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Ques: How many states are included in the pilot launch of RBI's Benchmark Issuance Strategy (BIS) for market borrowings starting FY27?

- A) 5 States
- B) 7 States
- C) 12 States
- D) 9 States
- E) 11 States

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- RBI has decided to introduce Benchmark Issuance Strategy (BIS) for market borrowings on a pilot basis for 9 states starting FY27 (2026-27).
- The nine states included are Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.
- BIS involves issuing securities in specific benchmark tenor buckets as per a pre-announced calendar to enhance transparency and provide clarity to investors.
- The nine BIS-adopted states are expected to collectively borrow ₹1,53,900 crore in Q1 FY27 (April–June 2026), while remaining states will borrow ₹1,00,609 crore.
- Total market borrowings by all States/UTs for Q1 FY27 is estimated at ₹2,54,509 crore, which is lower than last year's ₹2,73,255 crore.
- BIS aims to create larger and more liquid benchmark bonds under State Development Loans (SDLs) and improve transparency in state borrowing.

Static Part | :

- Strategy Name – Benchmark Issuance Strategy (BIS)
- Introduced By – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- RBI Role – Cash and Debt Manager of States
- Applicable From – FY27 (2026-27)





- Basis – Pilot Basis
- Number of Pilot States – 9
- Pilot States – AP, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, MP, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana, UP
- BIS States Q1 FY27 Borrowing – ₹1,53,900 crore
- Non-BIS States Q1 FY27 Borrowing – ₹1,00,609 crore
- Total Q1 FY27 Borrowing – ₹2,54,509 crore
- Previous Year Q1 Borrowing – ₹2,73,255 crore
- Instrument – State Development Loans (SDLs)



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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the enhanced export credit window of up to 450 days till June 30, 2026.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set the interest rate for Government of India Floating Rate Bond 2028 at 6.17% per annum.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Emirates NBD to acquire up to 74% stake in RBL Bank. As per norms, foreign banks can acquire up to 74% stake in an Indian bank.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is developing a bank account portability system.
- The RBI's Supervisory Data Quality Index (sDQI) improved to 90.9 in the December 2025 quarter.
- RBI has capped loans for purchase of shares and other eligible securities at ₹1 crore per borrower across the banking system.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has capped banks' net open positions in the rupee at \$100 million at the end of each business day.





Ques: Bank of Baroda's total global business crossed which milestone for the first time by March 2026?

- A) ₹150 lakh crore
- B) ₹180 lakh crore
- C) ₹200 lakh crore
- D) ₹230 lakh crore
- E) ₹250 lakh crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda crossed ₹230 lakh crore in total global business (deposits + advances) for the first time.
- The total global business reached ₹230.78 lakh crore as of March end 2026.
- The bank recorded a Year-on-Year growth of 13.93% in Q4 of FY 2025-26.
- Global deposits grew by 12%, while advances increased by 16.23%.
- Deposits stood at ₹216.48 lakh crore and advances at ₹214.30 lakh crore.

Static Part:

- Bank of Baroda founded: 20 July 1908
- Headquarters: Vadodara, Gujarat
- MD & CEO: Debadatta Chand





Ques: Razorpay has partnered with which organization to enable in-app payment integration for developers?

- A) Google
- B) Microsoft
- C) OpenAI
- D) Amazon
- E) IBM

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Razorpay has partnered with OpenAI to enable seamless payment integration in applications.
- Developers can now embed payments directly into applications within minutes.
- The initiative aims to simplify monetisation for AI-built products.
- It will help startups and developers launch paid features quickly without complex setup.
- The collaboration promotes the growth of AI-driven applications and digital payments ecosystem.

Static Part:

- Razorpay Founded – 2014
- Headquarters – Bengaluru
- Founders – Harshil Mathur & Shashank Kumar
- OpenAI Founded – 2015
- Headquarters – San Francisco, USA





Ques: What maximum distance from Earth did the Artemis II crew reach, breaking the record set by Apollo 13?

- A) 350,000 km
- B) 400,171 km
- C) 406,773 km
- D) 420,000 km
- E) 380,500 km

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The four astronauts of NASA's Artemis II mission became the humans to travel farthest from Earth, surpassing the 54-year-old record set by Apollo 13 in 1970.
- Artemis II reached a maximum distance of 406,773 km (252,757 miles) from Earth, surpassing Apollo 13's previous record of 400,171 km (248,655 miles).
- The crew performed a lunar flyby, viewing areas of the Moon never before seen by the naked human eye.
- Apollo 13's record was set during an emergency free-return trajectory around the Moon after an oxygen tank explosion in 1970.
- Artemis II is the first crewed mission under NASA's Artemis program aimed at returning humans to the Moon and eventually sending them to Mars.
- The mission used the Orion spacecraft launched atop the Space Launch System (SLS).

