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Ques: Kotak Mahindra Bank has received RBI approval to acquire up to 9.99% stake in which two banks?

- A) HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank
- B) AU Small Finance Bank and Federal Bank
- C) Punjab National Bank and Bank of Baroda
- D) Axis Bank and IndusInd Bank
- E) Canara Bank and Indian Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to acquire up to 9.99% stake each in AU Small Finance Bank and Federal Bank.
- The approval includes acquisition of paid-up share capital or voting rights.
- The investment can be made by Kotak Mahindra Bank along with its subsidiaries, mutual funds, or other group entities.
- Such investments help diversify portfolio holdings and strengthen strategic presence in the banking sector.

Static Part:

- Headquarters of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai
- Founder of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Uday Kotak
- Headquarters of AU Small Finance Bank – Jaipur
- Headquarters of Federal Bank – Aluva, Kochi, Kerala





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB)?

- A) N. Kamakodi
- B) R. Vijay Anandh
- C) Vishwavir Ahuja
- D) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- E) Rajesh Magow

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- R. Vijay Anandh has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB).
- His term will be for three years.
- He replaced N. Kamakodi in the position.
- Before joining City Union Bank, R. Vijay Anandh worked at RBL Bank.

Static Part:

- City Union Bank Founded – 1904
- Headquarters – Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu





Ques: India will take a loan of 500 million U.S. dollars from which organisation to develop integrated urban economic regions?

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund
- C) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- D) New Development Bank
- E) World Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India will take a loan of 500 million U.S. dollars from the World Bank.
- The loan will support the development of integrated urban economic regions.
- The initiative aims to promote planned urbanisation.
- It will also support infrastructure expansion across cities.
- The project is expected to create economic growth hubs in urban areas.

Static Part:

- World Bank Established – 1944
- Headquarters – Washington, D.C., United States
- President of the World Bank – Ajay Banga





Ques: What is the name of the new financing facility launched by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to strengthen critical minerals supply chains?

- A) Green Minerals Initiative
- B) Asia Mineral Security Facility
- C) Critical Minerals-to-Manufacturing Financing Partnership Facility
- D) Indo-Pacific Mining Fund
- E) Sustainable Minerals Partnership

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) launched a new financing facility titled “Critical Minerals-to-Manufacturing Financing Partnership Facility”.
- The initiative aims to strengthen critical minerals supply chains across Asia and the Pacific region.
- The facility was launched during ADB’s 59th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- The facility will function through two windows — Grant Window and Catalytic Finance Window.
- The Grant Window will support feasibility studies, environmental and social assessments, technical assistance, and knowledge-sharing activities.
- Japan committed \$20 million and the United Kingdom committed \$1.6 million to the Grant Window.
- The Catalytic Finance Window is designed to mobilise co-financing and risk-sharing support.
- Korea Eximbank and K-SURE each signed a \$500 million memorandum as the facility’s first partners.

Static Part:

- ADB Headquarters – Manila, Philippines
- ADB Established – 1966
- Member Countries – 69
- K-SURE Full Form – Korea Trade Insurance Corporation





Ques: Which bank recently received PFRDA approval to sponsor and set up its own pension fund?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Canara Bank
- C) Bank of India
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Union Bank of India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has received a Letter of Appointment (LoA) from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- This approval allows the bank to act as a Sponsor for a Pension Fund.
- With this approval, Bank of Baroda can establish its own Pension Fund Management Company (PFMC), subject to other regulatory approvals.
- The move will help BoB expand its presence in India's retirement and pension sector.
- Pension funds mainly manage investments under the National Pension System (NPS).

Static Part:

- Headquarters of Bank of Baroda – Vadodara, Gujarat
- Established Year of Bank of Baroda – 1908
- Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Established – 2003
- Headquarters of PFRDA – New Delhi
- National Pension System (NPS) Regulator – PFRDA





Ques: Jio Payments Bank has partnered with which fintech company to expand banking services in semi-urban and underserved areas?

- A) Paytm
- B) BharatPe
- C) MobiKwik
- D) Razorpay
- E) Ezeepay

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Jio Payments Bank partnered with fintech company Ezeepay.
- The partnership aims to provide essential banking services across more than 12,000 semi-urban and underserved PIN codes.
- The alliance uses Ezeepay's merchant network as Business Correspondents.
- The initiative is expected to improve financial inclusion in remote and underserved areas.
- Jio Payments Bank is currently a subsidiary of Jio Financial Services.

Static Part:

- Jio Payments Bank Founded – 3 April 2018
- Headquarters – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra





Ques: According to the World Migration Report 2026 by IOM, which country remained the world's top remittance receiver in 2024 and what was the remittance amount received?

- A) Mexico — \$100 billion
- B) India — \$137.67 billion
- C) Philippines — \$83.15 billion
- D) France — \$68.91 billion
- E) USA — \$137.67 billion

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- According to the World Migration Report 2026 released by IOM, India received more than \$137.67 billion in remittances in 2024.
- India remained the world's top remittance receiving country and became the only country to cross the \$100 billion mark.
- India has held the No.1 position since 2010, when remittance inflows were \$53.48 billion.
- India's remittance inflows increased from \$68.91 billion in 2015 to \$83.15 billion in 2020 and \$137.67 billion in 2024.
- The top remittance recipient countries in 2024 were India, Mexico, Philippines, and France.
- The United States remained the largest remittance-sending country globally.
- The India–UAE migration corridor ranked 5th globally, while the India–US corridor ranked 6th.
- South Asia recorded the highest estimated remittance growth in 2024 at 11.8%.
- The report also noted that Asia accounts for the largest share of global mobile students, with China and India as leading origin countries.

Static Part:

- Report – World Migration Report 2026
- Released By – IOM (International Organization for Migration)
- IOM Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland





Ques: Which technology is being used by NHAI in the new AI-powered barrier-free tolling system?

- A) Blockchain Technology
- B) Quantum Computing
- C) LiDAR and ANPR Cameras
- D) Satellite Navigation
- E) Optical Fibre Network

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is piloting AI-powered Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling systems at selected toll plazas.
- Pilot projects are currently underway at Manoharpur in Rajasthan, Hyderabad in Telangana, and Choryasi toll plaza in Gujarat.
- The MLFF system allows vehicles to pass through toll plazas without stopping.
- The technology uses LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and ANPR cameras for real-time vehicle tracking and identification.
- NHAI has partnered with Cron AI to deploy its senseEdge platform for the project.
- The system can identify vehicle details, classify vehicles, and automatically collect toll fees using FASTag-linked RFID technology.
- The AI-powered tolling system aims to reduce traffic congestion, fuel consumption, and carbon emissions.
- The government plans nationwide implementation of MLFF tolling systems by the end of 2026.

Static Part:

- NHAI Established – 1988
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chairperson – Santosh Kumar Yadav
- Ministry – Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- MLFF Full Form – Multi-Lane Free Flow
- FASTag Technology – RFID-based Electronic Toll Collection





Ques: Who is set to become the first BJP Chief Minister of West Bengal?

- A) Dilip Ghosh
- B) Suwendu Adhikari
- C) Locket Chatterjee
- D) Tapas Roy
- E) Sukanta Majumdar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari has been elected as the leader of the BJP Legislature Party in West Bengal. ([Awaz The Voice](#))
- He is set to become the first BJP Chief Minister of West Bengal. ([The News Mill](#))
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended the BJP Legislature Party meeting in Kolkata. ([Onmanorama](#))
- BJP won 207 seats in the Assembly elections, while Trinamool Congress (TMC) secured 80 seats. ([Onmanorama](#))
- Suwendu Adhikari earlier served as Leader of Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly. ([Wikipedia](#))
- His appointment marks the first time BJP has formed a government in West Bengal. ([The Economic Times](#))

Static Part:

- West Bengal Formation – 26 January 1950
- Capital – Kolkata
- Governor – R. N. Ravi
- Legislative Assembly Seats – 294





Ques: Which ministry developed the Swasth Bharat Portal launched by Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda?

- A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C) Ministry of AYUSH
- D) Ministry of Rural Development
- E) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the Swasth Bharat Portal.
- The portal is a unified digital platform for integrating multiple health programme systems across India.
- It was developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- The portal was unveiled during the 10th National Summit on Innovation and Inclusivity: Best Practices Shaping India's Health Future.
- The platform aims to improve coordination, accessibility, and efficiency in healthcare programme delivery.

Static Part:

- MoHFW Full Form – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Union Health Minister – Jagat Prakash Nadda
- Swasth Bharat Portal focuses on digital integration of health services





Ques: According to NCRB's Crime in India 2024 report, by what percentage did cybercrime cases increase in 2024, and what was the primary motive behind most cybercrime cases?

- A) 10% increase — Sexual Exploitation
- B) 17% increase — Fraud
- C) 17% increase — Extortion
- D) 6% increase — Fraud
- E) 25% increase — Fraud

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- According to NCRB's Crime in India 2024 report, cybercrime cases increased by more than 17% in 2024, rising from 86,420 cases in 2023 to 1,01,928 cases in 2024.
- Around 72.6% of cybercrime cases were motivated by fraud, accounting for 73,987 cases.
- Sexual exploitation accounted for 3.1% cases, while extortion accounted for 2.5% of cybercrime cases.
- Overall cognisable crimes in India declined by 6% to 58.86 lakh cases in 2024 compared to 2023.
- Cases against Scheduled Castes (SCs) declined by 3.6% to 55,698, while cases against Scheduled Tribes (STs) dropped by 23.1% to 9,966.
- Drug overdose deaths increased by 50% in 2024, rising from 650 deaths in 2023 to 978 deaths in 2024.
- Tamil Nadu recorded the highest drug overdose deaths with 313 cases, followed by Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Mizoram.
- NCRB's ADSI 2024 report recorded 1,70,746 suicides in 2024, with daily wage earners accounting for 31% of total suicide victims.
- The farming sector accounted for 6.2% of total suicides, including farmers and agricultural labourers.
- At least 7 out of every 10 suicide victims were men.
- Exam Trick — Overall crime dropped by 6%, but cybercrime increased by 17%, and





drug overdose deaths jumped by 50%.

Static Part:

- Report Name – Crime in India 2024
- Released By – NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau)
- NCRB Headquarters – New Delhi
- Ministry – Ministry of Home Affairs
- ADSI Full Form – Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India
- Highest Drug Overdose Deaths State – Tamil Nadu



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Ques: Where has the Indian Institute of Technology Madras Global Research Foundation established its first United States centre?

- A) New York
- B) Boston
- C) Menlo Park, California
- D) Chicago
- E) Seattle

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras Global Research Foundation established its first United States centre in Menlo Park, California.
- The centre became operational on 24 April 2026.
- It is located near Silicon Valley to support startup incubation, technology commercialisation, and deep-tech research.
- The project has a planned investment of USD 7.5 million.
- Out of this, USD 4.5 million is a greenfield investment from IITM Global.
- IITM Global has also planned to establish a second centre on the United States East Coast.

Static Part:

- IIT Madras Established – 1959
- IIT Madras Location – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Silicon Valley is a major global technology and startup hub in California, USA





Ques: India and the European Union jointly launched a €15.2 million initiative related to which sector?

- A) Space Technology
- B) EV Battery Recycling
- C) Defence Manufacturing
- D) Semiconductor Production
- E) Nuclear Energy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and the European Union jointly launched a €15.2 million initiative for EV battery recycling.
- The initiative aims to strengthen electric vehicle (EV) battery recycling and promote a circular economy.
- The programme was launched under the framework of the India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC).
- The initiative is part of the TTC Working Group on Green and Clean Energy Technologies.
- Funding will be provided through the EU's Horizon Europe Programme, while India's Ministry of Heavy Industries will support domestic participation.
- The initiative focuses on developing advanced battery recycling technologies and improving recovery systems for critical minerals.
- It will support recycling and reuse of critical minerals such as lithium, graphite, and cobalt.
- A joint India-EU pilot line will be established in India for industrial deployment and testing of recycling technologies.
- The programme will bring together researchers, startups, industries, and stakeholders from both regions.
- The initiative will also focus on safe and digitalised battery collection systems and second-life applications of batteries.
- Ajay Kumar Sood described the initiative as a "pivotal moment" in India-EU strategic partnership.
- EU Ambassador to India Hervé Delphin highlighted the importance of batteries in the

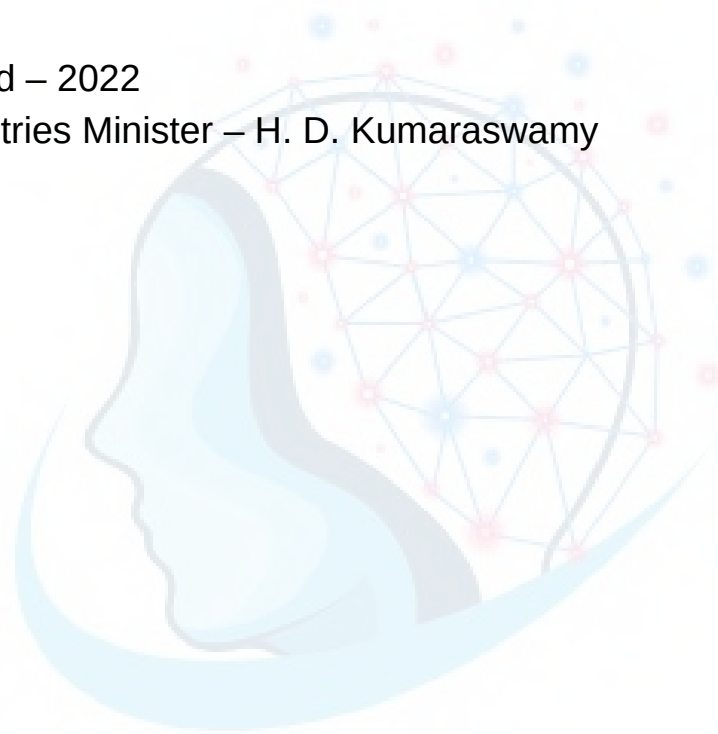




green transition.

