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**Ques: Until which date has the RBI extended the enhanced export credit period of 450 days for pre- and post-shipment finance?**

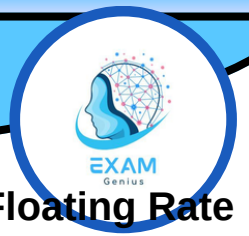
- A) March 31, 2026
- B) September 30, 2026
- C) June 30, 2026
- D) December 31, 2026
- E) March 31, 2027

**Answer: C) June 30, 2026**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the enhanced export credit window of up to 450 days till June 30, 2026.
- This applies to both pre-shipment and post-shipment finance for all disbursements made within this period.
- The facility was originally introduced in November 2025 amid global tariff uncertainties.
- Earlier, it was valid for disbursements up to March 31, 2026, which has now been extended.
- The extension was due to ongoing logistical disruptions caused by the West Asia conflict and supply chain bottlenecks.
- Exporters continue to get up to 15 months (earlier 9 months) to realise and repatriate export proceeds.





**Ques: What is the interest rate set by RBI for Government of India Floating Rate Bond 2028 (FRB 2028) for April–October 2026?**

- A) 5.75%
- B) 6.00%
- C) 6.17%
- D) 6.50%
- E) 7.00%

**Answer: C) 6.17%**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set the interest rate for Government of India Floating Rate Bond 2028 at 6.17% per annum.
- This rate is applicable for the period from April 04, 2026 to October 03, 2026.
- The interest rate is based on the Weighted Average Yield (WAY) of 182-day Treasury Bills plus a fixed spread of 0.64%.
- The interest rate is reset every six months.
- The announcement was made through an official RBI press release.

**Static Part:**

- Scheme – RBI Floating Rate Savings Bonds 2020 (Taxable)
- Issued by – RBI on behalf of Government of India
- Lock-in Period – 7 years
- Interest Link – Linked to National Savings Certificate (NSC) + 0.35%
- Interest Reset – Every 6 months (semi-annual payout)
- Minimum Investment – ₹1000 (No maximum limit)
- Eligibility – NRIs not allowed
- Premature Withdrawal – Allowed only for senior citizens with penalty

**• Lock-in for Premature Withdrawal:**

- 60–70 years – 6 years
- 70–80 years – 5 years
- 80+ years – 4 years





**Ques: What is the total value of India's defence exports in Financial Year 2025–26 as per the Ministry of Defence?**

- A) ₹23,622 crore
- B) ₹30,000 crore
- C) ₹38,424 crore
- D) ₹50,000 crore
- E) ₹71,735 crore

**Answer: C) ₹38,424 crore**

**Explanation:**

- India's defence exports reached an all-time high of ₹38,424 crore in FY 2025–26.
- This marks a growth of ₹14,802 crore (62.66%) compared to ₹23,622 crore in the previous fiscal.
- Defence exports have nearly tripled over the last five years.
- Contribution share: DPSUs – 54.84%, Private sector – 45.16%.
- In value terms, private sector exports stood at ₹17,353 crore, while DPSUs contributed ₹21,071 crore.
- In the previous year, private sector exports were ₹15,233 crore and DPSUs exports were ₹8,389 crore.





**Ques: Which state has the highest number of women SHG members trained as drone pilots under the Namu Drone Didi Yojana (NDDY)?**

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Karnataka
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Rajasthan

**Answer: C) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

- Karnataka leads the country with 145 SHG members trained as drone pilots under the Namu Drone Didi Yojana.
- It is followed by Uttar Pradesh with 128 and Andhra Pradesh with 108 trained members.
- A total of 1,094 SHG members have been trained as drone pilots across India.
- The scheme aims to empower women and promote the use of drones in agriculture.
- Under the scheme, selected women SHGs are provided drones with 80% subsidy (up to ₹8 lakh).
- In Karnataka, Koppal district topped with 13 trained members, followed by Kalaburagi (12) and Mandya (11).

