2021 to refund taxes, duties, and levies incurred during manufacturing, transportation, and distribution of export goods.
- Under the new change, benefits are now restricted to 50% of the existing notified rates, and value caps have also been reduced by 50%.

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Ques: The “CM Jan Sunwai Portal & Mobile App”, a centralised grievance redressal system, has been launched in which state/UT?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Delhi
- C) Delhi
- D) Haryana
- E) Punjab

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The initiative was launched by Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta at the Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi.
- The objective is to strengthen digital public service delivery and citizen grievance redressal through IT-based governance initiatives.

Major Initiatives Launched:

1. CM Jan Sunwai Portal & Mobile App:
2. A centralised grievance redressal system enabling citizens to submit complaints across departments.
3. Integration of e-District Services with Common Service Centre (CSC) Network:
4. To enhance accessibility of government services at the grassroots level.
3. Secure Online Admission Platform:
To ensure transparent and secure digital admission processes.





Ques : Central Bank of India has signed a Distribution Agreement with which Asset Management Company to offer mutual fund products to its customers?

- A) SBI Mutual Fund
- B) HDFC Asset Management Company
- C) Nippon India Asset Management
- D) ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company
- E) Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Limited

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Central Bank of India has signed a Distribution Agreement with Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Limited (CRAMC).
- This partnership will allow the bank to offer a wide range of mutual fund products to its customers.
- Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Limited is one of India's leading asset management companies.

About Central Bank of India:

- Established: 1911
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- MD & CEO: Kalyan Kumar
- Tagline: Central to you since 1911





Ques : India and Canada aim to increase bilateral trade to what amount by 2030 under CEPA?

- A) \$30 Billion
- B) \$40 Billion
- C) \$50 Billion
- D) \$60 Billion
- E) \$75 Billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Canada agreed on a \$1.9 billion (CAD 2.6 billion) uranium supply deal for Indian nuclear power reactors.
- Both countries decided to conclude the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) within this year and issued the Terms of Reference (ToR) for negotiations.
- Under CEPA, the two nations have set a target to double bilateral trade to \$50 billion by 2030.

About Canada:

- Capital: Ottawa
- Currency: Canadian Dollar
- Prime Minister: Mark Carney





Ques: “SUJVIKA”, an AI-driven Biotech Product Data Portal, was launched on the 40th Foundation Day of which department?

- A) Department of Science & Technology (DST)
- B) Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
- C) Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)
- D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- E) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- On the 40th Foundation Day of the Department of Biotechnology, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Jitendra Singh launched “SUJVIKA”, an AI-driven Biotech Product Data Portal.
- The portal was developed in collaboration with Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE).
- SUJVIKA is a Trade Statistics Digital Intelligence Platform that provides authenticated and structured data on biotechnology product imports, biochemicals, industrial enzymes, and other biotech products.
- The Department of Biotechnology is also implementing the BioE3 Policy (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) along with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).





Ques. Bharat Steel 2026 summit will be hosted in which city?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India will host the Bharat Steel 2026 Summit in New Delhi from 16–17 April 2026.
- The summit is a flagship global event organised by the Ministry of Steel.
- It will bring together leaders from the steel, mining, technology, and trading sectors.
- The event will be held at Bharat Mandapam and will serve as a platform for policy–business dialogue to promote sustainable industrial growth and highlight India's strength in the steel sector.

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Ques : The qualification load test of the Drogue Parachute for the Gaganyaan mission was conducted at which facility?

- A) DRDO Missile Complex, Hyderabad
- B) Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
- C) Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) Facility, Chandigarh
- D) ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri
- E) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The qualification load test of the Drogue Parachute for the Gaganyaan Mission was successfully conducted by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- The test was carried out at the Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) Facility located at the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory in Chandigarh.
- The objective was to verify whether the Drogue Parachute can withstand qualification loads, which are higher pressures than those expected during the actual mission.
- The Drogue Parachute acts as the primary braking system of the spacecraft during re-entry in the Gaganyaan Mission.
- Goal: To send 3 astronauts to Low Earth Orbit (400 km altitude) for 3 days.
- Target Date: First manned mission expected in early 2027.
- Four Indian Air Force pilots selected for the mission : Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, Group Captain Angad Pratap and Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla





Ques : What interest rate has been recommended on EPF deposits for 2025–26?

- A) 8.00%
- B) 8.10%
- C) 8.25%
- D) 8.50%
- E) 7.90%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Central Board of Trustees (CBT) has recommended 8.25% interest rate on EPF deposits for the financial year 2025–26.
- Several reform measures were also approved, including auto-initiation of claim settlement in inoperative accounts.
- Reforms were also approved in Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) and Employees' Deposit-Linked Insurance (EDLI) under the Social Security Code.

About EPFO:

- Established: 1952
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Parent Ministry: Ministry of Labour and Employment





Ques: The Ahmedabad Metro Rail extension from GIFT City to Shahpur will be executed by which organisation?

- A) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)
- B) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)
- C) Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited (GMRC)
- D) National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)
- E) Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the Ahmedabad Metro Rail extension from GIFT City to Shahpur in Gujarat.
- The project aims to improve connectivity between Ahmedabad and Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).
- The project will be executed by Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited (GMRC).
- Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited is a 50:50 joint venture between the Government of India and the Government of Gujarat.

Project Details:

- Corridor length: 3.33 km
 - Stations: 3 elevated metro stations
 - Estimated cost: ₹1,067.35 crore
 - Expected completion: About 4 years.
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- The Ahmedabad Metro network, including Phase-I and Phase-II, has a total length of 68.28 kilometres with 53 stations. Phase-I, operational since September 2022, covers the APMC to Motera Stadium (North–South Corridor) and Thaltej Gam to Vastral Gam (East–West Corridor).





Ques : What is the size of the renewed India–Japan Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA)?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Japan renewed their Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA), which became effective on 28 February 2026.
- The size of the currency swap facility has been retained at \$75 billion.
- It is a two-way currency swap framework that allows the exchange of local currencies against the US dollar, strengthening financial safety nets and providing liquidity support during external pressures.

About the institutions managing the arrangement:

- In India, it is managed by the Reserve Bank of India (Established: 1 April 1935, HQ: Mumbai).
- In Japan, it is handled by the Bank of Japan (Established: 1882, HQ: Tokyo).





Ques: The 3rd edition of the States' Electricity Transition (SET) Report was released by which organisations?

- A) NITI Aayog and TERI
- B) IEEFA and Ember
- C) Ministry of Power and CEA
- D) World Bank and ADB
- E) CSE and Greenpeace

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 3rd edition of the States' Electricity Transition (SET) Report was released by Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and Ember.
- The report highlights that electricity transition at the state (sub-national) level in India shows wider but uneven progress.
- Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, and Rajasthan emerged as leaders in EV adoption and Green Hydrogen development.

About SET Report 2026:

- Coverage: 21 states assessed, representing nearly 95% of India's total electricity demand.
- Purpose: To analyse states' transition towards clean and sustainable power systems.
- Decarbonization Leaders: Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala
- Power Ecosystem Readiness & Performance Leaders: Delhi, Haryana
- Market Enablers – Top Performers: Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan





Ques: The development of a Civil Enclave at Srinagar International Airport has been approved at an estimated cost of how much?

- A) ₹1,250 crore
- B) ₹1,450 crore
- C) ₹1,677 crore
- D) ₹1,850 crore
- E) ₹2,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the development of a Civil Enclave at Srinagar International Airport.
- The project has an estimated cost of ₹1,677 crore and aims to strengthen aviation infrastructure and improve connectivity in the Kashmir Valley.
- The airport is located about 12 km from Srinagar and is operated by the Airports Authority of India within the Budgam Airbase of the Indian Air Force.
- Srinagar International Airport was declared an International Airport in 2005, and the project will cover 73.18 acres including construction of security personnel barracks.





Ques : Tata Steel announced an investment of ₹11,000 crore in which state?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Odisha
- D) West Bengal
- E) Maharashtra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Tata Steel has announced an investment of ₹11,000 crore at its Jamshedpur facility in Jharkhand.
- The investment aims to develop advanced grade and green steel technology with lower carbon emissions, promoting sustainable steel production.
- The project is expected to strengthen the company's global footprint and enhance environmentally responsible manufacturing practices in India.

About Tata Steel:

- Established: 1907
- Founder: Jamsetji Tata
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Parent Group: Tata Group





Ques: What is the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Raw Jute (TD-3 Grade) approved for the Marketing Season 2026–27?

- A) ₹5,650 per quintal
- B) ₹5,750 per quintal
- C) ₹5,925 per quintal
- D) ₹6,100 per quintal
- E) ₹6,250 per quintal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Raw Jute (TD-3 Grade) for the Marketing Season 2026–27.
- The MSP has been fixed at ₹5,925 per quintal, which is an increase of ₹275 per quintal over the 2025–26 season.
- The MSP ensures about 61.8% return over the All-India Weighted Average Cost of Production and follows the policy announced in the Union Budget 2018–19 that MSP should be at least 1.5 times the cost of production.

Additional Fact:

- MSP for raw jute has increased from ₹2,400 per quintal in 2014–15 to ₹5,925 per quintal in 2026–27, showing nearly 2.5 times growth.
during 2014–15 to 2025–26 compared to ₹441 crore during 2004–05 to 2013–14, indicating enhanced farmer income support.
- The Jute Corporation of India (JCI) will continue as the Central Government's nodal agency for Price Support Operations (PSO), and any operational losses will be fully reimbursed by the Central Government.





Ques : Sunil Bharti Mittal became the first Indian to receive which award?

- A) Padma Vibhushan
- B) GSMA Lifetime Achievement Award
- C) Nobel Prize
- D) ITU Global Award
- E) Ramon Magsaysay Award

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, received the GSMA Lifetime Achievement Award at the Mobile World Congress 2026 held in Barcelona.
- He became the first Indian to receive this prestigious honour from the GSMA.
- The award recognises his major contribution to the global telecommunications industry and expansion of digital connectivity worldwide.

About GSMA:

- Full form: Global System for Mobile Communications Association
- Established: 1995
- Headquarters: London.





Ques : National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated on 28 February to commemorate which scientific discovery?

- A) Discovery of Electron
- B) Discovery of Raman Effect
- C) Discovery of Radioactivity
- D) Discovery of DNA Structure
- E) Discovery of X-Rays

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- National Science Day is celebrated every year on 28 February in India.
- It commemorates the discovery of the Raman Effect in 1928 by C. V. Raman.
- C. V. Raman received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930 for this discovery.
- 2026 marks the 40th National Science Day.

Theme 2026: "Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat."

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Ques: The Government of India, in coordination with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), plans to conduct a ₹25,000-crore switch auction of which financial instrument to manage public debt efficiently?

- A) Treasury Bills (T-Bills)
- B) Dated Government Securities (G-Secs)
- C) Sovereign Gold Bonds
- D) State Development Loans (SDLs)
- E) Corporate Bonds

Answer: B) Dated Government Securities (G-Secs)

Explanation:

- The Government of India, in coordination with the Reserve Bank of India, will conduct a ₹25,000-crore switch auction of Dated Government Securities (G-Secs) to manage public debt efficiently.
- The main objective of the switch auction is to smooth the government's redemption and repayment profile.
- It helps reduce near-term repayment pressure, spread debt obligations over a longer period, lower rollover risk, and improve liability management.
- The auction will be conducted using the Multiple-Price Auction format, where successful bidders receive allotment at their quoted prices.
- In a switch operation, the government exchanges short-maturity bonds for longer-tenor securities to avoid immediate cash repayment and distribute repayment liabilities over a longer period.
over future years.
- Earlier similar debt conversion and switch operations were conducted with the RBI, where short-term securities were bought back and equivalent long-term securities were issued based on prices determined by Financial Benchmarks India Pvt Ltd (FBIL).





Ques: The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) proposed April 1 for insurers to adopt which accounting standard?

- A) IFRS
- B) GAAP
- C) Ind AS
- D) IAS
- E) Basel Norms

Answer: C) Ind AS

Explanation:

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has proposed April 1 for insurers to adopt Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS).
- The rule will apply to life, general, health insurers and re-insurers across the insurance sector.
- The objective is to improve transparency, consistency, and global comparability in financial reporting.
- IRDAI was established in 1999 under the IRDAI Act, 1999.
- The headquarters of IRDAI is located in Hyderabad.
- The current Chairperson of IRDAI is Ajay Seth.





Ques: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced a new category called “Life Cycle Funds” under reforms in the mutual fund industry. Life Cycle Funds mainly relate to which of the following?

- A) Goal-based Funds
- B) Fixed Return Funds
- C) Infrastructure Funds
- D) International Funds
- E) Commodity Funds

Answer: A) Goal-based Funds

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced major reforms in the ₹81 lakh crore Indian mutual fund industry.
- The reforms aim to improve transparency, portfolio discipline, and investor protection.
- SEBI introduced a new category of funds called Life Cycle Funds.
- These funds automatically reduce equity exposure as investors approach their financial goal, following a predefined glide path.
- Life Cycle Funds can invest up to 10% in gold and silver ETFs, ETCDs, and InvITs.
- These funds can be launched with a tenure ranging from 5 to 30 years in multiples of five years.
- Under the reforms, the number of mutual fund categories has increased from 36 to 40.
- SEBI has also enforced a stricter “true-to-label” regime requiring mutual fund portfolios to strictly follow their stated investment objective.





Ques: The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) recently raised ₹5,000 crore through the issuance of which short-term money market instrument?

- A) Treasury Bills (T-Bills)
- B) Commercial Paper (CP)
- C) Certificate of Deposit (CD)
- D) Sovereign Gold Bonds
- E) State Development Loans (SDLs)

Answer: C) Certificate of Deposit (CD)

Explanation:

- The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) raised ₹5,000 crore through a one-year Certificate of Deposit (CD) at a coupon rate of 6.95%.
- This issuance marked NaBFID's first-ever Certificate of Deposit issuance in the money market.
- The issue had a tenure of one year and was reportedly oversubscribed, indicating strong investor demand.
- The pricing was achieved 5–7 basis points lower than comparable issuers, reflecting favourable market confidence in NaBFID.
- A Certificate of Deposit (CD) is a short-term money market instrument issued by banks and financial institutions to raise funds from institutional investors.
- CDs generally have maturities ranging from 7 days to 1 year depending on the issuer and market conditions.





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- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- C) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D) New Development Bank (NDB)
- E) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Answer: B) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided a ₹4,648 crore loan to the Government of West Bengal.
- The objective of the loan is to strengthen secondary education infrastructure in the state.
- It will also help improve child nutrition and early childhood development services.
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Ques: The President of Finland, Alexander Stubb, visited India in March 2026 to attend which global conference in New Delhi?