Static Part :

- Mission Name – Artemis II
- Space Agency – NASA
- Headquarters – Washington D.C., USA
- Mission Type – Crewed Lunar Flyby (No Moon Landing)
- Launch Vehicle – Space Launch System (SLS)
- Spacecraft – Orion Capsule





Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- **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.**
- **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.**





Ques: Which city from India has been included in the global initiative '20 Cities Towards Zero Waste'?

- A) Kochi
- B) Varkala
- C) Thiruvananthapuram
- D) Kozhikode
- E) Kollam

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Kerala's Varkala city has been included in the global initiative '20 Cities Towards Zero Waste'.
- The initiative is led by the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Zero Waste.
- It is supported by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- Varkala is among 20 cities worldwide recognized for innovative and ambitious approaches to waste reduction and sustainable urban development.
- These cities were recognized on the occasion of the International Day of Zero Waste (30 March).
- UNEP was established in 1972 and is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya.





Ques: Which cricket stadium unveiled stands named “Rahul Dravid End” and “Anil Kumble End”?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Stands named after former Indian cricket legends Rahul Dravid and Anil Kumble were unveiled at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.
- The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) officially unveiled the “Rahul Dravid End” and “Anil Kumble End”.
- The move honors the contributions of both legends to Indian cricket.
- Rahul Dravid is known as “The Wall” of Indian cricket.
- Anil Kumble is one of India’s highest wicket-taking bowlers in Tests.
- M. Chinnaswamy Stadium is located in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- KSCA governs cricket activities in Karnataka.





Ques: Where was the world's second Vikramaditya Vedic Clock installed?

- A) Ujjain
- B) Varanasi
- C) Prayagraj
- D) Haridwar
- E) Nashik

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The world's second Vikramaditya Vedic Clock was installed in Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Varanasi.
- It was installed by the Madhya Pradesh Government.
- The clock was inaugurated by UP CM Yogi Adityanath and MP CM Mohan Yadav.
- It showcases Indian time calculation including sunrise, Muhurtas, and Panchang (lunar calendar).
- The clock is installed in the courtyard of Kashi Vishwanath Temple, blending ancient timekeeping with Vedic astronomy.
- The first Vedic clock was installed in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- This initiative aims to install such clocks at major Jyotirlingas across India.

Static Part | :

- Kashi Vishwanath Temple Location – Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- Total Jyotirlingas – 12
- Ujjain Famous Temple – Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga
- Madhya Pradesh Capital – Bhopal





Ques: Microsoft signed an MoU with which university to establish an AI Skill Center in Punjab?

- A) Chandigarh University
- B) Lovely Professional University
- C) Punjab University
- D) Guru Nanak Dev University
- E) Thapar University

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Microsoft signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Chandigarh University to establish an AI Skill Center at its Mohali campus.
- The centre aims to enhance digital skills and improve employability of students.
- It will offer global certifications in AI, Machine Learning, Cloud Computing, Data Science, and Cybersecurity.
- Students will have access to 4,400+ learning modules, hands-on labs, and real-world projects using Microsoft Azure.
- The initiative is supported by byteXL for advanced AI and GenAI training.
- It aligns with Microsoft's "AI for All" initiative.

Static Part:

- Microsoft Corporation was founded on April 4, 1975.
- Headquarters – Washington, USA
- Chairman & CEO – Satya Nadella





Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has signed an agreement with MapmyIndia. It aims to enable the display of authorised Aadhaar centres on the Mappis App. UIDAI Established in 2009. Aadhaar has 12-digit unique identity number.
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya. The aim of the MoU is to promote skill development in the aviation sector. Launch a 3-year Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Aviation Maintenance Engineering (AME) from August 2026 (2026–27)
- The India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) completed four years since its signing on April 2, 2022.
- The Government of Meghalaya has partnered with Starlink India to pilot satellite-based internet services in remote hill regions.
- The National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UltraTech Cement Limited.





Ques: What is the name of the 24×7 WhatsApp chatbot launched by Puri Police for citizen services?

- A) Puri Police Mitra
- B) Puri Police Connect
- C) Smart Police Bot
- D) Odisha Police Seva
- E) Puri Police Sahayak

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Puri Police has launched a 24×7 WhatsApp chatbot named “Puri Police Sahayak”.
- The initiative aims to provide faster, more accessible, and user-friendly police services.
- It enhances transparency and accessibility for both residents and tourists visiting Puri.
- The chatbot has been developed with technological support from Rezler Systems and backed by Punjab National Bank (PNB ONE platform).
- Citizens can access the service by sending “Hi” on WhatsApp or by scanning a QR code.