**Static Part:**

- Scheme Name – Namu Drone Didi Yojana (NDDY)
- Outlay – ₹1,261 crore
- Period – FY 2023–24 to FY 2025–26
- Target – 15,000 agricultural drones to women SHGs
- Subsidy – 80% (up to ₹8 lakh)
- Nodal Ministry – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare





## Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) approved 29 proposals under the 4th tranche of ECMS.
- The government has extended the RoDTEP scheme for six months till September 30, 2026.
- PM SVANidhi Scheme was launched in June 2020 to provide collateral-free working capital loans to street vendors.
- The Centre plans to add battery energy storage in the revamped PM-KUSUM 2.0 scheme.
- 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.





**Ques: INS Sunayna, recently flagged off as Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR, is associated with which organization?**

- A) Indian Navy
- B) Indian Army
- C) Indian Coast Guard
- D) DRDO
- E) BSF

**Answer: A) Indian Navy**

**Explanation:**

- INS Sunayna was flagged off as the Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR from Mumbai amid disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz due to the West Asia conflict.
- The ship was flagged off by Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth in the presence of Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi.
- INS Sunayna is an offshore patrol vessel of the Indian Navy.
- The mission includes participation of Indian Navy personnel along with representatives from 16 foreign countries.
- During deployment, IOS SAGAR will visit Colombo, Phuket, Jakarta, Singapore, Chittagong, Yangon and Male before concluding at Kochi.
- The deployment aims to strengthen maritime cooperation and regional presence in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).





## Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- India has commissioned its third nuclearpowered submarine, INS Aridhaman, into the naval fleet in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Visakhapatnam.
- NASA successfully launched the Artemis II mission, marking the first crewed lunar flyby in over 50 years since the Apollo era.
- The Indian Navy has received 'Malwan', the second vessel in a series of eight ASW Shallow Water Crafts (ASW SWC).
- INS Sanshodhak is the fourth and final Survey Vessel (Large) inducted into the Indian Navy.
- INS Dunagiri is an indigenous stealth frigate built under Project 17A.
- The Akasha300 is an industrial-grade high-temperature 3D printer delivered to ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre.
- ISRO is developing the Bharatiya Antriksh Station as part of its long-term space exploration goals.





**Ques: Which organizations launched the new AI and Computational Thinking curriculum for Classes 3 to 8 from the 2026–27 session?**

- A) Ministry of Education only
- B) Central Board of Secondary Education only
- C) NITI Aayog only
- D) NCERT only
- E) Ministry of Education and Central Board of Secondary Education

**Answer: E) Ministry of Education and Central Board of Secondary Education**

**Explanation:**

- The new AI and Computational Thinking curriculum has been launched by the Ministry of Education and Central Board of Secondary Education.
- It will be implemented for Classes 3 to 8 from the 2026–27 academic session.
- The curriculum includes basic coding, AI concepts, logical thinking, and data handling skills.
- It aligns with National Education Policy 2020 and National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023.

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**Ques: According to the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, India's marine product exports increased to what amount in 2024–25?**

- A) Over ₹45,000 crore
- B) Over ₹50,000 crore
- C) Over ₹55,000 crore
- D) Over ₹62,000 crore
- E) Over ₹70,000 crore

**Answer: D) Over ₹62,000 crore**

**Explanation:**

- India's seafood exports have grown at an average annual rate of 7% over the past eleven years.
- Marine product exports have more than doubled — from over ₹30,000 crore in 2013–14 to over ₹62,000 crore in 2024–25.
- India's seafood export basket includes over 350 varieties of products exported to nearly 130 global markets.
- The fisheries sector plays a crucial role in food security, employment generation, export earnings, and sustainable livelihoods.

**Static Part:**

- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying was established in 2019.
- Current Minister – Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh)
- India is one of the leading exporters of seafood globally.
- Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) promotes seafood exports from India.





**Ques: Where was the foundation stone of the Large Cavitation Tunnel (LCT) laid by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh?**

- A) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- B) Kochi, Kerala
- C) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- D) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- E) Goa

**Answer: A) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone of a Large Cavitation Tunnel (LCT) at Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam.
- The facility is being developed under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- LCT is a naval testing facility used for testing propellers, torpedoes, submarines, underwater vehicles, and ship hydrodynamics.
- It will enhance India's indigenous capabilities in naval research and defence technology.

**Static Part:**

- DRDO was established in 1958.
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL) is a premier DRDO lab specializing in naval systems.
- Cavitation refers to the formation of vapor bubbles in a liquid due to pressure changes.





