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**Ques: What is the repo rate decided by RBI's MPC in its April 2026 monetary policy meeting?**

- A) 5.00%
- B) 5.10%
- C) 5.50%
- D) 5.75%
- E) 5.25%

**Answer: E) 5.25%**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25%.
- The decision was announced on April 8, 2026.
- The policy stance remained 'Neutral'.
- SDF rate stayed at 5.00%.
- MSF rate and Bank Rate remained at 5.50%.
- FY 2026–27 GDP growth projected at 6.9%.
- CPI inflation projected at 4.6%.
- The announcement was made by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.

**Static Part:**

- Repo Rate – 5.25%
- SDF Rate – 5.00%
- MSF Rate & Bank Rate – 5.50%
- Policy Stance – Neutral
- GDP Growth (FY 2026–27) – 6.9%
- CPI Inflation (FY 2026–27) – 4.6%





## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- RBI has cancelled the licence of The Shirpur Merchants' Co-operative Bank due to inadequate capital and lack of earning prospects.
- RBI has decided to introduce Benchmark Issuance Strategy (BIS) for market borrowings on a pilot basis for 9 states starting FY27 (2026-27).
- 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.





**Ques: What new structure has been proposed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its draft guidelines for Business Correspondents (BCs)?**

- A) Three-tier structure
- B) Two-tier structure (BC-BO & BC-BT)
- C) Single-tier structure
- D) Digital-only BC model
- E) Cooperative BC structure

**Answer: B) Two-tier structure (BC-BO & BC-BT)**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India proposed a two-tier delivery structure for BCs.
- **The two tiers are:**
  - BC-Banking Outlets (BC-BO)
  - BC-Banking Touchpoints (BC-BT)
- **BC-BO:**
  - Fixed service units
  - Must operate at least 4 hours/day, 5 days/week
  - Provide services like account opening, deposits/withdrawals, debit card issuance/blocking
- **BC-BT:**
  - No fixed working hours
  - Handle smaller transactions only
- Both BC-BO and BC-BT will work exclusively for a single bank.
- **For remuneration:**
  - BC-BO operators will receive both fixed and variable pay
  - BC-BT operators will receive only variable pay





- The Indian Banks' Association will decide the fixed monthly pay for eligible BC-BO agents.
- The Reserve Bank of India has proposed discontinuing the Business Facilitator (BF) category, with existing entities required to shift to the BC framework by September 30, 2026.
- The new framework will be implemented from July 1 (post finalisation).
- RBI has invited public comments till May 5.



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**Ques: What is the revised GDP growth forecast for India for FY27 by the World Bank?**

- A) 6.0%
- B) 6.3%
- C) 6.6%
- D) 7.0%
- E) 7.5%

**Answer: C) 6.6%**

**Explanation:**

- The World Bank revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY27 to 6.6%, an increase of 30 basis points.
- Growth is supported by free trade agreements and strong domestic demand.
- India's growth is projected to rise from 7.1% (FY25) to 7.6% (FY26).
- Private consumption remains strong due to low inflation and GST rationalisation.
- Growth may moderate to 6.6% in FY27 due to global headwinds like West Asia/Middle East tensions.

**Static Part:**

- Organization – World Bank
- Established – 1944
- Headquarters – Washington, D.C., USA
- President – Ajay Banga





**Ques: PhonePe has launched a co-branded credit card in partnership with which bank?**

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

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

**Explanation:**

- PhonePe launched a co-branded credit card with State Bank of India.
- The PhonePe SBI Card is offered with zero joining fee for the first year (limited-period offer).
- The card is available on both RuPay and Visa platforms.
- The initiative aims to boost digital payments adoption and offer added benefits to users.

**Static Part:**

- PhonePe Founded – 2015
- Headquarters – Bengaluru
- SBI Established – 1955
- SBI Chairman – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty





## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- Bank of Baroda unveiled 'bob SAMVAD', an AI-powered multilingual conversational platform.
- Bank of Baroda launched an overdraft (OD) facility on UPI for verified women Self-Help Group (SHG) members holding Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts.
- The Government of Punjab, in collaboration with the World Bank, launched 'Punjab Sikhya Kranti 2.0'.
- South Indian Bank has launched a new EPF payment service.
- RNF Services, through its fintech platform Relipay, has rolled out a nationwide UPI QRbased cash withdrawal service.
- Razorpay, India's omnichannel payments and banking platform for businesses, launched the world's first "Agent Studio" at the FTX 2026 event.
- Bank of Baroda launched a special savings account for women called "bob Women Sapphire Savings Account."