Static Part:

- European Union Established – 1993
- Headquarters – Brussels, Belgium
- Total Member Countries – 27
- Currency – Euro (€)
- India-EU TTC Launched – 2022
- Ministry of Heavy Industries Minister – H. D. Kumaraswamy



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Ques: Which company became India's first space-tech unicorn after raising nearly USD 60 million in funding?

- A) Pixxel
- B) Agnikul Cosmos
- C) Skyroot Aerospace
- D) Bellatrix Aerospace
- E) Dhruva Space

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace became India's first space-tech unicorn.
- The company achieved this status after raising nearly USD 60 million in fresh funding.
- Following the funding round, the company's valuation reached 1.1 billion U.S. dollars.
- Skyroot Aerospace is preparing to launch Vikram-1.
- Vikram-1 will be India's first privately developed orbital rocket.

Static Part:

- Skyroot Aerospace Headquarters – Hyderabad, Telangana
- Unicorn Company – A startup valued at over USD 1 billion





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Vodafone Idea?

- A) Sunil Bharti Mittal
- B) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- C) Akshaya Moondra
- D) Ravinder Takkar
- E) N Chandrasekaran

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Kumar Mangalam Birla has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Vodafone Idea with immediate effect.
- He replaced Ravinder Takkar, who stepped down from the chairman position.
- Ravinder Takkar will continue as a Non-Executive Director on the company's board.
- Kumar Mangalam Birla had earlier served as Chairman of Vodafone Idea from August 2018 to August 2021.
- The Central Government reduced Vodafone Idea's AGR dues by 27% to ₹64,046 crore.
- Vodafone Idea plans to raise ₹25,000 crore through bank funding and ₹10,000 crore through non-funded facilities.
- The company aims to support a ₹45,000 crore capital expenditure programme over the next three years.

Static Part:

- Vodafone Idea Founded – 31 August 2018
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Parent Groups – Aditya Birla Group & Vodafone Group
- AGR Full Form – Adjusted Gross Revenue





Ques: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) recently lifted restrictions on athletes from which country?

- A) Russia
- B) Ukraine
- C) Kazakhstan
- D) Belarus
- E) Poland

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) lifted restrictions on athletes from Belarus.
- Belarusian athletes will now be allowed to compete again in the Olympic Games.
- However, restrictions on Russian athletes still remain in place.
- The IOC is responsible for organising and overseeing the Olympic Games.

Static Part:

- IOC Full Form – International Olympic Committee
- IOC Formation – 23 June 1894
- Headquarters – Lausanne, Switzerland
- President – Kirsty Coventry





Ques: Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff?

- A) Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- B) Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh
- C) Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
- D) Admiral Karambir Singh
- E) Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has appointed Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan as the next Chief of the Naval Staff.
- He is currently serving as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command.
- He will succeed Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, who will retire on 31 May 2026.
- Vice Admiral Swaminathan has nearly four decades of operational and strategic experience in the Indian Navy.
- He has held several important operational and leadership roles during his naval career.

Static Part:

- Indian Navy Founded – 1612
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Motto – “Sham No Varunah”





Ques: What was the theme of World Asthma Day 2026?

- A) Healthy Lungs for All
- B) Stop Asthma Attacks
- C) Access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma – still an urgent need
- D) Breath Better, Live Better
- E) Clean Air, Healthy Life

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Asthma Day is observed every year on the first Tuesday of May.
- In 2026, World Asthma Day was observed on 5 May.
- The theme for 2026 was “Access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma – still an urgent need.”
- The day spreads awareness about asthma care, prevention, and treatment accessibility.
- It also highlights the importance of equal access to essential inhaler medicines worldwide.

Static Part:

- World Asthma Day is organised by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA)
- GINA Full Form – Global Initiative for Asthma
- Asthma is a chronic disease affecting the airways of the lungs





Ques: What is the theme of World Hand Hygiene Day 2026?

- A) Clean Hands for Healthy Life
- B) Hygiene for All
- C) Action saves lives – Safer care starts with clean hands
- D) Prevent Infection, Save Lives
- E) Safe Healthcare for Everyone

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Hand Hygiene Day is observed every year on 5 May.
- The 2026 edition marks the 18th observance of the day.
- The theme for 2026 is “Action saves lives – Safer care starts with clean hands.”
- The day promotes the importance of hand hygiene in healthcare settings.
- It also raises awareness about infection prevention and patient safety.

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Ques: What restriction has RBI removed while easing capital adequacy norms for banks effective May 8, 2026?

- A) Banks cannot include annual profits in CRAR
- B) NPA provisioning must not deviate more than 25% from 4-quarter average
- C) Banks must maintain minimum CRAR of 12%
- D) Quarterly profits can only be included after annual audit
- E) NPA provisioning must not exceed 10% of total assets

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI eased capital adequacy norms effective May 8, 2026, allowing banks to include current-year profits in CRAR calculations on a quarterly basis.
- Earlier, banks could include quarterly net profits in CRAR only if NPA provisioning did not deviate by more than 25% from the four-quarter average.
- RBI has now completely removed this restrictive condition.
- Banks can now more freely include current-year profits in CRAR calculations, provided financial statements are audited or reviewed.
- The move aligns with Basel III norms and will help banks better reflect their capital strength.

Static Part:

- Regulator — Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- RBI Governor — Sanjay Malhotra | HQ — Mumbai
- Effective Date — May 8, 2026
- Change — Removal of 25% NPA deviation condition for CRAR profit inclusion
- CRAR Full Form — Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio
- Old Condition — NPA provisioning must not deviate >25% from 4-quarter average
- New Rule — Quarterly profits includable in CRAR without NPA condition
- Condition Retained — Financial statements must be audited/reviewed
- Framework — Basel III Capital Adequacy Framework
- Minimum CRAR (India) — 9% (vs Basel III requirement of 8%)
- Minimum Tier 1 Capital — 7%
- Capital Conservation Buffer — 2.5%





Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs. 31.80 lakh on which bank for non-compliance with KYC provisions?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) YES Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) IndusInd Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs. 31.80 lakh on YES Bank.
- The penalty was imposed for non-compliance with certain provisions related to “Know Your Customer” (KYC) norms.
- RBI also imposed a penalty of Rs. 1.8 lakh on Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd.
- The penalty on Hinduja Housing Finance was related to non-compliance with RBI directions regarding governance.
- RBI regulates banks and financial institutions in India to ensure compliance with banking and financial norms.

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Ques: What is the name of the task force constituted by SEBI to evaluate cybersecurity risks arising from advanced AI tools?

- A) Cyber Shield India
- B) AI Secure Task Force
- C) Secure Market Initiative
- D) Digital Defence Group
- E) Cyber-suraksha.ai

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) constituted a dedicated task force named “Cyber-suraksha.ai”.
- The task force will evaluate cybersecurity risks arising from advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools.
- Its objective is to strengthen cyber resilience in the securities market ecosystem.
- The group will examine cybersecurity risks linked to AI-based systems.
- It will also develop uniform mitigation strategies and share threat intelligence.
- The task force will review vulnerabilities and cyber incidents across the securities market ecosystem.

Static Part:

- SEBI Established – 1988
- SEBI Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- SEBI Chairman – Tuhin Kanta Pandey





Ques: What was the standalone net profit reported by SBI in Financial Year 2025–26?

- A) Rs. 70,901 crore
- B) Rs. 75,450 crore
- C) Rs. 80,032 crore
- D) Rs. 82,500 crore
- E) Rs. 85,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) reported a 13% year-on-year increase in standalone net profit in Financial Year 2025–26.
- SBI's standalone net profit stood at Rs. 80,032 crore in FY 2025–26.
- In Financial Year 2024–25, the standalone net profit was Rs. 70,901 crore.
- In the fourth quarter of FY 2025–26, SBI reported a standalone net profit of Rs. 19,684 crore.
- The net profit in the year-ago quarter was Rs. 18,643 crore.
- The Q4 profit showed a modest 6% year-on-year increase.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India?

- A) Anil Chauhan
- B) Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- C) Krishna Swaminathan
- D) N. S. Raja Subramani
- E) Manoj Pande

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- N. S. Raja Subramani has been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India.
- He will succeed Anil Chauhan, whose tenure ends on 30 May.
- Along with serving as CDS, he will also head the Department of Military Affairs.
- Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan has also been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff.
- He will replace Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, who retires on 31 May.

Static Part:

- CDS Full Form – Chief of Defence Staff
- Department of Military Affairs Formed – 2020
- Indian Navy Headquarters – New Delhi
- Current Defence Minister – Rajnath Singh





Ques: Who secured another term as the Chief Minister of Puducherry after the 2026 Assembly elections?

- A) V. Narayanasamy
- B) A. Namassivayam
- C) N. Rangasamy
- D) K. Kailashnathan
- E) C. Joseph Vijay

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- N. Rangasamy was re-elected as the leader of the NDA legislature party after the NDA's victory in the 2026 Puducherry Assembly elections.
- The NDA retained power in Puducherry, with NR Congress winning 12 seats and BJP securing 4 seats in the 30-member Assembly.
- Rangasamy won the Thattanchavady Assembly constituency by a margin of 4,441 votes.
- A. Namassivayam was elected as the deputy leader of the NDA legislature party.
- N. Rangasamy is also the founder of NR Congress.

Static Part:

- Puducherry Capital – Puducherry
- Lieutenant Governor – K. Kailashnathan
- Legislative Assembly Seats – 30
- Founder of NR Congress – N. Rangasamy





Ques: Who won the South Asia Regional Winner title at the Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards 2026?

- A) Aisha Kiran
- B) Soma Mandal
- C) Corina Corpas
- D) Joanne Newman
- E) Elizabeth Seemann

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Soma Mandal from GD Goenka Public School, Delhi, won the South Asia Regional Winner title at the Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards 2026.
- She was honoured for her outstanding contribution to environmental and climate change education.
- The awards are presented by Cambridge University Press & Assessment.
- A total of nine regional winners from different countries were selected in 2026.

The nine regional winners selected this year are:

- Abigail Agyeiwaa : Ghana
- Muhammet Aydin : Turkiye
- Corina Corpas : Colombia
- Shingang Ding : China
- Aisha Kiran : Pakistan





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- Elizabeth Seemann : USA
- Velerie Wheelervon Primus : Malaysia





Ques: Which organisation developed the Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA) weapon system?

- A) ISRO
- B) HAL
- C) Research Centre Imarat (RCI)
- D) Bharat Electronics Limited
- E) BDL

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- DRDO and the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully conducted the maiden flight trial of the Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA) weapon system.
- The trial was carried out off the coast of Odisha.
- TARA was developed by Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad.
- Research Centre Imarat is a laboratory under DRDO.
- The successful trial marked an important step in strengthening India's indigenous defence capabilities.

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Ques: In which wildlife sanctuary was the Royal Bengal Tiger photographed after nearly two decades?

- A) Kaziranga National Park
- B) Namdapha National Park
- C) D'Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary
- D) Manas National Park
- E) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A Royal Bengal Tiger was photographed in D'Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary after nearly 20 years through a camera trap survey.
- The tiger sighting confirmed the return of the species to the sanctuary.
- The sanctuary is located near Pasighat in the East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- The sanctuary spreads across nearly 190 square kilometres.
- Earlier, forest officials had noticed indirect signs of tiger presence but lacked photographic evidence.
- Multiple rounds of systematic monitoring and camera trapping were carried out to verify tiger presence.
- The survey was conducted with technical support from Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE).
- Other endangered species such as the Chinese pangolin and Hispid hare were also recorded during the survey.
- Forest officials stated that the tiger's return reflects successful conservation efforts and ecosystem resilience.
- The development is expected to boost eco-tourism and employment opportunities in nearby villages.

