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Ques: What delay has RBI proposed for digital payments above ₹10,000 to curb fraud?

- A) 15 Minutes
- B) 30 Minutes
- C) 1 Hour
- D) 2 Hours
- E) 24 Hours

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indian banks broadly supported RBI's proposal to introduce a one-hour delay for UPI/IMPS account-to-account transfers above ₹10,000 to reduce rising digital payment frauds.
- Banks have requested RBI to increase the threshold limit from ₹10,000 to ₹25,000 for smoother implementation and reduced operational burden.
- The proposal aims to provide customers a one-hour window to identify and cancel potentially fraudulent person-to-person (P2P) transactions.
- RBI's discussion paper also suggested stronger authentication checks and enhanced safeguards for high-risk transactions.
- The proposal mainly targets UPI and IMPS-based account-to-account digital transfers.

Static Part:

- RBI Governor: Sanjay Malhotra
- RBI Headquarters: Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai
- Established: 1 April 1935





Ques: How much amount was raised by the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) through 10-year bonds?

- A) ₹2,000 crore
- B) ₹3,500 crore
- C) ₹4,000 crore
- D) ₹5,000 crore
- E) ₹7,740 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) raised ₹4,000 crore through 10-year bonds.
- The bonds were issued at a cutoff yield of 7.74%.
- Bonds are debt instruments through which organisations borrow money from investors.
- When investors buy bonds, they lend money to the issuer and receive fixed interest in return.
- NaBFID is a government-backed Development Finance Institution (DFI).
- It focuses on financing infrastructure projects in India.

Static Part:

- Institution – National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
- Amount Raised – ₹4,000 crore
- Bond Tenure – 10 years
- Yield – 7.74%





Ques: Which committee chaired by the RBI Governor reviewed global trade and financial stability developments in 2026?

- A) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)
- B) Financial Stability and Development Council – Sub Committee (FSDC-SC)
- C) Board for Financial Supervision (BFS)
- D) Central Board of RBI
- E) Economic Advisory Council

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 33rd meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council – Sub Committee (FSDC-SC) was held in Mumbai.
- The meeting was chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.
- The committee reviewed global and domestic macroeconomic and financial sector developments.
- Members discussed emerging risks affecting financial stability, including geopolitical tensions and global trade uncertainties.
- The FSDC-SC decided to closely monitor evolving global trade conditions and their impact on India's financial system.
- The meeting also reviewed progress in inter-regulatory coordination and simplification of KYC processes.
- The committee emphasized strengthening financial sector resilience through better regulatory coordination.
- Senior officials from SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA and IFSCA participated in the meeting.
- The meeting highlighted concerns over supply-chain disruptions, commodity price volatility and global spillover risks.
- The discussion focused on maintaining financial stability amid uncertain international economic conditions.





Static Part:

- Full Form – Financial Stability and Development Council – Sub Committee (FSDC-SC)
- Chairperson – RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
- Meeting Number – 33rd Meeting
- Venue – Mumbai
- Main Objective – Maintain financial stability and strengthen inter-regulatory coordination
- Key Focus Areas – Global trade risks, macroeconomic conditions, KYC reforms, financial resilience
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Established – 1 April



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Ques: Which credit card launched by AU Small Finance Bank is specially designed for first-time credit users?

- A) AU Ananta
- B) AU Laksya
- C) AU Tejas
- D) AU Prathama
- E) AU Aspire

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- AU Small Finance Bank launched a new portfolio of four credit cards to strengthen its retail credit card business.
- The four newly launched credit cards are AU Ananta, AU Laksya, AU Tejas and AU Prathama.
- AU Prathama is specially designed for first-time credit users.
- It provides reward points, milestone incentives, fuel surcharge waivers and responsible credit usage benefits.
- AU Ananta is targeted at affluent achievers and offers premium travel and lifestyle benefits.
- AU Laksya is designed for Gen Z and mid-career professionals with grocery, food delivery and movie benefits.
- AU Tejas targets young salaried customers and offers cashback on daily spending categories.
- The cards are aimed at customers across different income and lifestyle segments in Tier-1 and Tier-2 cities.

Static Part:

- Bank Name – AU Small Finance Bank
- Established – 2017
- Headquarters – Jaipur, Rajasthan
- CEO & MD – Sanjay Agarwal
- Tagline – “Badlaav Humse Hai”
- Credit Cards Launched – AU Ananta, AU Laksya, AU Tejas, AU Prathama
- Card for First-Time Users – AU Prathama





Ques: The Government recently increased customs duty on gold and silver imports from 5% to what percentage?

- A) 6%
- B) 8%
- C) 10%
- D) 12%
- E) 15%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Central Government increased the customs duty on imports of gold and silver from 5% to 10%.
- The Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) was also increased from 1% to 5%.
- With the hike, the total effective import duty on gold and silver increased to around 18.4% including IGST.
- Earlier, the effective import tax was around 9.2%.
- The decision was taken to protect India's foreign exchange reserves amid rising global geopolitical tensions.
- The government also expressed concerns about the impact of the West Asia crisis on India's Current Account Deficit (CAD).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had earlier appealed to citizens to reduce gold purchases to conserve foreign exchange.
- Experts believe the move may encourage gold smuggling and affect employment in related sectors.
- The revised duty structure came into effect through two separate government notifications.

Static Part:

- CAD Full Form – Current Account Deficit
- AIDC Full Form – Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess





- IGST Full Form – Integrated Goods and Services Tax
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman
- Ministry – Ministry of Finance



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Ques: In which state was the Bhimmandali Eco Heritage Site inaugurated?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Telangana
- D) West Bengal
- E) Odisha

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Bhimmandali Eco Heritage Site was inaugurated at Naktideul Block of Sambalpur district in Odisha.
- The site was inaugurated by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan from the Ministry of Education.
- The project was developed at a cost of ₹8.30 crore.
- During the event, Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated and laid foundation stones for 304 projects.
- These projects involved an investment of ₹580 crore.
- A new Nursing College at Bhima Bhoi Medical College and Hospital was also announced during the event.
- The Union Minister also launched the Panchayati Raj Samikshya Portal.
- The portal is designed to improve transparency in rural governance.





Ques: Which kharif crop received the highest MSP increase for the 2026-27 marketing season?

- A) Cotton
- B) Sesamum
- C) Sunflower Seed
- D) Paddy
- E) Tur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

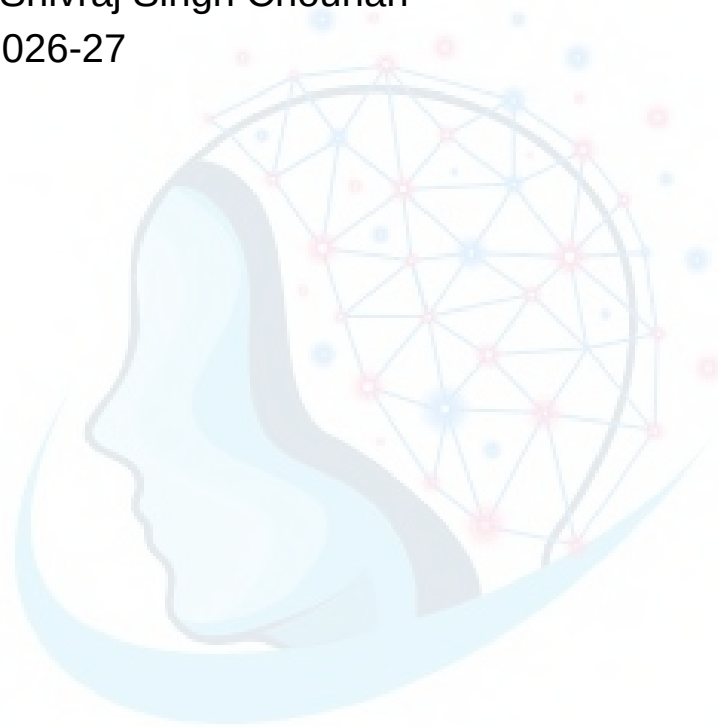
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved revised MSPs for all 14 kharif crops for the 2026-27 marketing season.
- The MSP of common paddy was increased by ₹72 to ₹2,441 per quintal.
- The MSP for Grade-A paddy was fixed at ₹2,461 per quintal.
- Sunflower Seed received the highest MSP hike of ₹622, taking it to ₹8,343 per quintal.
- Cotton (long staple) MSP increased by ₹557 to ₹8,667 per quintal.
- Nigerseed MSP increased by ₹515, while Sesamum MSP rose by ₹500 per quintal.
- MSP for Tur/Arhar was increased by ₹450 to ₹8,450 per quintal.
- Urad MSP increased by ₹400 to ₹8,200 per quintal.
- The government fixed MSPs at least 1.5 times the cost of production to ensure remunerative prices to farmers.
- The estimated total payout to farmers after the MSP revision is around ₹2.6 lakh crore.
- The highest projected margins over production cost are for Moong (61%), Bajra (56%) and Maize (56%).
- The MSP hike aims to encourage cultivation of oilseeds, pulses and cotton to reduce import dependence and promote crop diversification.





Static Part:

- MSP Full Form – Minimum Support Price
- CCEA Full Form – Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- Commission recommending MSP – Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACAP)
- Agriculture Minister – Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Marketing Season – 2026-27



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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2026–27?

- A) R Mukundan
- B) Suchitra Ella
- C) Rajiv Memani
- D) N Chandrasekaran
- E) Kumar Mangalam Birla

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- R Mukundan, CEO of Tata Chemicals, has been appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2026–27.
- He replaced Rajiv Memani in the position.
- Suchitra Ella has been appointed as the President-Designate of CII.
- Confederation of Indian Industry is one of India's leading business and industry associations.
- CII works closely with industry and government to promote economic growth, industrial development and policy advocacy.

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Ques: Under which model will the modernisation of Nagpur International Airport be carried out?

- A) BOT Model
- B) EPC Model
- C) Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model
- D) Hybrid Annuity Model
- E) Cooperative Model

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet approved the extension of lease period of Airports Authority of India (AAI) land leased to MIHAN India Limited (MIL).
- The approval will enable MIL to license Nagpur Airport to GMR Nagpur International Airport Limited (GNIAL) for 30 years from the Commercial Operation Date (COD).
- The airport modernisation project will be implemented under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- The move is part of the MIHAN project.
- GNIAL will transform Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport into a world-class aviation hub.
- The phased development aims to increase the airport's handling capacity to 30 million passengers annually.
- The project will improve passenger services, cargo handling capacity and regional connectivity in Central India.
- GMR Airports Ltd emerged as the highest bidder in the global tender floated in 2016.
- The initiative is expected to strengthen the economic infrastructure of the Vidarbha region.

Static Part:

- AAI Full Form – Airports Authority of India
- AAI Headquarters – New Delhi





- MIHAN Full Form – Multi-modal International Cargo Hub and Airport at Nagpur
- Nagpur Airport – Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport
- PPP Full Form – Public-Private Partnership
- State – Maharashtra



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Ques: Who has been appointed for the seventh term as the President of Uganda?

- A) Yoweri Museveni
- B) William Ruto
- C) Paul Kagame
- D) Cyril Ramaphosa
- E) Samia Suluhu Hassan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Yoweri Museveni has been appointed for the seventh term as the President of Uganda.
- The presidential term in Uganda is of 5 years.
- Museveni is 81 years old and first came to power in 1986.
- He is one of Africa's longest-serving leaders.
- Uganda is a landlocked country located in East Africa.

Static Part:

- President of Uganda – Yoweri Museveni
- Term – Seventh Term
- Presidential Term Duration – 5 years
- First Came to Power – 1986
- Uganda Capital – Kampala
- Currency of Uganda – Ugandan Shilling





Ques: “BHASHINI Rajyam – A BHASHINI Sahayogi Program” is associated with which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C) Ministry of Ayush
- D) Ministry of Rural Development
- E) Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Ayush signed an MoU with the Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The initiative is titled “BHASHINI Rajyam – A BHASHINI Sahayogi Program.”
- The partnership aims to integrate the BHASHINI Platform across various Ayush digital services and platforms.
- The collaboration will enable faster AI-powered transcription and translation of Ayush knowledge systems into multiple Indian languages.
- Under the Ayush Grid initiative, several portals, applications and AI-enabled services will be made available in all 22 scheduled languages.
- The initiative will strengthen multilingual accessibility in Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy.
- The MoU was signed by Subodh Kumar and Amitabh Nag, CEO of DIBD.
- The initiative aims to improve digital healthcare accessibility through multilingual AI-driven platforms.