**Ques: As per International Renewable Energy Agency Renewable Energy Statistics 2026, what is India's rank in global Renewable Energy Installed Capacity?**

- A) 1st
- B) 2nd
- C) 3rd
- D) 4th
- E) 5th

**Answer: C) 3rd**

**Explanation:**

- India ranks 3rd globally in Renewable Energy Installed Capacity as per International Renewable Energy Agency.
- India has surpassed Brazil in global rankings.
- Total Renewable Energy Installed Capacity: 250.52 GW.
- Record 55.3 GW non-fossil capacity added in FY 2025–26.
- In July 2025, renewables met 51.5% of electricity demand (203 GW).
- Total non-fossil fuel capacity (as on 31.03.2026): 283.46 GW.
- India achieved 50% cumulative electric power from non-fossil sources in June 2025 (ahead of 2030 target).
- Total power generation (2025–26): 1,845.921 BU.
- Share of non-fossil fuels in total generation reached 29.2% (538.97 BU) in 2025–26.
- Wind energy capacity addition: 6.05 GW in 2025–26 — highest ever in a single year (previous: 4.15 GW).
- India is targeting 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030 under COP26.

**Static Part:**

- Global Ranking (IRENA 2026):  
1st China (2258.02 GW)





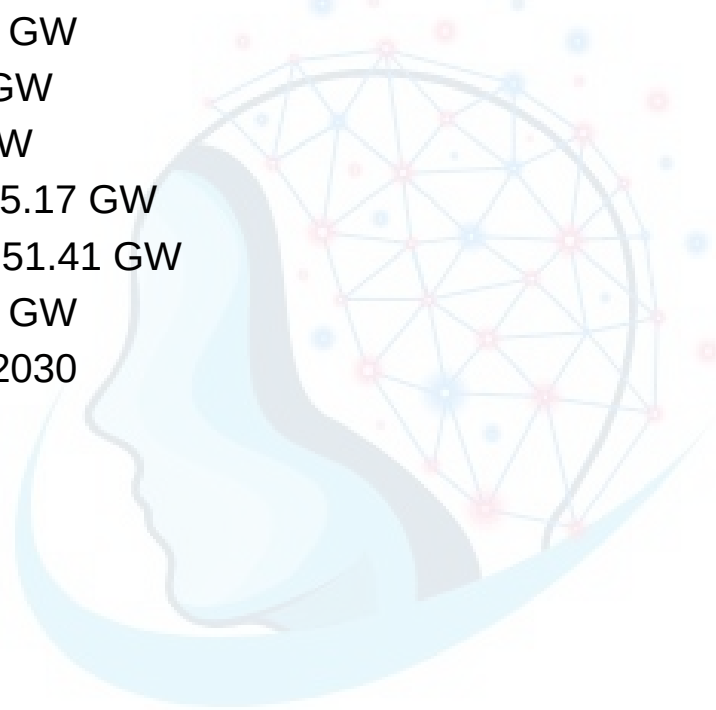
2nd USA (467.92 GW)

3rd India (250.52 GW)

4th Brazil (228.20 GW)

5th Germany (199.92 GW)

- World Total Renewable Capacity – 5149.28 GW
- India Non-Fossil Capacity (31.03.2026) – 283.46 GW
- Solar Power – 150.26 GW
- Wind Power – 56.09 GW
- Bio Energy – 11.75 GW
- Small Hydro Power – 5.17 GW
- Large Hydro Power – 51.41 GW
- Nuclear Power – 8.78 GW
- 500 GW Target – By 2030



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**Ques: Which film won the Best Film award at the Chetak Screen Awards 2026?**

- A) Dhurandhar
- B) Homebound
- C) Animal
- D) Pathaan
- E) Jawan

**Answer: B) Homebound**

**Explanation:**

- The Chetak Screen Awards 2026 were held in New Delhi.
- The film Homebound (Oscar-nominated) won the Best Film award.
- Dhurandhar was the biggest winner with 14 awards.