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) Raisina Dialogue
- C) G20 Summit
- D) BRICS Summit
- E) ASEAN Summit

Answer: B) Raisina Dialogue

Explanation:

- The President of Finland, Alexander Stubb, visited India on a four-day official visit to strengthen bilateral relations.
- During the visit, he held talks with Narendra Modi focusing on trade, investment, and critical technologies.
- Alexander Stubb attended the Raisina Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi as the chief guest and delivered the keynote address.
- The Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics.
- The capital of Finland is Helsinki and its currency is the Euro.





Ques: Dr. Bhargav Mallappa was conferred the royal honour “Dato” by which country’s traditional royal institution?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Thailand
- C) Indonesia
- D) Brunei
- E) Philippines

Answer: C) Indonesia

Explanation:

- Dr. Bhargav Mallappa, Founder and Chairman of MBRA Groups and a senior leader of the Indian National Congress (INC), received the royal honour “Dato”.
- The honour was conferred by Kerajaan Kutai Mulawarman, a traditional royal institution of Indonesia.
- He was recognised for his contributions to social development, humanitarian activities, international cooperation, agricultural development, and economic empowerment initiatives.

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Ques: What is the total proposed outlay for the modified UDAN scheme expected to start from April 2026?

- A) ₹20,000 crore
- B) ₹25,000 crore
- C) ₹30,000 crore
- D) ₹35,000 crore
- E) ₹40,000 crore

Answer: C) ₹30,000 crore

Explanation:

- The Union Government plans to implement a modified UDAN Scheme (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) from 1 April 2026 to expand regional air connectivity in India.
- The total proposed outlay is ₹30,000 crore.
- Out of this, ₹18,000 crore will be used for airport infrastructure development.
- ₹12,000 crore will be allocated as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to support airlines operating on regional routes.
- The next phase aims to connect around 120 additional destinations, especially in remote, hilly, and aspirational districts.
- The UDAN scheme was launched on 21 October 2016 under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.





Ques: In February 2026, India upgraded its relations to a “Special Strategic Partnership” with which country?

- A) France
- B) Japan
- C) UAE
- D) Israel
- E) Singapore

Answer: D) Israel

Explanation:

- Following high-level talks between Narendra Modi and Benjamin Netanyahu in February 2026, India and Israel upgraded their ties to a Special Strategic Partnership.
- The upgrade is supported by 16 landmark agreements covering sectors such as fintech, defence, and green energy.
- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) signed an agreement with MASAV, Israel’s central payment processor, for UPI integration.
- With this step, Israel joined countries such as Singapore, United Arab Emirates, France and Sri Lanka that have adopted India’s Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- Bilateral merchandise trade between India and Israel stood at \$3.62 billion in FY 2024–25.
- Both countries are moving toward a formal Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- A pact was also signed to allow 50,000 additional Indian workers to work in Israel over the next five years, mainly in the manufacturing sector.





Ques: The Geological Survey of India (GSI), which recently celebrated its 176th Foundation Day, was established in which year?

- A) 1845
- B) 1851
- C) 1860
- D) 1875
- E) 1881

Answer: B) 1851

Explanation:

- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) recently celebrated its 176th Foundation Day.
- The organisation was established in 1851.
- GSI functions under the Ministry of Mines, Government of India.
- It plays a crucial role in mineral exploration, geological mapping, and geoscientific research in India.
- The headquarters of GSI is located in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- The first Director of GSI was Sir Thomas Oldham.

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Ques: The Tirumala Temple Complex in Andhra Pradesh is establishing an advanced food testing laboratory worth ₹25 crore with support from which organisation?

- A) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- B) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- C) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- D) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- E) NITI Aayog

Answer: C) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

Explanation:

- The Tirumala Temple Complex in Andhra Pradesh will establish a ₹25 crore advanced food testing laboratory to ensure the quality and safety of prasadam and ingredients such as ghee, dry fruits, and spices.
- The initiative was introduced after concerns over adulterated ghee in Tirumala laddus in 2024 and is supported by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- The laboratory will use advanced technologies such as E-Nose (Electronic Nose) to detect odours and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) released by food.
- An E-Nose is a sensor-based device that converts odour signals into electrical data and uses AI-based pattern recognition to identify odour fingerprints.
- It helps detect spoilage, contamination, fermentation changes, and adulteration, and is widely used in dairy, edible oil, and processed food industries.
- An E-Tongue (Electronic Tongue) is a device used to analyse taste-related chemical components in liquids. It uses electrochemical sensors to detect dissolved substances responsible for sweet, salty, sour, and bitter tastes and applies machine learning and statistical models for classification. It is commonly used for testing oils, beverages, and dairy products for quality and adulteration.





Ques: The RAJMARG PRAVESH web portal, launched to enable hassle-free issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for facilities along National Highways, has been launched by which Union Minister?

- A) Nirmala Sitharaman
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Nitin Gadkari
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer: C) Nitin Gadkari

Explanation:

- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, launched the upgraded RAJMARG PRAVESH web portal.
- The portal has been developed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to promote digital governance and ease of doing business in India.
- It enables hassle-free online issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for facilities along National Highways.
- The platform simplifies the approval process for establishing facilities such as fuel stations, wayside amenities, rest areas, private properties, connecting roads, and industrial access points along highways. 🚧





Ques: The EMI scheme for importers, allowing monthly payment of customs duty, is implemented by which organization?

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

Answer: C) CBIC

Explanation:

- The Eligible Manufacturer Importers (EMI) scheme will be implemented from 1 April by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- Under this scheme, eligible importers can clear imported goods without paying customs duty immediately.
- The customs duty can be paid later in monthly instalments, improving liquidity for businesses.
- The scheme operates under the Deferred Payment of Import Duty Rules, 2016.
- This initiative is expected to improve cash flow and reduce financial burden on manufacturers and importers in India.
- CBIC works under the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) and is headquartered in New Delhi. 💰





Ques: What was the theme of the 12th Zero Discrimination Day observed on March 1, 2026?

- A) End Inequality
- B) People First
- C) Equal Rights
- D) Stop Stigma
- E) Unity for Equality

Answer: B) People First

Explanation:

- Zero Discrimination Day is observed every year on March 1 worldwide.
- In 2026, the world celebrated the 12th Zero Discrimination Day.
- The theme for 2026 was “People First.”
- The butterfly is the official symbol of Zero Discrimination Day. 🦋
- The day aims to promote equality, dignity, and human rights for all people regardless of gender, race, age, disability, or other differences.
- The observance is strongly promoted by UNAIDS to encourage inclusive societies free from discrimination.

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Ques: Which organization approved the acquisition of additional stake in Generali insurance companies by Central Bank of India?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of additional stake in Generali insurance companies by Central Bank of India.
- The bank will acquire 1.09% additional equity in Generali Central Insurance Company Limited (GCICL).
- It will also acquire 0.82% additional equity in Generali Central Life Insurance Company Limited (GCLICL).

About Competition Commission of India

- Established: 2003 (under Competition Act, 2002)
- Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Chairperson: Ravneet Kaur

About: Central Bank of India

- Established : 1911
- Headquarters : Mumbai, India
- MD & CEO : Kalyan Kumar





Ques: 'Sudarshan', an AI-based surveillance system recently in news, has been deployed by which organization?

- 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) National Stock Exchange

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has deployed an in-house Artificial Intelligence system named Sudarshan.
- The system scans large volumes of audio, video, and text content across digital platforms to detect suspicious financial content.
- It identifies patterns of unregistered investment advisory activities and misleading financial claims.
- The main objective is to strengthen market surveillance and protect investors from fraud.

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Ques: Poland, which recently withdrew from the 1997 Ottawa Convention, had ratified the treaty in which year?

- A) 2008
- B) 2010
- C) 2015
- D) 2012
- E) 2018

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Poland officially withdrew from the Ottawa Convention on 20 February 2026.
- Poland had originally ratified the treaty in 2012.
- The decision allows Poland to redeploy anti-personnel landmines along its eastern borders with Russia (Kaliningrad region) and Belarus.
- The move comes amid heightened security concerns following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- Under the plan, Poland aims to deploy minefields along its 600+ km eastern frontier within 48 hours if a serious threat emerges.

About Ottawa Convention:

- The Ottawa Convention bans the use, production, stockpiling, and transfer of anti-personnel landmines.
- Its main objective is to prevent long-term civilian casualties caused by landmines.
- Poland ratified the treaty in 2012 and destroyed its mine stockpiles by 2016, but has now reversed that commitment.

About Ottawa Convention :

- Established : 1997
- HQ : Geneva, Switzerland (Implementation Support Unit - ISU)
- Depositary : Secretary-General of the United Nations (New York)
- 2026 President : Chile (Ambassador Marta Mauras current President of the Meeting of the States Parties)
- Signatories / Parties : 164 State Parties (prior to recent withdrawals)





Ques: The “Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (Dalhan Aatmanirbharta Mission)” aims to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses in India by which year?

- A) 2025
- B) 2027
- C) 2028
- D) 2030
- E) 2035

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

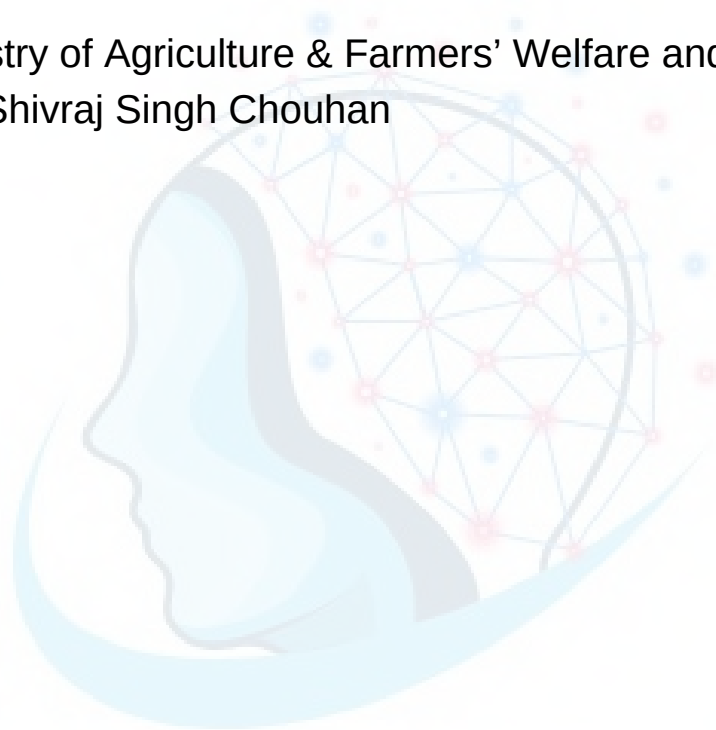
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan chaired a high-level review meeting of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) to accelerate the Self-Reliance in Pulses Mission.
- The mission is officially called the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (Dalhan Aatmanirbharta Mission).
- The duration of the mission is 6 years (2025–26 to 2030–31).
- The total outlay of the mission is ₹11,440 crore.
- The main objective is to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses by 2027 and become fully self-reliant by 2030–31.
- The mission focuses on key pulses such as Tur (Arhar), Urad, and Masoor.
- The production target is to increase pulses production to 350 lakh tonnes by 2030–31.
- NAFED and NCCF are the central nodal agencies responsible for 100% procurement of these pulses from farmers at MSP.
- The mission also plans to establish 1,000 processing and packaging units with subsidies up to ₹25 lakh per unit.
- Regulatory frameworks mentioned include PSS (Price Support Scheme), PSF (Price Stabilisation Fund), and PM-AASHA.





About NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.) :

- Established : 1958
- HQ : New Delhi
- Parent Ministry : Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development
- Union Minister : Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan



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Ques: India's first river lighthouses are being constructed on which National Waterway?.

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone for India's first river lighthouses.
- Four river lighthouses will be constructed on the Brahmaputra River, which is designated as National Waterway-2 (NW-2) in Assam.
- The lighthouses will be built at Bogibeel (Dibrugarh), Pandu (Kamrup Metropolitan), Silghat (Nagaon), and Biswanath Ghat (Biswanath).
- The total project cost for the four lighthouses is about ₹84 crore.
- The project will improve navigation safety and strengthen inland water transport on the Brahmaputra River.

Additional Facts:

- Origin of the Brahmaputra River – Angsi Glacier, Tibet.
- In India, the river flows through Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.





Ques: Indian-origin Canadian-American writer Padma Viswanathan was longlisted for the International Booker Prize 2026 for her English translation of which novel?

- A) The Alchemist
- B) On Earth As It Is Beneath
- C) The Vegetarian
- D) Tomb of Sand
- E) A House for Mr Biswas

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Padma Viswanathan, a Canadian-American writer and translator of Indian origin, has been longlisted for the International Booker Prize 2026.
- She was nominated for her English translation of the novel On Earth As It Is Beneath.
- The novel was originally written by Brazilian author Ana Paula Maia.
- The International Booker Prize is one of the world's most prestigious literary awards that recognizes translated fiction published in English.
- The prize money is £50,000, shared equally between the author and the translator.
- In 2026, 13 books were selected for the longlist from 128 submissions, representing works translated from 11 different languages.
- Padma Viswanathan is also known for her internationally acclaimed novel The Toss of a Lemon (2008) and has previously been shortlisted for the PEN Center USA Fiction Prize and the Scotiabank Giller Prize.





Ques: The Indian Women's Cricket Team was nominated for which prestigious global award in 2026?

- A) Ballon d'Or
- B) Laureus World Team of the Year Award
- C) Arjuna Award
- D) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- E) Wisden Team of the Year

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The India women's national cricket team has been nominated for the Laureus World Team of the Year Award 2026, one of the most prestigious global sports honours.
- The nomination came after the team won its maiden title in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025.
- The team became the first women's cricket team in history to be nominated for this prestigious global sports award.

About Laureus World Sports Awards:

- Established: 2000
- Headquarters: London, United Kingdom.





Ques: The CHEOPS satellite, which recently discovered an unusual “inside-out” planetary system around the star LHS 1903, belongs to which space agency?

- A) NASA
- B) JAXA
- C) ISRO
- D) Roscosmos
- E) ESA

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The CHEOPS mission of the European Space Agency (ESA) discovered an unusual four-planet system around the star LHS 1903.
- Astronomers led by Thomas Wilson from the University of Warwick identified the fourth planet in the system.
- The system is called an “Inside-Out Planetary System” because its order of planets is Rocky → Gaseous → Gaseous → Rocky.
- The outermost planet LHS 1903e is rocky, which is unusual because outer planets are normally gas giants.