Static Part:

- Arunachal Pradesh Capital – Itanagar





- Chief Minister – Pema Khandu
- Governor – Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik
- National Park in Arunachal Pradesh – Namdapha National Park
- Project Tiger Launched – 1973
- National Animal of India – Royal Bengal Tiger



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Ques: Which ministry released the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 Report for 2023–24?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- E) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj released the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 Report for 2023–24 on National Panchayati Raj Day (24 April).
- The index acts as a localized report card for Panchayats.
- It evaluates each Panchayat on 150 indicators and 230 data points across nine thematic areas.
- The objective is to achieve Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).
- The report categories are Achiever (90 and above), Front Runner (75 to below 90), Performer (60 to below 75), Aspirant (40 to below 60), and Beginner (Below 40).
- Achiever category requires a score of 90 and above.
- Nationally, no Gram Panchayat achieved the Achiever category.
- A total of 3,635 Gram Panchayats were placed in the Front Runner category.
- The Performer category had the highest number of Gram Panchayats with 1,18,824 GPs.
- The report recorded a national participation rate of 97.30%, with 2,59,867 Gram Panchayats submitting validated data.
- Uttar Pradesh recorded the maximum participation with all 57,678 Gram Panchayats participating.
- A total of 33 States and Union Territories participated in the index.
- West Bengal did not participate, while Delhi and Chandigarh were excluded because they do not have Gram Panchayats.
- The nine thematic areas include Poverty Free, Healthy Village, Child-Friendly, Water Sufficient, Clean and Green, Self-Sufficient Infrastructure, Socially Just and Secured, Good Governance, and Women-Friendly Panchayats.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chief Minister-designate of Tamil Nadu after securing support from 120 MLAs?

- A) M. K. Stalin
- B) Edappadi K. Palaniswami
- C) C. Joseph Vijay
- D) K. Annamalai
- E) T. T. V. Dhinakaran

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- C. Joseph Vijay, president of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), will be sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar appointed Vijay as the Chief Minister-designate after he secured support from 120 MLAs in the 234-member Assembly.
- The development ends nearly six decades of alternating rule between Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK).
- Vijay has been directed to prove majority in the Assembly by 13 May.
- The political development is considered a major shift in Tamil Nadu politics.

Static Part:

- Tamil Nadu Capital – Chennai
- Tamil Nadu Formation Day – 1 November 1956
- Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- Legislative Assembly Seats – 234
- Chief Minister-designate Party – Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK)





Ques: Which company launched the 5th edition of the “Solve for Tomorrow” innovation programme in India?

- A) LG
- B) Xiaomi
- C) Sony
- D) Panasonic
- E) Samsung

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- South Korean consumer electronics company Samsung launched the 5th edition of its flagship innovation and education programme “Samsung Solve for Tomorrow” in India.
- The 2026 edition will provide incubation grants worth Rs. 2 crore.
- The grants will be awarded to the top four winning teams.
- The programme aims to help teams further develop and scale their innovative ideas.
- Incubation support for the selected teams will be provided at IIT Delhi.
- Samsung Solve for Tomorrow focuses on innovation, education, and problem-solving among youth.

Static Part:

- Samsung Headquarters – Suwon, South Korea
- Programme Name – Samsung Solve for Tomorrow
- Incubation Support Partner – IIT Delhi
- IIT Delhi Established – 1961





Ques: India and Vietnam have set a bilateral trade target of how much by 2030?

- A) US\$ 25 billion
- B) US\$ 20 billion
- C) US\$ 15 billion
- D) US\$ 30 billion
- E) US\$ 35 billion

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India and Vietnam have set a bilateral trade target of US\$25 billion by 2030.
- The decision was announced after talks held in New Delhi between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vietnamese President To Lam.
- President To Lam visited India on a three-day state visit.
- India and Vietnam signed 13 agreements during the visit.
- The agreements covered areas such as digital payments, rare earths, and defence cooperation.
- The leaders also discussed regional security issues amid China's growing assertiveness.
- Bilateral trade between India and Vietnam stood at around US\$16.46 billion in 2025–26.
- Vietnam was India's first comprehensive strategic partner in ASEAN.

Static Part | :

- ASEAN Full Form – Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- Vietnam Capital – Hanoi
- Vietnam Currency – Vietnamese Dong
- ASEAN Headquarters – Jakarta, Indonesia





Ques: What is the name of the digital platform launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to strengthen maternal and child healthcare services?

- A) JANANI
- B) POSHAN Care
- C) Surakshit Maa Portal
- D) MatriRaksha
- E) Aarogya Shishu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched JANANI (Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care).
- JANANI is a digital platform aimed at strengthening maternal and child healthcare services across India.
- The platform was launched during the National Summit on Innovation and Inclusivity.
- It has been developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- The platform enables digital tracking of pregnancy, childbirth, and newborn care.
- JANANI is an upgraded version of the existing Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) portal.
- A major feature of the platform is QR-enabled digital Mother and Child Health (MCH) cards.





Ques: Amanpreet Singh Gill, who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?

- A) Hockey
- B) Football
- C) Wrestling
- D) Cricket
- E) Kabaddi

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Amanpreet Singh Gill was a former pace bowler in domestic cricket for Punjab.
- He represented Punjab in the Ranji Trophy.
- Gill was also part of the India Under-19 cricket team.
- He played for Punjab Kings (formerly Kings XI Punjab) in the inaugural IPL season in 2008.
- Amanpreet Singh Gill recently passed away.

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Ques: Rabindranath Tagore became the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature for which work?

- A) Gora
- B) Ghare-Baire
- C) Chokher Bali
- D) Gitanjali
- E) Kabuliwala

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- May 7, 2026 marked the 165th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore.
- Rabindranath Tagore was born on 7 May 1861.
- In 1913, he became the first non-European and first Asian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.
- He received the Nobel Prize for his famous work “Gitanjali”.
- Tagore was awarded knighthood by the British Crown in 1915.
- He wrote “Jana Gana Mana” in 1911.
- The song was first sung publicly during the Calcutta Session of the Indian National Congress on 27 December 1911.
- “Jana Gana Mana” was officially adopted as the National Anthem of India on 24 January 1950.

Static Part:

- Rabindranath Tagore Born – 7 May 1861
- Nobel Prize in Literature – 1913
- National Anthem of India – Jana Gana Mana
- India adopted the National Anthem on – 24 January 1950





Ques: What was the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2026?

- A) Protect Birds, Protect Nature
- B) Flyways for a Better Future
- C) Every Bird Counts – Observations Matter!
- D) Birds Connect Our World
- E) Save Wetlands, Save Birds

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Migratory Bird Day is observed on the second Saturday in May and the second Saturday in October every year.
- In 2026, World Migratory Bird Day was observed on 9 May.
- The theme for 2026 was “Every Bird Counts – Observations Matter!”
- The day aims to raise awareness about migratory birds and the need for their conservation.
- It also highlights the importance of bird observations and citizen participation in conservation efforts.

Static Part:

- World Migratory Bird Day is observed twice every year
- Observed in – May and October
- Purpose – Conservation of migratory birds and their habitats
- Coordinated by – CMS and AEWA





Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) signed an MoU on mutual cooperation in central banking with which institution?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) Bank of England
- D) International Monetary Fund
- E) European Central Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the European Central Bank (ECB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on mutual cooperation in the field of central banking.
- The MoU was signed by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra and ECB President Christine Lagarde.
- The signing took place on the sidelines of the meetings of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Basel.
- The new MoU updates the earlier agreement signed between RBI and ECB in 2015.
- The agreement aims to strengthen cooperation and exchange of information in central banking matters.

Static Part :

- European Central Bank (ECB) Established – 1 June 1998
- ECB Headquarters – Frankfurt, Germany
- ECB President – Christine Lagarde
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- BIS Headquarters – Basel, Switzerland





Ques: Which state has the highest number of registered investors on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) as of April 2026?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Karnataka
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) crossed 13 crore unique registered investors.
- The latest 1 crore investors were added in just 7 months since September 2025.
- NSE took 14 years to reach its first 1 crore investors after commencement of operations.
- It took another 11 years to add the next 3 crore investors, reflecting rapid retail participation in recent years.
- The total number of client codes reached 25.7 crore as of 25 April 2026.
- Investor participation expanded to 99.85% of India's PIN codes, showing deep geographical penetration.
- Maharashtra leads with 2 crore investors, followed by Uttar Pradesh with 1.5 crore and Gujarat with 1.1 crore investors.

Static Part:

- NSE Full Form – National Stock Exchange
- NSE Founded – 27 November 1992
- NSE Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- NSE MD & CEO – Ashish Kumar Chauhan





Ques: What is the annual premium for PMSBY and what is the maximum accidental death cover provided under the scheme?

- A) ₹436/year — ₹4 lakh cover
- B) ₹20/year — ₹1 lakh cover
- C) ₹436/year — ₹2 lakh cover
- D) ₹20/year — ₹2 lakh cover
- E) ₹20/year — ₹4 lakh cover

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The three Jan Suraksha Schemes — PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY — completed 11 years on May 9, 2026.
- These schemes were launched on May 9, 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide affordable financial security to vulnerable and underserved sections of society.
- PMJJBY recorded 27.43 crore cumulative enrolments as on 29 April 2026.
- Under PMJJBY, ₹21,512.50 crore was paid for 10,75,625 claims.
- PMJJBY offers life insurance coverage for death due to any cause with a premium of ₹436 per year.
- The scheme covers individuals aged 18–50 years and provides a benefit of ₹2 lakh.
- PMSBY recorded the highest enrolments among the three schemes with 58.09 crore cumulative enrolments.
- PMSBY paid ₹3,667.52 crore for 1,84,662 claims.
- PMSBY provides accidental death and disability insurance with an annual premium of ₹20.
- The scheme covers individuals aged 18–70 years and offers accidental death cover up to ₹2 lakh.
- APY recorded 9.04 crore enrolments as on 30 April 2026.
- APY provides a guaranteed monthly pension ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 after the age of 60 years.
- APY is administered by PFRDA under the National Pension System (NPS).
- The schemes have significantly expanded financial inclusion and social security





coverage in India over the last 11 years.

Static Part:

- Launch Date – 9 May 2015
- 11th Anniversary – 9 May 2026
- Launched By – Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- PMJJBY Full Form – Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
- PMSBY Full Form – Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
- APY Full Form – Atal Pension Yojana
- PMJJBY Premium – ₹436 per year
- PMSBY Premium – ₹20 per year
- PMJJBY Coverage – ₹2 lakh
- PMSBY Coverage – ₹2 lakh accidental death cover
- APY Pension Range – ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 per month
- Administered By APY – PFRDA under NPS

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Ques: Which Indian private sector bank recently signed a \$500 million offshore loan with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.?

- A) Axis Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- E) IndusInd Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Axis Bank Ltd signed a \$500 million offshore loan agreement with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.
- Axis Bank is India's third-largest private sector lender.
- The offshore loan facility has a tenure of three years.
- The loan pricing will be based on SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate).
- An offshore loan is borrowed from a bank or financial institution located outside the borrower's home country.
- If an Indian bank or company takes a loan from a foreign bank located abroad, it is called an offshore loan.
- SOFR is a benchmark interest rate used in global financial markets.
- It reflects the cost at which banks and financial institutions borrow money overnight.

Static Part:

- Axis Bank Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Axis Bank Established – 1993
- SOFR Full Form – Secured Overnight Financing Rate
- Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Headquarters – Tokyo, Japan





Ques: Which city will host the inaugural edition of the World Yogasana Championship in June 2026?

- A) Ahmedabad
- B) Bengaluru
- C) New Delhi
- D) Jaipur
- E) Lucknow

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India is set to host the inaugural edition of the World Yogasana Championship.
- The championship will be held from June 4 to 8, 2026.
- The event will take place in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- More than 40 countries are expected to participate in the championship.
- The event is being organised by Yogasana Bharat under the aegis of World Yogasana.
- The championship aims to promote Yogasana as a global competitive sport.

Static Part:

- Host City – Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Event Duration – 4 to 8 June 2026
- Organiser – Yogasana Bharat





Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2026 Norway visit will be the first by an Indian PM in how many years?

- A) 25 Years
- B) 30 Years
- C) 35 Years
- D) 43 Years
- E) 50 Years

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Norway on 18–19 May 2026.
- This will be the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Norway in 43 years.
- The previous visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Norway took place in 1983.
- Discussions during the visit will focus on long-term LPG agreements between India and Norway.
- The two countries will also discuss maritime partnerships and cooperation.
- Climate action and energy transition are expected to be key areas of discussion during the visit.
- The visit is expected to strengthen bilateral relations between India and Norway.
- Norway is an important Nordic country with strong expertise in clean energy and maritime sectors.

Static Part:

- Norway Capital – Oslo
- Currency – Norwegian Krone
- Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Last Indian PM Visit to Norway – 1983
- Region – Nordic Europe





Ques: Who has been nominated as the Co-Chair of the Saudi-India Business Council (SIBC) by FICCI?

- A) Nita Ambani
- B) Priyanka Mittal
- C) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- D) Soma Mondal
- E) Roshni Nadar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- FICCI nominated Priyanka Mittal as the Co-Chair of the Saudi-India Business Council (SIBC).
- Priyanka Mittal is the Director of KRBL Limited.
- KRBL stands for Khushi Ram & Behari Lal Limited.
- Dr. Siddeek Ahmed, Chairman of Eram Holdings, was appointed as the Chair of the Indian side of the Council.
- The Saudi-India Business Council aims to strengthen trade and economic cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia.