Static Part:

- Ministry of Ayush Established – 2014
- MeitY – Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- BHASHINI – National Language Digital Public Infrastructure
- Languages Covered – 22 Scheduled Languages





- Ayush Grid – Digital Healthcare & Wellness Platform
- CEO, Digital India BHASHINI Division – Amitabh Nag



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Ques: What is the total number of post offices in India after the recent expansion by India Post?

- A) 1,25,000
- B) 1,45,500
- C) 1,54,250
- D) 1,64,999
- E) 1,75,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India Post added more than 11,000 post offices in the last four years.
- With this expansion, its reach now covers nearly 90% of rural geography in India.
- The expansion has strengthened India Post's role as a last-mile logistics partner.
- The total postal network has reached 1,64,999 post offices.
- India Post is now one of the largest postal networks in the world.
- The department achieved a record revenue of ₹15,296 crore in FY26.
- Revenue registered a strong 16% year-on-year growth.
- This was the first time in several years that India Post recorded revenue growth above 15%.
- The performance reflects a shift toward a revenue-driven business model.





Ques: IEPFA signed an MoU with which organisation to strengthen investor awareness initiatives?

- A) RBI
- B) SEBI
- C) Prasar Bharati
- D) NSE
- E) NABARD

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) signed an MoU with Prasar Bharati to strengthen nationwide investor awareness initiatives.
- The initiative will disseminate informative scroll messages through Doordarshan National and Regional channels.
- The MoU signing event was presided over by Anita Shah Akella, CEO of IEPFA and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- The agreement aims to promote financial literacy, investor protection and safe investing practices.
- The campaign will spread awareness regarding unclaimed dividends and shares transferred to IEPFA.
- Investors will also be informed about filing claims through Form IEPF-5 and using the Search Facility.
- The initiative aims to reach people in remote and underserved regions through Doordarshan's extensive network.
- The MoU was formally signed by Aditya Sinha and Sanjay Prasad.
- The collaboration focuses on fraud prevention and encouraging informed investment decisions.

Static Part:

- IEPFA Full Form – Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority
- Ministry – Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- Prasar Bharati Established – 23 November 1997
- CEO of IEPFA – Anita Shah Akella
- Prasar Bharati Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: Which state was named as an “Exemplar” among Coastal States in the LEADS 2025 Report?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Kerala
- E) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, released the LEADS 2025 Report.
- LEADS stands for Logistics Ease Across Different States.
- The report assesses the efficiency of logistics services across states and Union Territories.
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal released the report.
- LEADS 2025 is the 7th edition of the report.
- This edition introduced a new four-tier performance framework.
- The four tiers are Exemplars, High Performers, Accelerators and Growth Seekers.
- Tamil Nadu was declared an “Exemplar” among Coastal States.

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Ques: Under which scheme will the Grih Pravesh of 5 lakh houses be launched in Maharashtra?

- A) PMAY-Urban
- B) PMGSY
- C) PMAY-Gramin
- D) Smart Cities Mission
- E) DAY-NRLM

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will attend the PMAY-G Beneficiary Conference and Maha Awaas Abhiyan Award Ceremony in Satara.
- During the programme, he will launch the Grih Pravesh of 5 lakh completed houses under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).
- The Union Minister will also hand over house keys to beneficiaries, including the beneficiary associated with completion of the 3 croreth PMAY-G house.
- A PMAY-G Mother Sanction worth ₹8,368.50 crore for Maharashtra for FY 2026–27 will also be issued.
- Approval for 35 road projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-IV) worth ₹122.98 crore will also be announced.
- The approved road projects will cover 95.99 km and benefit 35 rural habitations in Maharashtra.
- PMAY-G aims to provide pucca houses with basic amenities to eligible rural households across India.
- The programme highlights the government's focus on rural housing and infrastructure development.

Static Part:

- PMAY-G Launch Year – 2016
- Ministry – Ministry of Rural Development





- Union Minister – Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- PMGSY Launch Year – 2000
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra – Devendra Fadnavis
- Deputy Chief Ministers – Eknath Shinde & Ajit Pawar



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Ques: In which state will India's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard be developed?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop the country's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard.
- The proposed shipyard will be developed at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu.
- The shipyard will have an annual shipbuilding capacity of 2.5 Million Gross Tonnage (GT).
- The MoU was signed between HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering (HD KSOE), National Shipbuilding & Heavy Industries Park Tamil Nadu Limited (NSHIP-TN), and Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL).
- Under Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, India aims to become one of the top five shipbuilding nations globally.
- India has targeted a shipbuilding output of 4.5 Million Gross Tonnage (GT) annually by 2047.





Ques: On which date is International Nurses Day observed every year?

- A) 7 May
- B) 8 May
- C) 10 May
- D) 12 May
- E) 15 May

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- International Nurses Day is observed annually on May 12.
- The day marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, who is regarded as the founder of modern nursing.
- The observance honours the dedication, expertise and valuable contributions of nurses worldwide.
- Nurses play a vital role in healthcare systems by providing patient care, emergency support and medical assistance.
- The theme for International Nurses Day 2026 is “Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives”.
- The theme highlights the importance of empowering nurses to strengthen healthcare services globally.





Ques: Which foreign bank received approval for a proposed strategic investment in RBL Bank?

- A) HSBC
- B) DBS Bank
- C) Emirates NBD
- D) Standard Chartered
- E) Barclays

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBL Bank received regulatory and government approvals for a proposed strategic investment by Emirates NBD.
- The proposed investment is valued at nearly 3 billion US dollars.
- In Indian currency, the investment is estimated at around ₹26,850 crore.
- Following the transaction, Emirates NBD's final shareholding is expected to range between 51% and 74%.
- The deal reflects growing foreign investment interest in India's banking sector.
- Emirates NBD is one of the leading banking groups in the Middle East region.
- RBL Bank is a prominent private sector bank in India offering retail and corporate banking services.





Ques: Which institution issued a Master Direction on incentives for currency distribution and exchange, along with penalties for deficiencies in customer service and reporting?

- A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- B) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- C) Reserve Bank of India
- D) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- E) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India issued a Master Direction on incentives for currency distribution and exchange.
- The direction also includes penalties for deficiencies in customer service and reporting by bank branches and Currency Chests (CCs).
- A scheme of penal interest and penalties has been introduced to ensure accurate and timely reporting of Currency Chest transactions.
- The scheme also aims to improve customer service delivery through banks, branches and ATMs.
- These provisions apply to all banks, while Currency Chest-related penalties apply to banks operating Currency Chests.
- Currency Chests are authorised facilities set up by selected scheduled banks to support the distribution of banknotes and coins.
- Banks opening Currency Chests in North-Eastern states and remote or hilly regions of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are eligible for 100% capital expenditure reimbursement up to ₹50 lakh.
- Such Currency Chests are also eligible for 50% reimbursement of revenue expenditure for the first five years.
- RBI announced ₹2 per packet incentive for exchange of soiled notes of ₹50 and below denomination.
- An incentive of ₹2 per piece has been fixed for mutilated note adjudication.
- Banks will receive ₹65 per coin bag for coin distribution.





- An additional ₹10 per bag incentive is allowed in rural and semi-urban areas certified by auditors.
- Under the Linkage Scheme with Currency Chests, incentives are ₹11 per 100 pieces for large CCs and ₹8 per 100 pieces for other CCs.
- RBI imposed a penalty of ₹10,000 for any deficiency in exchange-related customer service.
- Examples of deficiency include non-issue of coins over the counter and refusal to accept lower denomination notes.
- Refusal to exchange soiled, mutilated or imperfect notes also attracts penalties.
- A penalty of ₹5 lakh will be imposed if more than five service deficiencies are found in a branch during a calendar year.
- Reserve Bank of India also imposed a penalty of ₹10,000 per instance for counterfeit notes detected in ATM dispensations or over-the-counter disbursement.
- Non-replenishment of ATMs leading to cash-out for more than ten hours in a month will attract a flat penalty of ₹10,000 per ATM.
- Currency Chests must report all transactions through the CyM-CC portal on the same day by 7 PM.

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Ques: According to the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), what was India's overall unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above in April 2026?

- A) 4.2%
- B) 4.8%
- C) 5.2%
- D) 5.8%
- E) 6.6%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's overall unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above remained broadly stable at 5.2% in April 2026.
- The data was released through the Periodic Labour Force Survey.
- The survey data was published by the National Statistical Office.
- National Statistical Office functions under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- In rural areas, the unemployment rate increased to 4.6%.
- In urban areas, unemployment eased marginally to 6.6%.
- The Periodic Labour Force Survey provides key labour market indicators such as employment and unemployment trends across India.





Ques: India is planning to construct a subsea gas pipeline from Oman to which Indian state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Kerala
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Gujarat
- E) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India is planning to construct a massive subsea gas pipeline from Oman to Gujarat.
- The estimated cost of the project is around ₹40,000 crore or about USD 4.7 billion.
- The proposed pipeline will have a total length of nearly 2,000 km.
- The route of the pipeline will pass from Oman through the Arabian Sea to Gujarat.
- The project gained importance during the Strait of Hormuz crisis that disrupted global energy flows in 2026.
- If approved, construction of the project is expected to take 5 to 7 years.
- The expected completion timeline of the project is around 2033–2035.
- The pipeline is planned through a deepwater route at depths exceeding 3,000 metres.
- GAIL has been assigned the role of lead operator and feasibility planner for the project.
- Engineers India Limited will handle technical feasibility studies.
- Indian Oil Corporation will act as an end-user and participant in the project.





Ques: Under which ministry does the Government e-Marketplace function as a Section 8 company?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Commerce
- C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- E) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Government e-Marketplace celebrated its Incorporation Day 2026.
- GeM SPV is a Section 8 non-profit company under the Ministry of Commerce.
- It was incorporated on 17 May 2017 under the Companies Act, 2013.
- The purpose of GeM SPV is to develop, manage and maintain the GeM platform.
- GeM serves as an online procurement platform for government departments and public sector units.
- On the occasion of Incorporation Day, GeM hosted “GeM Manthan.”
- The theme of GeM Manthan was “Enriching the GeM Marketplace.”
- The platform promotes transparency, efficiency and ease in public procurement.





Ques: The Madhya Pradesh High Court ruled that the disputed Bhojshala complex in Dhar district is dedicated to which goddess?

- A) Goddess Lakshmi
- B) Goddess Durga
- C) Goddess Kali
- D) Goddess Vagdevi
- E) Goddess Parvati

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Madhya Pradesh High Court ruled that the disputed Bhojshala complex and Kamal Maula Mosque site in Dhar district is a temple dedicated to Goddess Vagdevi.
- The court allowed the Hindu community to worship at the site.
- The Muslim community's claim regarding the site was dismissed by the court.
- The High Court quashed a 2003 order issued by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- The 2003 ASI order had allowed the Muslim community to offer Friday prayers at the disputed site.
- Bhojshala is considered a historically and culturally significant site in Madhya Pradesh.





Ques: Which franchise in the European T20 Premier League is owned by former Indian cricketer Rahul Dravid?

- A) Amsterdam Titans
- B) Glasgow Warriors
- C) Dublin Guardians
- D) Belfast Kings
- E) Rotterdam Royals

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Former Indian cricketer Rahul Dravid became the owner of the Dublin franchise in the European T20 Premier League.
- The franchise owned by Rahul Dravid is named Dublin Guardians.
- ETPL is Europe's first ICC-sanctioned multi-country franchise T20 league.
- The tournament involves the cricket boards of Ireland, Scotland and the Netherlands.
- Dublin Guardians is one of the six inaugural franchises of the league.
- Other franchises in the league are based in Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Amsterdam and Rotterdam.
- The launch event was attended by Abhishek Bachchan, Saurav Banerjee, Priyanka Kaul and Dhiraj Malhotra.





Ques: Which Nepali mountaineer created history by climbing Mount Everest for a record 32nd time?