Planets in the LHS 1903 System:

- LHS 1903b – Rocky (Inner Planet)
 - LHS 1903c – Gaseous
 - LHS 1903d – Gaseous
 - LHS 1903e – Rocky (Outermost Planet)
 - LHS 1903c – Gaseous Planet
 - LHS 1903d – Gaseous Planet
 - LHS 1903e – Rocky (Outer Planet – “Late Bloomer”)
- This discovery challenges the traditional model of planetary formation seen in our Solar System, where inner planets are rocky and outer planets are gaseous.





Ques: Census-2027 will become India's first census conducted using which method?

- A) Paper-based enumeration
- B) Manual household survey
- C) Fully digital tools
- D) Satellite survey only
- E) Hybrid census method

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Amit Shah unveiled the mascots "Pragati" (female) and "Vikas" (male) for Census-2027 in New Delhi.
- Census-2027 will be India's first fully digital census, conducted using four digital platforms.
- The four digital tools include HLBC Web Application, HLO Mobile App, Self-Enumeration (SE) Portal, and CMMS Portal.

About Census of India:

- First Census in India: 1872
- First complete synchronous Census: 1881.





Ques: The first Dark Sky Park of Tamil Nadu has been inaugurated at which place?

- A) Ooty
- B) Yercaud
- C) Valparai
- D) Kodaikanal
- E) Kolli Hills

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- R. S. Rajakannappan inaugurated Tamil Nadu's first Dark Sky Park at Ariyur Shola Reserve Forest in Kolli Hills, located in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu.
- The initiative aims to promote astro-tourism in the state.
- The park has been developed at a cost of ₹1 crore.
- It is equipped with three advanced telescopes and solar-powered infrastructure.
- The park will mainly operate from 15 January to 15 June, when the sky remains clear for observation.

Additional Fact:

- Pench Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh became India's first official Dark Sky Park in 2024 under the International Dark-Sky Places Programme, and it is also Asia's fifth internationally recognized Dark Sky Park.





Ques: President Droupadi Murmu appointed new Governors for seven states under which Article of the Constitution of India?

- A) Article 148
- B) Article 155
- C) Article 280
- D) Article 324
- E) Article 356

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Droupadi Murmu announced new Governors for seven states and Lt. Governors for two Union Territories.
- Major appointments include R. N. Ravi as the Governor of West Bengal and Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar given additional charge of Tamil Nadu.
- Article 155 of the Constitution of India states that the Governor of a state is appointed by the President of India.
- The Governor acts as the constitutional head of the state and generally serves a five-year term.
- The reshuffle comes ahead of important Assembly elections in several states.

New Governors Appointed

- Jishnu Dev Varma – Maharashtra
- Shiv Pratap Shukla – Telangana
- Kavinder Gupta – Himachal Pradesh
- Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Syed Ata Hasnain – Bihar
- Nand Kishore Yadav – Nagaland
- R.N. Ravi – West Bengal
- Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar – Additional Charge of Tamil Nadu





Lt. Governors Appointed | उपराज्यपाल

- Taranjit Singh Sandhu – Delhi
- Vinai Kumar Saxena – Ladakh



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Ques: The Suav, recently ordered by the National Green Tribunal to be reclassified as a river, is a tributary of which river?

- A) Rapti
- B) Ghaghara
- C) Ganga
- D) Gomti
- E) Yamuna

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The National Green Tribunal ordered the Uttar Pradesh government to officially reclassify the Suav River in Balrampur district as a river instead of a drain (nullah).
- The tribunal directed the state government to update its status in the Official Gazette and Revenue Records within three months.
- The decision mainly affects Balrampur district and Siddharthnagar district in Uttar Pradesh.
- If the order is not followed, it will be treated as a criminal offence under Section 26 of the NGT Act, 2010.
- The Suav River is a major tributary of the Rapti River and flows for about 120 km before joining it near Rasoolabad.
- The NGT also directed authorities to adopt the Sant Seechewal Model for rejuvenating the Suav river.
- The Sant Seechewal Model is a low-cost, community-driven approach for river cleaning and sewage management.





Ques: Which country secured 1st position in the Global Residence Programme Index 2026 published by Henley & Partners?

- A) UAE
- B) Italy
- C) Switzerland
- D) Greece
- E) Singapore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Global Residence Programme Index 2026, published by Henley & Partners, ranks the world's leading residence-by-investment programmes.
- Greece secured the 1st position in the 2026 ranking.
- The United Arab Emirates achieved joint 2nd position along with Italy and Switzerland.
- This is the first time the UAE has entered the top three, improving from 5th place in the previous edition.
- The index evaluates 40 leading residence programmes worldwide.
- The report also highlights the growing importance of emerging hubs such as Singapore, Costa Rica, and Panama.





Ques: The SANKALP scheme, recently criticized by the Public Accounts Committee for poor implementation, is related to which sector?

- A) Agricultural irrigation
- B) Skill development and vocational training
- C) Urban housing
- D) Renewable energy
- E) Rural health services

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The SANKALP Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at strengthening India's skill development ecosystem.
- The Public Accounts Committee, chaired by K. C. Venugopal, criticized the Union Government for the poor planning and slow implementation of the scheme.
- Despite a total outlay of ₹4,455 crore, an audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India found that less than half of the funds were utilized in six years.
- According to the report, only 44% of the allocated budget was spent between FY 2017–18 and FY 2023–24.
- Under World Bank assistance, the first tranche of \$250 million resulted in a disbursement of ₹1,606.15 crore, but the ministry used only ₹850.71 crore by December 2023.
- The scheme aims to strengthen institutional frameworks for short-term skill training, enhance industry linkages, and improve market connectivity.
- It also promotes inclusion of marginalized groups such as SC, ST, women, and persons with disabilities (PwDs).
- SANKALP promotes decentralized skilling through District Skill Committees (DSCs) and initiatives such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF).
- The Public Accounts Committee is a parliamentary committee that examines audit reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and consists of 22 members (15 from Lok Sabha and 7 from Rajya Sabha).





- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India is an independent constitutional authority established under Article 148 of the Constitution of India to audit government receipts and expenditures.
- Under SANKALP, funds from the World Bank are released based on Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs), meaning funds are provided only after specific results or milestones are achieved.

About SANKALP (Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) :

- Launched : January 19, 2018 (Approved Oct 2017)
- Nodal Ministry : Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
- Total Outlay : ₹4,455 Crore
- Funding Split World Bank: ₹3,300 Cr | States: ₹660 Cr | Industry: ₹495Cr
- Current Deadline : Extended to March 2024 (Originally March 2023)
- Key Authority : Public Accounts Committee (Chairperson: K.C. Venugopal)

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Ques: The President of Finland, Alexander Stubb, delivered the keynote address at which global conference whose 11th edition began in New Delhi in 2026?

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) Raisina Dialogue
- C) G20 Summit
- D) BRICS Summit
- E) ASEAN Summit

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the 11th edition of the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi.
- The President of Finland, Alexander Stubb, delivered the keynote address and highlighted India's role in shaping the future world order.
- The theme of Raisina Dialogue 2026 is "Saṃskāra – Assertion, Accommodation, Advancement."
- The Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics.
- It is organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, India in collaboration with the Observer Research Foundation.
- The Raisina Dialogue was first held in 2016, and its venue is New Delhi.





Ques: Ricky Andrew J. Syngkon, who recently passed away, was a Member of Parliament from which Lok Sabha constituency?

- A) Tura
- B) Kohima
- C) Jorhat
- D) Silchar
- E) Shillong

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Ricky Andrew J. Syngkon, Member of Parliament from the Shillong Lok Sabha constituency in Meghalaya, recently passed away.
- Before entering politics, he worked as an Assistant Professor of Economics at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU).
- He began his political career with the Voice of the People Party.
- In the 2024 Indian General Election, he contested from the Shillong Lok Sabha constituency and entered the Lok Sabha as a first-time MP.

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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.





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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- 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 Namo 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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Ques: Which team won the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026?

- 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.





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.

EXAM
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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.

EXAM
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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.

EXAM
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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.
- 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, Nutrify 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



EXAM
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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 Trikanth 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.

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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.

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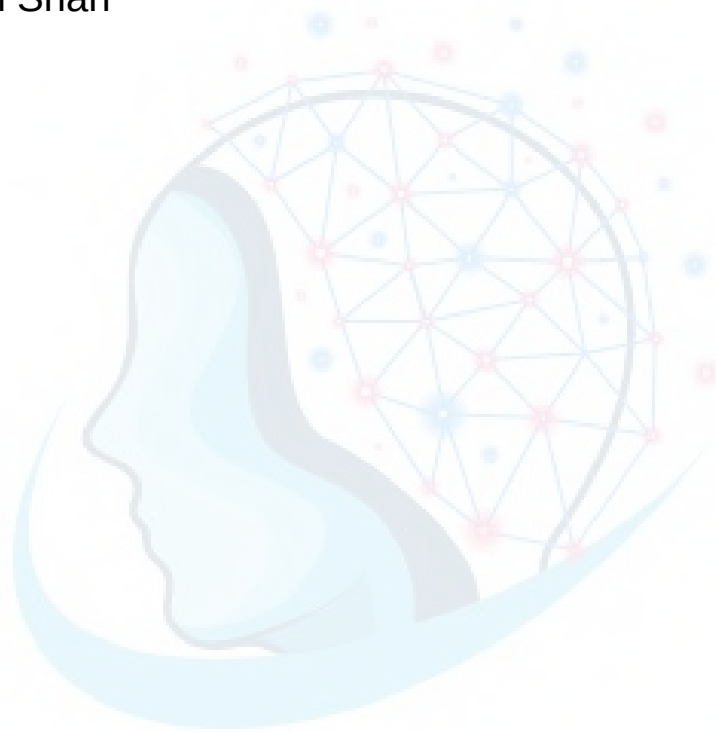
- Capital : Brasília
- Currency : Brazilian Real (BRL / R\$)
- President : Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (In office since Jan 2023)





About Mahindra Group :

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



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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.





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 (NCMC) 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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Ques: Who has recently been appointed as a Whole-Time Member of SEBI?

- A) Ananth Narayan
- B) K.V.R. Murty
- C) T. Rabi Sankar
- D) Ajay Tyagi
- E) Shaktikanta Das

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India has appointed K. V. R. Murty, a former official of the Ministry of Defence, as a Whole-Time Member (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- With this appointment, the SEBI board strength has increased to nine members, strengthening the functioning of India's capital market regulator.
- K. V. R. Murty replaces Ananth Narayan, whose tenure as SEBI whole-time member ended earlier.

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Ques: Which bank launched the “bob Women Sapphire Savings Account” for women customers?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda launched a special savings account for women called “bob Women Sapphire Savings Account.”
- The account is designed to provide banking benefits along with healthcare and lifestyle privileges for women customers.
- It offers ₹10 lakh cancer care coverage for women aged 18 to 60 years.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of HDFC ERGO General Insurance?

- A) Parthanil Ghosh
- B) Anuj Tyagi
- C) Keki Mistry
- D) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- E) Ritesh Kumar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Parthanil Ghosh has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of HDFC ERGO General Insurance.
- He will succeed Anuj Tyagi, the current MD and CEO of the company.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance is one of India's leading private sector general insurance companies.

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Ques: Retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose to 3.21% in February 2026, which is the highest in how many months?

- A) 6 months
- B) 9 months
- C) 10 months
- D) 11 months
- E) 12 months

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index increased to 3.21% in February 2026.
- It rose by 47 basis points from 2.74% in January 2026.
- This level marks an 11-month high in retail inflation.
- The inflation calculation is based on the base year 2024.

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Ques: The 6th edition of Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2026 was observed during which dates?

- A) 1–5 March 2026
- B) 5–9 March 2026
- C) 12–16 March 2026
- D) 9–13 March 2026
- E) 15–19 March 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 6th edition of Digital Payments Awareness Week 2026 was observed from 9–13 March 2026.
- As part of this initiative, Sanjay Malhotra, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, launched the pilot programme titled “Awareness Program on Digital Payments.”
- The pilot programme will be conducted in Maharashtra in partnership with CSC e-Governance Services India Limited.
- The initiative will organise in-person awareness programmes for 10 lakh participants in rural and semi-urban areas through Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs).
- The RBI also launched a multi-media awareness campaign “Thoda Dhyan Se” to encourage users to stay alert while making digital payments and online transactions.





Ques: Who has been indicated as the likely successor to Nitish Kumar as the next Chief Minister of Bihar?

- A) Tejashwi Yadav
- B) Samrat Choudhary
- C) Sushil Kumar Modi
- D) Chirag Paswan
- E) Nityanand Rai

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Nitish Kumar, the Chief Minister of Bihar, hinted that Deputy Chief Minister and BJP MLA Samrat Choudhary may succeed him as the next Chief Minister of the state.
- During a public event in Saharsa, Nitish Kumar publicly expressed support for Samrat Choudhary and asked people to raise their hands in his support.
- The announcement came after Nitish Kumar filed nomination for the Rajya Sabha elections, indicating a possible transition in Bihar's leadership.

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Ques: The Indian Orchid Festival 2026, recently in news, concluded in which state?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Manipur
- E) Nagaland

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Orchid Festival 2026 concluded in Pakyong district of Sikkim.
- The festival was organised by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research – National Research Centre for Orchids (ICAR-NRCO).
- The theme of the festival was “Orchids for Beauty & Prosperity.”

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Ques: The FIFA World Cup 2026, recently in news after Iran announced its withdrawal, will be jointly hosted by which three countries?

- A) United States, Mexico, Brazil
- B) United States, Canada, Mexico
- C) Spain, Portugal, Morocco
- D) Canada, Brazil, Argentina
- E) Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The FIFA World Cup 2026 will be jointly hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico.
- Iran announced its withdrawal from the tournament.
- FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) was founded on 21 May 1904 and is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland.
- FIFA currently has 211 member associations, and its president is Gianni Infantino.
- **Upcoming FIFA World Cup hosts:**
 - 2030: Morocco, Portugal, Spain
 - 2034: Saudi Arabia
- The FIFA Women's World Cup 2027 will be hosted by Brazil.





Ques: Which country recently became the first in the Americas to eliminate leprosy as a public health problem?

- A) Brazil
- B) Chile
- C) Peru
- D) Mexico
- E) Argentina

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Chile has officially become the first country in the Americas and the second country globally to eliminate Leprosy as a public health problem, as verified by the World Health Organization.
- The achievement reflects Chile's strong public health system, improved disease surveillance, and early treatment programmes.
- Eliminating leprosy as a public health issue means the prevalence rate has fallen below the WHO threshold, so the disease is no longer considered a major public health concern.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) was established on 7 April 1948 and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.