**Ques: Who won the women's 9-ball pool National Championship held in Ludhiana?**

- A) Ishika Shah
- B) Geet Sethi
- C) Pankaj Advani
- D) Chitra Magimairaj
- E) Anuja Thakur

**Answer: D) Chitra Magimairaj**

**Explanation:**

- Chitra Magimairaj won the women's 9-ball pool National Championship in Ludhiana.
- She ended a nine-year title drought with this victory.
- She defeated Ishika Shah of Madhya Pradesh by 7–4 in the final.
- This was her third 9-ball National title and fourth overall National crown in pool.
- The victory marks a strong comeback in domestic cue sports.

**About Cue Sports:**

- Includes games like Billiards, Snooker, and Pool
- Governed in India by Billiards and Snooker Federation of India (BSFI)
- Popular formats – 8-ball, 9-ball, Snooker





## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- West Indies player Sunil Narine became the most capped overseas player in IPL history.
- India's Abhay Singh has been named the Men's Player of the Year 2025 by the Asian Squash Federation (ASF).
- Japan's Satomi Watanabe won the ASF Women's Player of the Year award.
- Sheetal Devi from Jammu and Kashmir was named "Para Archer of the Year 2025" by the World Archery Federation.
- Jannik Sinner won the Miami Open 2026 Men's Singles title by defeating Jiri Lehecka 6-4, 6-4 in the final.
- Aryna Sabalenka clinched her second consecutive Miami Open title by defeating Coco Gauff in the final.
- Kimi Antonelli of Mercedes clinched victory at the Japanese Grand Prix held at Suzuka.
- The International Olympic Committee approved a new policy titled 'Protection of the Female (Women's) Category in Olympic Sport'.





**Ques: Which Indian cricketer is set to become the first Indian international player to play in the USA-based Major League Cricket (MLC)?**

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) KL Rahul
- D) Jasprit Bumrah
- E) Ravichandran Ashwin

**Answer: E) Ravichandran Ashwin**

**Explanation:**

- Ravichandran Ashwin is set to become the first Indian international player to play in USA-based Major League Cricket (MLC).
- He has signed with the San Francisco Unicorns for the 2026 season.
- Major League Cricket (MLC) was launched in July 2023 as the first major professional T20 league in the United States.

**About Major League Cricket (MLC):**

- Launched – 2023
- Format – Twenty20 (T20)
- Country – United States

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**Ques: Who is the author of the book “Between Tehran and Tel Aviv: Gaza's Story of Unending War”?**

- A) Shivshankar Menon
- B) C. Raja Mohan
- C) Col Rajeev Agarwal
- D) S. Jaishankar
- E) Brahma Chellaney

**Answer: C) Col Rajeev Agarwal**

**Explanation:**

- The book “Between Tehran and Tel Aviv: Gaza's Story of Unending War” has been authored by Col Rajeev Agarwal.
- The book focuses on the complex and ongoing conflict in West Asia, particularly the Gaza war.
- It explains the role of Iran, Israel, and global powers in shaping the conflict.
- The book highlights humanitarian issues, geopolitical tensions, and failed ceasefire attempts in the region.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- **Tides of Time : Sudha Murty**
- **Speaking of History: Conversations about India's Past and Present : authored by renowned historian Romila Thapar and writer Namit Arora**
- **“Karuna: The Power of Compassion” : Kailash Satyarthi**
- **Mahatma: A Great Communicator : Dhiraj Kakadia**
- **Atal Bihari Vajpayee: The Eternal Statesman : Former Union Minister Vijay Goel**
- **Vishwaguru Srila Prabhupada : Dr. Usha Upadhyay**
- **The Sage Who Reimagined Hinduism: The Life, Lessons and Legacy of Sree Narayana Guru : Member of Parliament Dr. Shashi Tharoor**
- **‘Four Stars of Destiny’ : General M.M. Naravane, former Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of India**
- **“Red Lines Redrawn: Operation Sindoor and India's New Normal” : Major General Bipin Bakshi (Retd), Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar (Retd), Ambassador Anil Trigunayat (Retd), and Brig Akhelesh Bhargava (Retd)**





**Ques: Till which date has the Indian government provided full customs duty exemption on critical petrochemical products amid the West Asia conflict?**

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

**Answer: D) June 30, 2026**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has granted full customs duty exemption on critical petrochemical products till June 30, 2026.
- This decision was taken due to the ongoing West Asia conflict and global supply chain disruptions.
- The measure aims to ensure continuous availability of key petrochemical inputs for domestic industries.
- It also helps reduce cost pressures on downstream sectors like plastics, textiles, pharmaceuticals, and automotive industries.
- Key products covered include methanol, toluene, styrene, monoethylene glycol (MEG), purified terephthalic acid (PTA), and others.