- A) Nirmal Purja
- B) Mingma Sherpa
- C) Kami Rita Sherpa
- D) Pasang Dawa Sherpa
- E) Ang Rita Sherpa

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Nepali mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa climbed Mount Everest for a record 32nd time.
- The 56-year-old climber broke his own record for the highest number of ascents of Mount Everest.
- Kami Rita Sherpa started his mountaineering career in 1992.
- He first climbed Mount Everest in 1994.
- Lhakpa Sherpa, known as the “Mountain Queen,” also extended her own record with her 11th successful Everest ascent.
- Lhakpa Sherpa is the first Nepali woman to summit Mount Everest multiple times.
- Mount Everest is the highest peak on Earth with a height of 8,849 metres (29,032 feet).
- Mount Everest is located in the Himalayas on the border between Nepal and China.





Ques: Which company launched India's first SME commercial semiconductor chip production facility at Bhiwadi, Rajasthan?

- A) Vedanta Semiconductors
- B) Tata Electronics
- C) Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt. Ltd.
- D) Dixon Technologies
- E) HCL Technologies

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, virtually inaugurated the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) and semiconductor facility in Rajasthan.
- The Electronics Manufacturing Cluster was developed by ELCINA at Salarpur, Khushkhera, Bhiwadi in Rajasthan.
- Along with the EMC, the Semiconductor ATMP/OSAT facility of Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt. Ltd. was also inaugurated.
- The Electronics Manufacturing Cluster has been developed over 50.3 acres.
- The project cost of the EMC is ₹46.09 crore.
- The Semiconductor ATMP/OSAT facility has been developed with an investment of more than ₹150 crore.
- Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt. Ltd. became India's first Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) to begin commercial production of semiconductor chips.
- ATMP stands for Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging, while OSAT means Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test.





Ques: What was the theme of the 10th edition of the Indian Ocean Dialogue hosted by India in New Delhi?

- A) Blue Economy and Maritime Security
- B) Indo-Pacific Strategic Cooperation
- C) Indian Ocean Region in a Transforming World
- D) Sustainable Oceans for Future Generations
- E) Maritime Connectivity and Global Trade

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India hosted the 10th edition of the Indian Ocean Dialogue in New Delhi.
- The theme of the dialogue was “Indian Ocean Region in a Transforming World.”
- The event was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The dialogue was organised in collaboration with the Indian Council of World Affairs.
- The Indian Ocean Rim Association Secretariat also collaborated in organising the event.
- India has assumed the Chairship of IORA for the period 2025–27.
- The Indian Ocean Dialogue serves as an important platform for discussing strategic, economic and maritime issues in the Indian Ocean Region.
- The dialogue promotes regional cooperation among countries of the Indian Ocean Region.





Ques: What is the name of the mission launched by National Institute of Open Schooling to reconnect out-of-school children with the education system?

- A) Shiksha Setu
- B) Mission Vidya
- C) To Reach the Unreached
- D) Education for All
- E) Back to School Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Institute of Open Schooling launched a major initiative to reconnect out-of-school children with the formal education system.
- The mission is named “To Reach the Unreached.”
- Through this initiative, NIOS aims to bring nearly two crore out-of-school children back into education.
- National Institute of Open Schooling is a premier national board functioning under the Ministry of Education.
- It provides flexible distance learning opportunities for Secondary, Senior Secondary and vocational courses.
- The initiative focuses on inclusive and accessible education for children who have dropped out or never attended school.





Ques: Which state government launched the Annapurna Bhandaar Scheme providing ₹3,000 monthly assistance to eligible women?

- A) Odisha
- B) Bihar
- C) West Bengal
- D) Assam
- E) Jharkhand

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of West Bengal approved the launch of the Annapurna Bhandaar Scheme in its first Cabinet meeting.
- The scheme will provide ₹3,000 per month as financial assistance to eligible women.
- The scheme will be implemented from 1 June 2026.
- Annapurna Bhandaar Scheme will replace the existing Lakshmir Bhandar Scheme.
- Under the earlier Lakshmir Bhandar Scheme, General Category women received ₹1,500 per month.
- Women belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes received ₹1,700 per month under the previous scheme.
- The scheme is expected to benefit more than 2.11 crore women in West Bengal.





Ques: International Day of Families is observed annually on which date?

- A) 10 May
- B) 12 May
- C) 15 May
- D) 18 May
- E) 20 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- International Day of Families is observed every year on 15 May.
- The day highlights the fundamental role families play in society.
- It also raises awareness about social, economic, and demographic processes affecting families.
- The 2026 theme of the day is “Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing.”
- The observance encourages governments and organisations to support family-oriented policies and child welfare initiatives.
- The United Nations promotes the importance of families as the basic unit of society through this observance.

Static Part:

- International Day of Families Observed On – 15 May
- Theme 2026 – “Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing”
- Declared By – United Nations
- First Observed – 1994
- Objective – Promote awareness about issues relating to families





Ques: Sikkim became the 22nd state of India in which year?

- A) 1971
- B) 1973
- C) 1975
- D) 1977
- E) 1980

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sikkim celebrated its 51st Statehood Day on 16 May 2026.
- The day marks the anniversary of Sikkim's integration as the 22nd state of India in 1975.
- The main celebration was held at Manan Kendra in Gangtok.
- C. P. Radhakrishnan attended the event as the chief guest.
- Sikkim officially became a part of India after a constitutional amendment in 1975.
- Statehood Day is celebrated every year to honour Sikkim's democratic integration with India.

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- The highest single-day FPI selling was recorded on 7 May 2026 with outflows of ₹5,697.61 crore.
- Total weekly FPI outflows stood at ₹14,207.20 crore.
- Only one trading session witnessed net inflows of ₹2,969.02 crore, indicating weak foreign investor sentiment overall.
- According to JM Financial (April 2026), FPI ownership in Indian equities fell to 14.7%, the lowest since June 2012.
- A decade ago, FPI ownership in Indian equities was around 19.9%.





Ques: Why did Reserve Bank of India impose a penalty on IIFL Finance?

- A) Fraudulent transactions
- B) Cyber security breach
- C) Deficiencies in regulatory compliance
- D) Tax evasion
- E) Loan default

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India imposed a penalty of ₹3.1 lakh on IIFL Finance.
- The penalty was imposed due to deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
- IIFL Finance failed to comply with certain provisions under the RBI Master Direction for NBFCs.
- The action was related to the Scale Based Regulation (SBR) framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies.
- RBI conducted a statutory inspection with reference to the company's financial position as of 31 March 2025.
- RBI clarified that the penalty is based on regulatory deficiencies and does not question the validity of customer transactions.
- NBFCs are financial institutions that provide banking services without holding a banking license.

Static Part:

- RBI Full Form – Reserve Bank of India
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- IIFL Full Form – India Infoline Finance Limited
- Type of Institution – NBFC
- Penalty Amount – ₹3.1 lakh





Ques: Which bank became the first Taiwanese bank to establish a branch in GIFT City, Gujarat?

- A) CTBC Bank
- B) Taipei Fubon Bank
- C) Mega International Commercial Bank
- D) Bank of Taiwan
- E) Taiwan Cooperative Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- CTBC Bank announced the opening of its new branch at GIFT City, Gujarat.
- The opening marks a significant milestone in the bank's three-decade commitment to the Indian market.
- CTBC Bank became the first Taiwanese bank to establish a presence in GIFT City.
- It is also the only bank from Taiwan with a branch presence anywhere in India.
- The branch was established after obtaining approvals from the International Financial Services Centres Authority.
- GIFT City is emerging as a major international financial and fintech hub in India.
- The new branch is expected to strengthen financial cooperation between India and Taiwan.





Ques: What incentive has Andhra Pradesh announced for the birth of a third child?

- A) ₹10,000
- B) ₹20,000
- C) ₹30,000
- D) ₹40,000
- E) ₹50,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- N. Chandrababu Naidu announced cash incentives to encourage population growth.
- Families will receive a one-time incentive of ₹30,000 for the birth of the third child.
- A one-time incentive of ₹40,000 will be provided for the fourth child.
- The initiative is part of the State government's new population management policy.
- The Chief Minister stated that human resources are essential for the State's long-term development.
- The announcement was made during the Swarna Andhra – Swachh Andhra programme in Srikakulam district.
- The government also plans to strengthen the Thalliki Vandanam Scheme for education support.
- The policy aims to address demographic challenges and promote balanced population growth in the state.

Static Part:

- Andhra Pradesh Capital – Amaravati
- Andhra Pradesh Governor – S. Abdul Nazeer
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister – N. Chandrababu Naidu





Ques: What is the name of the AI-powered verification system launched by the Central Bureau of Investigation to verify notices and prevent digital arrest scams?

- A) Rakshak
- B) Suraksha
- C) Abhay
- D) Kavach
- E) Satark

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Central Bureau of Investigation launched an AI-based helpbot named “Abhay”.
- The system has been developed for the authentication and verification of CBI notices.
- The initiative aims to protect citizens from the growing threat of digital arrest scams.
- Fraudsters use fake notices and impersonation tactics to trap victims in digital arrest scams.
- CBI clarified that the concept of “digital arrest” has no legal existence in Indian law.
- Citizens can access the “Abhay” verification system through the official CBI website anytime.
- The AI system is expected to strengthen cyber awareness and prevent online fraud.
- The initiative is part of broader efforts to improve cyber safety and digital trust in India.

Static Part:

- CBI Established – 1 April 1963
- CBI Headquarters – New Delhi
- Parent Ministry – Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- CBI Motto – “Industry, Impartiality, Integrity”





Ques: India's first satellite-tagged Ganges Softshell Turtle was released in which National Park?

- A) Jim Corbett National Park
- B) Ranthambore National Park
- C) Kaziranga National Park
- D) Sundarbans National Park
- E) Manas National Park

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's first satellite-tagged Ganges Softshell Turtle was released in Kaziranga National Park.
- The turtle belongs to the endangered species *Nilssonina gangetica*.
- The initiative was launched to study the movement, habitat and breeding behaviour of freshwater turtles.
- The satellite-tagging exercise was conducted under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- The project was carried out in collaboration with Kaziranga National Park authorities and the Assam Forest Department.
- National Geographic Society funded the satellite-tagging project.
- The turtle was fitted with a transmitter and released into the Brahmaputra River ecosystem.
- The project aims to strengthen conservation efforts for freshwater turtles in India.

Static Part:

- Kaziranga National Park – Assam
- Kaziranga declared UNESCO World Heritage Site – 1985
- Assam Chief Minister – Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Assam Governor – Lakshman Prasad Acharya
- River associated – Brahmaputra River





Ques: Which rare Ebola virus strain caused the recent outbreak declared a global health emergency by World Health Organization?

- A) Zaire strain
- B) Sudan strain
- C) Reston strain
- D) Bundibugyo strain
- E) Tai Forest strain

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The World Health Organization declared the Ebola outbreak in Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).
- The outbreak is caused by the rare Bundibugyo strain of the Ebola virus.
- More than 300 suspected cases and over 80 deaths have been reported.
- WHO stated that the outbreak poses a risk of international spread and requires a coordinated global response.
- No approved vaccine or specific treatment is currently available for the Bundibugyo strain.
- Cases were mainly reported from the eastern Ituri province of DR Congo, while Uganda confirmed imported cases.
- WHO clarified that the outbreak does not yet meet the criteria of a pandemic like COVID-19.
- Ebola spreads through direct contact with infected bodily fluids such as blood, vomit and semen.
- WHO warned that the disease could spread internationally and emphasized the need for coordinated international surveillance and response measures.





Static Part:

- Organization – World Health Organization
- Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- WHO Director-General – Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- Disease – Ebola Virus Disease
- Affected Countries – Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda
- Virus Strain – Bundibugyo strain
- Emergency Status – Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)



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Ques: During his visit to the Netherlands, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was presented with the historic Leiden Copper Plates associated with which Chola king?

- A) Raja Raja Chola I
- B) Kulothunga Chola
- C) Vijayalaya Chola
- D) Aditya Chola
- E) Rajendra Chola I

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was presented with the historic 11th-century Chola Copper Plates during his official visit to the Netherlands.
- The copper plates are known as the Leiden Copper Plates.
- The plates had been preserved for over a century at Leiden University's Asian Library.
- The collection consists of 21 large and 3 small copper plates.
- The plates are bound together by a bronze ring carrying the seal of Rajendra Chola I.
- The Leiden Copper Plates are considered an important source of South Indian medieval history and Chola administration.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Committee on Empowerment of Women constituted by Om Birla?

