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**Ques: SEBI has approved which exchange's plan to set up a coal exchange in India?**

- A) National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- B) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- C) Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)
- D) India International Exchange (India INX)
- E) National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has approved the plan of Multi Commodity Exchange of India to set up a coal exchange.
- MCX will create a new subsidiary named MCX Coal Exchange.
- Initially, MCX will hold 100% stake in this subsidiary.
- The investment for setting up the exchange will be up to ₹100 crore.
- Approval will also be required from the Coal Controller Organisation.
- This initiative aims to bring transparency and efficiency in coal trading in India.

**Static Part:**

- MCX Established – 10 November 2003
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Regulator – SEBI (since 2015)
- FMC merged with SEBI – 28 September 2015
- Key Indices: MCX iCOMDEX, BULLDEX, METLDEX
- Clearing Body – MCXCCL (Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited)





## Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) signed an MoU with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
- SEBI Chairman launched three IT platforms — SUPCOMS, e-Adjudication Portal and C-SAC — on March 24 to enhance ease of doing business and strengthen cybersecurity oversight.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) announced one-time relaxations for IPO timelines and minimum public shareholding norms.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is set to launch a digital platform called SEBI SETU to expand the base of Investment Advisers (IAs) in India. The initiative aims to bridge the gap between over 22 crore demat accounts and less than 1,000 registered investment advisers, highlighting the need for a larger advisory base.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has extended the suspension of futures trading in certain agricultural commodities till March 31, 2027.
- Lakshya Asset Management Company has received approval from Securities and Exchange Board of India to start its Mutual Fund business in India.





**Ques:** The Union Cabinet has approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III) till which year?

- A) 2026
- B) 2027
- C) 2028
- D) 2029
- E) 2030

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the extension of PMGSY-III till March 2028.
- The total outlay of the scheme has been significantly increased from ₹280,250 crore to ₹783,977 crore.
- Timeline for completion of roads and bridges in plain areas and roads in hilly areas has been extended till March 2028.
- Timeline for completion of bridges in hilly areas has been extended till March 2029.
- Projects sanctioned before 31 March 2025 but not yet awarded can now be taken up for tender and execution.
- Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana was launched in phases: Phase I (2000), Phase II (2013), and Phase III (2019).

**Static Part:**

- PMGSY Launch Date – 25 December 2000
- Ministry – Ministry of Rural Development
- Objective – To provide all-weather road connectivity to rural areas
- Type of Scheme – Centrally Sponsored Scheme





## Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY) was launched in August 2025 with an outlay of ₹99,446 crore.
- 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.



**Ques: Which railway depot has become India's first "water-neutral" railway depot?**

- A) Shakur Basti Depot
- B) Kankaria Coaching Depot
- C) Itarsi Coaching Depot
- D) Mughalsarai Depot
- E) Perambur Depot

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Kankaria Coaching Depot in Ahmedabad has become India's first "water-neutral" railway depot.
- The initiative aligns railway operations with sustainability and environmental conservation goals.
- The depot achieves water neutrality by treating and reusing as much water as it consumes.
- It saves around 1.60 lakh litres of water daily, reducing dependence on fresh water sources.
- This model promotes efficient water management in Indian Railways.

**Static Part:**

- Ahmedabad Located in – Gujarat
- Gujarat Capital – Gandhinagar
- Railway Ministry – Ministry of Railways



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

- The first-ever life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda in the United States was unveiled in Seattle.
- India's first Quantum Reference Facility will be launched in Andhra Pradesh.
- The United Arab Emirates has become the world's first "10 giga" nation.
- India's first commercial Fast Breeder Reactor — the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) — achieved criticality on April 6, 2026.
- 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.





**Ques: Under which policy has the United States announced plans to deploy nuclear reactors in space and on the Moon?**

- A) Artemis Initiative
- B) Space Power Mission
- C) National Initiative for American Space Nuclear Power
- D) Lunar Energy Program
- E) Space Exploration Strategy

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The United States announced plans to deploy nuclear reactors in space orbit by 2028 and on the Moon by 2030.
- This initiative is part of the policy called “National Initiative for American Space Nuclear Power.”
- The objective is to strengthen US leadership in space exploration, commerce, and defence.
- The move follows advancements under the Artemis program.
- Nuclear power in space can support long-duration missions and lunar infrastructure.