**Winners List:**

- Best Film: Homebound
- Best Director: Aditya Dhar (Dhurandhar)
- Best Actor (Male): Ranveer Singh (Dhurandhar)
- Best Actor (Female): Yami Gautam (Haq)
- Best Supporting Actor (Male): Akshaye Khanna (Dhurandhar)
- Best Supporting Actor (Female): Shalini Vatsa (Homebound)
- Breakthrough Actor (Male): Ahaan Panday (Saiyaara)
- Breakthrough Actor (Female): Aneet Padda (Saiyaara)
- Breakthrough Director : Shazia Iqbal (Dhadak 2)
- Best Cinematography : Dhurandhar – Vikash Nowlakha
- Best Editing : Dhurandhar – Shivkumar V. Panicker
- Best Production Design : Dhurandhar – Saini S. Johray
- Best Sound Design : Dhurandhar – Bishwadeep Chatterjee
- Best VFX : Dhurandhar





- Best Story & Screenplay : Homebound
- Best Dialogue : Dhurandhar – Aditya Dhar
- Best Song : Saiyaara (Title Track)
- Best Lyrics : Gulzar (Gustaakh Ishq)
- Best Playback Singer (Male) : Faheem Abdullah (Saiyaara)
- Best Playback Singer (Female) : Shreya Ghoshal (Saiyaara)
- Best Background Score : Dhurandhar – Shashwat Sachdev
- Best Choreography : Dhurandhar – Shararat
- Best Costume Design : Chhaava & Dhurandhar (Joint)
- Best Makeup & Hairstyling : Dhurandhar
- Best Action : Dhurandhar
- Best Film for Gender Sensitivity : Haq
- Best OTT Film : Stolen
- Best OTT Actor (Male) : Abhishek Banerjee (Stolen)
- Best OTT Actor (Female) : Sanya Malhotra (Mrs)
- Best OTT Director : Karan Tejpal (Stolen)
- Best OTT Script : Stolen

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**Ques: What is the objective of the 'Arogya Van' initiative launched by National Highways Authority of India?**

- A) Industrial development
- B) Defence infrastructure
- C) Medicinal plantation & ecological sustainability
- D) Urban housing
- E) Digital infrastructure

**Answer: C) Medicinal plantation & ecological sustainability**

**Explanation:**

- National Highways Authority of India launched the 'Arogya Van' initiative along National Highways.
- It focuses on planting medicinal trees on vacant land parcels.
- The aim is to enhance biodiversity and promote ecological sustainability.
- It will help create green corridors and improve roadside ecology.
- The initiative also spreads awareness about India's medicinal plant heritage.

**Static Part:**

- Organization – National Highways Authority of India
- Established – 1988
- Ministry – Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- Headquarters – New Delhi





**Ques: Who is the author of the autobiography “A Road Well Travelled”?**

- A) R.K. Raghavan
- B) R.T. Chari
- C) N. Gopaldaswami
- D) Ajit Doval
- E) Alok Verma

**Answer: A) R.K. Raghavan**

**Explanation:**

- The autobiography A Road Well Travelled is written by R.K. Raghavan.
- He served as the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- The book was released by R.T. Chari.
- It highlights his professional journey and experiences in public service.

**Static Part:**

- CBI Established – 1963
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Parent Ministry – Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- Motto – “Industry, Impartiality, Integrity”





## Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- **The Forgotten Indian Prisoners of World War** : Gautam Hazarika
- **Salman Khan: The Sultan of Bollywood** : Mohar Basu
- **“Between Tehran and Tel Aviv: Gaza's Story of Unending War”** : Col Rajeev Agarwal
- **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





**Ques: The Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC), recently completed by Indian Railways, connects which two locations?**

- A) JNPT to Dadri
- B) Mumbai to Delhi
- C) Ludhiana to Sonnagar
- D) Surat to Dankuni
- E) Chennai to Kolkata

**Answer: A) JNPT to Dadri**

**Explanation:**

- The Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) connects JNPT (Maharashtra) to Dadri (Uttar Pradesh).
- It spans approximately 1,506 km.
- It is one of India's most ambitious railway infrastructure projects.
- The project was executed by Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited.
- The Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) runs from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (~1,337 km).
- In Union Budget 2026–27, a new freight corridor from Dankuni to Surat was announced.