- A) Smriti Irani
- B) Hema Malini
- C) Daggubati Purandeswari
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Aparajita Sarangi

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Om Birla constituted the Committee on Empowerment of Women.
- BJP MP Daggubati Purandeswari has been appointed as the Chairperson of the committee.
- The committee has been formed to examine and review issues related to women empowerment and welfare.
- The panel consists of 18 members from the Lok Sabha.
- It also includes 10 members from the Rajya Sabha.
- Parliamentary committees play an important role in detailed examination of policies and governance issues.
- The Committee on Empowerment of Women focuses on measures for improving the status and rights of women in India.





Ques: Under the new Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal framework, which bench will initially scrutinise all pending and future GST appeals?

- A) Single Bench
- B) Circuit Bench
- C) Division Bench
- D) Principal Authority
- E) High Court Bench

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal has constituted benches across India for handling GST disputes.
- GSTAT has issued a detailed framework for categorisation, scrutiny and listing of appeals.
- Under the new system, all pending and future appeals will first be reviewed by a Division Bench before allocation to a Single Bench.
- Cases involving tax liability below ₹50 lakh and not involving any substantial question of law may be heard by a Single Bench.
- GSTAT introduced a three-tier classification system for GST disputes.
- Disputes related to classification, valuation, Input Tax Credit (ITC), refunds, penalties and registrations have been categorised separately.
- Experts believe the new framework will reduce GST litigation burden and improve consistency in tax dispute resolution.
- GSTAT benches are becoming operational in phases across the country during 2026.

Static Part:

- GST Launch Date – 1 July 2017
- GSTAT Principal Bench – New Delhi
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman
- CGST Act – 2017





Ques: During whose visit was the “Framework for Strategic Defence Partnership” signed between India and the United Arab Emirates?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) S. Jaishankar
- E) Piyush Goyal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and the United Arab Emirates signed a comprehensive “Framework for Strategic Defence Partnership.”
- The agreement was signed during the official visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the UAE.
- The partnership aims to strengthen cooperation in defence, maritime security, cyber security and advanced technologies.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi.
- Both countries agreed to expand collaboration in industrial innovation and secure communication systems.
- India and UAE are working towards building a broader and stronger regional security architecture.
- The two nations have regularly conducted defence exercises and strategic dialogues.
- An MoU was also signed for establishing a Ship Repair Cluster at Vadinar, Gujarat.
- The project will be jointly developed by Cochin Shipyard Limited and Drydocks World.

Static Part:

- UAE Capital – Abu Dhabi
- UAE Currency – UAE Dirham
- UAE President – Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan





Ques: Which country conferred the “Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander Grand Cross” upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A) Norway
- B) Denmark
- C) Sweden
- D) Finland
- E) Iceland

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the “Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander Grand Cross” by Sweden.
- The honour was presented during PM Modi’s official visit to Gothenburg, Sweden.
- The award was conferred by Victoria.
- It is the highest honour awarded by Sweden to a foreign Head of Government.
- PM Modi received the honour for strengthening India–Sweden bilateral relations and strategic cooperation.
- This became the 31st international honour received by PM Narendra Modi.
- During the visit, India and Sweden discussed cooperation in trade, AI, green transition, defence, startups, climate action and emerging technologies.
- The Royal Order of the Polar Star was instituted in 1748.
- The honour reflects India’s growing global influence and diplomatic engagement.

Static Part:

- Country – Sweden
- Capital of Sweden – Stockholm
- Currency of Sweden – Swedish Krona
- Prime Minister of Sweden – Ulf Kristersson
- Royal Order of the Polar Star Instituted – 1748
- Crown Princess of Sweden – Victoria





Ques: In which state were three Amur Falcon satellite-tagged under a conservation initiative?

- A) Assam
- B) Nagaland
- C) Manipur
- D) Mizoram
- E) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said that satellite-tagged Amur Falcons have begun their return migration from Southern Africa to Far-East Asia via India.
- Three Amur Falcons were satellite-tagged in Chiuluan village of Tamenglong district in Manipur in November 2025.
- The three tagged falcons were named Ahu, Alang and Apapang.
- The birds undertook a non-stop flight of nearly 6,000 kilometres from Somalia to Northeast India.
- The tagging exercise was conducted under a community-led conservation initiative.
- The initiative was supported by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Wildlife Institute of India.
- A young female falcon named “Alang” was reported crossing the Arabian Sea towards India’s west coast.
- Scientists said the project generated important insights into migration routes and conservation of the species.

Static Part:

- Bird Species – Amur Falcon
- Tagging Location – Chiuluan, Tamenglong district, Manipur
- Tagged Falcons – Ahu, Alang, Apapang





- Supporting Organisation – Wildlife Institute of India
- Ministry – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Capital of Manipur – Imphal
- Governor of Manipur – Ajay Kumar Bhalla



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Ques: Which Indian badminton player won the silver medal in women's singles at the Baoji China Masters?

- A) Shriyanshi Valishetty
- B) Unnati Hooda
- C) Anupama Upadhyaya
- D) Aakarshi Kashyap
- E) Malvika Bansod

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's Shriyanshi Valishetty won the silver medal in women's singles at the Baoji China Masters in China.
- She lost to local favourite An Qi Yuan in the final match.
- The summit clash was played at the Baoji City Gymnasium.
- The tournament was part of the Super 100 badminton event category.
- Shriyanshi Valishetty's performance highlighted the growing strength of Indian badminton at international events.
- The Baoji China Masters is an important tournament in the Badminton World Federation circuit.





Ques: Tata Electronics' upcoming semiconductor fabrication plant supported by ASML will be established in which state?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Tata Electronics and ASML signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

- The partnership aims to strengthen India's semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem.
- ASML will support Tata Electronics' upcoming 300 mm semiconductor fabrication plant in Dholera, Gujarat.
- The fabrication plant project involves an investment of around ₹91,000 crore.
- ASML will provide advanced lithography tools and semiconductor solutions for the facility.
- The collaboration will help in developing local talent, technology capabilities and supply chain resilience in India.
- The initiative supports India's goal of becoming a global hub for chip manufacturing and electronics production.
- Semiconductor fabrication plants are highly advanced facilities used for manufacturing integrated circuits and chips.

Static Part:

- ASML Headquarters – Veldhoven, Netherlands
- Tata Electronics Parent Group – Tata Group
- Project Location – Dholera, Gujarat
- Investment Amount – ₹91,000 crore
- Semiconductor Fab Size – 300 mm
- Gujarat Capital – Gandhinagar





Ques: Who became the first Italian man since Adriano Panatta in 1976 to win the Italian Open title in Rome?

- A) Lorenzo Musetti
- B) Matteo Berrettini
- C) Fabio Fognini
- D) Jannik Sinner
- E) Casper Ruud

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- World No. 1 Jannik Sinner won the men's singles title at the Italian Open.
- He defeated Norway's Casper Ruud in the final match.
- Jannik Sinner became the first Italian man since Adriano Panatta in 1976 to lift the Italian Open title in Rome.
- In the women's singles event, Elina Svitolina defeated World No. 4 Coco Gauff of the United States.
- Elina Svitolina won the women's title at the Italian Open.
- The Italian Open is one of the major clay-court tournaments in professional tennis.
- The tournament is held annually in Rome, Italy.





- Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Indian Company Involved – Tata Electronics
- Dutch Semiconductor Company – ASML



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Ques: World Hypertension Day is observed globally on which date?

- A) 12 May
- B) 15 May
- C) 17 May
- D) 20 May
- E) 22 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Hypertension Day is observed globally on 17 May every year.
- The day aims to raise awareness about high blood pressure or Hypertension.
- It is observed as part of Hypertension Awareness Month.
- Hypertension is often called the “Silent Killer” because it may not show symptoms but can lead to serious health problems.
- The 2026 theme is “Controlling Hypertension Together: Check Your Blood Pressure Regularly, Defeat the Silent Killer.”
- The campaign encourages people to monitor their blood pressure regularly and adopt healthy lifestyles.
- Awareness activities are conducted worldwide to reduce the risks of heart disease and stroke caused by hypertension.





Ques: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) 12 May
- B) 15 May
- C) 17 May
- D) 20 May
- E) 21 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed every year on 17 May.
- The 2026 theme was “Digital lifelines: Strengthening resilience in a connected world.”
- The day commemorates the founding of the International Telecommunication Union in 1865 in Paris.
- International Telecommunication Union is the United Nations agency for digital technologies.
- It is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for matters related to information and communication technologies (ICTs).
- The observance highlights the importance of digital connectivity and resilient communication systems worldwide.





Ques: TVS Venu Group will acquire what percentage stake in Jana Small Finance Bank?

- A) 4.9%
- B) 5.6%
- C) 9.9%
- D) 12%
- E) 15%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

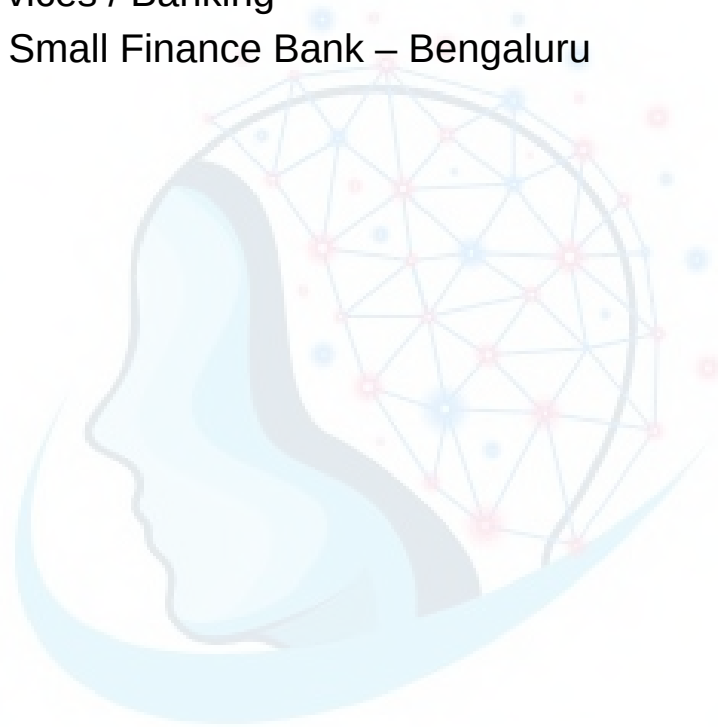
- TVS Venu Group will acquire a 9.9% stake in Jana Small Finance Bank for around ₹193 crore.
- The acquisition will be done through a mix of primary warrant subscription and secondary share purchase.
- Around 4.9% stake will be directly held by TVS Motor Company.
- The transaction is expected to be completed within three months, subject to regulatory and customary approvals.
- The investment is part of TVS Group's strategy to expand its presence in the financial services sector.
- TVS Group had recently signed agreements to acquire 100% stake in PGIM India Asset Management.
- Jana Small Finance Bank is among India's largest small finance banks in terms of assets and deposits.
- Jana Small Finance Bank serves more than 12 million customers through 822 outlets across India.
- The bank reported total income of ₹6,374.8 crore and net profit of ₹326.4 crore in FY26.





Static Part:

- Company – TVS Venu Group
- Bank – Jana Small Finance Bank
- Stake Acquired – 9.9%
- Deal Value – ₹193 Crore
- Sector – Financial Services / Banking
- Headquarters of Jana Small Finance Bank – Bengaluru
- Founded – 2006



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Ques: Viyona Fintech received NPCI certification for which of the following payment systems?

- A) UPI Acquirer
- B) IMPS
- C) UPI Issuer
- D) IBMB
- E) All of the Above

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Hyderabad-based Viyona Fintech secured NPCI certification for multiple payment infrastructure layers.
- The certifications include UPI Acquirer, UPI Issuer, IMPS, and Interoperable Banking Mobile Banking (IBMB).
- These approvals allow the company to independently provide full-stack payment orchestration solutions.
- The certification enables Viyona Fintech to manage payment services from merchant acceptance to customer-facing issuance infrastructure.
- The company's technology framework is aligned with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) standards.
- The move strengthens Viyona Fintech's role in India's rapidly expanding digital payments ecosystem.
- UPI and IMPS are among the most widely used digital payment systems in India.
- The certification supports end-to-end payment orchestration capabilities for merchants and consumers.