**Static Part:**

- USA Capital – Washington, D.C.
- ⇒ • NASA Established – 1958
- Artemis Programme – Human return mission to the Moon
- First Moon Landing – 1969 (Apollo 11)





**Ques: India and Germany launched a commemorative logo to celebrate how many years of diplomatic relations?**

- A) 50 years
- B) 60 years
- C) 70 years
- D) 75 years
- E) 100 years

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- India and Germany launched a commemorative logo to celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations.
- The logo was unveiled during the India-Germany Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) held in Berlin.
- The FOC was co-chaired by Vikram Misri and Géza Andreas von Geyr.
- Both countries also mark 25 years of their Strategic Partnership.
- The logo was selected through a joint competition hosted on the MyGov platform.
- Participants from both countries contributed designs symbolizing deep-rooted friendship.

**Static Part:**

- Germany Capital – Berlin
- Currency – Euro
- India-Germany Diplomatic Relations Established – 1951





**Ques: Yana Caves in Karnataka have been declared a geo-heritage site of national importance by which organization?**

- A) Archaeological Survey of India
- B) Geological Survey of India
- C) Indian Space Research Organisation
- D) Ministry of Environment
- E) National Biodiversity Authority

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Yana Caves have been declared a geo-heritage site of national importance.
- The declaration was made by the Geological Survey of India.
- The announcement was made on the occasion of GSI's 176th Foundation Day on 4 March 2026.
- The caves are located in Uttara Kannada district in the Western Ghats.
- These caves are formed from dolomitic limestone, rich in magnesium.
- The rock formations are around 2,700 million years old, belonging to the Precambrian era.
- They were formed due to plate tectonic forces and natural weathering over millions of years.

**Static Part:**

- Geological Survey of India Established – 1851
- Headquarters – Kolkata
- Karnataka Capital – Bengaluru
- Western Ghats – UNESCO World Heritage Site





**Ques: Which organization has launched the third edition of the AICTE-VAANI scheme to promote Indian languages in technical education?**

- A) UGC
- B) AICTE
- C) NCERT
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) Ministry of Education

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The All India Council for Technical Education has launched the third edition of the AICTE-VAANI scheme.
- VAANI stands for Vibrant Advocacy for Advancement and Nurturing of Indian Languages.
- The scheme aims to bridge the language gap and help students learn technical subjects in their mother tongue.
- An annual budget of ₹4 crore has been allocated to support around 200 conferences, seminars, and workshops.
- Each selected institution will receive ₹2 lakh to organise 2–3 day events in 22 regional languages.
- The scheme covers 16 emerging areas including Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Technology, Cybersecurity, Hydrogen Energy, Space & Defence, and Agrotech.

**Static Part:**

- AICTE Established – 1945
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Ministry – Ministry of Education





**Ques: Which state cricket association has introduced a player contract system for the first time in India from the 2026–27 domestic season?**

- A) Delhi & District Cricket Association
- B) Karnataka State Cricket Association
- C) Mumbai Cricket Association
- D) Tamil Nadu Cricket Association
- E) Cricket Association of Bengal

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

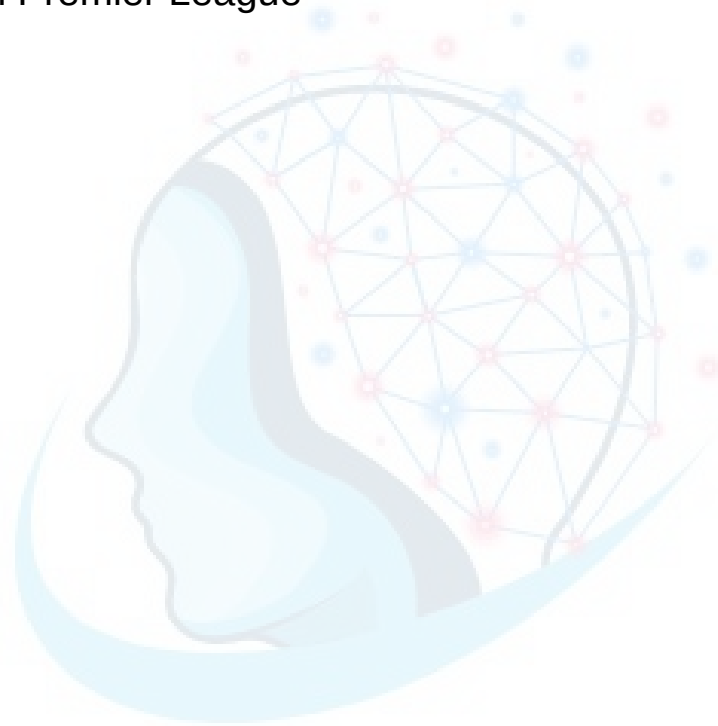
- Mumbai Cricket Association has introduced a player contract system starting from the 2026–27 domestic season.
- MCA becomes the first state cricket association in India to implement this structured remuneration model.
- The decision was approved in the Apex Council meeting.
- **Players will be categorized into three grades based on performance:**
  - Grade A: ₹12 lakh to ₹20 lakh per annum
  - Grade B: ₹8 lakh to ₹12 lakh per annum
  - Grade C: ₹8 lakh per annum
- **Eligibility criteria include :**
  - that the player must be registered with MCA.
  - Must meet minimum fitness standards
  - Should not have represented India in last two seasons
  - Should not have been part of any IPL team in last two seasons
  - Must be recommended by the selection committee