Static Part:

- FICCI Full Form – Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- KRBL Headquarters – Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- Saudi Arabia Capital – Riyadh
- Saudi Arabia Currency – Saudi Riyal





Ques: Under which mission was India's advanced Agni missile with MIRV technology successfully tested?

- A) Mission Shakti
- B) Mission Suraksha
- C) Mission Divyastra
- D) Mission Agneepath
- E) Mission Rakshak

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India successfully conducted the test-firing of an advanced Agni missile equipped with MIRV technology.
- The test was carried out from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- The missile was tested under Mission Divyastra.
- MIRV stands for Multiple Independently Targeted Re-Entry Vehicle.
- MIRV technology allows a single missile to carry multiple warheads and strike different targets simultaneously.
- The missile has a strike range of nearly 5,000 kilometres.
- The missile system was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Agni-1 to Agni-4 missiles have strike ranges from 700 km to 3,500 km.





Ques: According to the NITI Aayog report “School Education System in India”, how many students drop out before completing higher secondary education?

- A) 1 out of 10
- B) 2 out of 10
- C) 3 out of 10
- D) 4 out of 10
- E) 5 out of 10

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- NITI Aayog released a report titled “School Education System in India” highlighting major challenges in India’s education sector.
- The report stated that although India has achieved near-universal enrolment at the primary level, student retention remains weak at higher levels.
- According to the report, 4 out of 10 students drop out before completing higher secondary education.
- India currently has around 14.71 lakh schools and 24.69 crore students.
- Only 5.4% schools provide continuous education from Grade 1 to 12, which the report described as a “pyramid structure”.
- The number of schools declines sharply at the higher secondary level, with only 1.64 lakh schools available.
- Nearly 7,993 schools reported zero student enrolment, with the highest numbers in West Bengal and Telangana.
- The report recommended replacing “cylindrical schooling” with composite schools covering Grades 1–12 under one roof.
- Reading proficiency among Grade 8 students declined from 74.7% in 2014 to 71.1% in 2024.
- According to PARAKH 2024, less than 30% of Grade 6 students were competent in fractions.
- The report highlighted overdependence on rote learning and weak conceptual understanding among students.

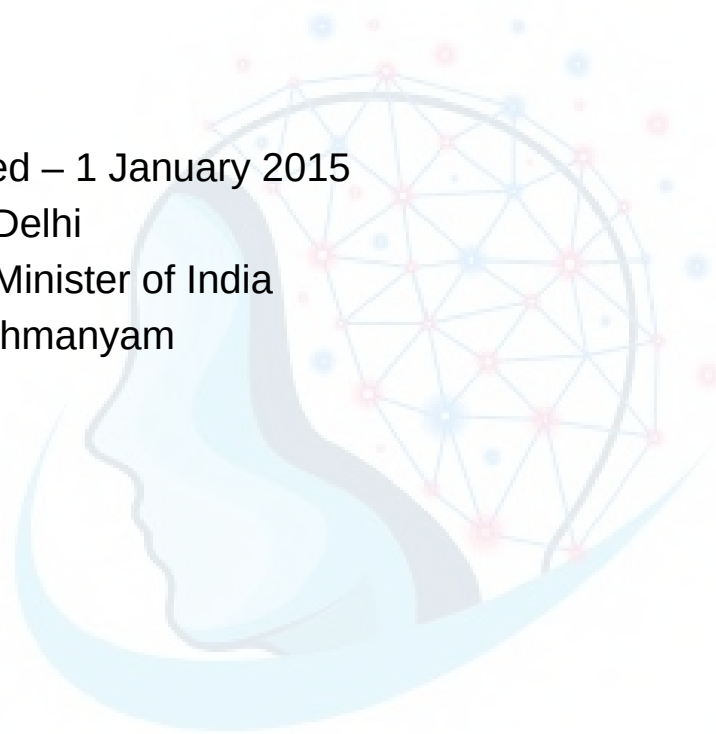




- It also raised concerns regarding teacher quality and competency levels.
- Studies cited in the report showed that only 2% of teachers scored above 70% in mathematics assessments.
- The report warned that introducing AI and Computational Thinking without proper teacher training may affect students' independent thinking.

Static Part:

- NITI Aayog Established – 1 January 2015
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chairperson – Prime Minister of India
- CEO – B. V. R. Subrahmanyam



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Ques: Deepak Bhatia recently received the prestigious Erth Dubai Award under which category?

- A) Best Entrepreneur
- B) Best Export Company
- C) Best Private Sector Entity
- D) Best Innovation Award
- E) Best Community Leader

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Deepak Bhatia, Managing Director of Uncle's Shop Building Material Trading, received the prestigious Erth Dubai Award.
- He received the award under the category of "Best Private Sector Entity."
- The achievement is considered a landmark moment for Dubai's Indian business community.
- The award was presented by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.
- Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum is the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and the Ruler of Dubai.

Static Part:

- UAE Capital – Abu Dhabi
- Dubai is one of the seven emirates of the UAE
- UAE Currency – UAE Dirham





Ques: Where was the Indian Coast Guard Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) 'Achal' commissioned?

- A) Kochi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Chennai
- D) Goa
- E) Visakhapatnam

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) commissioned the Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) 'Achal'.
- The vessel was commissioned in Goa.
- 'Achal' is the fifth vessel in the series of eight Adamy-class Fast Patrol Vessels.
- The vessels are being built by Goa Shipyard Limited.
- The newly commissioned vessel will be stationed at Vadinar, Gujarat.
- It will operate under the operational control of Coast Guard Region (North West).
- The vessel will strengthen maritime security and coastal surveillance.

Static Part:

- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Formed – 18 August 1978
- ICG Headquarters – New Delhi
- Director General of ICG – Paramesh Sivamani
- Builder of Achal – Goa Shipyard Limited
- Stationing Location – Vadinar, Gujarat





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- The initiative aims to simplify the EV charging process by making station discovery, booking, and digital payments easier.
- The project is expected to strengthen India's EV ecosystem and improve nationwide charging accessibility.
- PM E-DRIVE Scheme Outlay – ₹10,900 Crore
- Implementing Agency for Super App – BHEL





- Target Charging Points under Scheme – 72,300
- Ministry Involved – Ministry of Heavy Industries



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Ques: India signed 8 MoUs with Trinidad and Tobago in which of the following sectors?

- A) Tourism and Healthcare only
- B) Defence and Space only
- C) Tourism, Healthcare, Infrastructure and Ayurveda
- D) Agriculture and Mining only
- E) Banking and Insurance only

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Trinidad and Tobago signed 8 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to strengthen bilateral cooperation.
- The agreements covered sectors such as tourism, healthcare, infrastructure, and Ayurveda.
- The MoUs were signed during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's two-day visit to the Caribbean nation.
- S. Jaishankar held discussions with Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar on expanding bilateral cooperation.
- The talks also reviewed the progress of announcements made during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's earlier visit to the country.
- During the visit, Jaishankar inaugurated an agro-processing facility in the presence of Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar.
- India had provided machinery worth \$1 million for the agro-processing project last year.
- The agreements are aimed at strengthening India's diplomatic, economic, and cultural engagement with Caribbean nations.
- The visit highlighted India's growing strategic outreach in the Caribbean region.

Static Part:

- Trinidad and Tobago Capital – Port of Spain
- Currency – Trinidad and Tobago Dollar





- External Affairs Minister of India – S. Jaishankar
- Ministry of External Affairs Headquarters – New Delhi
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago – Kamla Persad-Bissessar



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Ques: D. Sudhakar, who recently passed away, was the Planning and Statistics Minister of which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Telangana
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Kerala

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Karnataka Minister D. Sudhakar passed away recently.
- He served as Karnataka's Planning and Statistics Minister.
- D. Sudhakar was also a senior Congress leader.
- He was elected as MLA from the Hiriyr constituency in Chitradurga district.
- He was known for his contribution to state politics and public welfare.

Static Part:

- Capital – Bengaluru
- Karnataka Chief Minister – Siddaramaiah
- Karnataka Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot





Ques: National Technology Day in India is observed every year on which date?

- A) 5 May
- B) 9 May
- C) 20 May
- D) 15 May
- E) 11 May

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India observes National Technology Day every year on 11 May.
- The day commemorates the successful nuclear tests conducted under Operation Shakti at Pokhran, Rajasthan, on 11 May 1998.
- In 2026, India marked the 28th anniversary of the Pokhran-II nuclear tests.
- The day also marks the maiden flight of the indigenously developed Hansa-3 aircraft.
- India also successfully tested the Trishul missile on the same day.
- National Technology Day highlights India's achievements in science, defence, and technological innovation.

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Ques: SBI Cards sold a stressed credit card receivables pool worth around how much to Integro Finserv?

- A) ₹500 crore
- B) ₹1,000 crore
- C) ₹1,800 crore
- D) ₹2,500 crore
- E) ₹5,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- SBI Cards and Payment Services sold a stressed credit card receivables pool worth around ₹1,800 crore to Integro Finserv.
- Integro Finserv is a Mumbai-based Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
- SBI Cards and Payment Services had earlier executed a similar sale worth ₹200 crore in 2022.
- The move reflects a growing trend of portfolio clean-up measures among financial institutions.
- SBI Cards and Payment Services manages a credit card receivables book of around ₹60,000 crore.
- The company holds nearly 18% market share, making it one of the top three credit card issuers in India.
- SBI Cards and Payment Services has more than 20 million active credit cards.





Ques: Why did Securities and Exchange Board of India discontinue the Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform?

- A) Due to low internet connectivity
- B) Because brokers opposed the platform
- C) Due to redundancy after improvements in technological and cyber resilience systems
- D) Because the platform was merged with RBI systems
- E) Due to lack of government approval

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India discontinued the Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform with immediate effect.
- The IRRA platform was launched on 1 October 2023.
- It was designed to provide stock brokers with an alternative trading access point during disruptions in trading services.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India stated that the platform became structurally redundant because of major improvements in business continuity systems and cyber resilience mechanisms.
- The securities market has also witnessed significant advancements in technological infrastructure.





Ques: Which international organisation approved a USD 500 million loan for the Bihar Urban Transformation Programme?

- A) World Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund
- C) Asian Development Bank
- D) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- E) New Development Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The World Bank approved a USD 500 million (approximately ₹4,750 crore) loan for Bihar.
- The financial assistance has been provided for the Bihar Urban Transformation Programme.
- The programme aims to improve urban infrastructure and planned urban development in Bihar.
- The Cabinet also approved the transfer of 1.85 acres of land for developmental purposes related to the expansion of Patna Airport.
- Additionally, ₹15,967.03 crore was sanctioned for road monitoring and maintenance projects using Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based technologies.
- The AI-based system is expected to improve road quality monitoring and maintenance efficiency.

Static Part:

- World Bank Established – 1944
- World Bank Headquarters – Washington, D.C.
- Ajay Banga – President of the World Bank
- Bihar Capital – Patna





Ques: Which Indian space technology company secured a contract from the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office for hyperspectral remote sensing capabilities?

- A) Skyroot Aerospace
- B) Agnikul Cosmos
- C) Pixxel
- D) Bellatrix Aerospace
- E) Dhruva Space

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Pixxel secured a contract from the National Reconnaissance Office, United States.
- The contract was awarded under the Commercial Systems Program Office (CSPO).
- The project focuses on developing advanced hyperspectral remote sensing capabilities.
- Pixxel utilised its Firefly satellite constellation for the project.
- The Firefly constellation consists of six hyperspectral satellites launched in 2025.
- The satellites demonstrated high-resolution global Hyperspectral Imaging (HSI) capabilities.
- The project is being executed by Pixxel Federal under the leadership of Allyson Jenkins, Vice President of Pixxel.





Ques: Which framework evaluates ministries and departments on the effectiveness and timeliness of grievance redressal through CPGRAMS?

- A) PRAGATI Framework
- B) GRAI Framework
- C) Digital India Index
- D) Sevottam Model
- E) SAMARTH Framework

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Financial Services receives more than 2.5 lakh grievances annually.
- Since November 2025, Department of Financial Services has consistently ranked among the top 10 ministries/departments in the Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index (GRAI).
- In March 2026, the Insurance Division secured the top position in Group A category of GRAI.
- The Banking Division retained the 5th position for the second consecutive month.
- The GRAI framework was developed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.
- It evaluates ministries on the effectiveness and timeliness of grievance redressal through the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS).





Ques: Where was India's first functional PM MITRA Park inaugurated by Narendra Modi?

- A) Navsari
- B) Lucknow
- C) Amravati
- D) Dhar
- E) Warangal

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the country's first functional PM MITRA Park at Warangal.
- The park is being developed at a cost of ₹1,695.54 crore.
- The park is spread across 1,327 acres.
- It is strategically located near the proposed Nagpur–Vijayawada Greenfield Expressway (NH-163G).
- PM MITRA stands for PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Parks.
- The Ministry of Textiles is the nodal ministry for the PM MITRA Scheme.
- National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited is serving as the Project Management Agency (PMA).
- The Government of India has approved seven PM MITRA Parks across different states.