Static Part:

- Company – Viyona Fintech
- Certification Authority – NPCI
- Headquarters – Hyderabad





- Payment Systems Covered – UPI Acquirer, UPI Issuer, IMPS, IBMB
- Sector – Fintech / Digital Payments
- NPCI Full Form – National Payments Corporation of India
- IMPS Full Form – Immediate Payment Service



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Ques: Which foreign company agreed to acquire a 75% stake in Bharti Life Insurance Company?

- A) Allianz SE
- B) AXA Group
- C) Aviva plc
- D) MetLife Inc.
- E) Prudential plc

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Prudential plc agreed to acquire a 75% stake in Bharti Life Insurance Company.
- The deal is considered the first major insurance sector transaction after the government allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in insurance.
- The stake will be acquired from Bharti Life Ventures Pvt Ltd and 360 ONE Asset Management.
- The transaction involves an initial cash consideration of ₹3,500 crore.
- An additional amount of up to ₹700 crore may also be paid later.
- After completion of the transaction, Bharti Life will become India's fifth insurance company with 75% foreign ownership.
- The move reflects increasing foreign investor interest in India's insurance sector.





Ques: Liberty Mutual increased its stake in Liberty General Insurance to what percentage?

- A) 49%
- B) 55.4%
- C) 60%
- D) 74%
- E) 100%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- US-based Liberty Mutual Insurance increased its stake in Liberty General Insurance to 74%.
- Earlier, Liberty Mutual had increased its stake from 49% to 55.4% in September 2025.
- Liberty General Insurance is a joint venture between Liberty Mutual, Summit Asia Investments Holdings, and Enam Securities.
- The increase in stake reflects Liberty Mutual's growing confidence in the Indian insurance market.
- The Government of India recently allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in insurance companies under the automatic route.
- Liberty General Insurance provides retail, commercial and industrial insurance solutions in India.
- The company operates across more than 95 locations in India.
- The move strengthens Liberty Mutual's long-term strategic presence in India's insurance sector.

Static Part:

- Company – Liberty Mutual Insurance
- Country – United States of America (USA)
- Stake Increased To – 74%
- Sector – Insurance
- FDI Limit in Insurance Sector – 100%
- Liberty General Insurance Operations Started – 2013





Ques: What has RBI recently removed for banks to improve flexibility?

- A) CRR Requirement
- B) SLR Requirement
- C) Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR)
- D) Priority Sector Lending
- E) Repo Rate

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI has removed the requirement of Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR) for banks.
- The decision is applicable to banks that already maintain capital for market risk.
- IFR acted as a buffer against losses due to interest rate fluctuations.
- The move aims to reduce operational rigidity and improve flexibility.
- The revised norms will harmonise regulatory instructions across entities.
- The new rules are applicable to commercial banks, small finance banks, payment banks, cooperative banks and RRBs.
- Existing IFR balances will be transferred to reserves or P&L accounts.
- IFR earlier served as a safety cushion against market volatility in investment portfolios.
- RBI aims to align prudential norms with modern risk-based frameworks while ensuring financial stability.

Static Part:

- Regulator – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Term – Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR)
- Purpose – Buffer against investment/interest rate risks
- Effective – May 2026 (as per revised norms)
- Applicable Institutions – Commercial Banks, SFBs, Payment Banks, Cooperative Banks, RRBs





Ques: According to the RBI report, credit card transaction volumes in India reached how many crore in 2025?

- A) 216 crore
- B) 350 crore
- C) 480 crore
- D) 570 crore
- E) 700 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported that credit card transactions increased by 2.6 times between 2021 and 2025.
- Credit card transaction volumes rose from 216 crore in 2021 to 570 crore in 2025.
- The transaction value increased from ₹8.9 lakh crore to ₹23.2 lakh crore during the same period.
- RBI highlighted the rapid expansion of

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Ques: What is the full form of UDGAM, the portal launched by RBI to help trace unclaimed deposits?

- A) Unified Deposit Gateway and Management
- B) Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access Information
- C) Universal Deposits and General Account Mechanism
- D) Unified Digital Gateway for Account Monitoring
- E) Unclaimed Deposit Grievance and Monitoring

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) informed the Supreme Court that 30 banks have been integrated into the UDGAM portal.
- The portal helps legal heirs trace unclaimed funds of deceased account holders.
- UDGAM stands for “Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access Information.”
- UDGAM is an online centralized portal developed by the RBI.
- The platform was developed in collaboration with Reserve Bank Information Technology Pvt Ltd (ReBIT), Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS), and selected banks.
- According to RBI, unclaimed deposits include savings or current accounts inactive for 10 years.
- Fixed deposits not claimed within 10 years from maturity are also treated as unclaimed deposits.
- Such funds are transferred to the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund maintained by RBI.





Ques: What is the withdrawal limit imposed by RBI on Nagar Sahakari Bank customers?

- A) ₹5,000
- B) ₹10,000
- C) ₹20,000
- D) ₹50,000
- E) ₹1,00,000

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a 6-month moratorium on Nagar Sahakari Bank.
- The bank is based in Etawah, Uttar Pradesh.
- Customers can withdraw a maximum of ₹10,000 during this period.
- The action is due to supervisory and financial concerns.
- Restrictions came into effect from the close of business on Monday.
- RBI imposed limits to protect depositors and ensure stability.
- The moratorium aims to control liquidity outflow and prevent panic withdrawals.
- RBI generally takes such measures to maintain financial stability and support corrective actions in weak banks.

Static Part:

- Regulator – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Bank – Nagar Sahakari Bank
- Location – Etawah (Uttar Pradesh)
- Withdrawal Limit – ₹10,000
- Duration – 6 months





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) T. Rabi Sankar
- B) Gunveer Singh
- C) M. Rajeshwar Rao
- D) Ajay Kumar Choudhary
- E) Swaminathan J

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed Gunveer Singh as Executive Director (ED).
- Prior to his promotion, Gunveer Singh served as Chief General Manager-in-Charge of the Department of Payment and Settlement Systems.
- The Department of Payment and Settlement Systems handles payment infrastructure and settlement mechanisms in India.
- As Executive Director, Gunveer Singh will play an important role in RBI's policy implementation and financial regulation.
- RBI is India's central banking institution responsible for monetary policy and regulation of the banking system.





Ques: What is the new base year for GDP & GSVA as per NSO?

- A) 2010–11
- B) 2011–12
- C) 2015–16
- D) 2020–21
- E) 2022–23

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The National Statistical Office (NSO) has revised the base year to 2022–23.
- It covers GDP and Gross State Value Added (GSVA) calculations.
- The new series replaces the old base year 2011–12.
- The aim is to improve accuracy, comparability and alignment with the current economy.
- The move seeks uniform adoption across all states and Union Territories.
- The new methodology includes double deflation and improved data sources.
- It helps in better measurement of real economic output.
- The updated framework increases the use of administrative and survey data for better economic estimates.
- The revision reflects the changing structure of the Indian economy.

Static Part:

- Organization – National Statistical Office (NSO)
- Ministry – Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
- New Base Year – 2022–23
- Old Base Year – 2011–12
- Economic Indicators Covered – GDP & GSVA





Ques: What is the minimum annual turnover required for FFMCs as per new RBI rules?

- A) ₹5 crore
- B) ₹10 crore
- C) ₹25 crore
- D) ₹50 crore
- E) ₹100 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI has introduced minimum turnover requirements for money changers.
- FFMCs (Full-Fledged Money Changers) must maintain ₹10 crore annual forex turnover.
- AD Category-II entities must achieve ₹50 crore turnover within 2 years.
- RBI will not issue fresh FFMC licences going forward.
- Trade transactions for AD Category-II are capped at ₹25 lakh per deal.
- Minimum net worth requirement for AD Category-II is ₹10 crore.
- These rules aim to strengthen compliance, customer protection and anti-money laundering (AML) measures.
- The RBI introduced these thresholds to ensure better regulation and transparency in the forex market.
- RBI has decided to stop issuing new FFMC licences and focus on strengthening existing players.

Static Part:

- Regulator – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Sector – Forex / Money Changing
- Key Entity – FFMC (Full-Fledged Money Changer)
- Effective – 2026
- Minimum FFMC Annual Turnover – ₹10 crore
- AD Category-II Minimum Net Worth – ₹10 crore





Ques: Which organization developed the world's first AI-designed genome-editing tool for plants?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) ICAR
- D) CSIR
- E) ICMR

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Scientists at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) developed the world's first AI-designed genome-editing tool for plants.
- The breakthrough was achieved at the ICAR–Central Rice Research Institute.
- The AI-based tool can modify plant DNA to develop traits such as higher yield, disease resistance, climate resilience, and improved nutrition.
- The technology is considered an advancement over traditional CRISPR gene-editing technology.
- Scientists demonstrated that AI-designed enzymes can accurately perform gene knockout, base editing, and prime editing in crops.
- The platform is named Plant-OpenCRISPR1 (POC1).
- Rice was used as the model crop to validate the technology.
- The innovation may help improve food security and agricultural biotechnology in the future.
- The technology may also reduce dependence on patented global CRISPR systems.

Static Part:

- Organization – ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research)
- Research Institute – Central Rice Research Institute
- Technology Name – Plant-OpenCRISPR1 (POC1)
- Sector – Agricultural Biotechnology





- Gene Editing Technology – CRISPR
- Model Crop Used – Rice
- Headquarters of ICAR – New Delhi



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Ques: How many gold medals did India win at the Asian Boxing U15 Championships 2026?

- A) 5
- B) 7
- C) 9
- D) 12
- E) 15

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India delivered a dominant performance at the Asian Boxing U15 Championships 2026.
- India finished the tournament with a total of 27 medals.
- The medal tally included 9 gold, 6 silver and 12 bronze medals.
- India topped the U-15 girls medal standings in the championship.
- The achievement highlighted the emergence of young Indian boxing talent on the international stage.
- In the U-15 Girls category, India won 7 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze medals.
- In the U-15 Boys category, India secured 2 gold, 4 silver and 7 bronze medals.
- The championship was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.





Ques: From which academic session will CBSE implement the revised three-language scheme for Classes 9 and 10?

- A) 2024–25
- B) 2025–26
- C) 2026–27
- D) 2027–28
- E) 2028–29

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced major changes in the language scheme for Classes 9 and 10.
- The revised language structure will be implemented from the academic session 2026–27 onwards.
- Under the new policy, students will be required to study three languages.
- At least two of the three languages must be native Indian languages.
- The revised structure has been aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- It is also based on the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023.
- According to the notification, the study of three languages — R1, R2 and R3 — will become compulsory from 1 July 2026.





Ques: Which big cat is popularly known as the “Ghost of the Mountains”?

- A) Tiger
- B) Lion
- C) Snow Leopard
- D) Jaguar
- E) Cheetah

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Snow Leopard (*Panthera uncia*) was highlighted under the “Know Your Big Cats” awareness campaign ahead of the IBCA Summit 2026.
- Snow Leopard is popularly known as the “Ghost of the Mountains” because of its elusive nature.
- The species inhabits the mountain ranges of Central and South Asia.
- Countries within its habitat range include India, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan.
- Snow Leopards are highly adapted to extreme cold and rocky high-altitude terrain.
- Their long tail helps maintain balance on cliffs and provides warmth during harsh winters.
- The estimated global wild population of Snow Leopards was around 5,574 in 2023.

Static Part:

- Common Name – Snow Leopard
- Scientific Name – *Panthera uncia*
- Nickname – Ghost of the Mountains
- Conservation Status – Vulnerable (VU)
- Habitat Region – Central & South Asian Mountain Ranges

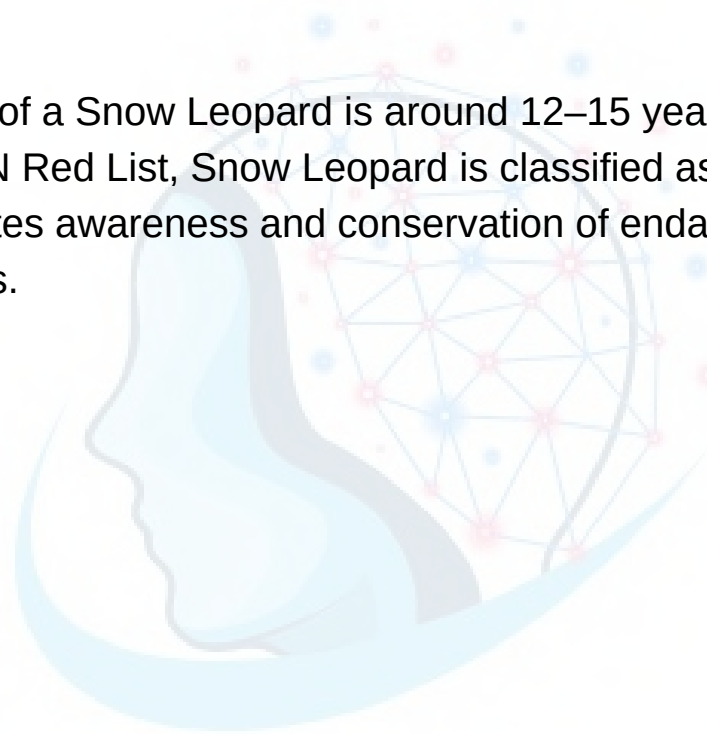




- Estimated Global Population (2023) – 5,574
- Lifespan – 12–15 Years
- Summit Name – IBCA Summit 2026
- IBCA Full Form – International Big Cat Alliance

Additional Points:

- The average lifespan of a Snow Leopard is around 12–15 years.
- According to the IUCN Red List, Snow Leopard is classified as Vulnerable (VU).
- The campaign promotes awareness and conservation of endangered big cats and their fragile ecosystems.