## Static Part:

- Mumbai Cricket Association Established – 1930
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Governing Body of Cricket in India – Board of Control for Cricket in India
- IPL Full Form – Indian Premier League



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**Ques: Which rocket has been selected by NASA to launch the Rosalind Franklin Mars rover mission?**

- A) Delta IV Heavy
- B) Falcon Heavy
- C) Atlas V
- D) Ariane 5
- E) SLS

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- NASA has selected SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket to launch the Rosalind Franklin Mars rover mission.
- The mission is a collaboration between NASA and the European Space Agency.
- NASA has approved the ROSA (Rosalind Franklin Support and Augmentation) project to support this mission.
- The mission is scheduled for launch in 2028.
- The rover aims to search for signs of past or present life beneath the surface of Mars.
- Falcon Heavy is one of the most powerful operational rockets developed by SpaceX.

**Static Part:**

- NASA Established – 1958
- Headquarters – Washington, D.C.
- SpaceX Established – 2002
- CEO – Elon Musk
- NASA Established – 1958





## 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: Who has been awarded the WWF National Award for developing the AI-powered mobile application “Neophyte ID”?**

- A) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- B) N. Alim Yusuf
- C) Sundar Pichai
- D) K. Sivan
- E) Ajay Kumar

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- N. Alim Yusuf has been awarded the WWF National Award.
- He developed an AI-powered mobile application named “Neophyte ID”.
- The application can identify nearly 100 invasive plant species using Artificial Intelligence.
- He works at the Malabar Botanical Garden and Institute for Plant Sciences.
- The award was presented at the ECHO Youth Innovation Summit 2026.
- He also received a seed grant of ₹1.5 lakh to further develop the project.

**Static Part:**

- WWF Full Form – World Wide Fund for Nature
- WWF Founded – 1961
- Headquarters – Gland, Switzerland
- Kerala Capital – Thiruvananthapuram





## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Femina Miss India World 2026 : Sadhvi Sail from Goa
- WWF 'Machchli National Award' : Anita Chaudhary, a forest guard at Shergarh Wildlife Sanctuary
- Mrs International World Classic 2026 : Geetanjali Om Parkash
- President's Police Colour, the highest honour for a police force in India : Odisha Police
- Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Film Festival of Delhi 2026 : Veteran Telugu actor Nandamuri Balakrishna
- 35th Saraswati Samman (2025) : Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay, an eminent Bengali writer
- France's prestigious Legion of Honour (Commandeur rank) : Jawed Ashraf, former Ambassador of India to France and Chairman of the India Trade Promotion Organisation
- Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFD 2026 : Nandamuri Balakrishna (Padma Bhushan (2025))





**Ques: Which languages have been given full official language status in Meghalaya under the Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, 2026?**

- A) Khasi and Garo
- B) Khasi and English
- C) Garo and Hindi
- D) Assamese and Garo
- E) Bengali and Khasi

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Meghalaya Government approved the Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, 2026.
- Under this ordinance, Khasi and Garo have been granted full official language status along with English.
- The ordinance repeals the Meghalaya State Language Act, 2005.
- Earlier, Khasi and Garo were recognized only as associate official languages.
- This move promotes regional languages and preserves cultural identity in the state.

**Static Part:**

- State – Meghalaya
- Capital – Shillong
- Chief Minister – Conrad Sangma
- Governor – C. H. Vijayashankar





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the first female Chief of Army of Australia?**

- A) Linda Reynolds
- B) Susan Coyle
- C) Angus Campbell
- D) David Hurley
- E) Mark Milley

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Susan Coyle has been appointed as the first female Chief of Army of Australia.
- She becomes the first woman to lead any service branch in Australia's military history.
- Her appointment marks a historic step towards gender equality in the armed forces.
- The Chief of Army is responsible for commanding the Australian Army and advising the government on military matters.