Ques: Which institution, in collaboration with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, developed 'Phoenix Geocell', India's first technical textile geocell made entirely from end-of-life mixed plastic waste?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- B) CSIR-Central Road Research Institute
- C) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- D) National Highways Authority of India
- E) Indian Space Research Organisation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- CSIR-Central Road Research Institute, in collaboration with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, developed and demonstrated 'Phoenix Geocell'.
- It is India's first technical textile geocell made entirely from end-of-life mixed plastic waste.
- The innovation received recognition from the India Book of Records and Asia Book of Records.
- The recognition ceremony was held at the Auditorium of CSIR-Central Road Research Institute in New Delhi.
- Phoenix Geocell is a three-dimensional honeycomb-like structure.
- The geocell is filled with soil, gravel or sand to improve structural integrity, road durability and soil stability.





Ques: Who became the 50th President of Costa Rica and the country's second woman President?

- A) Xiomara Castro
- B) Laura Fernandez
- C) Dina Boluarte
- D) Sandra Mason
- E) Christine Lagarde

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Pabitra Margherita attended the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected President of Costa Rica, Laura Fernandez.
- Laura Fernandez became the 50th President of Costa Rica.
- She also became the country's second woman President.
- Laura Fernandez replaced former President Rodrigo Chaves.
- Pabitra Margherita is serving as Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister of State for the Ministry of Textiles.
- The event highlighted diplomatic engagement between India and Costa Rica.

Static Part:

- Costa Rica Capital – San José
- Costa Rica Currency – Costa Rican Colón





Ques: Under which initiative was the first-ever export consignment of honey from Baksa district sent to the United States?

- A) Make in India
- B) Startup India
- C) PM Gati Shakti
- D) Digital India
- E) One District One Product (ODOP)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The first-ever export consignment of honey from Baksa district was sent to the United States under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative.
- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority facilitated the export.
- A total of 20 metric tons of honey was exported.
- The ODOP initiative is spearheaded by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- The initiative aims to unlock the unique economic potential of every district in India.
- The export marks an important step in promoting Assam's agricultural products in global markets.





Ques: Which city will host the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships, marking India's first hosting of the event in 44 years?

- A) Gandhinagar
- B) Mumbai
- C) New Delhi
- D) Ahmedabad
- E) Hyderabad

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India is set to host the prestigious 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships in Gandhinagar.
- The country is hosting the event for the first time in 44 years.
- Earlier, New Delhi hosted the Asian Weightlifting Championships in 1982.
- The event is expected to strengthen India's position in international weightlifting and sports hosting.
- Hosting the championship will also help promote sports infrastructure and athlete development in the country.

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Ques: What is the name of the AI-powered assistance chatbot launched by the Supreme Court of India?

- A) Su Sahay
- B) Nyaya Mitra
- C) e-Court AI
- D) Nyaya Saathi
- E) Bharat Justice Bot

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Supreme Court of India launched two major digital initiatives to strengthen judicial digital infrastructure.
- The initiatives are “One Case One Data” and “Su Sahay” AI chatbot.
- “Su Sahay” is an AI-powered assistance chatbot integrated with the Supreme Court of India website.
- The chatbot is aimed at improving accessibility and providing assistance to court users digitally.
- “One Case One Data” is a digital mechanism designed to integrate judicial administration across all courts.
- The system will connect Taluk Courts, District Courts, High Courts and the Supreme Court of India into one unified digital network.





Ques: Under the new Labour Codes, free annual health check-ups have been launched for workers above which age?

- A) 30 years
- B) 35 years
- C) 40 years
- D) 45 years
- E) 50 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Mansukh Mandaviya launched a nationwide free annual health check-up initiative under the new Labour Codes.
- The initiative is aimed at workers aged 40 years and above.
- The programme was launched at the Employees' State Insurance Corporation Medical College and Hospital.
- Eligible workers will receive free annual health screenings through Employees' State Insurance Corporation hospitals and healthcare facilities.
- The Code on Social Security, 2020 includes provisions for gig and platform workers under the social security framework.





Ques: Which body has been empowered to act as the National Appellate Authority for Advance Rulings (NAAAR) under GST?

- A) GST Council
- B) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
- C) Principal Bench of GST Appellate Tribunal
- D) Supreme Court of India
- E) Finance Commission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance empowered the Principal Bench of GST Appellate Tribunal to act as the National Appellate Authority for Advance Rulings (NAAAR).
- The notification will come into force from 1 April 2026.
- The President of the Principal Bench of GST Appellate Tribunal will serve as the Presiding Officer of the NAAAR.
- The notification was issued under sub-section (1A) of Section 101A of the Central GST (CGST) Act, 2017.
- The decision was taken on the recommendations of the GST Council.
- The Principal Bench of GSTAT was constituted under sub-section (3) of Section 109 of the CGST Act, 2017.





Ques: Under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, how many days of wage employment are guaranteed to eligible rural households in a financial year?

- A) 90 days
- B) 100 days
- C) 110 days
- D) 125 days
- E) 150 days

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Centre notified the implementation of the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 (VB-G RAM G).
- The Act will be implemented across all rural areas from 1 July 2026.
- The new Act replaces the 20-year-old Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.
- Under the Act, every eligible rural household will be guaranteed 125 days of wage employment in a financial year.
- Earlier, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act guaranteed 100 days of employment.
- Employment must be provided within 15 days from the date of application.
- The scheme is aimed at improving livelihood opportunities and strengthening rural employment security.

Static Part:

- Full Form of VB-G RAM G – Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)
- Implementation Date – 1 July 2026
- Replaced Act – Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- MGNREGA Full Form – Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- Earlier Employment Guarantee – 100 days
- New Employment Guarantee – 125 days





Ques: Which wildlife conservation initiative aims to reintroduce cheetahs into India after they were declared extinct in 1952?

- A) Project Tiger
- B) Project Elephant
- C) Project Snow Leopard
- D) Project Cheetah
- E) Green India Mission

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Two female cheetahs brought from Botswana were released into the open forest area of Kuno National Park after completing their quarantine period.
- The release was carried out by Mohan Yadav.
- The cheetahs are part of Project Cheetah, a flagship wildlife conservation initiative of the Government of India.
- The objective of Project Cheetah is to reintroduce cheetahs into India, where they were declared extinct in 1952.
- Under the project, cheetahs have been brought from Namibia, South Africa and Botswana.
- Project Cheetah is the world's first inter-continental reintroduction programme of a large carnivore.





Ques: World Athletics Day 2026 was celebrated on which date?

- A) May 1
- B) May 5
- C) May 7
- D) May 9
- E) May 11

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Athletics Day 2026 was celebrated on May 7.
- The day is organized under the global governing body for athletics, World Athletics.
- World Athletics was formerly known as the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).
- The organization is responsible for governing international athletics events and competitions.
- The headquarters of World Athletics is located in Monaco.
- The day promotes awareness about athletics and encourages youth participation in sports.

Static Part:

- b• World Athletics Former Name – IAAF**
- Headquarters – Monaco





Ques: The Government has revised the release date of annual GDP and Q4 estimates to which date every year?

- A) 31 May
- B) 1 June
- C) 5 June
- D) 7 June
- E) 10 June

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India has revised the release date of the Provisional Estimates of Annual GDP and Q4 GDP estimates.
- The data will now be released on 7 June every year.
- Earlier, the estimates were released on the last working day of May.
- If 7 June falls on a holiday, the data will be released on the previous working day.
- The revision aims to improve the accuracy and quality of GDP estimation.
- GDP data is released by the National Statistical Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- The revised schedule is expected to improve the compilation and analysis process of economic data.

Static Part:

- GDP Full Form – Gross Domestic Product
- NSO Full Form – National Statistical Office
- MoSPI Full Form – Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- New GDP Release Date – 7 June





Ques: What was India's retail inflation rate in April 2026, according to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation?

- A) 2.98%
- B) 3.12%
- C) 3.48%
- D) 4.05%
- E) 5.10%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's retail inflation increased to 3.48% in April 2026 on an annual basis.
- The data was released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- This was the fourth consecutive monthly rise under the new inflation series.
- Retail inflation in India is measured using the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Retail inflation reflects the increase in prices of goods and services commonly used by consumers.

Static Part:

- CPI Full Form – Consumer Price Index
- MoSPI Full Form – Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- Retail Inflation Measure – Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- April 2026 Retail Inflation Rate – 3.48%





Ques: Sarvodaya Co-operative Bank depositors will receive insurance claim up to how much amount from DICGC?

- A) ₹1 Lakh
- B) ₹2 Lakh
- C) ₹3 Lakh
- D) ₹5 Lakh
- E) ₹10 Lakh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India cancelled the licence of Sarvodaya Co-operative Bank Ltd. on 12 May 2026.
- RBI cited inadequate capital, weak earning prospects, and non-compliance with provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 as the main reasons.
- The bank ceased all banking operations from the close of business on 12 May 2026, including acceptance and repayment of deposits.
- RBI directed the Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra to initiate the winding-up process and appoint a liquidator.
- Depositors will get deposit insurance of up to ₹5 lakh from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation.
- About 98.36% depositors are eligible to receive the full amount of their insured deposits.
- As of 31 March 2026, DICGC had already paid ₹26.72 crore toward insured deposits.
- The cancellation reflects RBI's focus on protecting depositors and maintaining stability in the banking sector.

Static Part:

- RBI Establishment – 1 April 1935
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai





- DICGC Establishment – 15 July 1978
- DICGC Headquarters – Mumbai
- Deposit Insurance Limit – ₹5 Lakh



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Ques: How much does the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) plan to raise in fiscal year 2026–27 through domestic and overseas borrowing?

- A) ₹99,500 crore
- B) ₹82,500 crore
- C) ₹75,000 crore
- D) ₹1,25,000 crore
- E) ₹66,000 crore

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Export-Import Bank of India plans to raise about ₹99,500 crore (995 billion rupees or USD 10.5 billion) during fiscal year 2026–27.
- Around ₹66,000 crore will be raised from the domestic market.
- Domestic borrowing sources include bonds, Certificates of Deposit (CDs), and loans.
- The bank also plans to raise around USD 3.5 billion from overseas markets.
- Overseas borrowing will be done through bilateral loans and syndicated loans.
- EXIM Bank plays an important role in supporting India's international trade and export financing.

Static Part:

- EXIM Bank Full Form – Export-Import Bank of India
- EXIM Bank Established – 1982
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Fiscal Year Target Borrowing – ₹99,500 crore
- Domestic Borrowing Target – Around ₹66,000 crore
- Overseas Borrowing Target – Around USD 3.5 billion





Ques: SBI plans to raise up to US\$ 2 billion in FY27 through which financial instrument?

- A) Equity Shares
- B) Mutual Funds
- C) Foreign Currency Bonds
- D) Treasury Bills
- E) Commercial Papers

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Executive Committee of the Central Board of State Bank of India approved a proposal to raise up to US\$ 2 billion during FY 2026–27.
- The fund will be raised through long-term foreign currency bonds in one or more tranches.
- The approximate value of this fundraising in Indian currency is around ₹16,700 crore.
- SBI may issue these bonds through public offer or private placement.
- The bonds may be issued in US Dollars or other major foreign currencies.
- The bonds may carry either fixed interest rate or floating interest rate.
- The move will help SBI strengthen its global funding base and long-term capital resources.
- The fundraising plan reflects SBI's strategy to expand its international financial presence.

Static Part:

- SBI Full Form – State Bank of India
- SBI Established – 1 July 1955
- SBI Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Fundraising Target – US\$ 2 Billion
- Fundraising Instrument – Foreign Currency Bonds
- Approximate Indian Value – ₹16,700 crore





Ques: Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) signed an MoU with which organisation to fight cyber frauds and stop mule accounts?

- A) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- B) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- C) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- D) State Bank of India (SBI)
- E) National Informatics Centre (NIC)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre signed an MoU with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub to combat cyber frauds and stop mule accounts in banking and digital payment systems.
- A mule account is a bank account used to receive and transfer illegal money on behalf of others to hide the original source of funds.
- Under the partnership, information related to suspicious accounts will be shared between the organisations.
- AI-based systems will be used to detect fraud quickly and identify hidden mule accounts.
- Hidden mule accounts will be blocked faster through the collaboration.
- RBIH has developed platforms such as Unified Lending Interface (ULI), MuleHunter.AI, Digital Payments Intelligence Platform (DPIP), and RBI Fintech Repository.
- I4C is a government initiative operating under the Ministry of Home Affairs to deal with cybercrime in India.

Static Part:

- RBIH Full Form – Reserve Bank Innovation Hub
- RBIH Established – 2022
- RBIH Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka





- I4C Full Form – Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre
- I4C Launched – January 2018
- I4C Ministry – Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- I4C Location – New Delhi



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Ques: Under IMD's new pilot weather forecasting system, what is the resolution of rainfall forecasting in Uttar Pradesh?

