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Ques: How much total borrowing is planned by states and Union Territories in Q1 FY27 as per RBI's indicative borrowing calendar?

- A) ₹1,53,900 crore
- B) ₹1,00,609 crore
- C) ₹2,54,509 crore
- D) ₹3,00,000 crore
- E) ₹2,00,000 crore

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India released the indicative borrowing calendar for Q1 FY27 (April–June 2026).
- States and Union Territories are expected to collectively raise ₹2,54,509 crore.
- RBI introduced the Benchmark Issuance Strategy (BIS) on a pilot basis to enhance transparency and provide clarity to investors.
- Nine states are part of the BIS pilot: Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh.
- These nine states are expected to borrow ₹1,53,900 crore under BIS.
- The remaining states and UTs will raise ₹1,00,609 crore through traditional borrowing methods.





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) unanimously decided to keep the benchmark repo rate unchanged at 5.25%.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released draft guidelines proposing a major overhaul of the Business Correspondents (BCs) framework.
- 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.





Ques: What is the total outlay of the PLI Scheme for the Food Processing Industry launched by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries?

- A) ₹8,000 crore
- B) ₹9,500 crore
- C) ₹10,900 crore
- D) ₹12,000 crore
- E) ₹15,000 crore

Answer: C

Explanation:

- PLI stands for Production Linked Incentive.
- The PLI Scheme for the Food Processing Industry was launched by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- The scheme runs from FY 2021–22 to FY 2026–27 for a duration of 6 years.
- The total outlay of the scheme is ₹10,900 crore.
- Objectives include increasing value addition, expanding processing capacity, promoting Indian brands globally, and generating employment in rural areas.
- Key components include food product segments like Ready-to-Cook/Ready-to-Eat foods, processed fruits & vegetables, marine products, and mozzarella cheese.
- It also supports SMEs focusing on innovative and organic products.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Odisha government has approved the 'Mukhyamantri Annapurna Yojana (MAPY)' to enhance food security.
- 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).





Ques: Which country has announced a ban on social media access for children under 15 years, effective from 1 January 2027?

- A) France
- B) Australia
- C) Canada
- D) Germany
- E) Greece

Answer: E

Explanation:

- Greece has announced a ban on social media access for children under 15 years, effective from 1 January 2027.
- The decision was announced by Kyriakos Mitsotakis.
- The move aims to protect children from the negative impacts of excessive social media usage.
- Australia was the first country in the world to ban social media for minors.
- Australia imposed a ban on social media for children under 16 years.

Static Part:

- Capital of Greece – Athens
- Currency – Euro
- Prime Minister – Kyriakos Mitsotakis
- Greece is part of the European Union (EU)





Ques: Who chaired the NHRC Core Group meeting on Right to Food & Nutrition on the theme “Tackling Food Adulteration in India”?

- A) Justice V. Ramasubramanian
- B) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
- C) Justice N.V. Ramana
- D) Justice U.U. Lalit
- E) Justice Ranjan Gogoi

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The National Human Rights Commission organised a Core Group meeting on Right to Food & Nutrition in New Delhi.
- The theme of the meeting was “Tackling Food Adulteration in India”.
- The meeting was chaired by Justice V. Ramasubramanian.
- The discussion focused on the scale of food adulteration, challenges, and required reforms.
- It emphasized ensuring safe food for citizens and protecting the Right to Food.
- The meeting also aimed at policy improvement and better enforcement mechanisms.

Static Part:

- National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) – Independent statutory body
- National Human Rights Commission – Independent statutory body
- Established – 12 October 1993
- Law – Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993
- Headquarters – New Delhi





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: Who has resigned as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Air India before completing his five-year term?

- A) Alan Joyce
- B) Campbell Wilson
- C) Ilker Ayci
- D) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- E) Ajay Singh

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Campbell Wilson has resigned as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Air India.
- He stepped down before completing his five-year term.
- He had been serving as CEO and MD since July 2022.
- His tenure saw significant efforts toward restructuring and modernization of the airline.

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Ques: The Kalai-II Hydro Electric Project (HEP), recently approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), will be constructed on which river?

