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Ques: What was the year-on-year growth rate of bank credit in India as of March 31, 2026?

- A) 10%
- B) 12%
- C) 13.4%
- D) 15%
- E) 16%

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bank credit in India grew by 16% year-on-year as of March 31, 2026.
- Deposits increased by 13.4% during the same period.
- The data was released by the Reserve Bank of India.
- Total deposits stood at ₹267.8 lakh crore, while bank credit reached ₹219 lakh crore.
- Investments grew by 4.7% to ₹71.4 lakh crore.
- In absolute terms, deposits increased by ₹31.7 lakh crore and credit by ₹30.1 lakh crore.

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Ques: What was India's unemployment rate (UR) in March 2026 as per PLFS data?

- A) 4.5%
- B) 4.9%
- C) 5.0%
- D) 5.1%
- E) 5.5%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's unemployment rate rose to 5.1% in March 2026.
- It increased from 4.9% in February 2026, marking a five-month high.
- The data is based on the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released by the National Statistics Office.
- Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) stood at 55.4% in March.
- Worker Population Ratio (WPR) declined to 52.6%.
- LFPR represents the percentage of people working or seeking work.
- WPR indicates the proportion of employed persons in the population.





Ques: As per IMF projections, India is expected to become the world's third-largest economy by which year?

- A) 2027
- B) 2028
- C) 2030
- D) 2031
- E) 2035

Answer: D

Explanation:

- According to International Monetary Fund (IMF) April 2026 data, India slipped to the 6th largest economy in 2025 with GDP around \$3.92 trillion.
- This decline is temporary due to rupee depreciation and GDP base year revision, not due to slowdown in growth.
- India is projected to become the 4th largest economy by 2027, overtaking Japan.
- By 2031, India is expected to become the 3rd largest economy, surpassing Germany.
- Despite temporary ranking changes, India remains one of the fastest-growing major economies globally.





Ques: The 'Super Sales Saathi' mobile app launched by LIC is primarily designed for whom?

- A) Policyholders
- B) Bank officials
- C) LIC agents
- D) Government employees
- E) Investors

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Life Insurance Corporation of India launched two mobile apps — MyLIC and Super Sales Saathi.
- The apps were launched by M. Nagaraju in Mumbai.
- Both apps are powered by LIC's DIVE platform (Digital Innovation & Value Enhancement).
- The MyLIC app is a one-stop platform for policyholders to manage policies, pay premiums, and access benefits.
- Super Sales Saathi is specifically designed for LIC agents with features like customer management and real-time updates.
- The initiative aims to enhance digital services, improve security, and provide a user-friendly experience.

Static Part:

- Life Insurance Corporation of India – Largest life insurance company in India
- Established – 1956
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- DIVE Platform – Focuses on digital innovation and faster services





Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- Dr. Jitendra Singh announced that the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) is developing the SARAL AI platform.
- 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.





Ques: How many banks have been authorised by the Indian government to import bullion for 3 years starting April 1, 2026, and which two banks are authorised to import only gold?

- A) 15 Banks — SBI and HDFC
- B) 17 Banks — PNB and Bank of India
- C) 17 Banks — Union Bank of India and Sberbank
- D) 15 Banks — Union Bank of India and Sberbank
- E) 20 Banks — Deutsche Bank and ICBC

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India, through Directorate General of Foreign Trade, has authorised 17 banks to import bullion for three years (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029).
- Out of these, 15 banks — including State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, Deutsche Bank and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China — can import both gold and silver.
- Only Union Bank of India and Sberbank are authorised to import only gold.
- Delay in issuing the authorisation list had halted imports, leaving over 5 tonnes of gold and around 8 tonnes of silver stuck without customs clearance.
- India is the second-largest gold importer globally, importing \$72 billion worth of gold in 2025–26 (24% increase), while silver imports rose to \$12 billion.
- DGFT also changed the classification of gold, silver and platinum from 'free' to 'restricted', making licences mandatory for certain importers.





Ques: The 'Water Forward' initiative launched by the World Bank Group aims to ensure water security for how many people globally by 2030?