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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation?

- A) Mirabai Chanu
- B) Sahdev Yadav
- C) Ajay Singh
- D) Sabina Yadav
- E) Narinder Dhruv Batra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sahdev Yadav has been appointed as the President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation.
- Sahdev Yadav is also the head of the Indian Weightlifting Federation.
- Sabina Yadav has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation.
- The appointments are expected to strengthen weightlifting administration and regional cooperation in South Asia.
- The South Asian Weightlifting Federation works to promote and develop weightlifting sports among South Asian nations.
- India has been playing an important role in promoting weightlifting at the regional and international level.





Ques: Which company became the second Asian company after TSMC to join the \$1 trillion market capitalization club?

- A) Sony
- B) Samsung Electronics
- C) SK Hynix
- D) Huawei
- E) Panasonic

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Samsung Electronics crossed a market valuation of \$1 trillion for the first time.
- Samsung became the second Asian company after TSMC to achieve this milestone.
- The company's shares surged due to rising global demand for AI chips and memory semiconductors.
- Samsung's rise boosted South Korea's Kospi index above the 7,000 mark for the first time.
- Samsung, TSMC and SK Hynix are playing a major role in the global AI and semiconductor ecosystem.
- Strong investor confidence and growing AI infrastructure demand supported Samsung's historic rally.
- The company's valuation surged due to strong global demand for AI chips, semiconductors and memory technology.
- The achievement highlights Asia's growing importance in the global semiconductor and AI industry.

Static Part:

- Company – Samsung Electronics
- Country – South Korea
- Milestone Achieved – \$1 Trillion Market Capitalisation
- First Asian Company in \$1 Trillion Club – TSMC (Taiwan)
- Major Sector – Semiconductor & Electronics
- South Korea Stock Index – Kospi





Ques: What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2026?

- A) 65th
- B) 72nd
- C) 75th
- D) 78th
- E) 82nd

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's passport was ranked 78th in the Henley Passport Index 2026.
- India slipped from its earlier 75th position in the ranking.
- Indian passport holders have access to 56 destinations through visa-free entry, visa-on-arrival or simplified visa procedures.
- India shares the 78th rank with Burkina Faso, Cuba and Senegal.
- The Henley Passport Index ranks 199 passports globally.
- The ranking is based on data provided by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- The index measures the travel freedom enjoyed by passport holders across different countries.

Top Countries Ranking with Access:

1. Singapore – 192
2. Japan, South Korea, United Arab Emirates – 187
3. Sweden – 186
4. Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain & Switzerland – 185
5. Austria, Greece, Malta and Portugal – 184
6. Afghanistan – 23





India & Neighboring Countries Ranking with Access:

- China – 82
- India – 56
- Bhutan – 47
- Myanmar – 43
- Sri Lanka – 39
- Bangladesh – 36
- Nepal – 35
- Pakistan – 30



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Ques: Which honour was conferred upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi by Norway?

- A) Order of St. Olaf
- B) Nobel Peace Prize
- C) Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit
- D) Polar Star Award
- E) Order of the Arctic

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit in Oslo, Norway.
- The honour was awarded by King Harald V of Norway.
- It is regarded as Norway's highest civilian distinction.
- The award recognizes exceptional efforts in strengthening international relations and diplomatic cooperation.
- PM Modi received the honour during his official visit to Oslo, Norway.
- This became the 32nd international honour received by PM Narendra Modi from foreign countries.
- India and Norway also elevated their bilateral relations to a Green Strategic Partnership.
- Both countries signed agreements related to space, health, digital development, maritime cooperation, and climate initiatives.
- PM Modi also discussed cooperation in the Arctic region, clean energy, and digital public infrastructure with Norway.
- This was the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Norway in over 40 years.

Static Part:

- Award Name – Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit
- Awarding Country – Norway





- Presented By – King Harald V
- Recipient – Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Type of Honour – Highest Civilian Distinction of Norway
- Place of Conferment – Oslo, Norway
- Bilateral Partnership – Green Strategic Partnership
- Prime Minister of Norway – Jonas Gahr Støre
- Capital of Norway – Oslo
- Currency of Norway – Norwegian Krone



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Bee Day is observed globally every year on 20 May.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of bees, pollinators, biodiversity and sustainable agriculture.
- The date was chosen to mark the birth anniversary of Anton Janša, regarded as a pioneer of modern beekeeping (apiculture).
- The 2026 theme is “Bee Together for People and the Planet - A Partnership that Sustains Us All.”
- Bees play a vital role in pollination, food production and maintaining ecological balance.
- The observance encourages global action to protect bee populations and their habitats.





Ques: According to the “State of Indian States: 2026” report, which state recorded the highest five-year nominal CAGR growth?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Karnataka
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Assam
- E) Maharashtra

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- A report titled “State of Indian States: 2026” was released by wealth management firm Client Associates.
- Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Gujarat together contributed nearly 48% of India’s GDP in FY2025.
- Assam emerged as the fastest-growing large state with a five-year nominal CAGR of 17.32%.
- Uttar Pradesh recorded a nominal CAGR of 15.34% during FY20–FY25.
- Meghalaya registered a growth rate of 15.27% CAGR in the same period.
- Karnataka and Manipur also recorded growth above 15% CAGR.
- The report highlighted that economic momentum is now spreading beyond traditional economic centres.
- Uttar Pradesh’s growth was attributed to reforms like NIVESH MITRA, land digitisation and infrastructure development.
- The findings indicate a broader regional diversification of India’s economic growth pattern.

Static Part:

- Largest State Economy in India – Maharashtra
- Assam Capital – Dispur
- Meghalaya Capital – Shillong
- Uttar Pradesh Capital – Lucknow
- India’s GDP Base Year – 2022–23





Ques: Why did RBI cancel the licence of The Yashwant Co-operative Bank Ltd.?

- A) Cybersecurity violations
- B) Merger with another bank
- C) Inadequate capital and poor financial condition
- D) Foreign investment issues
- E) Tax fraud allegations

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the banking licence of The Yashwant Co-operative Bank Ltd., Phaltan, Maharashtra.
- The cancellation became effective from the close of business on 19 May 2026.
- RBI stated that the bank lacked adequate capital and earning prospects.
- The bank was also unable to pay its depositors in full.
- RBI requested the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra to initiate the process of winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator.
- Eligible depositors can receive insurance claims up to ₹5 lakh under the DICGC scheme.
- Around 99.02% depositors are eligible to receive the full amount of their deposits.
- As of 20 April 2026, DICGC had already paid ₹106.96 crore.
- The action was taken to protect depositors' interests and maintain financial stability in the cooperative banking sector.

Static Part:

- Bank Name – The Yashwant Co-operative Bank Ltd.
- Location – Phaltan, Maharashtra
- Regulator – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Deposit Insurance Agency – DICGC
- Maximum Deposit Insurance – ₹5 Lakh
- Licence Cancellation Effective Date – 19 May 2026





Ques: Where is Central Bank of India launching its IFSC Banking Unit (IBU)?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Bengaluru
- D) GIFT City, Gandhinagar
- E) Chennai

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Central Bank of India is set to operationalise an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- The branch will function as an international banking branch.
- The IBU will provide corporate clients access to global financial markets.
- Customers will also get access to specialized foreign exchange (forex) services.
- The bank received regulatory approvals from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).
- The announcement was made by the bank's MD & CEO Kalyan Kumar.
- GIFT City is emerging as India's major hub for international financial services and offshore banking.
- The move will strengthen the bank's international banking operations and forex-related business activities.

Static Part:

- Bank Name – Central Bank of India
- New Unit – IFSC Banking Unit (IBU)
- Location – GIFT City, Gandhinagar
- Regulatory Authorities – RBI & IFSCA
- Bank MD & CEO – Kalyan Kumar
- Main Services – Global Banking & Forex Services





Ques: Which platform will EPFO use to provide services such as PF balance check and claim status to subscribers?

- A) Telegram
- B) Signal
- C) WhatsApp
- D) Facebook
- E) Instagram

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) will soon provide various services through WhatsApp.
- Subscribers will be able to check their PF balance, last five transactions and claim status using WhatsApp services.
- The service is expected to be available to all EPFO subscribers within one month.
- Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced that testing of the system has already been completed.
- EPFO is also planning to allow UPI-based withdrawal and direct bank transfer of provident funds.
- Members sending WhatsApp messages will be verified through their registered mobile number linked with UAN.
- EPFO stated that initiatives like "Nidhi Aapke Nikat (NAN)" helped reduce pending consumer court cases.
- The initiative aims to improve accessibility and digital delivery of EPFO services.

Static Part:

- Organisation – Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)
- EPFO Established – 1952
- EPFO Headquarters – New Delhi
- Parent Ministry – Ministry of Labour & Employment





- Union Labour Minister – Mansukh Mandaviya
- UAN Full Form – Universal Account Number
- Proposed Services – PF Balance, Last Five Transactions, Claim Status
- Verification Method – Registered Mobile Number linked with UAN
- Additional Planned Feature – UPI-based PF Withdrawal



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Ques: Which organisation launched 'Project Saksham' to promote inclusive development and empower rural women?

- A) National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- B) Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)
- C) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- D) NABARD
- E) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) launched 'Project Saksham' to encourage inclusive development.
- The initiative aims to empower rural women through skill development and employment opportunities.
- 'Project Saksham' is being implemented in collaboration with Vertis Foundation.
- Under the initiative, 12 training centres have been established across India.
- More than 6,000 youth have been trained under the project.
- The programme has provided over 4,000 job placements.
- Around 80% of the beneficiaries are women.
- Beneficiaries are earning average monthly incomes between ₹13,000 and ₹16,000.

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Ques: Which country will host the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, in October 2026?

- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Canada
- D) Australia
- E) Germany

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- US Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced that the United States will host the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on October 30–31, 2026.
- The meeting is part of preparations for the G20 Leaders' Summit.
- The G20 Leaders' Summit will be held in Miami, Florida on December 14–15, 2026.
- The summit celebrations will coincide with the 250th anniversary of the United States.
- The G20 is a major international forum consisting of the world's leading economies.

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Ques: Which country became Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner by overtaking the United States?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Japan
- D) Indonesia
- E) Brazil

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India has overtaken the United States to become Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner.
- According to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), India accounted for 8.47% of Bangladesh's total trade in February.
- India's trade value with Bangladesh stood at Tk 123.28 billion.
- The United States held a slightly lower share of 8.46%, valued at Tk 123.17 billion.
- China remained Bangladesh's largest trading partner with a 21.21% share of total trade.
- Bangladesh's trade pattern reflects a strong dependence on regional imports and raw materials.
- India exports items such as rice, onions, sugar, cotton, yarn and industrial raw materials to Bangladesh.
- Bangladesh exports RMG, jute products, plastics and leather goods to India.
- The development highlights India's growing role in South Asian regional trade.