- A) Siang River
- B) Subansiri River
- C) Lohit River
- D) Dibang River
- E) Kameng River

Answer: C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Narendra Modi, has approved a ₹14,105.83 crore hydropower project.
- The project is named Kalai-II Hydro Electric Project (HEP).
- It will be constructed on the Lohit River in Anjaw district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- The project will have an installed capacity of 1,200 MW.
- It will comprise six units of 190 MW each and one unit of 60 MW.
- The project will be implemented through a joint venture between THDC India Limited and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Static Part:

- Arunachal Pradesh Capital – Itanagar
- Chief Minister – Pema Khandu
- Governor – K.T. Parnaik
- Lohit River – Tributary of Brahmaputra





Ques: Two new airports announced in Telangana will be developed at which locations?

- A) Hyderabad and Nizamabad
- B) Warangal and Adilabad
- C) Karimnagar and Khammam
- D) Nalgonda and Mahbubnagar
- E) Medak and Siddipet

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation has announced the development of two new airports in Telangana.
- These airports will be developed at Warangal and Adilabad.
- The Adilabad airport will be developed by the Ministry of Defence.
- The Warangal airport will be developed to enhance regional air connectivity.

Static Part:

- Capital of Telangana – Hyderabad
- Chief Minister – A. Revanth Reddy
- Governor – Shiv Pratap Shukla
- Rajiv Gandhi International Airport – Hyderabad





Ques: The One Health Summit 2026, hosted by France under its G7 Presidency, was held in which city?

- A) Paris
- B) Lyon
- C) Marseille
- D) Nice
- E) Bordeaux

Answer: B

Explanation:

- France hosted the One Health Summit 2026 from 5–7 April in Lyon.
- The summit was organised under France's G7 Presidency and coincided with World Health Day.
- The One Health approach integrates human, animal, plant, and environmental health.
- Key focus areas include zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), sustainable food systems, and pollution exposure.
- Objectives include promoting global cooperation, strengthening surveillance systems, and encouraging public-private partnerships.
- The Quadripartite global partnership includes World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, and World Organisation for Animal Health.
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- The Group of Seven is an informal group of advanced economies established in 1975.
- Member countries include Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, and United States.





Static Part:

- G7 Established – 1975
- Type – Informal group of advanced economies
- World Health Organization Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters – Rome, Italy



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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of Nasscom Foundation?

- A) UB Pravin Rao
- B) Rostow Ravanan
- C) Nandan Nilekani
- D) Salil Parekh
- E) Kris Gopalakrishnan

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Nasscom Foundation has appointed UB Pravin Rao as its new Chairperson.
- He succeeds Rostow Ravanan in this role.
- UB Pravin Rao has previously served in leadership roles within NASSCOM, including Vice-Chairperson and Chairman.
- He was also the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Infosys.
- Nasscom Foundation is the only non-profit organisation representing the Indian IT industry within the NASSCOM ecosystem.

Static Part:

- Nasscom Foundation Founded – 2001
- NASSCOM – National Association of Software and Service Companies
- Role – Promotes IT industry and digital inclusion





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Senior Advocate Menaka Guruswamy : Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha
- IndiaAI Mission CEO Abhishek Singh : Director general of National Testing Agency (NTA) (Replaced Pradeep Singh Kharola)
- Burra Vamsi Rama Mohan : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (POWERGRID)
- Puja Garg : 43rd National President of the FICCI Ladies Organisation (succeeded Poonam Sharma)
- Krishna Kumar Singh, Director : Additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) (Replaced Amarendu Prakash)
- Bhuvnesh Kumar : Tourism Secretary of India.
- Srivatsa Krishna : Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- Rohit Kansal : Secretary, Department of Rural Development.





Ques: Where is the 25th All India Police Water Sports Cluster Championship being held?

- A) Dal Lake
- B) Tehri Lake
- C) Chilika Lake
- D) Vembanad Lake
- E) Loktak Lake

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The 25th All India Police Water Sports Cluster Championship is being held at Tehri Lake.
- The event is being organised under the Indo-Tibetan Border Police.
- The championship includes a total of 52 events.
- Sports include canoeing, rowing, and kayaking.
- The event is being conducted till 12 April 2026.