- A) 200 million
- B) 400 million
- C) 600 million
- D) 800 million
- E) 1 billion

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- World Bank Group launched the global initiative 'Water Forward'.
- The initiative aims to ensure water security for over 1 billion people by 2030.
- A key feature is the introduction of country-led "Water Compacts".
- Under these compacts, governments will define reforms, strengthen institutions, and create investment pathways.
- The World Bank Group itself targets to provide water security to 400 million people.
- The initiative is supported by institutions like Asian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, European Investment Bank, and New Development Bank.
- The initiative focuses on improving financing and accelerating water-related projects globally.

Static Part:

- World Bank Group – Provides financial and technical assistance to developing countries
- Headquarters – Washington, D.C.
- United Nations SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation





Ques: 'Ghost-Eye: A Novel' is written by which author?

- A) Chetan Bhagat
- B) Arundhati Roy
- C) Amitav Ghosh
- D) Amish Tripathi
- E) Ruskin Bond

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book Ghost-Eye: A Novel is authored by Amitav Ghosh.
- It is a novel that explores themes of history, identity, and human experience.
- The book is published by HarperCollins.
- It consists of 336 pages and is priced at ₹799.
- Amitav Ghosh is known for his works on history, environment, and global narratives.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- **Why We Can't Wait** : Martin Luther King Jr.
- **The book Tides of Time: Bharat's History through Murals in Parliament** : Sudha Murty
- **Autobiography "A Road Well Travelled"** : former CBI Director R.K. Raghavan
- **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





Ques: Viktor Axelsen, who recently announced his retirement, belongs to which country?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) Denmark
- D) Indonesia
- E) Malaysia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Viktor Axelsen has announced his retirement from professional badminton.
- He is from Denmark.
- He won back-to-back Olympic gold medals at Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paris 2024 Olympics.
- He also won a bronze medal at Rio 2016 Olympics.
- Axelsen is regarded as one of the most successful men's singles players in Olympic history.
- He held the World No. 1 ranking for 183 weeks (third longest), behind Lee Chong Wei (398 weeks) and Lin Dan (211 weeks).

Static Part:

- Badminton – Governed globally by Badminton World Federation
- Olympics – Held every 4 years
- Denmark Capital – Copenhagen





Recently Retired Players :

- **Rubel Hossain (Bangladesh) : retirement from international cricket**
- **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**





Ques: Who recently became Asia's richest person surpassing Mukesh Ambani?

- A) Ratan Tata
- B) Gautam Adani
- C) Mukesh Ambani
- D) Azim Premji
- E) Shiv Nadar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Gautam Adani has overtaken Mukesh Ambani to become Asia's richest person.
- Gautam Adani's net worth stands at \$92.6 billion.
- Mukesh Ambani's net worth is \$90.8 billion.
- The rise in Adani's wealth is driven by a strong rally in Adani Group stocks.
- Adani's business spans ports, energy, and infrastructure sectors.
- The rankings are based on global indices like Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- IRENA Renewable Energy Statistics 2026 : India (3rd), China (1st)
- World Airport Awards 2026 published by Skytrax : Indira Gandhi International Airport (28th), Singapore Changi Airport (1st)
- World's Wealthiest Individuals Report 2026 (40th edition) is published by Forbes : Mukesh Ambani (21st), Elon Musk (1st)
- Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2026 Published by Institute for Economics and Peace 18th Edition : India (13th), Pakistan (1st)
- World Happiness Report 2026, published by the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford : India (116th), Finland (1st)
- Hurun Global Rich List 2026 for billionaires : India (3rd), China (1st)
- "Global Mind Health in 2025" report released by Sapien Labs (USA) : India (60th)
- Brand Finance Banking 500 Report 2026 : State Bank of India (SBI) (16th)





Ques: With the creation of Polavaram and Markapuram, what is the total number of districts in Andhra Pradesh?