- A) 5 km
- B) 10 km
- C) 1 km
- D) 20 km
- E) 50 km

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The India Meteorological Department launched two new AI-enabled weather forecasting products for highly accurate and localized weather predictions.
- One major pilot project has been launched in Uttar Pradesh, offering 1-km resolution rainfall forecasts.
- The forecast system can provide weather predictions up to 10 days in advance.
- The initiative focuses on hyperlocal weather forecasting for agriculture, disaster management, and public safety.
- The project has been jointly developed by India Meteorological Department, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, and National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting.
- The forecasting system is part of Mission Mausam aimed at improving India's weather prediction infrastructure.
- Initially, the pilot covers 16 states, especially rain-fed agricultural zones.
- IMD plans to expand this hyperlocal forecasting system across India in the next 2–3 years.
- Uttar Pradesh currently has over 500 weather stations and around 2,400 Automatic Rain Gauges (ARGs) supporting the project.

Static Part:





- IMD Establishment – 1875
- IMD Headquarters – New Delhi
- IITM Headquarters – Pune, Maharashtra
- NCMRWF Headquarters – Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- Mission Mausam Launch Year – 2024



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Ques: What is the theme of India's BRICS Chairship for 2026?

- A) One Earth, One Future
- B) Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- C) Inclusive Growth and Global Peace
- D) Digital Future for Emerging Economies
- E) Strengthening South-South Cooperation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India will host the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, under its BRICS chairship.
- The meeting will be chaired by S. Jaishankar.
- India assumed the BRICS Presidency for 2026 on 1 January 2026, taking over from Brazil.
- This marks India's fourth term as BRICS chair.
- The theme of India's BRICS Chairship 2026 is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
- India previously hosted the BRICS Summits in 2012, 2016, and 2021, and will host the 18th BRICS Summit in 2026.
- BRICS was founded at the first BRIC Summit held in Yekaterinburg, Russia, on 16 June 2009.

Static Part:

- BRICS Formation – 16 June 2009
- First BRIC Summit Venue – Yekaterinburg, Russia
- India's BRICS Presidency Year – 2026
- Theme of India's BRICS Chairship 2026 – "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"
- Current BRICS Members – Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia





Ques: What is the primary objective of OpenAI's newly launched 'Daybreak' initiative?

- A) Online Education
- B) Digital Payments
- C) Cybersecurity Support
- D) Space Research
- E) Healthcare Automation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- OpenAI has announced a new cybersecurity-focused initiative named Daybreak.
- The initiative is designed to help software developers and security teams.
- Daybreak uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to identify vulnerabilities in systems.
- It helps organisations detect vulnerabilities, validate fixes, and patch systems faster.
- The initiative aims to improve overall cybersecurity resilience and software protection.
- AI-driven cybersecurity tools are becoming increasingly important due to rising cyber threats globally.
- Daybreak reflects the growing use of artificial intelligence in strengthening digital security infrastructure.

Static Part:

- OpenAI Founded – 2015
- OpenAI Headquarters – San Francisco, California, USA
- CEO of OpenAI – Sam Altman
- Daybreak Focus – AI-based Cybersecurity Assistance





Ques: Which state was recognised as a “Digital Rising State” for DigiLocker integration initiatives?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Karnataka
- C) Kerala
- D) Nagaland
- E) Rajasthan

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

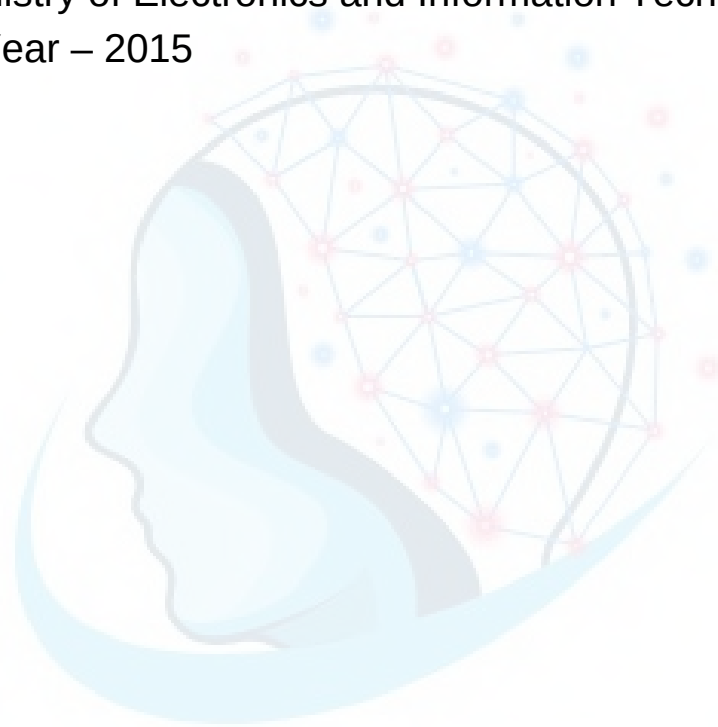
- National e-Governance Division felicitated five states for their exceptional contribution towards large-scale DigiLocker integration.
- The recognised states were Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Nagaland, and Rajasthan.
- The felicitation took place during the National Consultative Workshop on Strengthening Cybersecurity Frameworks for State Data held on 11 May 2026.
- NeGD has been working to integrate DigiLocker with citizen services across India for seamless digital governance.
- Gujarat onboarded 65% government services and extended the digital ecosystem to more than 1.92 crore citizens.
- Karnataka onboarded 73% government e-services and recorded over 2.7 crore DigiLocker users.
- Kerala integrated more than 117 services in less than seven days and serves over 1.15 crore registered users.
- Nagaland integrated more than 32 services within one month and was recognised as a “Digital Rising State.”
- Rajasthan integrated DigiLocker with Family Register Jan Aadhaar and extended services to over 7.5 crore citizens.
- The initiative simplified document access, reduced physical verification requirements, and improved ease of living through Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).





Static Part:

- DigiLocker Launched – 2015
- Launched Under – Digital India Programme
- NeGD Full Form – National e-Governance Division
- MeitY Full Form – Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- Digital India Launch Year – 2015



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Ques: Who was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Assam for the second consecutive term?

- A) Sarbananda Sonowal
- B) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- C) Ranjeet Kumar Dass
- D) Bhupen Kumar Borah
- E) Pijush Hazarika

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Himanta Biswa Sarma was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Assam for the second consecutive term.
- The oath of office was administered by Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya.
- Himanta Biswa Sarma is the 15th Chief Minister of Assam.
- He first became the Chief Minister of Assam in 2021.
- Assam is an important northeastern state known for tea production, biodiversity, and the Brahmaputra River.

Static Part:

- Assam Capital – Dispur
- Chief Minister – Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Governor – Lakshman Prasad Acharya





Ques: Under which law has the Government notified the 1% construction welfare cess?

- A) Industrial Relations Code, 2020
- B) Code on Social Security, 2020
- C) Factories Act, 1948
- D) Minimum Wages Act, 1948
- E) Labour Welfare Act, 1965

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Government notified a 1% construction welfare cess under the Code on Social Security, 2020.
- The cess aims to improve welfare benefits for construction workers.
- The notification replaces the earlier framework under the Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996.
- The cess will be levied on total construction cost excluding land and compensation costs.
- The collected amount will support schemes related to health, education, insurance, and welfare of construction workers.
- Individuals constructing houses with an estimated cost below ₹50 lakh will be exempt from the cess from November 2025.
- Around ₹49,800 crore collected as welfare cess under the previous system reportedly remained unutilised.
- The new framework aims to ensure better utilisation of welfare funds for labourers in the construction sector.

Static Part:

- Code on Social Security Implemented – 2020
- Previous Law – Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996
- Cess Rate – 1% of Construction Cost
- Exemption Limit – Houses Below ₹50 Lakh Estimated Cost
- Purpose of Cess – Welfare of Construction Workers





Ques: National Florence Nightingale Award was instituted in which year?

- A) 1965
- B) 1970
- C) 1973
- D) 1980
- E) 1985

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Florence Nightingale Award 2026 to 15 nursing professionals at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 12 May 2026.
- The ceremony was organized on the occasion of International Nurses Day.
- The awardees included Registered Nurses, Midwives, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM), and Lady Health Visitors.
- Each awardee received a Medal, Certificate of Merit, and cash prize of ₹1 lakh.
- Jagat Prakash Nadda and other senior officials were also present during the ceremony.
- The award recognizes outstanding contribution and dedicated service in nursing and healthcare.
- The theme of International Nurses Day 2026 is “Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives.”

Static Part:

- National Florence Nightingale Award Instituted – 1973
- Award Purpose – Excellence in Nursing and Healthcare Service
- Cash Prize – ₹1 Lakh
- International Nurses Day – 12 May
- International Nurses Day 2026 Theme – “Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives.”





Ques: Which company appointed Akash Ambani as Managing Director for a five-year term?

- A) Airtel
- B) Vodafone Idea
- C) Reliance Jio Infocomm
- D) Jio Platforms
- E) Reliance Retail

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Reliance Industries Limited appointed Akash Ambani as the Managing Director (MD) of Jio Platforms for a five-year term.
- The appointment became effective from April 9, 2026.
- The appointment was approved by the board and filed with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Akash Ambani earlier served as Executive Director on the board of Jio Platforms.
- He is currently serving as Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm, the telecom arm of the group.
- The move comes as Jio Platforms prepares for a mega Initial Public Offering (IPO).
- The proposed IPO is expected to raise around ₹50,000 crore.
- Jio Platforms is targeting listing in the first half of the calendar year.

Static Part:

- Jio Platforms Parent Company – Reliance Industries Limited
- Managing Director Appointed – Akash Ambani
- Appointment Effective Date – 9 April 2026
- Expected IPO Size – Around ₹50,000 crore
- MCA Full Form – Ministry of Corporate Affairs





Ques: Faustino Oro, who recently became the second-youngest Grandmaster in history, belongs to which country?

- A) Spain
- B) Argentina
- C) Brazil
- D) USA
- E) France

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Argentine chess prodigy Faustino Oro became the second-youngest Grandmaster (GM) in history.
- He secured his final GM norm at the Sardinia World Chess Festival.
- Faustino Oro achieved the feat at the age of 12 years, 6 months, and 26 days.
- He is popularly known as the “Messi of Chess.”
- Oro is behind only Abhimanyu Mishra of the United States, who became GM at 12 years and 4 months.
- The Grandmaster title is awarded by FIDE, the international governing body of chess.
- Faustino Oro’s achievement is considered a major milestone in modern chess history.

Static Part:

- Country of Faustino Oro – Argentina
- Chess Governing Body – FIDE
- Full Form of FIDE – Fédération Internationale des Échecs (International Chess Federation)
- Youngest Grandmaster in History – Abhimanyu Mishra
- Faustino Oro Nickname – “Messi of Chess”





Ques: What is the name of the new marketplace launched by DigiHaat to promote authentic Made-in-Bharat products?

- A) Swadeshi
- B) BharatKart
- C) VocalMart
- D) Local India Hub
- E) Atmanirbhar Store

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Government-backed e-commerce platform DigiHaat launched a new marketplace called “Swadeshi”.
- The marketplace aims to promote authentic Made-in-Bharat products and support local producers.
- The initiative was launched under the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- DigiHaat operates within the ecosystem of the Open Network for Digital Commerce.
- DigiHaat is a wholly-owned subsidiary functioning under Nimit Bharat, a Section 8 not-for-profit entity.
- ONDC is a state-backed technology initiative launched by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

Static Part:

- Marketplace Name – Swadeshi
- ONDC Full Form – Open Network for Digital Commerce
- DPIIT Full Form – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- Initiative Vision – Atmanirbhar Bharat
- DigiHaat Type – Government-backed e-commerce platform





Ques: Who has been granted another one-year extension as Director of the CBI?

- A) Tapan Kumar Deka
- B) Rajiv Kumar
- C) Praveen Sood
- D) Sanjay Arora
- E) Ajay Bhatnagar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Praveen Sood received another one-year extension as Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation.
- The extension was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee.
- His tenure has now been extended beyond 24 May 2026.
- Praveen Sood is a 1986-batch IPS officer.
- He was earlier granted a one-year extension in May 2025 after completing his original two-year term as CBI Director.
- A high-powered committee chaired by Narendra Modi met to discuss the appointment of the next CBI Director.
- During the meeting, Rahul Gandhi submitted a dissent note regarding the extension decision.
- Rahul Gandhi alleged “institutional capture” and raised concerns regarding the selection process.
- The government stated that the extension decision was taken following proper recommendations and procedures.

Static Part:

- CBI Full Form – Central Bureau of Investigation
- CBI Headquarters – New Delhi
- CBI Established – 1963
- Founded Under – Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946
- Current CBI Director – Praveen Sood





Ques: Which organisation will act as the administrator of the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMIP)?