Static Part:

- Indo-Tibetan Border Police – Central Armed Police Force (CAPF)
- Established – 24 October 1962
- Motto – “Valour, Steadfastness, Commitment”
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Ministry – Ministry of Home Affairs
- Home Minister – Amit Shah





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- India's shooting duo Palak and Mukesh Nelavalli won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup in Granada, Spain.
- Murali Sreeshankar won the men's long jump at the Indian Athletics Series 2026 with a jump of 8.15m.
- Rugby India has announced that the second edition of the Rugby Premier League (RPL) will be held in Hyderabad.
- 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.





Ques: The Kamala Hydro Electric Project (1720 MW), recently approved by CCEA, will be constructed on which river?

- A) Lohit River
- B) Kamala River
- C) Subansiri River
- D) Siang River
- E) Dibang River

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved ₹26,069.50 crore for the Kamala Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The project will have a total installed capacity of 1720 MW.
- It will be constructed across Kamle, Kra Daadi, and Kurung Kumey districts.
- The project will be developed by NHPC Limited in partnership with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
- It will be built on the Kamala River, which is a major tributary of the Subansiri River.
- The project will have nine generating units – eight units of 210 MW each and one unit of 40 MW.

STATIC PART:

- NHPC Limited Established – 1975
- Headquarters – Faridabad, Haryana
- Arunachal Pradesh Capital – Itanagar
- Subansiri River – Tributary of Brahmaputra





Ques: The India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise 'Cyclone' will be conducted at which place?

- A) Cairo
- B) Alexandria
- C) Anshas
- D) Giza
- E) Sinai

Answer: C

Explanation:

- An Indian Army contingent has departed for Egypt to participate in the fourth edition of the India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise 'Cyclone'.
- The exercise will be conducted at Anshas.
- The exercise aims to enhance interoperability, coordination, and tactical skills between the special forces of both countries.
- It also focuses on sharing best practices in counter-terrorism operations.

Static Part:

- Capital of Egypt – Cairo
- Currency – Egyptian Pound
- President of Egypt – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
- India-Egypt Relations – Strengthening defence and strategic cooperation





Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- India conducted Exercise Dweep Shakti to strengthen coastal and island defence.
- The Indian Navy hosted the IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) TTX 2026 in Kochi.
- The Indian Army's Southern Command conducted Exercise Amogh Jwala at the Babina Field Firing Ranges, Uttar Pradesh.
- India, along with the United States, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, participated in the anti-submarine warfare exercise 'Sea Dragon 2026', which concluded at Andersen Air Force Base. It was hosted by the U.S. Navy's Task Force 72.
- Exercise Cold Response 2026 was organised by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
- Freedom Shield joint military exercise between the United States and South Korea is conducted across multiple military bases and training areas throughout South Korea.





Ques: Payal Nag, who recently made history, is associated with which sport?

- A) Para Athletics
- B) Para Shooting
- C) Para Archery
- D) Para Swimming
- E) Para Badminton

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Payal Nag from Odisha became the world's first quadruple amputee archer to win an international gold medal.
- She won gold at the 2026 World Para Archery Series Final held in Bangkok.
- Para archery is governed globally by the World Archery Federation.
- The achievement marks a significant milestone in para sports and inclusivity.
- Khelo India Para Games promote grassroots para sports in India.

Static Part:

- Para Sports – Sports for athletes with disabilities
- World Archery Federation Headquarters – Lausanne, Switzerland
- Khelo India Programme – Launched in 2018





Ques: The 'Ghatak' programme, recently approved for induction by India, is related to which type of defence system?