- A) 26
- B) 27
- C) 28
- D) 29
- E) 30

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh government created two new districts – Polavaram and Markapuram.
- With this, the total number of districts increased from 26 to 28.
- Polavaram district is carved out of parts of Alluri Sitharama Raju district (Rampachodavaram and Chinturu divisions).
- Markapuram district is formed by merging Markapuram and Kanigiri divisions of Prakasam district region.
- The reorganisation aims to improve administrative efficiency and governance.





Ques: Indian refiners are settling payments for Iranian oil in which currency?

- A) US Dollar
- B) Euro
- C) Yuan
- D) Yen
- E) Rupee

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indian refiners like Indian Oil Corporation and Reliance Industries are settling payments for Iranian oil in Chinese yuan.
- Payments are being routed through ICICI Bank's Shanghai branch.
- The arrangement is enabled under a temporary U.S. sanctions waiver.
- The move helps Indian refiners continue oil imports despite sanctions on Iran.
- Earlier, Indian Oil Corporation purchased 2 million barrels of Iranian oil, marking the first such deal in years.
- Use of yuan reduces dependence on US dollar-based global transactions.

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Ques: Jay Shah has been selected for the Young Global Leaders Class of 2026 by which organization?

- A) United Nations
- B) World Bank
- C) World Economic Forum
- D) International Monetary Fund
- E) Asian Development Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Jay Shah, Chairman of the International Cricket Council, has been selected for the Young Global Leaders Class of 2026.
- The recognition is given by the World Economic Forum.
- The Young Global Leaders (YGL) programme recognises leaders under the age of 40 for their contributions.
- It includes leaders from fields like public service, business, science, and culture.
- The YGL Class of 2026 includes 118 leaders from 55 countries.

Static Part:

- World Economic Forum Founded – 24 January 1971
- Headquarters – Geneva
- Chairman – Larry Fink





Ques: Which country hosted the 1st BRICS Health Working Group (HWG) Meeting 2026?

- A) India
- B) Brazil
- C) China
- D) Russia
- E) South Africa

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare hosted the 1st BRICS Health Working Group (HWG) Meeting 2026.
- The meeting was held in New Delhi.
- Participants included BRICS countries — Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa — along with Egypt, Ethiopia, UAE, and Indonesia.
- India proposed two new priority areas:
 - BRICS Mission for Healthy Lifestyles (diet, physical activity, tobacco and alcohol risk reduction)
 - Promotion of Mental Health and Wellness (reduce stigma, improve services, integrate into public health)





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The first edition of the Indian Navy's biannual Commanders' Conference 2026 was held at Nausena Bhawan in New Delhi.
- The maiden conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), India Region Zone-VII, was held at the Goa Legislative Assembly in Panaji.
- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) organised a Core Group meeting on Right to Food & Nutrition in New Delhi.
- France hosted the One Health Summit 2026 from 5-7 April in Lyon.
- 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.





Ques: What was India's overall rank at the 22nd Senior Asian Wrestling Championships held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan?

- A) 2nd
- B) 3rd
- C) 4th
- D) 5th
- E) 6th

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Indian wrestling team finished 5th at the Senior Asian Wrestling Championships 2026.
- The event was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- India won a total of 17 medals: 2 Gold, 6 Silver, and 9 Bronze.
- Gold medal winners included Sujeet Kalkal (65 kg) and Abhimanyu Mandwal (70 kg).
- India fielded a 30-member contingent across freestyle, women's wrestling, and Greco-Roman categories.

Medal Tally (Top 4):

1. Iran – 6 Gold, 6 Silver, 6 Bronze (18 Total)
2. Japan – 6 Gold, 5 Silver, 4 Bronze (15 Total)
3. China – 5 Gold, 1 Silver, 8 Bronze (14 Total)
4. Kyrgyzstan – 5 Gold, 1 Silver, 6 Bronze (12 Total)
5. India – 2 Gold, 6 Silver, 9 Bronze (17 Total)

Static Part:

- Asian Wrestling Championships – Organized by United World Wrestling
- Categories – Freestyle, Greco-Roman, Women's Wrestling
- Wrestling – One of the oldest Olympic sports
- Kyrgyzstan Capital – Bishkek





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- R. Vaishali won the Women's Candidates Chess Tournament 2026.
- Jharkhand women's hockey team won the 16th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women's National Championship 2026.
- Sanju Samson was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March.
- In the women's category, Amelia Kerr won the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for March.
- Mitchell Starc was named the Leading Men's Cricketer in the World by Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.
- Sawan Barwal created history by breaking the 48-year-old national record in marathon.
- Jannik Sinner defeated Carlos Alcaraz in straight sets to win the Monte Carlo Masters title for the first time.
- Aarit Kapil is a young chess prodigy from Delhi.