- A) Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- B) New India Assurance
- C) General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)
- D) IRDAI
- E) Shipping Corporation of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

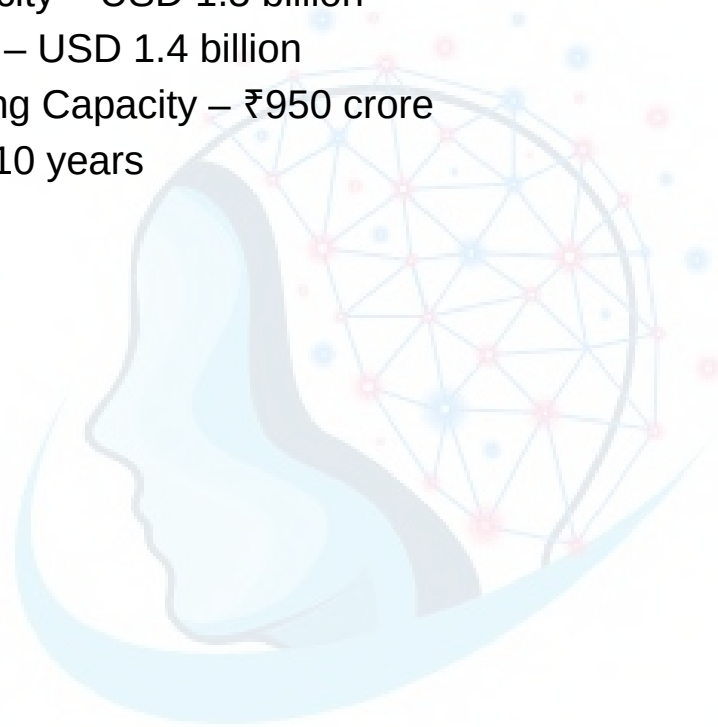
- The Department of Financial Services under the Ministry of Finance launched the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool.
- The initiative aims to ensure uninterrupted maritime insurance coverage amid rising global geopolitical tensions, especially in the Middle East.
- General Insurance Corporation of India will act as the Pool administrator.
- The launch event was chaired by M. Nagaraju.
- During the event, the first Marine Hull & Machinery War Policy was handed over.
- The policy was issued by New India Assurance to Hoger Offshore and Marine Private Limited.
- BMIP has a total insurance capacity of USD 1.5 billion and a sovereign guarantee of USD 1.4 billion (around ₹12,980 crore).
- Claims up to USD 100 million will be settled through the pooled insurance capacity.
- Claims above this amount will receive support through the government's sovereign guarantee mechanism after pool reserves and reinsurance arrangements are exhausted.
- The combined underwriting capacity of the pool is around ₹950 crore.
- BMIP will remain operational for 10 years with a provision for extension of five more years.





Static Part:

- BMIP Full Form – Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool
- Launching Ministry – Ministry of Finance
- Pool Administrator – General Insurance Corporation of India
- Total Insurance Capacity – USD 1.5 billion
- Sovereign Guarantee – USD 1.4 billion
- Combined Underwriting Capacity – ₹950 crore
- Operational Period – 10 years



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Ques: PM SHRI scheme was launched in which year?

- A) 2020
- B) 2021
- C) 2022
- D) 2023
- E) 2024

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Education has made a fresh push for the implementation of the PM SHRI Scheme in West Bengal, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.
- PM SHRI stands for Prime Minister Schools for Rising India.
- The scheme was launched on 7 September 2022.
- The initiative aims to transform over 14,500 government schools into model institutions aligned with the National Education Policy 2020.
- The scheme focuses on providing modern infrastructure, smart classrooms, quality education, and holistic development.
- PM SHRI schools are also being developed as Green Schools with features like solar energy, waste management, and nutrition gardens.
- The scheme has a total budget outlay of ₹27,360 crore for the period 2022–23 to 2026–27.

Static Part:

- PM SHRI Full Form – Prime Minister Schools for Rising India
- PM SHRI Launch Date – 7 September 2022
- Total Schools Targeted – Over 14,500
- Related Policy – National Education Policy (NEP) 2020
- Total Budget Outlay – ₹27,360 crore





Ques: What new feature has India introduced for Census enumerators in Census 2027 to improve identity verification and data collection?

- A) Biometric passports
- B) Smart tablets only
- C) QR-code-enabled identity cards
- D) Facial recognition badges
- E) Digital voting cards

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India introduced QR-code-enabled identity cards for Census enumerators for the upcoming Census 2027.
- The initiative aims to improve identity verification and data collection during the Census process.
- The first phase of Census 2027 started on 1 April 2026 and will continue till 30 September 2026.
- Around 30 lakh enumerators are participating in the nationwide Census exercise.
- Under the QR-code system, residents can scan the code on the enumerator's identity card to verify their identity and official assignment details.
- The system is especially useful in urban areas, gated communities, and high-security residential zones.
- In selected areas such as Noida and Ghaziabad, the self-enumeration facility was available from 7 May to 21 May 2026.

Static Part:

- Census 2027 First Phase – 1 April 2026 to 30 September 2026
- Total Enumerators Involved – Around 30 lakh
- Self-Enumeration Areas – Noida and Ghaziabad
- Purpose of QR-code System – Identity verification and official authentication





Ques: India-Oman CEPA is expected to come into force from which date?

- A) 1 January 2026
- B) 1 March 2026
- C) 1 June 2026
- D) 1 July 2026
- E) 15 August 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Oman signed the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement on 18 December 2025 in Muscat.
- Piyush Goyal stated that the agreement is expected to become operational from 1 June 2026 after discussions with the Oman negotiating team.
- The agreement was signed with Oman's Commerce Minister Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef.
- Under this CEPA, Oman has offered zero-duty access on 98.08% tariff lines, covering 99.38% of India's exports by value.
- The agreement will benefit sectors like textiles, leather, gems & jewellery, engineering goods, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, and automobiles.
- Oman has also provided market access in 127 service sub-sectors, including IT, finance, healthcare, education, and professional services.

Static Part:

- CEPA Full Form – Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement
- Agreement Signing Date – 18 December 2025
- Signing Venue – Muscat, Oman
- Expected Operational Date – 1 June 2026
- Key Beneficiary Sectors – Textiles, Pharma, Engineering Goods, Agriculture, Automobiles





Ques: What is observed on May 8–9 every year to honour the victims of the Second World War (1939–1945)?

- A) International Peace Day
- B) World War Heroes Day
- C) Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War
- D) Victory in Europe Day
- E) Global Memorial Day

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- May 8 to May 9 is observed as the Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War.
- The observance honours all victims of the Second World War.
- It serves as a reminder of the suffering caused by war and the importance of peace, reconciliation, and international cooperation.
- The year 2026 marks the 81st anniversary of the end of the Second World War.
- World War II lasted from 1939 to 1945 and involved most of the world's nations.
- The observance was established by the United Nations to promote remembrance and global peace.

Static Part:

- Observance Dates – 8–9 May
- Purpose – Honour victims of World War II
- World War II Duration – 1939 to 1945
- Organising Body – United Nations
- 2026 Anniversary – 81st Anniversary of the end of World War II





Ques: ICICI Bank launched India's first dollar-denominated debit card in partnership with which company?

- A) Mastercard
- B) RuPay
- C) Visa
- D) American Express
- E) PayPal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ICICI Bank, in partnership with Visa, launched India's first dollar-denominated debit card.
- The debit card has been launched from ICICI Bank's IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City.
- The initiative aims to provide innovative global banking solutions to NRI customers.
- Dollar-denominated cards help customers make international transactions directly in US dollars.
- The card is specially designed to facilitate seamless overseas payments and banking convenience.
- GIFT City serves as India's international financial services hub.

Static Part:

- ICICI Bank Founded – 1994
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi
- Visa Headquarters – California, USA
- GIFT Full Form – Gujarat International Finance Tec-City
- GIFT City Location – Gandhinagar, Gujarat





Ques: What was the all-time high net profit recorded by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) during Financial Year 2025–26?

- A) ₹1.25 lakh crore
- B) ₹1.50 lakh crore
- C) ₹1.75 lakh crore
- D) ₹1.98 lakh crore
- E) ₹2.25 lakh crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

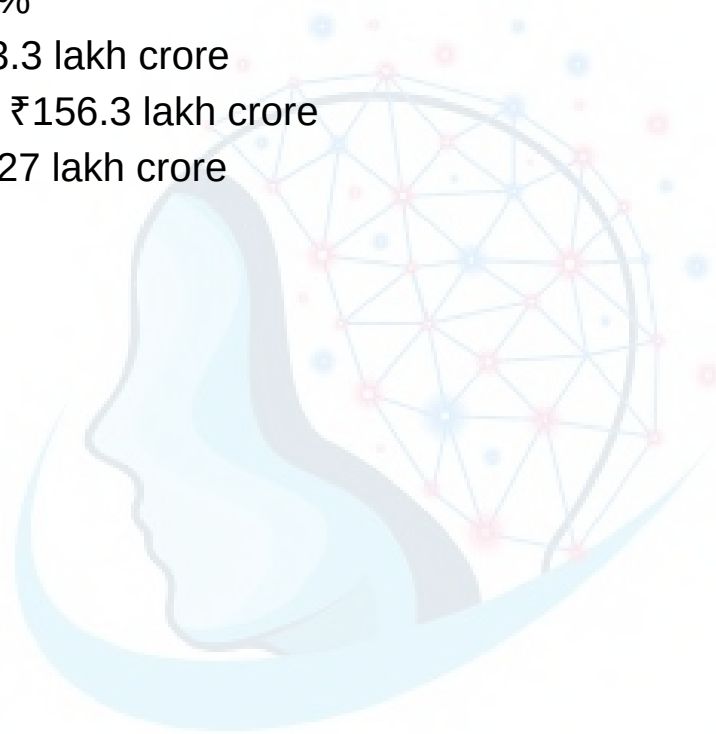
- According to the Ministry of Finance, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) recorded an all-time high net profit of ₹1.98 lakh crore during Financial Year 2025–26.
- This marked the fourth consecutive year of profitability for PSBs.
- Asset quality improved significantly, with Gross NPA ratio declining to 1.93% and Net NPA ratio dropping to 0.39% as of 31 March 2026.
- PSBs registered their lowest-ever NPA levels.
- Total business of PSBs reached ₹283.3 lakh crore in FY 2025–26, showing a robust year-on-year growth of 12.8%.
- Aggregate deposits increased by 10.6% year-on-year to ₹156.3 lakh crore.
- Gross advances grew by 15.7% to ₹127 lakh crore with strong performance in Retail, Agriculture, and MSME sectors.
- Retail advances grew by 18.1%, Agriculture advances by 15.5%, and MSME advances by 18.2%.
- The aggregate Capital to Risk (Weighted) Assets Ratio (CRAR) improved to 16.6%.
- PSBs raised ₹50,551 crore capital during FY 2025–26.
- Operational efficiency also improved, with the cost-to-income ratio improving to 49.67%.
- Aggregate operating profit reached ₹3.21 lakh crore.





Static Part:

- Sector – Public Sector Banks (PSBs)
- Net Profit (FY 2025–26) – ₹1.98 lakh crore
- Gross NPA Ratio – 1.93%
- Net NPA Ratio – 0.39%
- Total Business – ₹283.3 lakh crore
- Aggregate Deposits – ₹156.3 lakh crore
- Gross Advances – ₹127 lakh crore
- CRAR – 16.6%



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Ques: What is the name of SEBI's proposed green-channel framework for fast-tracking AIF scheme approvals?

- A) VAYU
- B) GARUDA
- C) PRAGATI
- D) UDAAN
- E) SHAKTI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India has proposed a new “green-channel” framework named GARUDA for quicker launch of AIF schemes.
- GARUDA stands for Green-Channel: AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement.
- Under the new framework, AIF schemes can be launched within 10 working days after filing documents with SEBI.
- Earlier, the approval timeline for launching such schemes was 30 days.
- The proposal aims to enable faster capital deployment and ease compliance requirements.
- SEBI also proposed a lighter compliance regime for accredited investor-only schemes and angel funds.
- Managers of such funds may directly file placement memorandums with SEBI without merchant bankers.
- The initiative is aimed at simplifying procedures and accelerating fund launches in India's investment ecosystem.

Static Part:

- SEBI Establishment Year – 12 April 1988
- SEBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- SEBI Chairman – Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- AIF Full Form – Alternative Investment Fund
- Earlier Approval Timeline – 30 Days
- New Proposed Timeline Under GARUDA – 10 Working Days





Ques: How much total financial commitment did the Asian Development Bank (ADB) make to India in 2025?

- A) USD 2 billion
- B) USD 3.5 billion
- C) USD 4 billion
- D) More than USD 5 billion
- E) USD 7 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank strengthened its partnership with India in 2025 by committing more than USD 5 billion.
- The commitment included both sovereign financing and private sector financing.
- According to ADB, USD 4.238 billion was committed for sovereign lending operations.
- An additional USD 1.06 billion was committed for private sector operations.
- The funding aims to support India's infrastructure, development, and economic growth initiatives.
- India and ADB will complete 40 years of partnership in 2026.

Static Part:

- ADB Full Form – Asian Development Bank
- Total Commitment to India in 2025 – More than USD 5 billion
- Sovereign Financing Commitment – USD 4.238 billion
- Private Sector Financing Commitment – USD 1.06 billion
- India–ADB Partnership Completion – 40 Years in 2026





Ques: Who is the author of the book “Apnapan: My Experiences with Narendra Modi”?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Nitin Gadkari

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has authored a new book titled Apnapan: My Experiences with Narendra Modi.
- The book chronicles Chouhan’s 35-year association with Narendra Modi.
- The book highlights Modi’s early vision of building a digitally empowered political organisation.
- It also discusses important events such as the Ekta Yatra and governance-related experiences.
- The book is scheduled to be launched at the NASC Complex.
- Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu and former Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda are expected to attend the launch event.
- The book reflects Shivraj Singh Chouhan’s political journey and his experiences working closely with Narendra Modi.