Bangladesh Top Trading Partners (February):

- 1. China – 21.21% (Tk 308.79 Billion)
- 2. India – 8.47% (Tk 123.28 Billion)
- 3. United States – 8.46% (Tk 123.17 Billion)
- 4. Indonesia – 5.28% (Tk 76.97 Billion)

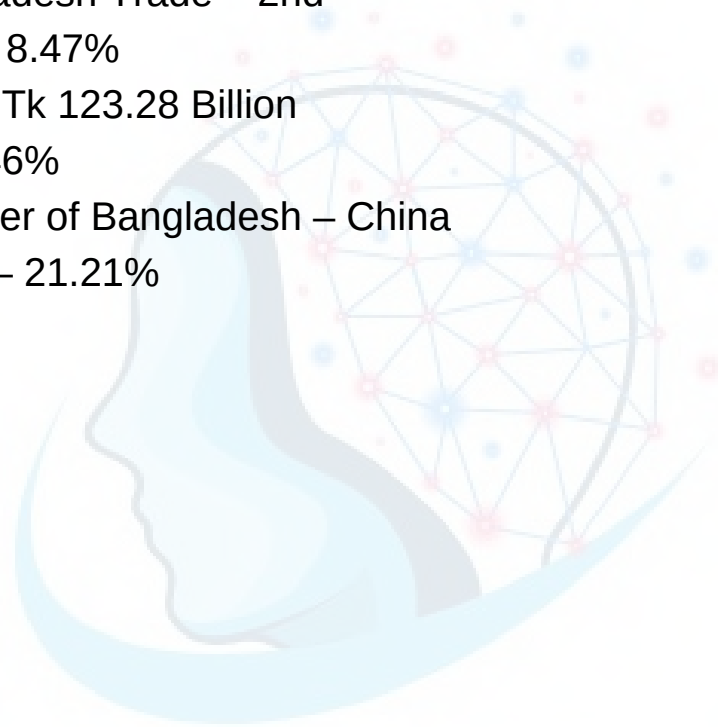




- 5. Brazil – 3.96% (Tk 57.69 Billion)

Static Part:

- Report Source – Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)
- India's Rank in Bangladesh Trade – 2nd
- India's Trade Share – 8.47%
- India's Trade Value – Tk 123.28 Billion
- US Trade Share – 8.46%
- Largest Trading Partner of Bangladesh – China
- China's Trade Share – 21.21%



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Ques: Which city will host the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting chaired by India?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- New Delhi will host an important meeting of the Quad Foreign Ministers.
- India is hosting the meeting in its capacity as the current chair of the Quad grouping.
- The meeting will be presided over by Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.
- The meeting will be attended by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio.
- Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong will also participate in the meeting.
- Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi will represent Japan at the meeting.
- The Quad grouping consists of India, the United States, Australia and Japan.
- The Quad focuses on cooperation in areas such as regional security, economic growth, technology and maritime cooperation.





Ques: During which summit did Nordic countries commit to investing \$100 billion in India over the next 15 years?

- A) BRICS Summit
- B) G20 Summit
- C) India-EU Summit
- D) India-Nordic Summit
- E) BIMSTEC Summit

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Nordic countries committed to investing \$100 billion in India over the next 15 years.
- The announcement was made during the 3rd India-Nordic Summit held in Oslo, Norway.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the summit along with leaders of Norway, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Iceland.
- India offered 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to Nordic defence firms in defence industrial corridors.
- Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation in climate action, blue economy, polar research and green technology.
- The summit also focused on improving mobility of students, researchers and professionals between India and Nordic nations.
- India and Nordic countries signed partnerships related to clean energy transition, innovation and trade.
- India's trade with Nordic countries reached around \$19 billion in 2024.
- The summit highlighted growing cooperation between India and Nordic nations in defence, technology and sustainable development sectors.

Static Part:

- Summit Name – 3rd India-Nordic Summit
- Venue – Oslo, Norway





- Nordic Countries – Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland
- Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Investment Commitment – \$100 Billion
- Investment Period – 15 Years
- Currency of Norway – Norwegian Krone



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Ques: Which Union Minister launched the Ayush Anudan Portal in New Delhi?

- A) J. P. Nadda
- B) Prataprao Jadhav
- C) Kiren Rijiju
- D) Dharmendra Pradhan
- E) Mansukh Mandaviya

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union AYUSH Minister Prataprao Jadhav launched the Ayush Anudan Portal in New Delhi.
- The portal aims to improve digital governance and increase transparency in the AYUSH sector.
- The portal has been developed under the Ayush Grid initiative by the Ministry of AYUSH.
- The platform will facilitate online submission of funding proposals.
- It will also support processing, approval and monitoring of proposals under various Central Sector Schemes.
- The initiative is expected to make grant management in the AYUSH sector more efficient and transparent.





Ques: GE Aerospace announced a fresh investment of ₹100 crore in its manufacturing facility located in which city?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Chennai
- E) Pune

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- GE Aerospace announced a fresh investment of ₹100 crore in its manufacturing facility at Pune.
- With this latest investment, the company's total investment in the Pune facility has crossed ₹510 crore.
- The investment aims to strengthen aerospace manufacturing capabilities in India.
- GE Aerospace also operates a Technology Centre in Bengaluru.
- The company is a major global player in aviation and aerospace technology.
- The expansion reflects growing investment in India's advanced manufacturing and aerospace sector.





Ques: Which Indian batter became the Indian player with the most sixes in a single IPL season?

- A) Abhishek Sharma
- B) Virat Kohli
- C) Shreyas Iyer
- D) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
- E) Suryakumar Yadav

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi created history in the Indian Premier League by becoming the Indian batter with the most sixes in a single season.
- He achieved this milestone during the match against Delhi Capitals at Arun Jaitley Stadium.
- Before the match, he needed three sixes to surpass Abhishek Sharma's record of 42 sixes in one IPL season.
- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's tally reached 43 sixes in just 12 matches.
- He now holds the record for the highest number of sixes by an Indian batter in a single IPL season.





Ques: The Government is considering extending the tenure of ISM 2.0 from 5 years to how many years?

- A) 7 Years
- B) 8 Years
- C) 10 Years
- D) 12 Years
- E) 15 Years

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India is considering extending the tenure of India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0 from 5 years to 12 years.
- The extended timeline aims to support the long gestation period required in the semiconductor industry.
- ISM 2.0 is expected to focus on financial and non-financial incentives for semiconductor manufacturing and packaging units.
- Special emphasis will be given to developing domestic MSME suppliers for semiconductor raw materials and components.
- The mission also aims to strengthen India's chip design capabilities and intellectual property ecosystem.
- The second phase of ISM could involve an outlay of nearly ₹1.5 trillion.
- Incentives for chip fabrication, OSAT and ATMP units may be revised from the earlier structure.
- Under ISM 1.0, the government approved 12 semiconductor manufacturing and packaging projects.
- Major approved projects include investments by Micron Technology and Tata Group–Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation.
- The initiative reflects India's ambition to become a global hub for semiconductor manufacturing and advanced electronics.





Ques: What is the name of ISRO's flagship programme launched to nurture scientific curiosity among school students?

- A) Gaganyaan Mission
- B) Antriksh Jigyasa
- C) Space India Programme
- D) Vigyan Shakti
- E) YUVIKA 2026

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indian Space Research Organisation launched the sixth edition of its flagship Young Scientists Programme — YUVIKA 2026.
- The programme aims to nurture scientific curiosity among school students and introduce them to space science and technology at an early age.
- YUVIKA is a two-week residential programme for students who have passed Class 9.
- A total of 456 meritorious students were selected from over 1.06 lakh applicants.
- Students from 28 states and 8 union territories are participating in the programme.
- The programme is being conducted from May 11 to May 22, 2026.
- This year, the programme has been expanded to 9 ISRO centres.

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Ques: The Kalpasar Project, for which India signed a Letter of Intent with the Netherlands, is proposed in which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Gujarat
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Odisha

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- During his visit to the Netherlands, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspected the Afsluitdijk water management structure.
- A Letter of Intent (LoI) was signed between India's Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management.
- The agreement aims to provide technical cooperation for the Kalpasar Project.
- Kalpasar stands for "Gulf of Khambhat Development Project."
- It is a mega multipurpose water conservation and infrastructure project proposed in Gujarat.
- The project proposes construction of a massive dam across the Gulf of Khambhat.
- The dam will store freshwater from seven rivers flowing into the Arabian Sea.
- The project is expected to support water conservation, irrigation, transport and regional development.





Ques: India and Vietnam signed agreements mainly related to which emerging technologies?

प्रश्न: भारत और वियतनाम ने मुख्य रूप से किन उभरती तकनीकों से संबंधित समझौते किए?

- A) Space Tourism and Robotics
- B) Blockchain and Cryptocurrency
- C) Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Technology
- D) Nuclear Technology and Mining
- E) Biotechnology and Agriculture

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Vietnam strengthened bilateral cooperation in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum Technology, and Cybersecurity.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Phan Van Giang in Hanoi.
- Both countries discussed cooperation in military training, maritime security, defence industry collaboration, and cybersecurity.
- India announced an AI Lab at Telecommunications University in Nha Trang.
- India and Vietnam exchanged an MoU in AI and Quantum Technology.
- The agreements strengthened the Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two nations.
- The partnership reflects growing Indo-Pacific cooperation in emerging technologies.

Static Part:

- Countries Involved – India & Vietnam
- Indian Defence Minister – Rajnath Singh
- Vietnam Defence Minister – Phan Van Giang
- Key Areas – AI, Quantum Technology & Cybersecurity
- AI Lab Location – Nha Trang
- Strategic Framework – Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership





Ques: What is the theme of the 79th World Health Assembly being held in Geneva, Switzerland?

- A) Health for All, All for Health
- B) Building a Safer World Together
- C) Universal Health Equity
- D) Reshaping Global Health: A Shared Responsibility
- E) One World, One Health

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda arrived in Switzerland to participate in the 79th World Health Assembly.
- The event is being held in Geneva.
- The theme of the 79th World Health Assembly is “Reshaping Global Health: A Shared Responsibility.”
- The assembly brings together global leaders and health experts to discuss international public health priorities.
- The World Health Assembly is the decision-making body of the World Health Organization.
- The meeting focuses on strengthening cooperation in global healthcare systems and health security.

Static Part:

- Event – World Health Assembly
- Organised By – World Health Organization
- Venue – Geneva
- Country – Switzerland
- Theme – “Reshaping Global Health: A Shared Responsibility”
- Indian Representative – Jagat Prakash Nadda





Ques: In which state did Defence Minister Rajnath Singh lay the foundation stone for the AMCA programme?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for the AMCA programme in Andhra Pradesh.
- The initiative aims to provide India with fifth-generation stealth fighter aircraft capability.
- The project is expected to strengthen India's indigenous defence and aerospace capabilities.
- The AMCA project is being led by the Aeronautical Development Agency.
- ADA functions under the Defence Research and Development Organisation.
- The infrastructure project will be developed over nearly 650 acres in Puttaparthi located in Sri Sathya Sai district of Andhra Pradesh.
- AMCA stands for Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft.

Static Part:

- Programme Name – AMCA (Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft)
- State – Andhra Pradesh
- Project Lead Agency – Aeronautical Development Agency
- Parent Organisation – Defence Research and Development Organisation
- Project Location – Puttaparthi
- Key Objective – Fifth-Generation Stealth Fighter Aircraft Capability
- Defence Minister – Rajnath Singh





Ques: Which former England Test captain and international rugby union player recently passed away?

- A) Geoffrey Boycott
- B) David Gower
- C) Mike Brearley
- D) MJK Smith
- E) Graham Gooch

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Former MJK Smith recently passed away.
- He was popularly known as Mike Smith.
- Apart from cricket, he was also an international rugby union player.
- MJK Smith was regarded as one of the rare sportspersons to represent his country at a high level in two different sports.
- He served as the captain of the England Test cricket team during his cricket career.
- His contributions to both cricket and rugby earned him great respect in the sporting world.

Static Part:

- Full Name – MJK Smith
- Popular Name – Mike Smith
- Country – England
- Sports – Cricket & Rugby Union
- Role in Cricket – Former England Test Captain
- Special Achievement – Represented England in two international sports





Ques: Under RBI's revised draft norms, lenders can restrict a borrower's mobile phone functions only if which condition is fulfilled?