Static Part:

- Odisha Formation Day – April 1, 1936 (Utkal Dibasa)
- Capital of Odisha – Bhubaneswar
- Chief Minister – Mohan Charan Majhi
- Governor – Kambhampati Hari Babu





Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- The Telangana government has launched the Bhu Bharati portal, an integrated land record management system aimed at simplifying land registration and record services. The new system replaces the earlier Dharani portal.
- The JanSamarth Portal was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, 2022. The portal integrates 15 credit-linked Central Government schemes. As of March 20, 2026, around 254 lenders have been onboarded on the platform. Since its launch, about 41.14 lakh applications worth ₹1,06,306 crore have been processed.
- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways launched the PRISM-SG Portal in New Delhi.
- Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, launched 'Nivesh Mitra 3.0', an upgraded digital single-window platform aimed at enhancing Ease of Doing Business in the state.
- Indian Railways launched a customised mobile application named “SHINE” (Sexual Harassment Incident Notification for Empowerment).





Ques: Rongali Bihu, also known as Bohag Bihu, is primarily celebrated in which state of India?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Rongali Bihu, also known as Bohag Bihu, is celebrated across Assam.
- It marks the Assamese New Year and the onset of the spring season.
- The festival is observed in mid-April and signifies the beginning of the agricultural cycle.
- It is the most important and vibrant among the three Bihu festivals.
- There are three types of Bihu festivals: Rongali (April), Kati (October), and Magh (January).
- Rongali Bihu is associated with sowing season, Kati Bihu with crop protection, and Magh Bihu with harvest celebration.
- Traditional Bihu dance and songs are an integral part of the celebration.





Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- Sarhul, a significant Adivasi festival Held at Jharkhand. Sarhul, meaning “worship of the Sal tree”, is one of the most sacred festivals among Adivasi communities
- Third North-East India Film Festival (NEIFF) 2026 has commenced at TanthaPolis Cinema, Lamphel in Imphal, Manipur. A total of nine films are being showcased, including Four Manipuri, Four Assamese , and One Khasi (Meghalaya) films
- Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 was held in New Delhi, bringing together tribal artisans, entrepreneurs, and cultural performers.
- Phool Dei is a traditional folk festival celebrated in Uttarakhand.
- The spring festival Chapchar Kut is celebrated with great enthusiasm in Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram.
- The Indian Orchid Festival 2026 concluded in Pakyong district of Sikkim.
- The National Arogya Fair 2026 was held at Shegaon in Buldhana district of Maharashtra.





Ques: Which South African cricketer has announced his retirement from international cricket in 2026?

- A) Quinton de Kock
- B) Temba Bavuma
- C) Rassie van der Dussen
- D) David Miller
- E) Kagiso Rabada

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- South African top-order batter Rassie van der Dussen has announced his retirement from international cricket.
- He will continue to play domestic cricket for the Lions and mentor young players.
- He made his T20I debut in 2018 against Zimbabwe and ODI debut in 2018 against England at the age of 29.
- He played his first Test match in 2019 against England.
- Van der Dussen played 18 Tests, 71 ODIs, and 57 T20Is between 2018 and 2025.
- He finished with the second-highest ODI average for South Africa, behind AB de Villiers.
- Rassie van der Dussen is known for his consistency in ODI cricket.





Recently Retired Players :

- **Rassie van der Dussen (South Africa) : retirement from international cricket**
- **Gurjant Singh : retirement from Hockey**
- **Carolina Marín : retirement from badminton**
- **Sarfaraz Ahmed : retirement from international cricket**
- **Saina Nehwal : Retirement from competitive badminton**
- **Australia Women's cricket team captain Alyssa Healy : Retirement from all forms of international cricket**
- **Jinson Johnson : Retirement from competitive middle-distance running**
- **Pakistan-born Australian cricketer Usman Tariq Khawaja : Retirement from international cricket**
- **Mohit Sharma (India) : Retirement from all formats of cricket**
- **Andre Russell (Jamaica) : Retirement from IPL cricket**





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- 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.
- Chitra Magimairaj won the women's 9-ball pool National Championship in Ludhiana.
- Ravichandran Ashwin is set to become the first Indian international player to play in USA-based Major League Cricket (MLC).
- 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.





Ques: Bhuvneshwar Kumar became the first fast bowler to reach how many wickets in IPL history?