Ques: The Orunodoi 3.0 Scheme, recently in news, has been implemented by which state government?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Tripura
- C) Odisha
- D) Assam
- E) Meghalaya

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Orunodoi 3.0 Scheme has been implemented by the Assam Government.
- Under this scheme, ₹79,000 each has been transferred to around 40 lakh women beneficiaries.
- The scheme aims to provide financial assistance to poor households, with a special focus on women empowerment.

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Ques: The Sheshnaag-150, recently in news, is related to which of the following defence technologies?

- A) Ballistic Missile
- B) Swarming Attack Drone
- C) Submarine-Launched Missile
- D) Fighter Aircraft
- E) Anti-Tank Guided Missile

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sheshnaag-150 is a long-range swarming attack drone being developed to enhance India's unmanned warfare capabilities.
- The drone is being developed by Newspace Research Technologies, a defence startup based in Bengaluru.
- It represents India's effort to build cost-effective and flexible unmanned combat systems similar to those used in modern conflicts.
- Platforms such as Shahed-136 of Iran and the LUCAS unmanned aerial vehicle of the United States show how low-cost drones can create major battlefield impact.
- Each drone can carry 25–40 kg warheads, capable of damaging infrastructure or military assets.





Ques: The “Right to Die with Dignity” is derived from which Article of the Indian Constitution?

- A) Article 14
- B) Article 19
- C) Article 21
- D) Article 32
- E) Article 44

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The “Right to Die with Dignity” is derived from Article 21 of the Constitution of India, which guarantees the Right to Life and Personal Liberty.
- The Supreme Court of India allowed passive euthanasia for a 32-year-old man who had been in a permanent vegetative state for over 12 years, marking an important practical implementation of this principle.
- The bench of Justice J. B. Pardiwala and Justice K. V. Viswanathan permitted withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment, including clinically assisted nutrition and hydration.
- This ruling reinforces that the Right to Life under Article 21 also includes the right to die with dignity in certain circumstances.
- Landmark reference: Aruna Shanbaug Case (2011) recognized passive euthanasia; later the Supreme Court legalized the Living Will in 2018.





Ques: The “Nirbhaya Nisha” initiative, aimed at improving women’s safety during night travel, was launched by which state police?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Kerala Police launched the Nirbhaya Nisha initiative to enhance women’s safety during night travel across Kerala.
- The initiative provides rapid police assistance between 9 PM and 5 AM.
- Women can seek help through the 112 Emergency Helpline.

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Ques: India's Lakshya Sen finished runner-up at the All England Open Badminton Championships 2026, losing the Men's Singles final to which player?

- A) Viktor Axelsen
- B) Anthony Sinisuka Ginting
- C) Kodai Naraoka
- D) Lin Chun-Yi
- E) Anders Antonsen

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Lakshya Sen finished runner-up at the All England Open Badminton Championships 2026.
- He lost the Men's Singles final to Lin Chun-Yi of Chinese Taipei.
- The tournament was held in Birmingham, United Kingdom.

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Ques: Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2026 was held at which venue?

- A) Las Vegas Convention Center, USA
- B) Messe Berlin, Germany
- C) Dubai World Trade Centre, UAE
- D) Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
- E) Fira Barcelona Gran Via, Spain

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Mobile World Congress 2026 was held at Fira Barcelona Gran Via in Barcelona, Spain.
- The theme of the event was “The IQ Era.”
- The event was organised by the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA).
- Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia, Union Minister from India’s Ministry of Communications, represented India at the event.
- During the event, he launched the TJ1600-D3 Hyper-scalable Data Center Interconnect (DCI) Platform developed by Tejas Networks Limited, a Bengaluru-based company.

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Ques: Which organisation implements the mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery in India?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Bureau of Indian Standards
- C) Ministry of Commerce
- D) Geological Survey of India
- E) Ministry of Finance

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery in India is implemented by the Bureau of Indian Standards.
- The Government of India added seven more districts in the 6th phase of mandatory hallmarking under the Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts (Amendment) Order, 2026.
- These districts include Rupnagar in Punjab, Banda in Uttar Pradesh, and Beed in Maharashtra, along with four others.
- With this expansion, mandatory hallmarking now covers 380 districts across India.
- Since 2021, more than 60 crore gold items have been hallmarked with HUID (Hallmark Unique Identification), a 6-digit alphanumeric code used to verify the authenticity of gold jewellery.
- The authenticity of hallmark jewellery can be verified using the BIS CARE mobile application.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is responsible for implementing mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery and artefacts in India.
- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Established in 1986 and Headquarters in New Delhi.





Ques: Prof. Hermann Kulke, who recently passed away, was a renowned historian and Indologist known for his research on the history and Jagannath traditions of which Indian state?

- A) Odisha
- B) West Bengal
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Karnataka
- E) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Hermann Kulke, a renowned German Indologist and historian, recently passed away.
- He was widely known for his extensive research on the history, culture, and Jagannath tradition of Odisha.
- He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 2010 for his contributions to historical studies and Indology.

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Ques: What is the revised fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP for FY 2024–25 after the introduction of the new GDP series?

- A) 4.5%
- B) 4.8%
- C) 4.9%
- D) 5.2%
- E) 5.7%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has revised fiscal deficit ratios for FY 2022–23, FY 2023–24 and FY 2024–25.
- This change comes after the introduction of a new Gross Domestic Product (GDP) series with 2022–23 as the base year.
- The fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP now stands at 6.7% for FY23, 5.7% for FY24 and 4.9% for FY25.
- Earlier estimates had put the deficit at 6.4% for FY23, 5.63% for FY24 and 4.8% for FY25.
- The fiscal deficit amounts were reported as ₹17.38 lakh crore in FY23, ₹16.55 lakh crore in FY24 and ₹15.74 lakh crore in FY25.





Ques: Razorpay recently launched the world's first "Agent Studio" built using which AI platform's Agent SDK?

- A) OpenAI GPT SDK
- B) Claude Agent SDK
- C) Google Gemini SDK
- D) Meta Llama SDK
- E) Amazon Bedrock SDK

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Razorpay, India's omnichannel payments and banking platform for businesses, launched the world's first "Agent Studio" at the FTX 2026 event.
- The platform has been developed using the Claude Agent SDK created by Anthropic, an AI research company.
- The initiative enables businesses to build and deploy AI agents to automate workflows, customer interactions, and operational processes.

About Razorpay:

- Founded – 2014
- Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Founders – Harshil Mathur and Shashank Kumar





Ques: SBI General Insurance recently launched the “Chuniye Bharosa, Apno Sa” campaign featuring which actor?

- A) Manoj Bajpayee
- B) Pankaj Tripathi
- C) Nawazuddin Siddiqui
- D) Rajkummar Rao
- E) Ayushmann Khurrana

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SBI General Insurance launched a new brand campaign titled “Chuniye Bharosa, Apno Sa.”
- The campaign features actor Pankaj Tripathi and highlights the importance of trust and everyday care in health protection.
- The initiative aims to strengthen customer trust and increase awareness about the benefits of health insurance.

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Ques: Investments from Land Border Countries (LBCs) with a non-controlling stake of up to what percentage are now permitted through the automatic route under the amended FDI policy?

- A) 5%
- B) 20%
- C) 15%
- D) 10%
- E) 25%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved amendments to India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) framework governing investments from countries that share a land border with India.
- The rules apply to China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Afghanistan.
- Investments where the beneficial owner from LBCs holds a non-controlling stake of up to 10% will now be permitted through the automatic route, subject to sectoral caps and regulatory conditions.
- Such investments will require the investee entity to report relevant details to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- The amended policy also introduces a 60-day decision timeline for investment proposals from Land Border Countries in specific sectors.





Ques: Lt Gen Dheeraj Seth, who will take charge on 1 April 2026, has been appointed to which position in the Indian Army?

- A) Chief of Defence Staff
- B) Vice Chief of Army Staff
- C) Northern Army Commander
- D) Director General of Military Operations
- E) Chief of Integrated Defence Staff

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Lt Gen Dheeraj Seth, the current Southern Army Commander, will take over as the Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) of the Indian Army.
- He will assume office on 1 April 2026 in New Delhi.
- The Vice Chief of Army Staff is the second-highest-ranking officer in the Indian Army.
- The VCOAS assists the Chief of Army Staff in operational and administrative responsibilities.

Static Facts:

- Indian Army Founded – 1 April 1895
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chief of Army Staff – General Upendra Dwivedi





Ques: The Government recently introduced an amendment bill to strengthen which Act for protecting transgender rights in India?

- A) Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016
- B) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- C) Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act
- D) Juvenile Justice Act, 2015
- E) Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Government of India introduced an amendment bill to strengthen the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 in the Lok Sabha.
- The Bill aims to strengthen the legal framework protecting the rights of transgender persons in India.
- It proposes rigorous life imprisonment and a minimum fine of ₹5 lakh for the forced conversion of children into a transgender identity through mutilation or surgery.
- In cases involving adults, coercive acts may lead to imprisonment up to 10 years (extendable to life) and a fine of ₹2 lakh.
- The Bill widens the definition of transgender persons, including socio-cultural identities such as kinner, hijra, aravani and jogta, along with individuals with intersex variations.
- It also proposes measures to protect children from trafficking, forced labour, begging and exploitation.
- The Bill also aims to streamline administrative procedures for changing gender identity in official documents.





Ques: The “Golden Dome” programme, recently in news with Japan planning to join it, is related to what?

- A) Satellite navigation system
- B) Multi-layer missile defence system
- C) Space exploration mission
- D) Cyber security network
- E) Nuclear disarmament initiative

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Japan plans to join the United States’ next-generation missile defence programme called “Golden Dome.”
- Golden Dome is a proposed multi-layer missile defence system developed by the United States.
- It is designed to detect, track and intercept ballistic, cruise and hypersonic missiles.
- The system can also handle missile threats launched from long distances.

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Ques: Who were named the Best International Cricketers at the BCCI Naman Awards 2026?

- A) Shubman Gill & Smriti Mandhana
- B) Rohit Sharma & Smriti Mandhana
- C) Virat Kohli & Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) KL Rahul & Mithali Raj
- E) Hardik Pandya & Shafali Verma

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Shubman Gill and Smriti Mandhana were named the Best International Cricketers at the BCCI Naman Awards 2026.
- Shubman Gill won the Polly Umrigar Award for Best International Cricketer (Men).
- Smriti Mandhana won the Best International Cricketer (Women) award for the fifth time.
- Roger Binny, Rahul Dravid and Mithali Raj received the Col. C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honour of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- Harshit Rana won Best International Debut (Men) and Shree Charani won Best International Debut (Women).

About Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) :

- Founded – 1928
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- President – Mithun Manhas





Ques: Mission Karmayogi, launched by the Government of India, aims to build what type of civil service?

- A) Military-based civil service
- B) Citizen-centric and technology-enabled civil service
- C) Private sector-based administration
- D) State-controlled governance system
- E) Decentralised judicial service

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Global edtech platform Coursera has collaborated with the Government of India to provide advanced upskilling for civil servants and government officials.
- Under this collaboration, Coursera will deliver curated courses through the Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT) platform.
- The initiative is part of Mission Karmayogi, which focuses on improving the capacity and skills of government employees.
- Mission Karmayogi is a Government of India initiative launched in September 2020. Official name is National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB).
- The mission aims to build a future-ready, citizen-centric and technology-enabled civil service in India.
- It is implemented by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).





Ques: Mayank Chakraborty, who recently became India's 94th Chess Grandmaster, belongs to which Indian state?

- A) Assam
- B) West Bengal
- C) Odisha
- D) Tripura
- E) Manipur

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Mayank Chakraborty became India's 94th Chess Grandmaster (GM).
- He is also the first Grandmaster from the state of Assam.
- The 16-year-old achieved the title at the First Hotels Chess Talents tournament held in Stockholm, Sweden.
- He won the tournament with 7 points from 9 rounds.
- His performance helped him cross the required 2500 Elo rating, necessary to become a Grandmaster.
- Grandmaster (GM) title is awarded by FIDE (International Chess Federation).
- Minimum rating required – 2500 Elo.

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Ques: Which organisation is developing the 220 MW Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMR-200) in India?

- A) Indian Space Research Organisation
- B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- C) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- E) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) is developing 220 MW Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMR-200).
- The project has a capacity of 220 MW and an estimated project cost of ₹75,960 crore.
- Additionally, two units of 55 MW Small Modular Reactors (SMR-55) are also being developed at a cost of ₹7,000 crore.
- The project is being developed under the Nuclear Energy Mission announced in the Union Budget 2025–26.
- The mission has a budget allocation of ₹20,000 crore for Small Modular Reactors (SMRs).





Ques: The ₹57,381 crore Economic Stabilisation Fund proposed in 2026 aims to address which issue?

- A) Global economic shocks and supply disruptions
- B) Agricultural subsidy reforms
- C) Infrastructure development
- D) Digital payments expansion
- E) Rural employment generation

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Nirmala Sitharaman, the Finance Minister of India, proposed a ₹57,381 crore Economic Stabilisation Fund.
- The fund aims to counter global economic shocks, energy supply disruptions, and global uncertainties.
- It is part of the Second Supplementary Demand for Grants for FY 2025–26, amounting to ₹2.81 lakh crore.
- The Lok Sabha approved the supplementary demand for grants.
- The fund will provide fiscal space to manage economic shocks such as sharp rises in oil prices (around \$100 per barrel).

Supplementary Demand for Grants

- Total Amount – ₹2.81 Lakh Crore
- Net Cash Outgo – ₹2.01 Lakh Crore





Ques: The WHO Foundation has collaborated with which company to prevent childhood obesity in India?

- A) Pfizer
- B) AstraZeneca
- C) Johnson & Johnson
- D) Roche
- E) Novo Nordisk

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The WHO Foundation and Novo Nordisk have announced a collaboration to prevent childhood obesity in India.
- The objective of the collaboration is to reduce the rising cases of obesity among children in India.
- The initiative will also strengthen health-system preparedness and prevention programs.
- The collaboration is part of Novo Nordisk's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

World Health Organization (WHO):

- Formation – 7 April 1948
- Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- Director-General – Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (Ethiopia)





Ques: Who has been selected for the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025)?

- A) Perumal Murugan
- B) Vairamuthu
- C) Ruskin Bond
- D) Amitav Ghosh
- E) Arundhati Roy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Renowned Tamil poet and lyricist Vairamuthu has been selected for the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025), India's highest literary honour.
- He becomes the third Tamil writer to receive this prestigious award.
- Earlier, Akhilan (1975) and Jayakanthan (2002) from Tamil literature had received the Jnanpith Award.
- The award has been presented annually to writers in Indian languages since 1964.
- The award carries ₹11 lakh cash prize, a bronze statuette of Goddess Saraswati, and a citation.