**Static Part:**

- Ministry – Ministry of Finance
- Type – Full Customs Duty Exemption
- Valid Till – June 30, 2026
- Reason – West Asia conflict & global supply chain disruptions
- RoDTEP – Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the 43rd National President of the FICCI Ladies Organisation?**

- A) Poonam Sharma
- B) Puja Garg
- C) Nita Ambani
- D) Indra Nooyi
- E) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw

**Answer: B) Puja Garg**

**Explanation:**

- Puja Garg has been appointed as the 43rd National President of the FICCI Ladies Organisation.
- She succeeded Poonam Sharma in this role.

**About FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO):**

- Established: 1983
- Parent Body – Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Objective – Women empowerment and promoting entrepreneurship





## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Bhuvnesh Kumar** : Tourism Secretary of India.
- **Srivatsa Krishna** : Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- **Rohit Kansal** : Secretary, Department of Rural Development.
- **The incumbent Sanjay Jaju** : shifted as Secretary in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).
- **Krishna Kumar Singh** : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). (succeeded Amarendu Prakash)
- **Chanchal Kumar** : Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B)
- **Vir Vikram Yadav** : Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)
- **Abhishek Singh** : Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA)
- **William Walsh, popularly known as Willie Walsh** : CEO of IndiGo





**Ques: Which university has organised the 'AgriMaitri' roundtable initiative to strengthen agribusiness cooperation between India and Australia?**

- A) University of Melbourne
- B) Western Sydney University
- C) Australian National University
- D) University of Delhi
- E) Monash University

**Answer: B) Western Sydney University**

**Explanation:**

- Western Sydney University organised the 'AgriMaitri' roundtable initiative.
- The inaugural meeting was held in New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to strengthen agribusiness cooperation between India and Australia.
- It brings together policymakers, industry leaders, farmers, and researchers from both countries to co-develop solutions.

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**Ques: Which state emerged as the overall champion in the inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games 2026?**

- A) Odisha
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Karnataka
- E) Maharashtra

**Answer: D) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

- The maiden Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 were hosted by Chhattisgarh.
- Karnataka emerged as the overall champion with 23 Gold, 8 Silver, and 7 Bronze medals.
- Odisha secured second position with 21 Gold, 15 Silver, and 21 Bronze medals.
- Jharkhand finished third with 16 Gold, 8 Silver, and 11 Bronze medals.
- “Morveer” was the official mascot of the Games.
- The event was held in three cities of Chhattisgarh – Raipur, Jagdalpur, and Sarguja.
- The Games included seven medal sports: athletics, football, hockey, weightlifting, archery, swimming, and wrestling.
- Mallakhamb and kabaddi were included as demonstration sports.

**Static Part:**

- Khelo India Programme was launched in 2018 by the Government of India.
- It aims to promote sports culture and identify young talent across the country.
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is the nodal ministry for Khelo India.
- Khelo India events include Youth Games, University Games, Winter Games, and now Tribal Games.





## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

**Bodhana Sivanandan, an 11-year-old Indian-origin player, has become Britain's top-rated female chess player as per April 2026 FIDE rankings. She achieved a FIDE rating of 2366 and is ranked 72nd globally in women's chess.**

**The government has signed an agreement with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) for a skill development project in the shipbuilding sector. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) signed a 'Plan of Implementation' with KOICA.**

**The International Olympic Committee has approved a new eligibility policy restricting transgender women athletes from competing in women's events.**

**The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation developed the India SDG Dashboard in collaboration with the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (UNRCO). The dashboard serves as a centralized data platform for monitoring SDG indicators in India.**

**The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been granted 'deemed to be university' status by the Ministry of Education. The status was granted on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission (UGC). NCERT can now offer PhD and advanced research programmes in school education.**