Ques: What was the objective of ‘Sarthak Naam Abhiyan’ launched in Rajasthan?

- A) To provide free education
- B) To change inappropriate student names
- C) To increase school infrastructure
- D) To provide scholarships
- E) To improve digital education

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The ‘Sarthak Naam Abhiyan’ was launched by the Rajasthan Education Department.
- Its objective was to replace inappropriate, negative, or derogatory names with meaningful names.
- Names like “Shaitan”, “Kalu”, “Tinku”, and “Gheesa” were considered for change.
- The campaign targeted government school students from Classes 1 to 9.
- It aimed to improve self-esteem and avoid social embarrassment among students.
- However, due to controversy and criticism, the campaign was later rolled back.

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Ques: The first passenger train in India, which ran on 16 April 1853, operated between which two places?

- A) Mumbai – Pune
- B) Bori Bunder – Thane
- C) Kolkata – Howrah
- D) Chennai – Arakkonam
- E) Delhi – Meerut

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India celebrated the 173rd anniversary of its first passenger train.
- The first passenger train ran on 16 April 1853.
- It operated between Bori Bunder (now Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus) and Thane.
- The train covered a distance of about 34 km.
- This event marked the beginning of railway transportation in India.

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Ques: World Hemophilia Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) April 15
- B) April 16
- C) April 17
- D) April 18
- E) April 19,

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Hemophilia Day is observed on April 17 every year.
- It aims to raise awareness about hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders.
- Theme: “Diagnosis: First step to care”.
- Hemophilia is a genetic disorder in which blood does not clot properly.
- It occurs due to deficiency of clotting factors (proteins) required to stop bleeding.
- This leads to excessive or prolonged bleeding even from minor injuries.

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Important days :

- 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)
- 6 April : International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (theme for 2026 is “Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers.”)
- 7 April : World Health Day (Theme for 2026: “Together for health. Stand with science.”)
- 7 April : International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
- 9 April : 61st Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day, also known as Shaurya Diwas
- 10 April : World Homoeopathy Day (Theme for 2026: “Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health”.)
- 11 April : World Parkinson’s Day (Theme for the year: “Bridge the Care Gap.”)
- 12 April : International Day of Human Space Flight
- 12 April : International Day for Street Children 2026 (Theme 2026 Protect, not Punish)
- 14 April : World Chagas Disease Day
- 14 April : Ambedkar Jayanti
- 15 April : International Wellness Day





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Google CEO Sundar Pichai, Michelin-star chef Vikas Khanna, actor Ranbir Kapoor, YouTube Chief Neal Mohan and New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani have been named among the 100 most influential people in the world by TIME this year. In 2025, no Indians were on the list for the first time in over two decades.

India has set a new export record, reaching \$860 billion in shipments for the fiscal year 2025-26. This achievement surpasses the previous year's \$825 billion. Growth: ~4.2% increase

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development projected ₹2.62 lakh crore as priority sector credit potential for Delhi for 2026–27. This is the first time Delhi has an State Focus Paper (SFP) despite NABARD being active since 1982. The MSME sector forms the largest share with around ₹2.42 lakh crore. Agriculture and allied activities have a smaller share, with potential of over ₹4,200 crore.

The second Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-02) was conducted for the Gaganyaan mission. The test took place at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. A simulated Crew Module (about 5.7 tonnes) was dropped from a Chinook helicopter at around 3 km altitude.

Financial Intelligence Unit-India signed a MoU with Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority. FIU-IND will share Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs). PFRDA will use this data to monitor pension sector entities.