Static Facts:

- Jnanpith Award Established – 1961
- It was instituted to mark the 50th birthday of Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain, founder of Bharatiya Jnanpith.
- First Award Given – 1965





Ques: Jal Mahotsav 2026, launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, begins on which day that is observed as “Sujalam Shakti Diwas”?

- A) 5 March
- B) 8 March
- C) 12 March
- D) 15 March
- E) 22 March

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Jal Mahotsav 2026 was launched on 8 March 2026 by Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil.
- The event was launched at Rahej village, Gandevi Block, Navsari district, Gujarat.
- It is organized by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The festival is held every year from 8 March to 22 March.
- It concludes on World Water Day (22 March).
- 8 March is observed as “Sujalam Shakti Diwas”, highlighting the role of women in rural water management.
- The campaign begins with Jal Arpan Diwas, involving the transfer of rural drinking water assets to Gram Panchayats under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).





Ques: Who won the “Sportstar of the Year (Male)” award at the Sportstar Aces Awards 2026 (Popular Choice)?

- A) Shubman Gill
- B) Mohammed Siraj
- C) R. Praggnanandhaa
- D) Lakshya Sen
- E) Murali Sreeshankar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Sportstar Aces Awards 2026 honoured outstanding Indian and international sportspersons for their achievements across Olympic, non-Olympic, team and para sports categories.

Major Jury Awards:

- Sportsman – Olympic Sports: Samrat Rana
- Sportswoman – Olympic Sports: Mirabai Chanu & Suruchi Singh
- Sportsman – Non-Olympic Sports: R. Praggnanandhaa
- Sportswoman – Non-Olympic Sports: Jyothi Surekha Vennam
- Sportsman – Team Sports: Shubman Gill
- Sportswoman – Team Sports: Deepti Sharma

Popular Choice Awards:

- Sportstar of the Year – Male: Mohammed Siraj
- Sportstar of the Year – Female: Smriti Mandhana
- National Team of the Year: India women's national cricket team
- Club/State Team of the Year: Vidarbha cricket team

Other Important Awards :

- Sportsman of the Year (Para Sports): Harvinder Singh
- Sportswoman of the Year (Para Sports): Sheetal Devi
- Special Jury Recognition: Preethi Pal
- Coach of the Year: Amol Muzumdar, Naval Singh





- Mentor of the Roots: Pritam Siwach
- Sports for Social Good: Project Nanhi Kali
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Male): Nari Contractor
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Female): M. D. Valsamma
- Young Achiever of the Year (Boy): Jonathan Gavin Antony
- Young Achiever of the Year (Girl): Suruchi Singh
- Captain of the Year: Harmanpreet Kaur
- Special Recognition Award: India blind women's national cricket team
- Award of Excellence: Tania Sachdev, Manika Batra, Rani Rampal
- Ace of Aces: Sakshi Malik, M. C. Mary Kom
- International Icon: Glenn McGrath
- Comeback of the Year: Murali Sreeshankar
- Moment of the Year: Harmanpreet Kaur's last catch in the 2025 Women's Cricket World Cup Final.

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Ques: Which state will host the seventh season of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) in July 2026?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Goa will host the seventh season of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) in July 2026.
- The tournament will be held at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium.
- Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) was launched in 2017.
- It has become one of India's prominent professional table tennis leagues.
- The league is conducted by the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).

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Ques: What was the theme of World Kidney Day 2026?

- A) Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere
- B) Kidney Health for All: Caring for People, Protecting the Planet
- C) Prevent Kidney Disease Early
- D) Healthy Kidneys for Healthy Life
- E) Act Early for Kidney Health

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Kidney Day is observed every year on the second Thursday of March.
- In 2026, it was observed on 12 March.
- The year 2026 marked the 20th edition of World Kidney Day.
- The theme for 2026 was “Kidney Health for All: Caring for People, Protecting the Planet.”

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Ques: 'Niveshak Shivir' organised by IEPFA and SEBI is mainly related to which of the following?

- A) Agricultural Subsidy Distribution
- B) Unclaimed Dividends and Investor Grievance Redressal
- C) Digital Banking Expansion
- D) Export Promotion
- E) Insurance Claim Settlement

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 'Niveshak Shivir' is organised by Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- It serves as a one-stop platform to help investors recover unclaimed dividends and shares.
- The camp also provides grievance redressal services along with on-the-spot KYC updates and nomination services.
- The initiative aims to promote financial literacy, transparency, and investor protection.

Static Facts:

- IEPFA Established: 2016
- Ministry: Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- SEBI Established: 1988 (Statutory Status: 1992)
- SEBI HQ: Mumbai





Ques: The World Bank approved a \$300 million loan for which Indian state for a clean air project?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The World Bank has approved a \$300 million loan for Uttar Pradesh.
- The loan is for a clean air transition project aimed at reducing air pollution.
- The project will help improve environmental quality and promote sustainable development.
- It will also support climate-friendly initiatives in the state.

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Ques: What is the total allocation earmarked by the Union Government for the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G)?

- A) ₹86,000 crore
- B) ₹90,000 crore
- C) ₹1,00,000 crore
- D) ₹95,692 crore
- E) ₹1,25,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced an allocation of ₹95,692 crore for the VB-G RAM G scheme under the Finance Bill.
- The new scheme will replace the existing MGNREGA framework.
- The allocation is around ₹10,000 crore higher than the previous allocation of ₹86,000 crore (2025–26).
- The scheme will provide up to 125 days of employment in rural areas.
- It will come into effect from 1 April after the Finance Bill is passed.
- Additionally, ₹30,000 crore has been allocated through supplementary grants to clear pending MGNREGA payments.
- Under the scheme, the Centre will bear 60% cost, while States will contribute 40%.





Ques: Tuticorin Airport in Tamil Nadu has been renamed as what?

- A) Thoothukudi Airport
- B) Madurai Airport
- C) Chennai Airport
- D) Coimbatore Airport
- E) Trichy Airport

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Central Government approved the renaming of Tuticorin Airport to Thoothukudi Airport in Tamil Nadu.
- The renaming was formally inaugurated by Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu.
- The airport is operated by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

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Ques: Which film won the Best Picture award at the 98th Academy Awards?

- A) Sinners
- B) Hamlet
- C) One Battle After Another
- D) Weapons
- E) Sentimental Value

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 98th Academy Awards saw One Battle After Another win the Best Picture award.
- The film also won a total of 6 Oscars, making it the biggest winner of the event.
- Paul Thomas Anderson won Best Director.
- Michael B. Jordan won Best Actor, and Jessie Buckley won Best Actress.
- Other winners included Sean Penn (Best Supporting Actor), Amy Madigan (Best Supporting Actress), and Ludwig Göransson (Best Original Score).

Static Facts:

- Event: Academy Awards
- Started: 1929
- Presented by: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS)
- Venue: Dolby Theatre





Ques: Which organization won the “Excellence in Innovation” category at the Governance Now 12th PSU National Award?

- A) Indian Railways
- B) Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation
- C) Delhi Transport Corporation
- D) Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation
- E) Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) won the “Excellence in Innovation” category at the Governance Now PSU National Award (12th edition).
- The award was given for its initiative “Dhwani Spandana”.
- This system helps visually impaired passengers identify buses and travel independently.
- It has been implemented in 200 Mysuru City Transport buses.
- Technical support was provided by GIZ Germany.

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Ques: The Padma Awards in India are announced on which occasion?

- A) Independence Day
- B) Republic Day
- C) Gandhi Jayanti
- D) Constitution Day
- E) National Unity Day

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Padma Awards are among the highest civilian honours in India.
- These include Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri, instituted in 1954.
- The awards are announced every year on Republic Day.
- Nominations for Padma Awards 2027 have been invited by the Government of India.
- These awards are open to all (including NRIs, OCIs, foreigners) and allow self-nominations, except most government servants (except doctors/scientists).

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Ques: Who released the 2nd Advance Estimates of production of major agricultural crops for 2025–26?

- A) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Nitin Gadkari
- E) Rajnath Singh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, released the 2nd Advance Estimates for 2025–26.
- Kharif foodgrain production is estimated at 1741.44 LMT, while Rabi foodgrain production is estimated at 1745.13 LMT.
- This shows an increase of 46 LMT (2.8%) in Kharif and 53 LMT (3.2%) in Rabi compared to last year.
- Kharif rice production is estimated at 1239.28 LMT, higher by 11.56 LMT than 2024–25.
- Wheat production is estimated at 1202.10 LMT, which is 22.65 LMT higher than the previous year.





Ques: Which cricketer is the only captain to have won ICC trophies at both junior and senior levels?

- A) Babar Azam
- B) Sarfaraz Ahmed
- C) Kane Williamson
- D) Virat Kohli
- E) Joe Root

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sarfaraz Ahmed has announced his retirement from international cricket.
- He is the only captain to win ICC trophies at both junior and senior levels.
- He led Pakistan to victory in the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2006.
- He also captained the team to win the ICC Champions Trophy 2017.

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Ques: Chapchar Kut, the spring festival, is celebrated by which community?

- A) Naga tribe
- B) Khasi tribe
- C) Bodo tribe
- D) Santhal tribe
- E) Mizo people

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Chapchar Kut is celebrated with great enthusiasm in Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram.
- It is the largest and most important traditional festival of the Mizo people.
- The festival is celebrated after clearing forests for jhum (shifting) cultivation.
- It marks the arrival of the spring season.

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Ques: IIT Bombay signed an agreement with which company to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for sustainability?

- A) Infosys
- B) Tata Consultancy Services
- C) Wipro
- D) Honeywell
- E) Siemens

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) signed an agreement with Honeywell.
- Objective: To establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for sustainability skills and innovation at its Powai campus in Mumbai.
- Target: Train over 100,000 students by 2030 through industry-academia collaboration.
- Funded by: Honeywell Hometown Solutions India Foundation.

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Ques: The Stand-Up India Scheme provides loans in which range to eligible beneficiaries?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Stand-Up India Scheme provides loans ranging from ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore to eligible beneficiaries.
- The scheme promotes entrepreneurship among SC/ST and women.
- Loans are provided for setting up new enterprises with a repayment period of 7 years and a moratorium up to 18 months.
- The scheme was launched in 2016 by the Ministry of Finance.
- The government has announced a revamped version to improve benefits and implementation.

Static Facts:

- Scheme: Stand-Up India Scheme
- Launch Year: 2016
- Ministry: Ministry of Finance
- Expiry: 31 March 2025





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- B) ₹5 lakh – ₹10 lakh
- C) ₹10 lakh – ₹1 crore
- D) ₹1 crore – ₹5 crore
- E) ₹50,000 – ₹5 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Stand-Up India Scheme provides loans ranging from ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore to eligible beneficiaries.
- The scheme promotes entrepreneurship among SC/ST and women.
- Loans are provided for setting up new enterprises with a repayment period of 7 years and a moratorium up to 18 months.
- The scheme was launched in 2016 by the Ministry of Finance.
- The government has announced a revamped version to improve benefits and implementation.

Static Facts:

- Scheme: Stand-Up India Scheme
- Launch Year: 2016
- Ministry: Ministry of Finance
- Expiry: 31 March 2025





Ques: Which city will host the second leg of the Asia Cup Archery in 2027?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Bangkok
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Kolkata
- E) Beijing

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- New Delhi will host the second leg of the Asia Cup Archery in 2027.
- This will be India's first international archery event in 22 years since the Asian Archery Championships 2005 held in Delhi.
- Asia Cup Archery 2026 will begin in Bangkok, Thailand (21–26 March 2026).
- Other legs of the 2026 tournament will be held in Iraq and China.
- Ahmedabad will host the Asian Para Archery Championships 2026.
- Kolkata will host the South Asian Archery Championships 2026.
- The Archery World Cup 2026 will be held in Puebla, Mexico.

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Ques: Which country has recently announced a four-day work week to conserve fuel?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sri Lanka has announced a four-day work week, declaring Wednesday as a holiday.
- The decision aims to conserve fuel amid rising tensions and a possible energy crisis.
- The rule applies to government offices, schools, and universities.
- Essential services will continue daily, and the private sector is encouraged to adopt similar measures.

Static Facts:

- Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (Legislative), Colombo (Executive)
- President: Ranil Wickremesinghe
- Currency: Sri Lankan Rupee





Ques: Armand Duplantis, who recently set a new pole vault world record of 6.31 metres, belongs to which country?

- A) Norway
- B) United States
- C) Sweden
- D) Germany
- E) France

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Armand Duplantis, a pole vaulter from Sweden, set a new world record of 6.31 metres.
- He achieved this feat at the Mondo Classic held in Uppsala, Sweden.
- This is the 15th time he has broken the pole vault world record.
- Earlier, he had set a record of 6.28 metres in Stockholm (2025).
- This is his fourth world record of the year.

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Ques: Kimi Antonelli, who won the Chinese Grand Prix, is associated with which Formula 1 team?

- A) Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team
- B) Ferrari
- C) Red Bull Racing
- D) McLaren
- E) Aston Martin

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Kimi Antonelli, aged 19, won his first Formula 1 race at the Chinese Grand Prix.
- He became the second-youngest race winner in F1 history.
- The youngest winner remains Max Verstappen (2016, age 18).
- Antonelli drives for the Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team.
- This victory marks a historic milestone for a young F1 talent.

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Ques: In 2025, which country became the largest exporter of cotton products to the United States?

- A) China
- B) Pakistan
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Vietnam
- E) India

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- In 2025, India overtook China to become the largest exporter of cotton products to the United States.
- The data is based on analysis by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- US imports of cotton products from India reached around 0.6 million tonnes, surpassing China's ~0.5 million tonnes.
- This highlights India's growing strength in textile exports and global competitiveness.

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Ques: Arpita Patra, who recently climbed Nevado Ojos del Salado, is associated with which institution?

- A) Indian Institute of Science
- B) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- C) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- D) University of Delhi
- E) Banaras Hindu University

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Arpita Patra is a professor at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).
- She successfully climbed Nevado Ojos del Salado, reaching its 6,893-metre summit.
- She became the second Indian woman to achieve this feat.
- The mountain is located in the Atacama Desert in the Andes, on the Chile–Argentina border, and is the highest peak in Chile.

