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

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

Correct Answer: B) April–September 2026

Explanation:

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

About WMA (Ways and Means Advances):

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





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

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

Correct Answer: E) Hardik Singh

Explanation:

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

Hockey India Awards 2025 winners :

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





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



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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **35th Saraswati Samman (2025) : Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay, an eminent Bengali writer**
- **France's prestigious Legion of Honour (Commandeur rank) : Jawed Ashraf, former Ambassador of India to France and Chairman of the India Trade Promotion Organisation**
- **Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFD 2026 : Nandamuri Balakrishna (Padma Bhushan (2025))**
- **"Women Empowerment Trailblazer Award" : Kalpana Soren**
- **2026 Stockholm Water Prize : Kaveh Madani, Director of the United Nations University Institute for Water Environment and Health**
- **KISS Humanitarian Award 2025 : Nita Ambani**
- **Mark Lynton History Prize 2026 : Historian William Dalrymple**
- **Women Empowerment Award for Art and Culture at House of Commons, UK : Renowned Indian actress Rituparna Sengupta**





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

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

Correct Answer: A) IIT Bombay

Explanation:

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

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- Narendra Modi is set to visit France to attend the G7 Summit scheduled from June 15 to 17.
- Hyderabad hosted the World Buddhist Peace Conference 2026, bringing together delegates from over 20 countries.
- The 14th Ministerial Conference (MC-14) of the World Trade Organization was held in Yaoundé, Cameroon.
- 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.
- The International Rail Coach Expo 2026 was inaugurated at the Integral Coach Factory premises in Chennai.
- Mobile World Congress 2026 was held at Fira Barcelona Gran Via in Barcelona, Spain. The theme of the event was "The IQ Era."
- The 21st edition of the Asian Women's Film Festival (AWFF) 2026 has begun in New Delhi, celebrating women's voices and stories from across Asia.





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

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

Correct Answer: C) 75

Explanation:

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





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries has extended the PM E-DRIVE scheme till March 31, 2028 to promote electric mobility in India.
- The Union Cabinet approved the modified UDAN scheme with an outlay of ₹28,850 crore for 10 years (2026–36).
- The Immigration Visa Foreigners Registration and Tracking Scheme has been extended for 5 years by the Union Cabinet of India.
- Directorate General of Foreign Trade under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched the RELIEF (Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) scheme.
- K Ram Mohan Naidu announced the development of Arasavalli Sri Surya Narayana Swamy Temple under the PRASAD Scheme. The temple is located in Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh. A foundation stone was laid for modernization of the Indrapushkarini temple tank with ₹24 crore sanctioned
- Small Hydro Power Development Scheme has been approved by the Union Cabinet for the period FY 2026–27 to 2030–31 with an outlay of ₹22,584.60 crore.





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

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

Correct Answer: B) Bharatiya Antriksh Station

Explanation:

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





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

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

Correct Answer: A) Mercedes

Explanation:

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

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Virat Kohli became the first batter in Indian Premier League history to cross 4,000 runs in run chases.
- Arundhati Reddy won the ICC Player of the Month award (Women) for her performance in the T20I series in Australia.
- Sahibzada Farhan won the Men's ICC Player of the Month award.
- Japan won their third AFC Women's Asian Cup title by defeating host Australia in the final.
- Anahat Singh won the Women's Singles title at the Indian Open Squash tournament held in Mumbai.
- Fanny Utagushmaninde became the youngest centurion in Women's T20 Internationals.
- FIFA fined the Israeli Football Association (IFA) for breaches of anti-discrimination rules.
- Lionel Messi became the second men's footballer to score 900 goals in official matches.





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

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

Correct Answer: D) Los Angeles 2028 Olympics

Explanation:

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

About International Olympic Committee (IOC):

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





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

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

Correct Answer: B) Nagaland

Explanation:

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

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

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

Correct Answer: C) Seven

Explanation:

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





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

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

Correct Answer: C) Gujarat

Explanation:

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

Key Semiconductor Units Approved:

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





About India Semiconductor Mission:

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

Quick Understanding:

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

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

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

Correct Answer: B) Battery Energy Storage

Explanation:

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





About PM-KUSUM Scheme:

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

Components:

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

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

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

Correct Answer: D) Coco Gauff

Explanation:

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

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

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Question: PM SVANidhi Scheme was launched in which year?

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

Correct Answer: C) 2020

Explanation:

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

About PM SVANidhi Scheme:

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





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

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

Correct Answer: B) High-temperature 3D Printer

Explanation:

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





Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- Adani Defence and Aerospace delivered the first batch of 2,000 'Prahar' Light Machine Guns (LMGs) to the Indian Army.
- Agnikul Cosmos Private Limited, an Indian private space startup, successfully test-fired its 3D-printed rocket booster engine 'Agnite'. The test was conducted at the Agnikul Launchpad (ALP-01) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Indian Air Force launched 'Vayu Baan' in March 2026, India's first helicopter-launched drone project.
- INS Nilgiri, an Indian Navy frigate, participated in the sea phase of Exercise Kakadu 2026 in Australia.
- The Government has approved the 'Namo Drone Didi' as a Central Sector Scheme to empower rural women.
- Japan plans to join the United States' next-generation missile defence programme called "Golden Dome."





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

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

Correct Answer: C) March 30

Explanation:

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

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

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

Correct Answer: C) March 27

Explanation:

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

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Important days :

- 1 March : Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) celebrated its 79th Foundation Day as Khanij Diwas
- 1 March : Zero Discrimination Day (theme for 2026 was “People First”)
- 1 March : World Seagrass Day
- 3 March : World Hearing Day (theme for 2026 is “From communities to classrooms: hearing care for all children.”)
- 4 March : 18th World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation 2026 (Started in 2009)
- 4 March : National Safety Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Engage, Educate & Empower People to Enhance Safety)
- 7 March : Jan Aushadhi Diwas
- 8 March : International Women's Day (Theme "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls.")
- 10 March : CISF Raising Day
- 10 March : 5th International Day of Women Judges (Theme 2026 Women Judges on the Bench and Beyond: Protecting Access to Justice)
- 11 March (second Wednesday of March) : No Smoking Day 2026
- 12 March (second Thursday of March) : World Kidney Day (theme for 2026 was “Kidney Health for All: Caring for People, Protecting the Planet.”)
- 14 March : Pi Day & International Day of Mathematics (Theme 2026 Mathematics and Hope)
- 14 March : 29th International Day of Action for Rivers Theme 2026 Protect Rivers, Protect People
- 15 March : International Day to Combat Islamophobia
- 15 March : World Consumer Rights Day (theme focuses on “Safe Products, Confident Consumers.”)
- 16 March : National Vaccination Day (commemorates the launch of the Pulse Polio Programme in 1995)
- 18 March : 9th Global Recycling Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Don't Think Waste – Think Opportunity)
- 20 March : International Day of Happiness (theme for 2026 is “Caring and Sharing”.) (first observed in 2013)
- 20 March : World Sparrow Day