- A) Ballistic Missile System
- B) Stealth Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs)
- C) Naval Submarines
- D) Air Defence Radar System
- E) Armoured Tanks

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

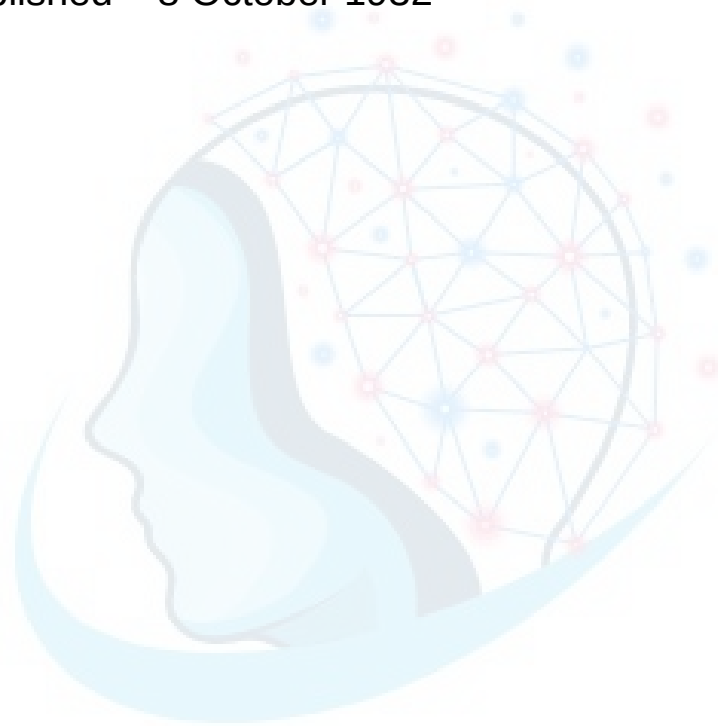
- India is planning to induct indigenous stealth unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs) under the 'Ghatak' programme.
- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) cleared the procurement of remotely piloted strike aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Around 60 Ghatak drones are planned to be acquired following recommendations of the Defence Procurement Board.
- The programme is expected to create a ₹39,000 crore opportunity for the domestic defence industry.
- The government will invite bids to build six prototypes at an estimated cost of ₹10,000 crore.
- The Ghatak UCAV, earlier known as Autonomous Unmanned Research Aircraft (AURA), is being developed by DRDO.
- 'Ghatak' UCAV, earlier known as AURA, is being developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation.
- It is a 13-tonne class, jet-powered unmanned aircraft with a tailless flying-wing configuration.
- It is powered by the indigenous Kaveri engine.
- The UCAV can carry up to 1.5 tonnes of weapons in internal bays, ensuring stealth during operations.





Static Part:

- Defence Research and Development Organisation Established – 1958
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Defence Acquisition Council – Headed by Defence Minister
- Indian Air Force Established – 8 October 1932



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Ques: Mohsina Kidwai, who recently passed away, was associated with which political party?

- A) Bharatiya Janata Party
- B) Janata Dal (United)
- C) Samajwadi Party
- D) Bahujan Samaj Party
- E) Indian National Congress

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Senior leader of the Indian National Congress, Mohsina Kidwai has passed away.
- She served as a Union Minister under Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi.
- She held key portfolios such as Health, Rural Development, Urban Development, and Transport.
- She was known for her significant contribution to Indian politics and public service.

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Ques: When is the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda observed?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda is observed annually on April 7.
- The memorial ceremony is organised by the United Nations.
- The day commemorates the victims of the Rwandan Genocide.
- It also raises awareness about preventing genocide and promoting peace.

Static Part:

- United Nations Established – 1945
- Headquarters – New York, USA
- Secretary-General – António Guterres
- Kigali – Capital of Rwanda





Important days :

- 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")
- 25 March : International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members
- 27 March : World Theatre Day
- 27 March : 88th World Piano Day 2026 (Started in 2015)
- 30 March : International Day of Zero Waste (2026 theme "Zero Waste Starts on Your Plate,")
- 2 April : World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) (Theme for 2026 is "Autism and Humanity - Every Life Has Value".) (Started in 2007)
- 2 April : International Children's Book Day (theme for 2026 is "Plant stories and the world will bloom.")
- 3 April : 262nd Raising Day of the Army Medical Corps (walkathon themed "One Health, One Force, 262 Years Strong")
- 4 April : International Day of Mine Awareness (Theme 2026 Invest in Peace; Invest in Mine Action)
- 5 April : National Maritime Day (Theme for 2026: "Maritime India – Empowering Progress")
- 5 April : International Day of Conscience (First observed in 2020)