**Static Part:**

- Australia Capital – Canberra
- Currency – Australian Dollar
- Prime Minister – Anthony Albanese
- Defence Force Name – Australian Defence Force





**Ques: Who has been named the Harvard South Asian 'Person of the Year' 2026?**

- A) Alia Bhatt
- B) Sayani Gupta
- C) Deepika Padukone
- D) Priyanka Chopra
- E) Vidya Balan

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Sayani Gupta has been named the Harvard South Asian 'Person of the Year' 2026.
- The award is presented by the Harvard South Asian Association.
- It recognises individuals who have contributed significantly to South Asian culture, identity, and representation.
- The award highlights excellence in fields like arts, culture, and public influence.
- Vikas Khanna was the recipient of this award in 2025.

**Static Part:**

- Harvard University Founded – 1636
- Location – Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States
- Harvard South Asian Association – Student organization promoting South Asian culture culture
- USA Capital – Washington, D.C.





**Ques: Where will India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park be established?**

- A) Leh
- B) Sindhu Ghat, Ladakh
- C) Spiti Valley
- D) Kargil
- E) Zaskar

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park will be established at Sindhu Ghat in Ladakh.
- The foundation stone was laid on April 18, 2026, on the occasion of World Heritage Day.
- The objective is to protect ancient rock carvings (petroglyphs) from environmental damage and human activities.
- The park will provide a dedicated space to conserve and display prehistoric carvings.
- It will include relocation of vulnerable artefacts and creation of an educational environment.
- Petroglyphs are images or symbols carved on rocks, representing early human communication.
- Ladakh petroglyphs depict hunting scenes, animals like ibex and snow leopard, and later Buddhist symbols.
- Inscriptions in languages like Chinese, Arabic, and Sanskrit indicate cultural exchange over time.

**Static Part | :**

- Ladakh Capital – Leh
- World Heritage Day – 18 April
- Sindhu River – Also known as Indus River
- Union Territory of Ladakh formed – 31 October 2019





**Ques: The Space Applications Centre (ISRO) has signed an MoU with which organization for sustainable land management in India?**

- A) TERI
- B) ATREE
- C) WWF India
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) UNEP

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Space Applications Centre of Indian Space Research Organisation has signed an MoU with Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment.
- The collaboration aims to enhance research, data sharing, and knowledge exchange for sustainable land management.
- It combines ISRO's satellite-based geospatial technology with ATREE's field-level ecological research.
- The partnership supports India's goal of achieving Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) by 2030.

**Static Part:**

- ISRO Established – 1969
- Headquarters – Bengaluru
- SAC Location – Ahmedabad
- ATREE Established – 1996
- LDN Target Year – 2030





## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- India and New Zealand are set to sign a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on April 27, 2026, in New Delhi.
- India and Myanmar have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the construction of a preschool in Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw. The agreement was signed during the visit of Union minister of India Kirti Vardhan Singh.
- University of Birkbeck London has received a Letter of Intent (LoI) from the University Grants Commission to establish its global campus in Bengaluru.
- Doordarshan (Prasar Bharati) and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Partner to Boost India's Cultural Outreach Globally
- India and Russia Signed MoU to establish a state-of-the-art Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and Satellite Laboratory at Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU), Kanpur
- Deakin University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Telangana.





**Ques: Who will continue as the chairman of the senior selection committee after BCCI renewed his contract?**

- A) Rahul Dravid
- B) Ajit Agarkar
- C) VVS Laxman
- D) Sourav Ganguly
- E) Anil Kumble

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Ajit Agarkar will continue as the chairman of the senior selection committee.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India has renewed his contract for one more year.
- The extension ensures continuity in team selection ahead of the 2027 ODI World Cup.
- He plays a key role in shaping the Indian team's strategy and squad.

**Static Part:**

- BCCI Established – 1928
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- ODI World Cup Organised by – International Cricket Council





**Ques: Chinese Language Day is celebrated every year on which date?**

- A) April 15
- B) April 18
- C) April 20
- D) April 22
- E) April 25

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Chinese Language Day is celebrated annually on April 20.
- The date honors Cangjie, believed to have created Chinese characters.
- It is one of the six official language days observed by the United Nations.
- The observance promotes multilingualism and cultural diversity.
- The UN has six official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.

**Static Part:**

- United Nations Founded – 24 October 1945
- Headquarters – New York City, United States
- UN Official Languages – 6
- International Mother Language Day – 21 February





## 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 (First Observance 2011)
- 12 April : International Day for Street Children 2026 (Theme 2026 Protect, not Punish)
- 12 April : Siachen Day (commemorates the success of Operation Meghdoot conducted in 1984)
- 14 April : World Chagas Disease Day
- 14 April : Ambedkar Jayanti
- 15 April : International Wellness Day
- 16 April : World Voice Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Caring for Our Voices)
- 17 April : World Hemophilia Day (Theme: “Diagnosis: First step to care”)