Previous Achievements:

- Mount Kilimanjaro (Africa)
- Mount Elbrus (Europe)
- Mount Giluwe (Oceania)
- Pico de Orizaba (North America)





Ques: The International Day to Combat Islamophobia is observed on which date?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United Nations observes the International Day to Combat Islamophobia every year on 15 March.
- The day aims to raise awareness about discrimination and hatred faced by Muslims worldwide.
- The date commemorates the Christchurch mosque attacks (2019), in which 51 Muslim worshippers were killed.

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Ques: What market share is targeted for BHIM on UPI by 2028?

- A) 2%
- B) 5%
- C) 10%
- D) 15%
- E) 20%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The government aims for BHIM to achieve 5% market share in UPI by 2028.
- NPCI is promoting BHIM as a sovereign alternative to private payment apps.
- Currently, BHIM holds less than 1% market share in UPI transactions.
- The UPI market is dominated by PhonePe and Google Pay with around 78% combined share.
- NPCI plans to cap market share at 30% for any single player to promote competition.
- BHIM is focusing on better user experience, rewards, and cashback offers.
- The app was launched in 2016 to promote digital payments and financial inclusion.

Static Part | :

- **NPCI Founded – 2008**
- **Headquarters – Mumbai**
- **MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe**
- **BHIM Launched – 2016**





Ques: Wholesale Price Index (WPI) data in India is released by which of the following?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Central Statistics Office
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) Office of the Economic Adviser

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- WPI-based inflation in India rose to 2.13% in February 2026, an 11-month high.
- It marked the fourth consecutive month of increase (January 2026: 1.81%).
- The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) data is released by the Office of the Economic Adviser (OEA).
- OEA functions under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- DPIIT comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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Ques: How much amount did SBI raise through Tier II bonds in FY26?

- A) ₹5,000 crore
- B) ₹6,051 crore
- C) ₹7,500 crore
- D) ₹10,000 crore
- E) ₹3,200 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SBI raised ₹6,051 crore through Basel III compliant Tier II bonds in FY26.
- The bonds were issued at a coupon rate of 7.05%.
- The tenor of the bonds is 10 years with a call option after 5 years.
- The issue received strong investor response with bids nearly 2 times the base issue size of ₹5,000 crore.
- A total of 47 bids were received from qualified institutional investors.
- This reflects strong investor confidence in SBI.

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Ques: According to Nomura's latest forecast, what is India's projected GDP growth for FY 2026–27?

- A) 6.5%
- B) 6.8%
- C) 7.0%
- D) 7.1%
- E) 7.5%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Nomura has revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2026–27 to 7.0% from 7.1%.
- The revision is due to geopolitical tensions in West Asia affecting global economic conditions.
- CPI inflation is projected at 4.5%, up by 0.7 percentage points.
- Current Account Deficit (CAD) is estimated at 1.6% of GDP.
- Rising energy prices and input cost pressures across Asia led to the downgrade.
- This may challenge India's "Goldilocks" balance of strong growth with stable inflation.

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Ques: The Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) scheme is implemented by which organization as the Pension Fund Manager?

- A) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
- B) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- C) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- D) National Pension System Trust
- E) Reserve Bank of India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PM-SYM is a Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
 - It provides old-age protection to unorganised workers like street vendors, construction workers, etc.
 - The scheme is implemented by LIC and CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd.
 - LIC acts as the Pension Fund Manager.
 - Eligibility: Age 18–40 years, income below ₹15,000, and not a member of EPFO, ESIC, or NPS.
 - It is a voluntary, contributory pension scheme with a 50:50 contribution by the subscriber and the Central Government.
 - Subscribers receive a minimum pension of ₹3,000 per month after the age of 60.
 - लाभार्थियों को 60 वर्ष की आयु के बाद ₹3,000 प्रति माह की न्यूनतम पेंशन मिलती है।
 - Contribution is made through auto-debit from bank or Jan Dhan account.
 - Family Pension: After the subscriber's death, the spouse receives 50% of the pension.
- **Exit Rules:**
- Before 10 years: Contribution returned with interest.
 - After 10 years but before 60: Contribution returned with accumulated interest.
 - Death before 60: Spouse can continue or exit.





• **Latest Update (2026):**

- Total enrolments: 52.4 lakh workers (as on 4 March 2026).
- Highest registration: 5,06,603 in 2019–20.
- Government contribution: ₹1,837.46 crore (50% share).



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Ques: What is the budget allocation for the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare in 2025–26?

- A) ₹21,933 crore
- B) ₹75,000 crore
- C) ₹1,27,290 crore
- D) ₹95,000 crore
- E) ₹1,50,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The budget allocation increased from ₹21,933 crore (2013–14) to ₹1,27,290 crore (2025–26).
- The information was shared in the Lok Sabha by the Minister of State for Agriculture.
- The government has launched multiple schemes for improving production and farmer income.
- Around 18,825 clusters have been formed covering 9 lakh hectares with 19 lakh farmers.
- Urea is provided at a notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP).
- Efforts are being made to promote agriculture as a viable career option for youth.
- ICAR has established 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) across rural India.

Static Part | :

- ICAR Founded – 1929
- Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: The Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Project, recently inaugurated in Assam, is developed on which river basin?

- A) Kopili River
- B) Barak River
- C) Brahmaputra River
- D) Teesta River
- E) Subansiri River

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Project was virtually inaugurated in Assam.
- It is developed on the Kopili River basin as a run-of-river project.
- The project is located in Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong districts.
- It has been developed by Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited.
- Financial assistance was provided by the Asian Development Bank.

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Ques: Which country became India's 3rd-largest export destination in February 2026?

- A) Netherlands
- B) China
- C) Germany
- D) Japan
- E) Singapore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- China became India's 3rd-largest export destination in February 2026, overtaking the Netherlands.
- Exports to China increased by 32.4% to \$1.67 billion.
- The United States remained the top export destination, followed by the UAE.
- Exports to the Netherlands declined by 31.3% to \$1.29 billion.
- India's total exports were around \$36.61 billion, showing a slight 0.81% decline (YoY).
- Growth was mainly driven by sectors like electronics and marine products.

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Ques: Under India's Inter-Regional Power Transmission Expansion initiative, the inter-regional transmission capacity is targeted to reach 168 GW by which year?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The initiative aims to strengthen the National Power Grid and improve power flow across regions.
- Current inter-regional transmission capacity is about 120 GW (as of December 2025).
- Targets: 143 GW by 2027 and 168 GW by 2032.
- The expansion is driven by rising electricity demand in India.
- Peak electricity demand is projected to reach around 388 GW by 2032.
- A strong transmission network is essential for efficient power distribution across states.
- The expansion plan is part of the National Electricity Plan (Transmission) – Volume II.

Key Targets by 2032 |

- Total transmission network length targeted: 6.48 lakh circuit kilometres (ckm).
- Total transformation capacity targeted: 2,345 GVA (Giga Volt Ampere).





Ques: Removal of the Chief Election Commissioner is done in the same manner as which post?

- A) President
- B) Prime Minister
- C) Supreme Court Judge
- D) Governor
- E) Attorney General

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per Article 324(5) of the Constitution, the CEC can be removed in the same manner as a Supreme Court Judge.
- This ensures independence of the Election Commission.
- The removal process involves a special majority in Parliament, similar to impeachment of judges.
- A minimum of 50 MPs (Rajya Sabha) and 100 MPs (Lok Sabha) are required to initiate the motion.
- This constitutional protection safeguards the neutrality and autonomy of the CEC.
- The removal process requires a special majority in Parliament, similar to that of a Supreme Court Judge.

Static Part |:

- **Article – 324 (Election Commission)**
- **Removal Authority – Parliament**
- **Law – Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968**





Ques: Which Indian cricketer has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Uniqlo in India?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Jasprit Bumrah
- D) KL Rahul
- E) Hardik Pandya

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Jasprit Bumrah has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Uniqlo in India.
- Uniqlo is a global apparel retailer and a subsidiary of Fast Retailing Co., Ltd.
- It is a leading Japanese brand known for its clothing and fashion products.

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Ques: Which country reintroduced the QR code-based National Fuel Pass system for fuel distribution?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sri Lanka reintroduced the mandatory QR code-based National Fuel Pass system.
- It was first introduced in 2022 during the economic crisis to manage fuel shortages.
- Consumers must register and obtain a QR code linked to their vehicle to purchase fuel.
- The system ensures fair distribution and prevents hoarding.
- It helps in efficient fuel management amid global uncertainties.

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Ques: The International Rail Coach Expo 2026 was inaugurated at which location?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The International Rail Coach Expo 2026 was inaugurated at the Integral Coach Factory in Chennai.
- It was inaugurated by Subba Rao.
- The event was organised by Integral Coach Factory in association with CII.
- The expo was previously held in 2018.

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Ques: After revision, how many categories are there for post-issue capital under minimum public shareholding norms?

- A) 3
- B) 4
- C) 5
- D) 6
- E) 7

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance revised norms under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957.
- Post-issue capital categories increased from 3 to 6.
- New categories: ₹1,600 crore; ₹1,600–₹4,000 crore; ₹4,000–₹50,000 crore; ₹50,000–₹1 lakh crore; ₹1–₹5 lakh crore; above ₹5 lakh crore.
- The aim is to balance market liquidity with practical realities, especially for large companies.
- It also ensures smoother compliance with minimum public shareholding norms.

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Ques: The Haldia Bulk Terminal, recently inaugurated by the Prime Minister, is located at which port?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- B) Paradip Port
- C) Visakhapatnam Port
- D) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port
- E) Cochin Port

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Haldia Bulk Terminal was inaugurated at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port.
- It is located in the Haldia Dock Complex in West Bengal.
- The terminal has been developed by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited.
- It is India's first fully automated dry bulk cargo handling facility on the Hooghly River.

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Ques: Which company became the first in India to produce 50 million tonnes of iron ore in a single financial year?

- A) SAIL
- B) Tata Steel
- C) NMDC Limited
- D) JSW Steel
- E) Coal India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NMDC Limited became the first Indian company to produce 50 million tonnes of iron ore in a single financial year (FY26).
- It is a Navratna PSU under the Ministry of Steel and India's largest iron ore producer.
- The milestone highlights India's growing mining capacity and efficiency.
- It supports the development of the steel and infrastructure sector.
- Strong operational efficiency and large-scale production enabled this achievement.

Static Part | :

- **Founded – 1958**
- **Headquarters – Hyderabad**
- **Ministry – Ministry of Steel**
- **Status – Navratna PSU**





Ques: Where was the 2nd edition of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 hosted?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 2nd edition of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 was hosted in New Delhi.
- The event took place from 11–13 March 2026.
- A total of 257 athletes from 8 countries participated.
- Participating countries included India, Russia, Nepal, Bhutan, Hong Kong, Serbia, Bosnia, and Egypt.
- India had the largest contingent with around 219 athletes.
- The event was held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.
- India finished first in the medal standings.





Ques: Which state recorded the highest number of tiger deaths in India in 2025?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Karnataka
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Uttarakhand
- E) Rajasthan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Maharashtra recorded the highest number of tiger deaths in 2025 with 41 deaths out of 166 nationwide.
- The data was released by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).
- Major causes include poaching, human-wildlife conflict, and habitat loss.
- Authorities are strengthening protection measures like Special Tiger Protection Force and surveillance.
- These efforts aim to reduce mortality and protect tiger populations.

Static Facts:

- NTCA Established – 2005
- Ministry – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Project Tiger Launch – 1 April 1973





Ques: Who has been re-elected as the Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)?

- A) Sanjay Chatterjee
- B) Arun Mammen
- C) Rajiv Bajaj
- D) Pawan Goenka
- E) Anish Shah

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Arun Mammen has been re-elected as the Chairman of ATMA.
- He is the Vice-Chairman & Managing Director of MRF Ltd.
- Sanjay Chatterjee has been appointed as the Director General of ATMA.

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Ques: What is the delivery time under “Speed Post 48” service launched by India Post?

- A) Same day
- B) 24 hours
- C) 48 hours (2 working days)
- D) 72 hours
- E) 5 days

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Post launched “Speed Post 24” and “Speed Post 48” for time-bound delivery.
- Speed Post 24 ensures next-day delivery.
- Speed Post 48 guarantees delivery within 48 hours (2 working days).
- The service applies to both documents and parcels.
- It enhances competitiveness with private courier services.
- Launched from 17 March under updated postal regulations.
- Aim: Improve efficiency, reliability, and customer satisfaction.

Static Facts:

- Organization – India Post
- Ministry – Ministry of Communications
- Established – 1854





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

- A) 10 March
- B) 12 March
- C) 22 March
- D) 20 March
- E) 15 March

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- World Consumer Rights Day is observed every year on 15 March.
- It aims to raise awareness about consumer rights and needs globally.
- First observed in 1983.
- Theme: "Safe Products, Confident Consumers."
- The date marks John F. Kennedy's address to the US Congress on 15 March 1962, recognizing consumer rights.

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Ques: Which Public Sector Bank (PSB) earned the highest revenue from selling third-party financial products in the last five years?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in India earned over ₹28,600 crore in the last five years by selling third-party financial products like insurance, mutual funds, and demat accounts.
- State Bank of India (SBI) was the highest earner, generating about ₹17,043.49 crore.
- SBI alone accounted for around 59% share of total earnings.
- Other major earners include Punjab National Bank (₹2,865.54 crore), Canara Bank (₹2,059.54 crore), Bank of Baroda (₹1,904.52 crore), and Union Bank of India (₹1,832.69 crore).

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Ques: Which company has launched the 'Women's Mode' feature to support women investors?

- A) HDFC Securities
- B) ICICI Direct
- C) SBI Securities
- D) Zerodha
- E) Angel One

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- SBI Securities has launched the "Women's Mode" feature on its mobile application to empower women investors.
- The feature provides simplified, goal-based investing tools and curated investment themes.
- It aims to promote financial inclusion and increase women's participation in the investment ecosystem.

Static Part:

- Parent Organization – State Bank of India
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Founded – 2006





Ques: RBI was awarded the “Initiative of the Year” for launching which domain to enhance digital banking security?

- A) .gov.in
- B) .bank.in
- C) .org.in
- D) .nic.in
- E) .fin.in

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) received the “Initiative of the Year” award from Central Banking, London.
- The award was given for launching the “.bank.in” domain to strengthen India’s digital banking security ecosystem.
- India became the first country to mandate a dedicated banking domain exclusively for banks.
- The domain helps users identify genuine banking websites and prevents fraud.
- The rollout involved coordination with multiple stakeholders including Government of India, National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI), and Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT).