Static Part:

- Author of “Apnapan” – Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Current Portfolio – Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Minister of Rural Development
- Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Ekta Yatra Year – 1991
- Launch Venue – NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi





Ques: With which group will Uber set up its first data centre in India?

- A) Tata Group
- B) Reliance Group
- C) Vedanta Group
- D) Infosys Group
- E) Adani Group

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Uber will set up its first data centre in India in partnership with the Adani Group.
- The initiative reflects Uber's expansion and growing digital infrastructure presence in India.
- Earlier, in January 2026, Adani Enterprises Limited announced plans to invest more than ₹5,000 crore in a renewable energy-powered data centre project.
- The project will have a capacity of 100 MW.
- The investment will be made over the next five to seven years.
- The collaboration highlights the increasing focus on sustainable and energy-efficient digital infrastructure in India.

Static Part:

- Uber Headquarters – San Francisco, California, USA
- Adani Group Founder – Gautam Adani
- Adani Enterprises Headquarters – Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Proposed Data Centre Capacity – 100 MW
- Investment Amount – More than ₹5,000 crore





Ques: Under the revised DGFT norms, what is the maximum gold import authorisation limit per licence for exporters?

- A) 50 kg
- B) 75 kg
- C) 100 kg
- D) 150 kg
- E) 200 kg

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) introduced stricter rules for duty-free gold imports by the gems and jewellery export sector.
- Under the revised norms, exporters can import a maximum of 100 kg of gold per licence.
- First-time applicants must undergo mandatory physical inspection of manufacturing facilities.
- Existing exporters must complete at least 50% of previous export obligations before getting fresh authorisation.
- Exporters are also required to submit fortnightly performance reports certified by an independent Chartered Accountant.
- DGFT regional offices will send monthly consolidated reports to headquarters for centralised monitoring.
- These measures were introduced after the government increased gold import duty from 6% to 15% to reduce imports and control trade deficit pressure.

Static Part:

- DGFT Full Form – Directorate General of Foreign Trade
- Ministry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Commerce & Industry Minister – Piyush Goyal
- DGFT Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: Which Indian team won the gold medal at the 20th edition of the Shanghai Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 2?

- A) Men's Compound Team
- B) Men's Recurve Team
- C) Women's Recurve Team
- D) Mixed Recurve Team
- E) Women's Compound Team

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 20th edition of the Shanghai Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 2 was held in Shanghai, People's Republic of China.
- India won two medals in the tournament, including one gold and one bronze medal.
- India's women's recurve team won the gold medal in the event.
- The team comprised Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Kumkum Mohod.
- The Indian team defeated China 5-4 in the shoot-off final after making a comeback from 2-4 behind.
- The final shoot-off score was 28-26 in favour of India.
- This was India's first women's recurve team gold medal at the Archery World Cup since 2021.





Ques: Which country has officially confirmed its membership in the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- China is unlikely to become part of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), a global initiative spearheaded by India for big cat conservation.
- The alliance focuses on conserving big cats such as tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, puma and snow leopard.
- Saudi Arabia has officially confirmed its membership in the IBCA.
- Brazil has shown interest in joining the alliance, but its membership process is still underway.
- India will host the first-ever IBCA summit from 1–3 June, with participation expected from around 95 countries.
- At present, IBCA has 24 member countries and 3 observer countries.
- India had around 3,167 wild tigers in 2022, the highest population in the world.
- The alliance aims to strengthen international cooperation for the protection and conservation of big cat species worldwide.

Static Part:

- IBCA Full Form – International Big Cat Alliance
- IBCA Launched By – India
- Focus Species – Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma
- First IBCA Summit Venue – India
- Tiger Population in India (2022) – 3,167





Ques: Who has been chosen as the next Chief Minister of Kerala in 2026?

- A) Pinarayi Vijayan
- B) K. Sudhakaran
- C) V. D. Satheesan
- D) Shashi Tharoor
- E) Oommen Chandy

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Senior Congress leader V. D. Satheesan has been chosen as the next Chief Minister of Kerala.
- He was elected as the leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) after the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) won the Assembly elections.
- Satheesan met Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar and staked claim to form the government.
- The swearing-in ceremony is scheduled to be held at Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Congress-led UDF returned to power after securing a majority in the Kerala Assembly elections.
- Satheesan stated that his government would focus on improving living standards and fulfilling election promises.

Static Part:

- State – Kerala
- Capital of Kerala – Thiruvananthapuram
- Governor of Kerala – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- Legislative Assembly Seats – 140
- Classical Dance of Kerala – Kathakali & Mohiniyattam





Ques: Which state emerged as the top-performing state in house completions under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0)?

- A) Odisha
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Gujarat
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Odisha emerged as the top-performing state in house completions under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0).
- The state maintained the first position from March 2025 to March 2026 in terms of housing completion performance.
- The Housing and Urban Development Department of Odisha along with urban local bodies is responsible for implementation and monitoring of the scheme.
- PMAY-U 2.0 was launched in September 2024 to provide affordable pucca houses to urban poor, economically weaker sections and middle-income groups.
- Odisha sanctioned 24,625 houses under the scheme.
- Around 23,464 sites were geo-tagged for monitoring and transparency.

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Ques: What does SEHAT stand for under the newly launched national mission?

- A) Scientific Education for Health and Technology
- B) Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation
- C) Sustainable Health and Agriculture Transformation
- D) Scientific Health Advancement through Technology
- E) Smart Health and Agro Transformation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India launched the SEHAT Mission to integrate agriculture with human health and nutrition.
- SEHAT stands for Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation.
- The mission was jointly launched by Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Health Minister JP Nadda.
- The initiative is being implemented by ICAR and ICMR.
- The mission aims to fight malnutrition, obesity, diabetes, hypertension and micronutrient deficiencies.
- SEHAT will promote biofortified crops, healthy livestock and nutrient-rich fish products.
- The mission focuses on sustainable farming and evidence-based dietary strategies for better health outcomes.
- The initiative aims to reduce malnutrition and lifestyle diseases through scientific agriculture and nutrition-based solutions.

Static Part:

- ICAR Established – 16 July 1929
- ICAR Headquarters – New Delhi
- ICMR Established – 1911
- ICMR Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: What is the theme of the Kimberley Process (KP) Intersessional Meeting 2026 hosted by India?

- A) 3Cs – Credibility, Compliance, Consumer Confidence
- B) Responsible Global Trade
- C) Sustainable Diamond Future
- D) Conflict-Free Diamond Trade
- E) Transparency and Trust

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India inaugurated the Kimberley Process (KP) Intersessional Meeting 2026 in Mumbai under its Chairship.
- The purpose of the meeting is to promote responsible and sustainable diamond trade.
- India assumed the Chairmanship of the Kimberley Process from 1 January 2026.
- This is the third time India is leading the international mechanism regulating global rough diamond trade.
- The theme of KP Intersessional Meeting 2026 is “3Cs” – Credibility, Compliance, Consumer Confidence.
- Suchindra Misra is serving as the KP Chair for 2026.





Ques: Who has been appointed as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom?

- A) Vikram Doraiswami
- B) P. Kumaran
- C) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- D) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- E) Sanjay Verma

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Senior diplomat P. Kumaran formally assumed charge as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom in London.
- He presented his credentials to Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, Scott Fursessedonn-Wood.
- P. Kumaran paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Tavistock Square and Parliament Square in London.
- He also paid respects to B. R. Ambedkar at Ambedkar House in London.
- Before this appointment, he served as Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- He had earlier served as India's High Commissioner to Singapore.
- P. Kumaran succeeded Vikram Doraiswami, who has now been appointed as India's Ambassador to China.

Static Part:

- Country – United Kingdom
- Capital of UK – London
- Currency – Pound Sterling
- Prime Minister of UK – Keir Starmer
- President of India – Droupadi Murmu
- External Affairs Minister of India – S. Jaishankar





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)?

- A) Krishna Kumar Singh
- B) Ashok Kumar Panda
- C) Amarendu Prakash
- D) Soma Mondal
- E) T. V. Narendran

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Ashok Kumar Panda has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).
- He replaced Krishna Kumar Singh in the position.
- SAIL is one of India's largest steel-producing public sector companies.
- The company is working towards increasing its production capacity significantly.
- SAIL aims to achieve a production capacity of 35 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum).
- Currently, the company's production capacity stands at around 20 MTPA.

Static Part:

- SAIL Full Form – Steel Authority of India Limited
- Established – 1973
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Ministry – Ministry of Steel
- Current CMD – Ashok Kumar Panda
- Target Production Capacity – 35 MTPA
- Current Production Capacity – Around 20 MTPA





Ques: Till which date has the Government of India prohibited exports of raw, white, and refined sugar?

- A) 31 March 2026
- B) 30 June 2026
- C) 31 July 2026
- D) 30 September 2026
- E) 31 December 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Department of Commerce shifted sugar exports from the “restricted” category to the “prohibited” category with immediate effect.
- The ban applies to exports of raw sugar, white sugar, and refined sugar till 30 September 2026.
- Exports to the United States and European Union under CXL and TRQ quota systems are exempted from the restriction.
- Exports under the Advance Authorisation Scheme and government-to-government exports are also exempted.
- The government imposed the ban to ensure domestic sugar availability and maintain price stability in the local market.
- ISMA estimated sugar production for the 2025–26 season at around 324 lakh tonnes, with nearly 31 lakh tonnes likely to be diverted for ethanol production.
- Production in major sugar-producing states such as Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh was affected, resulting in lower actual output.

Static Part:

- Department – Department of Commerce
- Ministry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Commerce & Industry Minister – Piyush Goyal
- ISMA Full Form – Indian Sugar & Bio-energy Manufacturers Association





- Major Sugar Producing States – Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka
- Related Fuel Programme – Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP)
- Target under EBP – 20% Ethanol Blending



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Ques: In which year did Mal Anderson win the U.S. Open men's singles title as the first unseeded player?

- A) 1955
- B) 1965
- C) 1960
- D) 1962
- E) 1957

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Mal Anderson, former Australian tennis player, has passed away.
- He became the first unseeded player to win the U.S. Open men's singles title in 1957.
- Mal Anderson was known for his strong performances in international tennis during the 1950s and 1960s.
- He also won three Grand Slam doubles titles during his career.
- Anderson represented Australia and helped the country win the Davis Cup twice.
- His achievements made him one of Australia's notable tennis players of his era.

Static Part:

- Country – Australia
- Sport – Tennis
- Historic Achievement – First unseeded player to win U.S. Open men's singles title
- U.S. Open Winning Year – 1957
- Additional Achievement – Three Grand Slam doubles titles
- Davis Cup Titles with Australia – 2





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

- A) 5 May
- B) 8 May
- C) 10 May
- D) 12 May
- E) 15 May

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The United Nations designated 12 May as the International Day of Plant Health.
- The day aims to raise global awareness about the importance of protecting plant health.
- Healthy plants help in ending hunger, reducing poverty and improving food security.
- Protecting plant health also supports biodiversity, environmental protection and economic development.
- The theme for the observance is “Plant Biosecurity for Food Security.”
- The observance highlights the importance of preventing the spread of pests and plant diseases.

Static Part:

- Observed On – 12 May
- Declared By – United Nations
- Theme – “Plant Biosecurity for Food Security”
- Focus Areas – Plant protection, food security, biodiversity, environmental sustainability
- Objective – Prevent spread of pests and plant diseases





Ques: When is World Lupus Day observed every year?

- A) May 5
- B) May 7
- C) May 10
- D) May 12
- E) May 15

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Lupus Day is observed every year on May 10.
- The day is observed to spread awareness about Lupus, a serious autoimmune disease.
- Lupus affects millions of people worldwide and can damage various organs and body systems.
- The observance highlights the importance of early diagnosis, treatment and support for patients.
- The theme for World Lupus Day 2026 is “Make Lupus Visible.”
- The campaign encourages better understanding of the invisible challenges faced by lupus patients.

Static Part:

- Observed On – 10 May
- Disease Type – Lupus
- Theme (2026) – “Make Lupus Visible”
- Purpose – Awareness, early diagnosis, treatment, and patient support
- Affected System – Multiple organs and body systems





Ques: When is World Thalassaemia Day observed every year?

- A) 5 May
- B) 7 May
- C) 8 May
- D) 10 May
- E) 12 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Thalassaemia Day is observed every year on 8th May.
- The day is observed to raise awareness about thalassaemia and related blood disorders.
- Thalassaemia is a genetic blood disorder that affects millions of people worldwide.
- The disease affects the body's ability to produce healthy haemoglobin and red blood cells.
- The theme for World Thalassaemia Day 2026 is "Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen".
- The observance emphasizes early diagnosis, treatment support and improved healthcare access for patients.

Static Part:

- Observed On – 8 May
- Disease Type – Thalassaemia
- Theme (2026) – "Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen"
- Main Focus – Awareness, early diagnosis, treatment support, healthcare access
- Affected Component – Haemoglobin and red blood cells