- A) 150
- B) 180
- C) 200
- D) 220
- E) 250

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bhuvneshwar Kumar became the first fast bowler to take 200 wickets in IPL history.
- He achieved this milestone on April 5, 2026 while playing for RCB against CSK.
- He dismissed Ayush Mhatre to reach the 200-wicket mark.
- He is the second overall bowler to reach this milestone in IPL.
- Leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal was the first to achieve this feat with 224+ wickets.
- Bhuvneshwar was representing Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) during this achievement.

Static Part:

- IPL Started – 2008
- Governing Body – BCCI

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Ques: What is the main objective of 'Karmayogi Saptah 2026' launched by the Prime Minister of India?

- A) Promoting digital payments
- B) Enhancing capacity and efficiency of civil servants
- C) Boosting agricultural production
- D) Improving export performance
- E) Strengthening defence forces

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Karmayogi Saptah 2026' (Sadhana Saptah: April 2–8, 2026).
- The initiative aims to enhance the capacity, efficiency, and performance of civil servants.
- It is conducted under Mission Karmayogi by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Capacity Building Commission, and Karmayogi Bharat.
- The programme also marks the Foundation Day of the Capacity Building Commission and five years of Mission Karmayogi.
- The initiative carries the tagline "Ham Bane Karmayogi".
- Sadhana Saptah is based on three Sutras: Technology, Tradition, and Tangible Outcomes.





Ques: What is the theme of International Children's Book Day 2026?

- A) Books for Future Generations
- B) Read and Grow Together
- C) Books Build Bridges
- D) Plant stories and the world will bloom
- E) Stories for Sustainable World

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- International Children's Book Day is observed every year on April 2.
- The theme for 2026 is "Plant stories and the world will bloom."
- The host country for 2026 is Cyprus.
- The day promotes reading habits among children and highlights the importance of children's literature.
- International Children's Book Day is organized by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY).
- It is celebrated on the birthday of Hans Christian Andersen.

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Ques: What is the theme of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2026?

- A) Sport for All
- B) Building Peace Through Sports
- C) Play for Unity
- D) Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers
- E) Sports for Sustainable Future

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is observed every year on April 6.
- The theme for 2026 is “Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers.”
- The day highlights the role of sports in promoting peace, development, and social inclusion.
- It encourages participation in sports to foster unity and mutual understanding.
- The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2013.
- It commemorates the inauguration of the first modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1896.





Ques: When is the International Day of Conscience observed every year?

- A) April 2
- B) April 5
- C) April 7
- D) April 10
- E) April 15

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The International Day of Conscience is observed every year on April 5.
- It was established by the United Nations.
- The day promotes peace, tolerance, and moral values across the world.
- It encourages individuals to reflect on their actions and act with a sense of responsibility and humanity.
- International Day of Conscience was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2019.
- First observed in 2020.

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Important days :

- 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
- 20 March : United Nations French Language Day
- 20 March : World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People 2026 (Started in 2001)
- 21 March : The International Day of Forests (IDF) (theme for 2026 is "Forests and Economies")
- 21 March : International Nowruz Day
- 21 March : World Day for Glaciers
- 21 March : World Down Syndrome Day (theme “Together Against Loneliness”)
- 21 March : World Poetry Day (Started By the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1999)
- 21 March : 61st International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Started in 1967)
- 22 March : World Water Day (Theme 2026 Water and Gender, with the campaign slogan "Where water flows, equality grows")(First Observance in 1993)
- 22 March : 114th Foundation Day (Bihar Diwas) (theme for the celebration was “Unnat Bihar, Ujjwal Bihar”.)
- 23 March : World Meteorological Day (theme for the year is “Observing today, protecting tomorrow.”)
- 23 March : Shaheed Diwas (Martyrs’ Day)
- 24 March : World TB Day





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Madhya Pradesh government has launched the 'School Chalen Hum' campaign to promote universal school enrolment and reduce dropout rates across the state. The campaign, inaugurated by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav

Microsoft has partnered with Chandigarh University (CU), Punjab, to set up a state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence (AI) Skill Center at its Mohali campus. Microsoft's courses and certifications will be made accessible to all students, supporting the 'AI for All' initiative.

NITI Aayog under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) launched the ATL Sarthi initiative and Mentor India Academy in Telangana. It will provide structured mentorship and institutional support to 379 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in the state. Vardhaman College of Engineering has been designated as the nodal institution for Telangana.

The Election Commission of India has urged voters to make informed choices using the "Know Your Candidates" (KYC) module on the ECINet platform. The KYC module provides key details about candidates such as criminal background, assets and liabilities, educational qualifications, and verified social media accounts. Election Commission of India (ECI) is a constitutional body established in 1950.

NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) and Dhruva Space Private Limited signed an MoU to collaborate on solar panels for satellites. NSIL is the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). NSIL was established in 2019.