Ques: Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the BHIM Payments App?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- D) Sachin Tendulkar
- E) KL Rahul

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NPCI BHIM Services Limited has appointed Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the brand ambassador for the BHIM Payments App.
- The BHIM App has been rebranded as “Bharat Ka Apna Payments App” to promote digital payments.
- The initiative aims to increase user trust, expand reach, and strengthen India’s digital payment ecosystem.
- BHIM is based on UPI (Unified Payments Interface), enabling instant and secure transactions across banks.

Static Part:

- Launched by – National Payments Corporation of India
- Year – 2016





Ques: Which bank collected the highest penalty for non-maintenance of minimum balance among private sector banks (FY23–FY25)?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- E) Yes Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Private sector banks in India collected about ₹11,000 crore as penalties for non-maintenance of minimum balance between FY2022–23 and FY2024–25.
- Public Sector Banks (PSBs) collected around ₹8,093 crore during the same period, which is lower than private banks.
- Among private banks, HDFC Bank was the highest earner, collecting over ₹3,800 crore.
- It was followed by Axis Bank (₹2,700 crore) and ICICI Bank (₹1,200 crore).
- Among PSBs, Punjab National Bank collected the highest (₹1,500 crore), followed by Bank of Baroda (₹1,200 crore) and Indian Bank (~₹1,100 crore).
- State Bank of India (SBI) waived penalties for non-maintenance of minimum balance in savings accounts from March 2020, followed by other PSBs like PNB and Canara Bank.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of City Union Bank (CUB) for two years?

- A) Rohit Sharma
- B) Virat Kohli
- C) Ravindra Jadeja
- D) MS Dhoni
- E) KL Rahul

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- City Union Bank (CUB) has appointed Ravindra Jadeja as its primary brand ambassador for two years.
- The partnership aims to enhance brand visibility and strengthen customer engagement across India.
- Ravindra Jadeja's performance, reliability, and mass appeal align with the bank's values and outreach strategy.

Static Part:

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Ques: “RISA: Timeless Tribal” brand, recently launched, is associated with which sector?

- A) Digital Banking
- B) Tribal Handicrafts & Textiles
- C) Space Technology
- D) Renewable Energy
- E) Automobile Industry

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the premium brand “RISA: Timeless Tribal”.
- The launch was done by Jual Oram on 18 March 2026 at Sunder Nursery.
- The initiative aims to promote tribal heritage, handicrafts, and textiles globally through TRIFED.
- “RISA” is inspired by Tripura’s traditional handwoven stole and ensures fair income and better market access for artisans.

Static Part:

- Ministry Established – 1999
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- TRIFED Full Form – Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India





Ques: 'SATHEE (Self-Assessment, Test and Help for Entrance Exams)' app is developed by which organizations?

- A) Ministry of Education & IIT Kanpur
- B) NITI Aayog & IIT Delhi
- C) UGC & IIT Bombay
- D) AICTE & IIT Madras
- E) NCERT & IIT Kharagpur

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- SATHEE (Self-Assessment, Test and Help for Entrance Exams) is developed by the Ministry of Education and IIT Kanpur.
- The app aims to help students prepare for national-level competitive exams.
- It provides support for exams like JEE, NEET, CUET, SSC, IBPS, and Railway exams.
- The platform focuses on self-assessment, practice tests, and guidance for students.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to China?

- A) Pradeep Kumar Rawat
- B) Vikram Doraiswami
- C) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- D) Ruchira Kamboj
- E) S. Jaishankar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Vikram Doraiswami has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to China.
- He will succeed Pradeep Kumar Rawat in this role.
- He is a 1992 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer.
- He is currently serving as India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.
- His appointment comes at a crucial time to strengthen India-China diplomatic relations.

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Ques: Which state government has launched the “Gaudham Yojana” to promote cattle welfare and protection?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Chhattisgarh government has launched the “Gaudham Yojana” to promote cattle welfare and protection.
- The initiative was launched under the leadership of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai.
- The scheme focuses on cattle conservation and addressing the issue of stray cattle.
- It also aims to strengthen the rural economy through activities related to cattle care and management.

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Ques: Under e-NAM, how many mandis have been integrated since inception?

- A) 1,200
- B) 1,450
- C) 1,656
- D) 1,800
- E) 2,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) has been implemented since 2016 as an online trading platform for agricultural commodities.
- It integrates physical wholesale mandis across States and UTs to ensure transparent and competitive trading.
- Since inception, a total of 1,656 mandis from 23 States and 4 UTs have been integrated into the platform.
- Over 1.80 crore farmers, 2.72 lakh traders, and 4,724 FPOs have been registered on the portal.
- The total trade value has crossed ₹4.82 lakh crore, improving price discovery and farmers' income.

Static Part:

- Launched by – Government of India
- Year – 2016





Ques: Exercise Sea Dragon 2026, in which the Indian Navy participated, is primarily related to which type of warfare?

- A) Air Warfare
- B) Cyber Warfare
- C) Anti-Submarine Warfare
- D) Space Warfare
- E) Land Warfare

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Navy participated in Exercise Sea Dragon 2026, a US-led multinational anti-submarine warfare exercise.
- The exercise was held in Guam at Andersen Air Force Base.
- India deployed a P-8I maritime patrol aircraft, designed for anti-submarine operations.
- Participating countries included United States, Australia, Japan, and New Zealand along with India.
- The exercise highlights strong multinational cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

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Ques: How much amount was approved by the Union Cabinet for MSP support to cotton farmers for the 2023–24 season?

- A) ₹1,000 crore
- B) ₹1,250 crore
- C) ₹1,500 crore
- D) ₹1,718 crore
- E) ₹2,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved ₹1,718.56 crore for MSP operations for cotton for the 2023–24 season.
- The funds will be provided to Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), the nodal agency for procurement under MSP.
- The initiative aims to protect farmers from price fluctuations and provide a safety net when market prices fall below MSP.
- CCI has established a wide procurement network across major cotton-growing states to ensure smooth operations.
- Cotton is a key cash crop in India, supporting the livelihood of around 60 lakh farmers.





Ques: DCM Shriram Limited secured USD 90 million funding from which organization?

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) International Finance Corporation
- C) IMF
- D) World Bank
- E) NABARD

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- DCM Shriram Limited secured USD 90 million funding from the International Finance Corporation (IFC).
- IFC is the private sector arm of the World Bank Group.
- The funding has been raised through sustainability-linked Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs).
- The initiative supports sustainable business practices and long-term financial growth.

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Ques: The LPG tanker “Nanda Devi” recently arrived at which port in Gujarat?

- A) Kandla Port
- B) Mundra Port
- C) Vadinar Port
- D) Pipavav Port
- E) Dahej Port

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The LPG tanker “Nanda Devi” arrived at Vadinar Port carrying around 46,000 metric tonnes of LPG.
- The port is located in Devbhoomi Dwarka district of Gujarat.
- The vessel departed from Qatar and passed through the Strait of Hormuz before reaching India.
- The LPG will be transferred via ship-to-ship operations to smaller vessels for delivery to ports like Ennore Port and Haldia Port.
- This will help strengthen India’s gas reserves and supply chain.

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Ques: Under the “Divyang Shakti” scheme, who is eligible for free bus travel in Andhra Pradesh?

- A) All senior citizens
- B) Women only
- C) Government employees
- D) Students only
- E) Persons with 40% or more disability

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Andhra Pradesh government is set to launch a free bus travel scheme for differently abled persons under the “Divyang Shakti” scheme.
- The scheme will be launched by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in Amaravati.
- Under the scheme, individuals with 40% or more disability will be eligible for free travel.
- The benefit will be available in APSRTC buses, including express services.
- The initiative aims to improve accessibility, mobility, and social inclusion of differently abled persons.

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Ques: Axis Bank has approved an investment of ₹1,500 crore in which subsidiary?

- A) Axis Securities
- B) Axis Finance
- C) Axis Mutual Fund
- D) Axis Capital
- E) Axis Trustee Services

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Axis Bank approved an investment of ₹1,500 crore in its wholly owned subsidiary Axis Finance.
- The bank will continue to hold 100% ownership after the investment.
- The proposal has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The investment aims to strengthen the financial position and lending capacity of Axis Finance.

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Ques: South Indian Bank has launched the EPF payment service in collaboration with which organization?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- South Indian Bank has launched a new EPF payment service.
- The service has been introduced in collaboration with Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- It allows employers to make EPF contributions directly through the bank's internet banking platform "SIBerNet".
- The initiative simplifies compliance and enhances ease of doing business for employers.

About South Indian Bank:

- Established – 1929
- Headquarters – Thrissur, Kerala
- MD & CEO – P. R. Seshadri
- Tagline – "Experience Next Generation Banking"





Ques: The Sahitya Akademi Award is considered which highest literary honour in India?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Sahitya Akademi Award recognises outstanding literary works across 24 Indian languages.
- It includes categories like poetry, novels, short stories, essays, literary criticism, autobiography, and memoirs.
- Each awardee receives ₹1,00,000 cash prize, a ceremonial shawl, and an engraved copper plaque.
- The award was established in 1954 and is the second-highest literary honour in India after the Jnanpith Award.
- It is conferred annually by the Sahitya Akademi, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture.

Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 Winners:

Poetry :

- Shrestha Kabita (Bengali) – Prasun Bandyopadhyay
- Bhattkhadaki (Gujarati) – Yogesh Vaidya
- Padapurana (Odia) – Girijakumar Baliyar Singh
- Animesha (Telugu) – Nandini Sidha Reddy





- Eligibility: The work must be original, published within the last 5 years, and the author must be an Indian citizen.
- Safar Jaari Hai (Urdu) – Pritpal Singh Betab
- Prasthanacatustaye Brahmaghoshah (Sanskrit) – Sadhu Bhadreshdas

Novel Winners

- Karhi Khelar Sadhu (Assamese) – Devabrat Das
- Dwngnwi Lama Mwnse Gathwn (Bodo) – Sahaisuli Brahma
- Crimson Spring (English) – Navtej Sarna
- Maayaamanushyar (Malayalam) – N. Prabhakaran

Short Story Winners

- Dada Seerisu Tande (Kannada) – Amaresh Nugadoni
- Safety Kit (Punjabi) – Jinder
- Bharkhama (Rajasthani) – Jitender Kumar Soni
- Waghoo (Sindhi) – Bhagwan Atlani

Essay

- Konkani Kavyem: Rupani Ani Rupakam (Konkani) – Henry Mendonca
- Nepali Paramparik Sanskriti Ra Sabhyata Ko Dukuti (Nepali) – Prakash Bhattarai

Memoir

- Jeete Jee Allahabad (Hindi) – Mamta Kalia
- Dhatri Paat San Gaam (Maithili) – Mahendra





Literary Criticism : Thamiz Sirukathaiyin Thadangal (Tamil) – Sa. Tamilselvan

Autobiography : Kalyanilya Resha (Marathi)



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Ques: Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA), recently approved by the Union Cabinet, will be implemented by which organization?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) SIDBI
- C) DPIIT
- D) Invest India
- E) NICDC

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA) has been approved by the Union Cabinet with an outlay of ₹33,660 crore.
- Under the scheme, 100 industrial parks will be developed across India, each spanning 100 to 1,000 acres.
- The scheme provides support for external infrastructure up to 25% of the project cost to ensure strong connectivity.
- BHAVYA is based on the industrial corridor model and builds upon the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme.
- It will be implemented by the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation in partnership with state governments and private players.





Ques: Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) signed a \$3 billion Supply and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with which company for green ammonia supply?

- A) Samsung C&T Corporation
- B) LG Chem
- C) Hyundai Engineering
- D) POSCO
- E) SK Innovation

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) signed a Supply and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with Samsung C&T Corporation.
- The agreement is valued at USD 3 billion.
- It aims to supply green ammonia over a period of 15 years.
- The supply will begin from the second half of Financial Year 2028–29 (FY29).
- The deal supports India's push towards green energy and sustainable fuel alternatives.

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Ques: Which country has recently withdrawn from the World Health Organization (WHO) under President Javier Milei?

- A) Brazil
- B) Peru
- C) Mexico
- D) Chile
- E) Argentina

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Argentina has formally withdrawn from the World Health Organization (WHO).
- The decision was taken under President Javier Milei.
- Argentina followed the footsteps of the United States, which had also moved to withdraw earlier.
- The move was initially announced in February last year and later formalised.
- This step marks a significant shift in global health cooperation dynamics.

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Ques: Netflix has launched its global production and innovation studio “Eyeline Studios” in which city in India?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Netflix has launched Eyeline Studios in Hyderabad.
- The studio will strengthen India’s AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics) ecosystem.
- The Hyderabad unit is part of Eyeline Studios’ global network, which includes centres in Los Angeles, Vancouver, Seoul, and London.
- The initiative aligns with the government’s “Orange Economy” vision focusing on creative and cultural industries.
- The Indian Institute of Creative Technologies will also open a regional campus in Hyderabad.

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Ques: Gujarat's first sounding rocket launch near Dholera was conducted by which organization?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) Agnikul Cosmos
- D) Skyroot Aerospace
- E) Omspace Rocket and Exploration Pvt. Ltd.

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Gujarat achieved a major milestone by successfully launching its first sounding rocket from Bavaliyari village near Dholera.
- The launch marks the state's entry into India's private space technology ecosystem.
- The test was conducted by Ahmedabad-based startup Omspace Rocket and Exploration Pvt. Ltd.
- A sounding rocket is a small rocket used for scientific research in the upper atmosphere and near space.

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Ques: Under the Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme, what is the capacity range of small hydro projects?

- A) 0–10 MW
- B) 1–25 MW
- C) 10–50 MW
- D) 25–100 MW
- E) Above 100 MW

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Small Hydro Power Development Scheme has been approved for the period FY 2026–27 to 2030–31 with an outlay of ₹22,584.60 crore.
- The scheme aims to install 1,500 MW capacity through small hydro projects across India.
- Small Hydro Power projects are defined as those with a capacity between 1 MW to 25 MW.
- The scheme focuses on renewable energy generation using water, especially in hilly regions, North-Eastern states, and border districts.

Financial Assistance:

- For North-East & Border Areas: ₹3.6 crore per MW or 30% of project cost (whichever is lower), maximum ₹230 crore per project.
- For Other States: ₹2.4 crore per MW or 20% of project cost (whichever is lower), maximum ₹220 crore per project.





Ques: Bharat Tribes Fest 2026, recently held, was organised by which organization?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) TRIFED
- C) Ministry of Culture
- D) NABARD
- E) FICCI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 was held in New Delhi, bringing together tribal artisans, entrepreneurs, and cultural performers.
- The festival was organised by Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- It was inaugurated by Jai Oram in the presence of Durgadas Uikey.
- A key highlight of the event was the Bharat Tribes Business Conclave.