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the reconstituted National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC) by National Council of Educational Research and Training?**

- A) M.C. Pant
- B) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- C) Manjul Bhargava
- D) K. Kasturirangan
- E) Anil Sahasrabudhe

**Answer: A) M.C. Pant**

**Explanation:**

- National Council of Educational Research and Training reconstituted the NSTC following observations by the Supreme Court.
- A new 20-member committee has been formed.
- M.C. Pant has been appointed as the Chairperson.
- Manjul Bhargava will serve as the Co-chairperson.

**Static Part:**

- NCERT Established – 1961
- Headquarters – New Delhi

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**Ques: Where is India's first commercial Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) located?**

- A) Tarapur, Maharashtra
- B) Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu
- C) Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu
- D) Narora, Uttar Pradesh
- E) Rawatbhata, Rajasthan

**Answer: C) Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

- India's first commercial Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) is located at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.
- The 500 MWe PFBR achieved criticality on April 6, 2026.
- "Going critical" means a self-sustained nuclear chain reaction has begun.
- The project is operated by BHAVINI.
- It is a sodium-cooled reactor using Plutonium-239 and Uranium-238 as fuel.
- A breeder reactor produces more fuel than it consumes.
- It is a key milestone in India's Three-Stage Nuclear Programme.

**Static Part:**

- Reactor Name – Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR)
- Capacity – 500 MWe
- Location – Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu
- Criticality Date – April 6, 2026
- Construction Started – October 2004
- Original Cost – ₹3,482 Crore
- Final Cost – ₹8,181 Crore





## Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- Japan has deployed its first long-range “standoff” missiles (upgraded Type-12) at military bases.
- India’s first hydrogen-powered trainset successfully completed oscillation trials, marking a major step toward sustainable transportation.
- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd has operationalised India’s first Port of Refuge to assist ships in distress.
- Japan has introduced the world’s first freight-only Shinkansen (bullet train) to enable fast and efficient cargo transport.
- Andhra Pradesh is set to start India’s first major private-sector gold mine since Independence at Jonnagiri.
- India’s first LPG ATM has been launched by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
- Rajasthan Royals has been acquired by a consortium led by US-based entrepreneur Kal Somani.





**Ques: Who became the first Indian woman to reach Everest Base Camp by bicycle?**

- A) Divya Singh
- B) Santosh Yadav
- C) Arunima Sinha
- D) Premlata Agarwal
- E) Bachendri Pal

**Answer: A) Divya Singh**

**Explanation:**

- Divya Singh from Uttar Pradesh completed the Everest Base Camp expedition in just 14 days.
- She started her journey from Kathmandu, Nepal and cycled through challenging mountainous terrain.
- She became the first Indian woman to reach Everest Base Camp by bicycle.
- Everest Base Camp is located at an altitude of about 5,364 metres.

**Static Part:**

- Mount Everest Height – 8,848.86 metres
- Location – Nepal–China (Tibet) border
- Capital of Nepal – Kathmandu
- Currency – Nepalese Rupee





**Ques: What decision has India taken regarding COP33 (2028)?**

- A) Approved hosting
- B) Postponed hosting
- C) Withdrawn bid
- D) Co-hosting proposal
- E) No decision yet

**Answer: C) Withdrawn bid**

**Explanation:**

- India has withdrawn its bid to host COP33 (2028) under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- COP (Conference of Parties) is a global climate summit held under the UNFCCC.
- Hosting rotates among five UN regional groups.
- India belongs to the Asia-Pacific group in this system.
- The decision reflects strategic and diplomatic considerations.

**Static Part:**

- Organization – United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Established – 1992 (Rio Earth Summit)
- Headquarters – Bonn, Germany
- COP – Conference of Parties (Annual Climate Summit)





## Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- India has invited members for the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting to be held in May 2026.
- The Bharat Innovates Deep-Tech Pre Summit was held at IIT Bombay.
- 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.





**Ques: Which Indian shooting duo won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup in Granada, Spain?**

- A) Manu Bhaker & Saurabh Chaudhary
- B) Anjali Bhagwat & Gagan Narang
- C) Rhythm Sangwan & Abhishek Verma
- D) Esha Singh & Varun Tomar
- E) Palak & Mukesh Nelavalli

**Answer: E) Palak & Mukesh Nelavalli**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian duo Palak and Mukesh Nelavalli won gold at the ISSF World Cup Granada.
- They competed in the 10m air pistol mixed team event.
- The pair set a new world record with 487.7 points.
- This score is also a junior world record.
- Silver: China (Qianxun Yao & Kai Hu) – 484.8 points
- Bronze: Hungary (Veronika Major & Akos Karoly Nagy)

**Static Part:**

- International Shooting Sport Federation Founded – 1907
- Headquarters – Munich, Germany
- Shooting Events in Olympics – Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun





## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Bhuvneshwar Kumar became the first fast bowler to take 200 wickets in IPL history.
- Stands named after former Indian cricket legends Rahul Dravid and Anil Kumble were unveiled at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.
- 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).





**Ques: Who won the men's long jump event at the Indian Athletics Series 2026 with a jump of 8.15m?**

- A) Tajinderpal Singh Toor
- B) Jeswin Aldrin
- C) Avinash Sable
- D) Neeraj Chopra
- E) Murali Sreeshankar

**Answer: E) Murali Sreeshankar**

**Explanation:**

- Murali Sreeshankar won the men's long jump with a jump of 8.15m.
- The event was held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium.
- He was the only athlete to cross 8.00m in the event.
- He also surpassed the Asian Games qualifying mark of 7.91m.

**Static Part:**

- Long Jump – Track and Field event
- Asian Games 2026 Host – Japan (Aichi-Nagoya)
- Governing Body – World Athletics
- Capital of Karnataka – Bengaluru





**Ques: Who has acquired Raja Ravi Varma's painting "Yashoda and Krishna" for ₹167.2 crore, setting a new record for Indian art?**

- A) Ratan Tata
- B) Mukesh Ambani
- C) Cyrus S. Poonawalla
- D) Gautam Adani
- E) Kiran Nadar

**Answer: C) Cyrus S. Poonawalla**

**Explanation:**

- Industrialist Cyrus S. Poonawalla acquired Yashoda and Krishna for ₹167.2 crore at a Saffronart auction.
- This sets a new record for Indian art.
- The painting was created by Raja Ravi Varma in the 1890s.
- Earlier record: Gram Yatra (1954), sold for over ₹118 crore.
- It was bought by Kiran Nadar.
- Raja Ravi Varma was born in 1848 in Kilimanoor, Kerala and established a printing press in 1894.
- Raja Ravi Varma established a printing press in Maharashtra in 1894 (Ghatkopar, later shifted to Lonavala).
- He was awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal in 1904 for his contributions.

**Static Part:**

- Raja Ravi Varma – Renowned Indian painter known for mythological themes
- Birth – 1848
- Birthplace – Kilimanoor, Kerala
- Famous for – Fusion of Indian themes with European techniques





**Ques: Which of the following is the highest loan category under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana?**

- A) Shishu
- B) Kishor
- C) Tarun
- D) TarunPlus
- E) Udyam

**Answer: D) TarunPlus**

**Explanation:**

- Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana was launched on April 8, 2015 by Narendra Modi.
- It provides collateral-free loans to small and micro enterprises.

**• Loan categories under PMMY:**

- Shishu
- Kishor
- Tarun
- TarunPlus

- TarunPlus is the highest category, offering loans above ₹10 lakh up to ₹20 lakh.
- Loans are available for manufacturing, trading, services, and allied agriculture activities.