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Ques: The indigenous Floating LiDAR Buoy System, recently tested by India, was developed by which organization?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) HAL
- D) INCOIS
- E) National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India successfully tested an indigenous Floating LiDAR Buoy System developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).
- The test was conducted off the coast of Muttom in Tamil Nadu.
- The system uses LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) technology to measure wind speed, direction, and atmospheric conditions over the sea.
- It will help in offshore wind energy assessment and marine research.

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Ques: Asia-Africa Agri Alliance (AAAA), recently launched, has been established under which legal provision in India?

- A) Section 25 of Companies Act
- B) Section 8 of Companies Act, 2013
- C) Trust Act
- D) Cooperative Societies Act
- E) Societies Registration Act

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Asia-Africa Agri Alliance (AAAA) was launched in New Delhi with participation from ambassadors, policymakers, and agribusiness leaders from over 10 countries.
- The initiative aims to boost trade, investment, agricultural cooperation, and technology exchange between Asia and Africa.
- It has been established as a Section 8 Not-for-Profit Organisation under the Companies Act, 2013.
- The alliance will strengthen global agricultural partnerships and sustainable development.

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Ques: Under the new food safety reforms effective from April 1, 2026, what is the new turnover limit for basic FSSAI registration?

- A) ₹12 lakh
- B) ₹50 lakh
- C) ₹1 crore
- D) ₹1.5 crore
- E) ₹2 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare approved key regulatory reforms to improve Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and strengthen food safety.
- These reforms will come into effect from 1 April 2026.
- Registrations and licences issued by FSSAI will now have perpetual validity, removing the need for renewal.
- The turnover limit for basic registration has been increased from ₹12 lakh to ₹1.5 crore.
- State licensing applies up to ₹50 crore turnover, beyond which Central licensing is required.
- Street vendors registered under the Street Vendors Act, 2014 will be deemed registered under FSSAI, benefiting over 10 lakh vendors.





Ques: The Capacity Building Programme for Tribal Homestay Owners was launched by which organization?

- A) ITDC
- B) IRCTC
- C) Incredible India
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) TRIFED

Answer: A

Explanation:

India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) under the Ministry of Tourism launched the Capacity Building Programme for Tribal Homestay Owners in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The initiative aims to promote tribal tourism and improve livelihood opportunities through homestay development.

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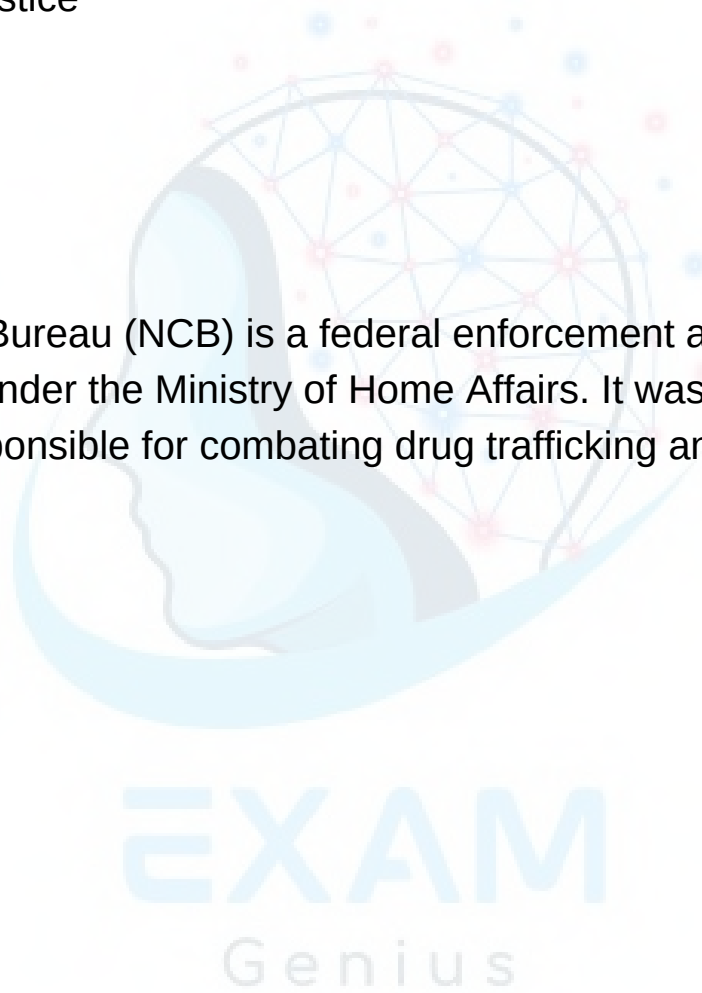
Ques: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) operates under which ministry in India?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Defence
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Law & Justice
- E) Ministry of Health

Answer: C

Explanation:

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) is a federal enforcement and intelligence agency in India that functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It was established on 17 March 1986 and is responsible for combating drug trafficking and substance abuse in the country.





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

About Bank of Baroda:

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





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

About NTPC Limited :

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Part — Election Commission of India (ECI) :

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





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

About AU Small Finance Bank:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
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Ques: Who received the KISS Humanitarian Award 2025?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

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

About World Bank:

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





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

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

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

About SEBI :

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





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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: E

Explanation:

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

Telangana:

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

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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

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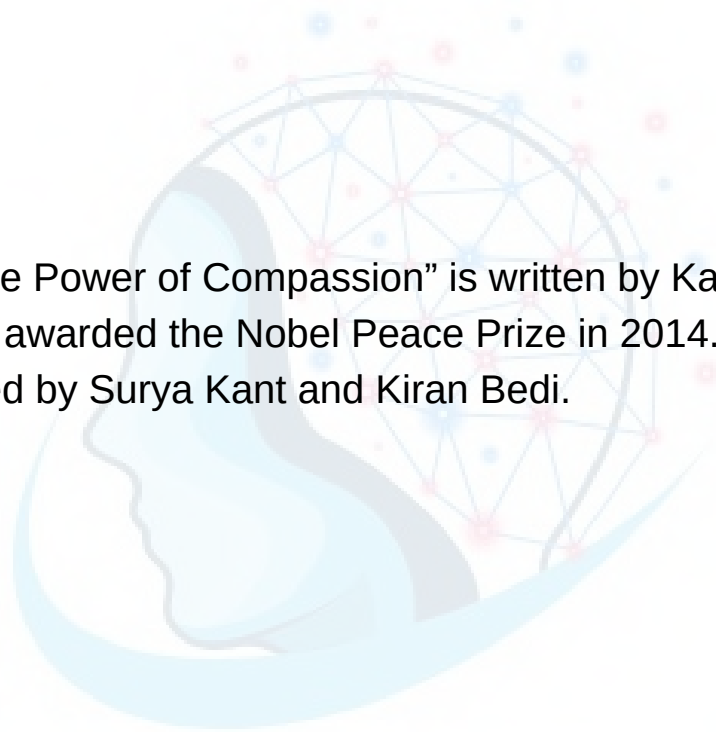
Ques: “Karuna: The Power of Compassion” is written by whom?

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

Answer: E

Explanation:

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



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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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





Ques: When is the International Day of Happiness observed?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

MCGS-MSME Scheme – Key Updated Points:

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





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

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

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

Answer: Option B

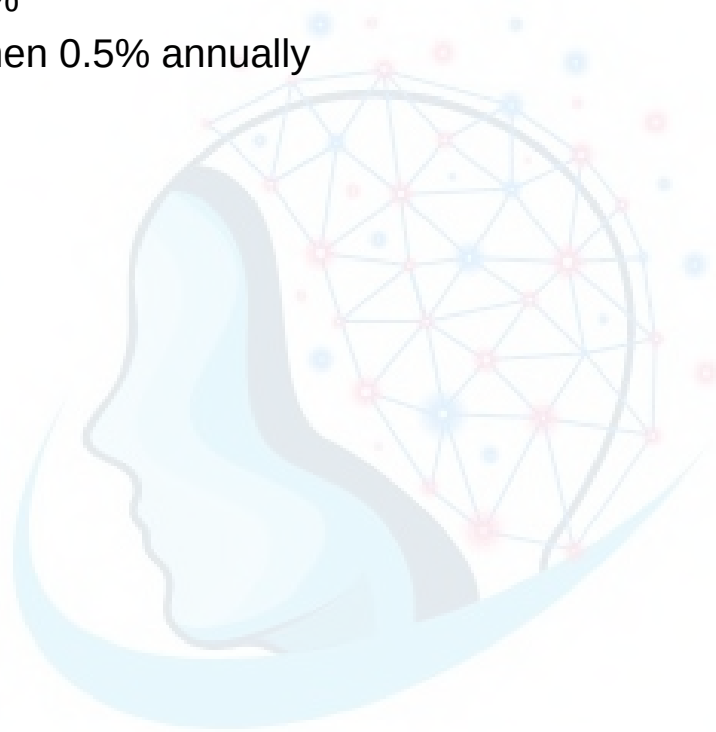
Explanation | व्याख्या:

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





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



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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Objectives:

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

Best Fisheries Cooperative Societies awarded:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Facts :

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

How it works:

- Enter registered mobile number
- OTP verification
- Scan QR/barcode
- Payment via UP I/debit card
- Cylinder features: Composite cylinders (~15 kg), lighter than traditional (~31 kg).
- Capacity: Stores up to 10 cylinders and sends alert when stock falls below 2.
- The initiative ensures quick, safe delivery and is useful during supply shortages.





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Static Facts

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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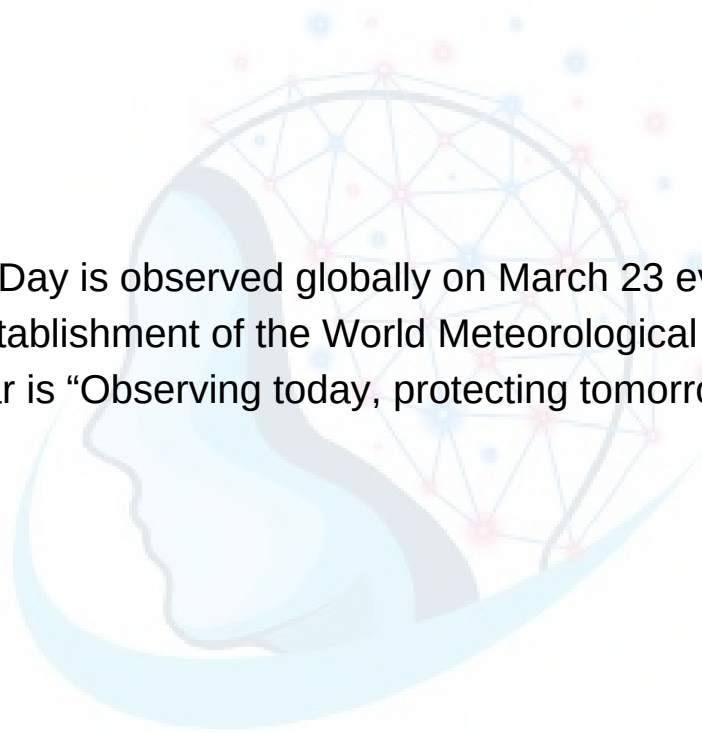
Ques: World Meteorological Day is observed globally on which date?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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



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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019:

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

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

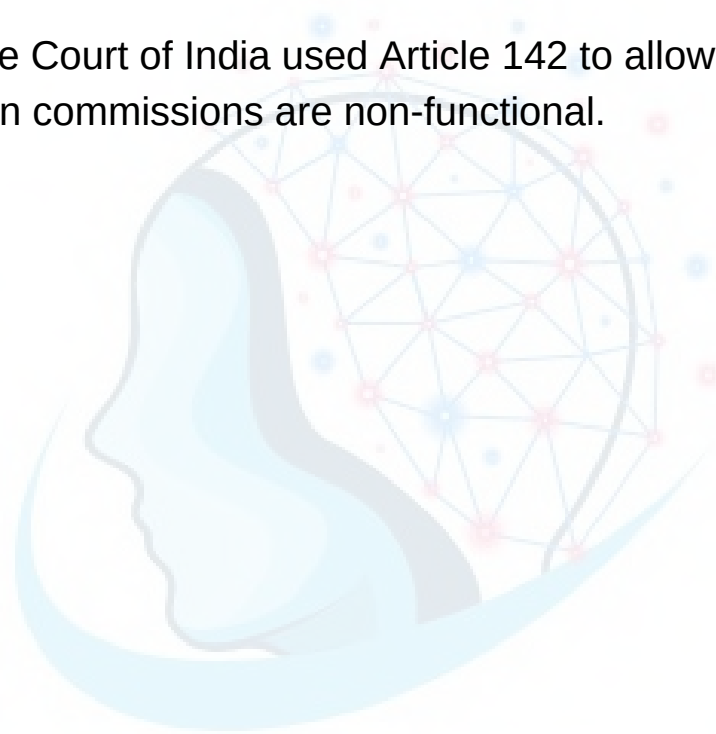
3-Tier System:

- District Commission: up to ₹50 lakh





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



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Ques: Bihar Diwas is celebrated on which date?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Static Facts :

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

About NITI Aayog:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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Ques: The IVFRT scheme is related to which sector?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

About Indian Overseas Bank (IOB):

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

About Business Correspondent (BC) Model:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

Static GK:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

About World Bank:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

About United Nations Global Compact (UNGC):

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Static GK:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static GK:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Top Countries With most number of Billionaires:

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

Ranking of World's Top 5 Billionaires :

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





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

Ranking of India's Top 5 Billionaires :

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

About Forbes:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Static GK:

- Country → Nepal
- Capital → Kathmandu

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

About France:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Key Projects:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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Ques: According to OECD, what is India's revised GDP growth forecast for FY 2026–27?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Other Indian Winners

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





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

List of top 5 airports of Skytrax Awards 2026:

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



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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

Key Points:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

New Refund Rules:

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

Comparison with Old Rules |

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

Additional Reforms





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



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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: C) 7

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: E) Mutual Fund

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: B) Digital Payments Ecosystem

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: A) Japan

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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





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

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

Answer: E) Literature

Explanation:

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

About Saraswati Samman:

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





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

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

Answer: E) France

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: A) 3 year

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: D) Adani Defence and Aerospace

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: A) Adani Ports

Explanation:

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

Identified Ports:

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

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

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

Answer: B) Romila Thapar & Namit Arora

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: D) Truecaller

Explanation:

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

About National Commission for Women:

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





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

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

Answer: B) Russia

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: B. July 31, 2026

Explanation:

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

Major Financial Allocations :

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





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



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

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

Answer: C) Indian Air Force

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: B) India

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: C) Hockey

Explanation:

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

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