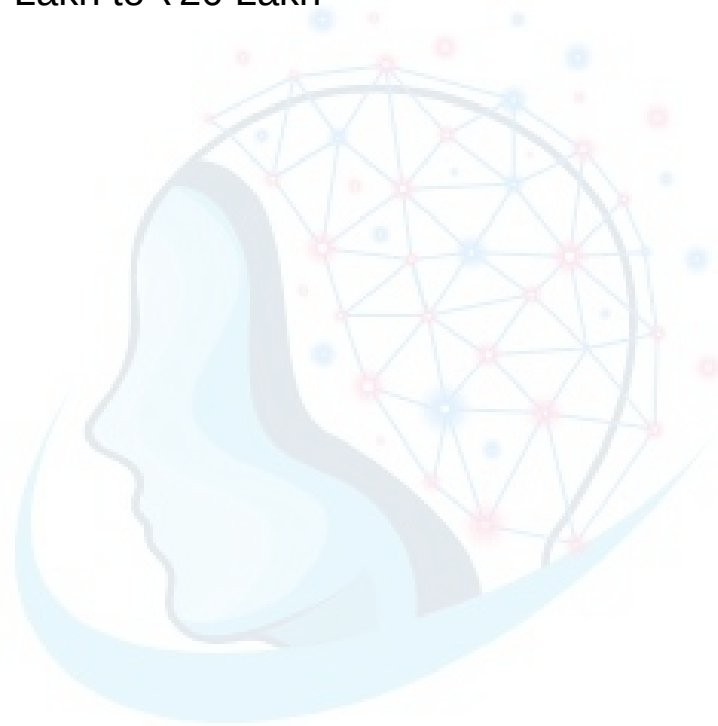
**Static Part:**

- Scheme – Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana
- Launch Date – April 8, 2015
- Launched By – Narendra Modi
- Scheme Age – 11 Years (2026)





- Full Form of MUDRA – Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency
- Loan Type – Collateral-Free
- Shishu Limit – Up to ₹50,000
- Kishor Limit – ₹50,001 to ₹5 Lakh
- Tarun Limit – ₹5 Lakh to ₹10 Lakh
- TarunPlus Limit – ₹10 Lakh to ₹20 Lakh



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**Ques: Where will the second edition of the Rugby Premier League (RPL) 2026 be held?**

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

**Answer: A) Hyderabad**

**Explanation:**

- The second edition of the Rugby Premier League 2026 will be held in Hyderabad.
- The tournament is scheduled from June 16 to June 28, 2026.
- Matches will be played at Gachibowli Stadium.
- The inaugural edition was held in Mumbai.

**• Participating teams:**

- Bengaluru Bravehearts
- Chennai Bulls
- Delhi Redz
- Hyderabad Heroes
- Kalinga Black Tigers
- Mumbai Dreamers

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**Ques: When is World Health Day celebrated every year?**

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

**Answer: C) April 7**

**Explanation:**

- World Health Day is celebrated every year on April 7.
- It marks the founding of the World Health Organization in 1948.
- Theme for 2026: “Together for health. Stand with science.”
- The day aims to raise awareness about global health issues and promote well-being.

**Static Part:**

- World Health Organization Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- Established – 7 April 1948
- Parent Organization – United Nations
- Director-General – Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus





**Ques: Why is National Maritime Day celebrated every year on April 5 in India?**

- A) To mark the establishment of Indian Navy
- B) To commemorate the voyage of SS Loyalty in 1919
- C) To celebrate port development
- D) To honor fishermen
- E) To mark independence of maritime sector

**Answer: B) To commemorate the voyage of SS Loyalty in 1919**

**Explanation:**

- National Maritime Day is observed every year on April 5.
- It commemorates the historic voyage of the ship SS Loyalty on April 5, 1919 from Mumbai to London.
- SS Loyalty was the first Indian-owned merchant ship.
- The day was first celebrated in 1964 (63rd observance in 2026).
- Theme for 2026: “Maritime India – Empowering Progress”.

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## Important days :

- 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
- 24 March : International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims
- 24th March : 191st Raising Day of Assam Rifles (Assam Rifles Formed in 1835 and HQ in Shillong, Meghalaya)
- 25 March : International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (Theme: "Justice in Action: Confronting History, Advancing Dignity, Empowering Futures")





## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

The Government of India has announced that the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and Rashtriya Raksha University have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish an indigenous aviation security equipment testing centre. The centre will be developed at Rashtriya Raksha University.

Google will set up a \$15 billion data centre in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. It will include a 1 gigawatt data centre with dedicated energy sources. The project is being developed by AdaniConneX.

The Bodleian Libraries at the University of Oxford have launched a nationwide UK tour of the Shikshapatri to mark its 200th anniversary. The Shikshapatri was composed in 1826 at Vadatal (Gujarat) by Sahajanand Swami. The scripture contains 212 Sanskrit verses. The word "Shikshapatri" means a "letter of teachings," a small book of rules for a moral and spiritual life.

A Road Well Travelled (Autobiography) Written by Former Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Raghava Krishnaswami (R.K.) Raghavan and Released by Businessman R.T. Chari