- A) If the borrower misses one EMI
- B) If the borrower changes SIM card
- C) If the mobile device itself was financed through a loan
- D) If the borrower has multiple loans
- E) If the bank issues a single notice

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India issued revised draft norms on loan recovery practices.
- Lenders will not be allowed to disable or restrict a borrower's mobile phone as a recovery tool.
- An exception is allowed only when the mobile device itself was purchased through a loan.
- In such cases, the restriction can be applied only after the loan account becomes 90 days overdue.
- Lenders must first issue multiple notices, including a 21-day cure period and an additional 7-day notice.
- Banks and lenders must restore mobile functions within one hour after the borrower clears dues.
- If the delay continues, lenders will have to pay compensation of ₹250 per hour to the borrower.
- RBI also proposed stricter governance standards for recovery agents and borrower protection measures.
- Recovery agents will be allowed to contact borrowers only between 8 AM and 7 PM unless authorised otherwise.

Static Part:

- RBI Full Form – Reserve Bank of India
- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- RBI Nationalised – 1 January 1949





Ques: Greece's Eurobank inaugurated its representative office in which Indian city?

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

Answer: Option C

Explantion:

- Greece's Eurobank has established a representative office in India.
- This is the bank's first expansion outside Europe.
- The office has been opened to tap trade and investment opportunities in India.
- The office was inaugurated in Mumbai by Nikos Christodoulides.
- Eurobank has total assets of around €110 billion.
- The bank already operates in countries such as Cyprus, Bulgaria and Luxembourg.
- Eurobank has started offering cross-border remittance services through UPI for Indians in Greece.
- Initially, the India office will provide advisory services and financing options for trade and investments.
- The move is significant in the context of the proposed India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

Static Part:

- Bank Name – Eurobank
- Eurobank Country – Greece
- Headquarters – Athens
- India Office Location – Mumbai
- Cyprus President – Nikos Christodoulides
- Cyprus Capital – Nicosia
- Currency of Greece – Euro (€)
- India Financial Capital – Mumbai





Ques: What is the value of the USD/INR Buy/Sell swap auction announced by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) USD 1 Billion
- B) USD 3 Billion
- C) USD 5 Billion
- D) USD 7 Billion
- E) USD 10 Billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India announced a USD/INR Buy/Sell swap auction worth USD 5 billion.
- The swap auction will have a tenor of three years.
- The auction is scheduled to be held on May 26.
- The move comes amid significant depreciation of the Indian Rupee against the US Dollar due to global uncertainties.
- Authorized Dealers Category-I (AD Category-I) banks are eligible to participate in the auction.
- Under the arrangement, RBI will buy US dollars from banks and simultaneously agree to sell the same amount back at the end of the swap period.
- The minimum bid size for the auction is USD 10 million, and bids can thereafter be placed in multiples of USD 1 million.

Static Part:

- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- Currency of India – Indian Rupee (INR)
- USD stands for United States Dollar.





Ques: Which Indian FinTech company launched “Atlas”, an AI-native lending infrastructure platform aimed at reducing loan processing timelines?

- A) FinBox
- B) Razorpay
- C) Paytm
- D) CRED
- E) PhonePe

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Indian FinTech company FinBox launched “Atlas”, an AI-native lending infrastructure platform.
- The platform is designed to significantly reduce loan processing timelines and improve borrower completion rates.
- According to the company, Atlas can reduce loan processing timelines from nearly three weeks to just 24 hours.
- FinBox stated that nearly 70% of loan applications drop off before completion in many cases.
- The AI-driven system aims to streamline digital lending and enhance customer experience in the financial sector.





Ques: Which payments app recorded a 301% growth in transaction volumes during Financial Year 2025–26?

- A) PhonePe
- B) Google Pay
- C) Paytm
- D) BHIM
- E) Amazon Pay

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The BHIM Payments App recorded a massive 301% growth in transaction volumes during Financial Year 2025–26.
- The data was released by NPCI BHIM Services Limited.
- Monthly transactions on the BHIM app increased from 5.93 crore in April 2025 to 21.6 crore in March 2026.
- In April 2026 alone, the app recorded 22.49 crore transactions worth ₹26,040 crore.
- BHIM stands for Bharat Interface for Money and is a UPI-based digital payment application.
- The app is managed by NPCI BHIM Services Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India.

Static Part:

- BHIM Full Form – Bharat Interface for Money
- NPCI Full Form – National Payments Corporation of India
- NPCI Headquarters – Mumbai
- NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL) Established – 2024
- NBSL Headquarters – Mumbai
- UPI Full Form – Unified Payments Interface





Ques: Which prestigious honour of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) was conferred upon Narendra Modi?

- A) World Food Prize
- B) Agricola Medal
- C) Global Farmer Award
- D) FAO Excellence Award
- E) Green Agriculture Medal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the prestigious Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- The award ceremony was held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy.
- The medal was presented by Qu Dongyu.
- PM Modi dedicated the honour to India's farmers, livestock rearers, fish farmers, agricultural scientists and workers.
- He stated that the award reflects India's commitment towards food security, sustainable development and human welfare.
- PM Modi highlighted that India is promoting climate-resilient and future-ready agriculture with the help of technology.
- The Agricola Medal is the highest honour conferred by the Director-General of FAO.

Static Part:

- FAO Full Form – Food and Agriculture Organization
- FAO Established – 1945
- FAO Headquarters – Rome, Italy
- FAO Director-General – Qu Dongyu
- Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Award Name – Agricola Medal
- Award Presented At – Rome, Italy





Ques: Who became the first woman officer in the Indian Air Force (IAF) to earn the Category-A Qualified Flying Instructor (QFI) qualification?

- A) Squadron Leader Avani Chaturvedi
- B) Squadron Leader Mohana Singh
- C) Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth
- D) Wing Commander Deepika Misra
- E) Squadron Leader Saanya

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- A milestone was achieved in the Indian Air Force when Squadron Leader Saanya became the first woman officer to earn the Category-A Qualified Flying Instructor (QFI) qualification.
- The Category-A QFI is the highest instructional rating awarded to military aviators.
- Officers with this qualification are certified to train and evaluate other military pilots and instructors.
- The training includes a 22-week course conducted at the Flying Instructors School (FIS), Tambaram Air Force Station.
- Squadron Leader Saanya was commissioned in 2015 and promoted to Squadron Leader in 2021.

Static Part:

- Indian Air Force (IAF) Established – 8 October 1932
- IAF Headquarters – New Delhi
- Flying Instructors School (FIS) Location – Tambaram Air Force Station
- Motto of Indian Air Force – “Touch the Sky with Glory”





Ques: Which organization was recently ruled by the Central Information Commission (CIC) as not being a “public authority” under the RTI Act, 2005?

- A) Hockey India
- B) Sports Authority of India
- C) Indian Olympic Association
- D) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- E) National Cricket Academy

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Central Information Commission (CIC) ruled that the Board of Control for Cricket in India is not a “public authority” under the RTI Act, 2005.
- The decision was delivered by Information Commissioner P.R. Ramesh.
- This ruling exempts the Board of Control for Cricket in India from mandatory disclosure requirements under the RTI framework.
- The case was part of a long-standing jurisdictional dispute that began in 2018.
- BCCI is regarded as one of the richest cricket governing bodies in the world.
- The RTI Act, 2005 aims to promote transparency and accountability in public institutions.





Ques: India and Italy have set a target to increase bilateral trade to how much by 2029?

- A) €10 Billion
- B) €15 Billion
- C) €18 Billion
- D) €20 Billion
- E) €25 Billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India and Italy elevated their ties to a “Special Strategic Partnership.”
- Both countries set a target to increase annual bilateral trade to €20 billion by 2029.
- The announcement was made after talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni in Rome.
- India–Italy bilateral trade stood at around €14.25 billion in 2025.
- Both nations agreed to deepen cooperation in defence manufacturing, critical minerals, clean energy, and maritime sectors.
- India invited Italy to cooperate in civil nuclear energy, port modernisation, and shipbuilding.
- Italy is India’s fourth-largest trading partner in the European Union.

Static Part:

- Countries Involved – India & Italy
- Partnership Level – Special Strategic Partnership
- Target Trade Value – €20 Billion by 2029
- Currency of Italy – Euro (€)
- Capital of Italy – Rome





Ques: In which district of Bihar will the country's third National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) be established?

- A) Patna
- B) Gaya
- C) Muzaffarpur
- D) Vaishali
- E) Bhagalpur

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The government of Bihar approved the transfer of land in Hajipur, which lies in Vaishali district, for establishing the country's third NIFTEM.
- National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) focuses on food technology, entrepreneurship, research, and management education.
- India currently has two major NIFTEM institutions located in Haryana and Tamil Nadu.
- The new institute in Bihar is expected to strengthen food processing education and boost employment opportunities in the region.

Static Part:

- NIFTEM-Kundli Established – 2012
- NIFTEM-Kundli Location – Haryana
- NIFTEM-Thanjavur Established – 2017
- NIFTEM-Thanjavur Location – Tamil Nadu
- Bihar Capital – Patna
- Hajipur is the headquarters of Vaishali district.





Ques: India and Italy will celebrate which year as the “Year of Culture and Tourism”?

- A) 2025
- B) 2026
- C) 2027
- D) 2028
- E) 2029

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Italy announced that 2027 will be celebrated as the “Year of Culture and Tourism.”
- The initiative aims to promote cultural exchange and strengthen dialogue between the two ancient civilizations.
- The announcement was made during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni in Rome.
- Both countries also agreed to deepen cooperation through the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).
- IMEC aims to improve trade, investment, and supply-chain resilience between India, the Middle East, and Europe.
- The initiative reflects the growing strategic and cultural partnership between India and Italy.

Static Part:

- Special Initiative – Year of Culture and Tourism 2027
- Countries Involved – India & Italy
- IMEC Full Form – India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor
- Capital of Italy – Rome
- Italian Prime Minister – Giorgia Meloni





Ques: Which country has formally joined India's Shukrayaan Mission to Venus?

- A) Sweden
- B) Germany
- C) France
- D) Japan
- E) Russia

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's Venus mission, Shukrayaan Mission, received international collaboration with Sweden formally joining the project.
- The agreement was signed between the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Swedish National Space Agency.
- Sweden's Swedish Institute of Space Physics will develop the Venusian Neutrals Analyser (VNA) instrument for the mission.
- The VNA instrument will study interactions between solar charged particles and Venus' atmosphere.
- Shukrayaan Mission will be India's first mission to Venus.
- The Venus Orbiter Mission is scheduled for launch in 2028 using the LVM-3 rocket.

Static Part:

- ISRO Full Form – Indian Space Research Organisation
- ISRO Headquarters – Bengaluru
- Sweden Capital – Stockholm
- LVM-3 Full Form – Launch Vehicle Mark-3
- Venus is known as the “Earth's Twin” due to similarities in size and structure.





Ques: Who has emerged as the highest earner in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL)?

- A) Rohit Sharma
- B) MS Dhoni
- C) Jasprit Bumrah
- D) Virat Kohli
- E) Suresh Raina

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Virat Kohli has emerged as the highest earner in IPL history with total earnings of around ₹230 crore.
- His earnings come from his long-term association with Royal Challengers Bengaluru.
- According to reports, Rohit Sharma ranks second with around ₹227.2 crore in IPL earnings.
- MS Dhoni stands third with total earnings of about ₹200 crore.
- The IPL is considered one of the richest and most valuable cricket leagues globally.

Static Part:

- Indian Premier League (IPL) Started – 2008
- Governing Body – Board of Control for Cricket in India
- BCCI Headquarters – Mumbai
- Virat Kohli IPL Team – Royal Challengers Bengaluru
- Rohit Sharma IPL Team – Mumbai Indians
- MS Dhoni IPL Team – Chennai Super Kings





Ques: Which state received the WHO World No Tobacco Day Award 2026 for outstanding work in tobacco control initiatives?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Gujarat
- D) Kerala
- E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Rajasthan received the World Health Organization (WHO) World No Tobacco Day Award 2026.
- The award was given for outstanding work in tobacco control initiatives.
- The recognition was awarded to the Department of Medical and Health, Government of Rajasthan in the WHO South-East Asia Region.
- Rajasthan was recognised for remarkable achievements in tobacco control during 2025–26.
- The World Health Organization presents World No Tobacco Day Awards across six global regions.
- The award promotes awareness and encourages governments to strengthen anti-tobacco measures.





Ques: Bhuvan Chandra Khanduri, who recently passed away, served as the Chief Minister of which Indian state?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Haryana
- E) Uttarakhand

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bhuvan Chandra Khanduri served as the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.
- He was a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and a former Indian Army officer who retired as a Major General.
- He served twice as the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.
- He also served as Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways in the government of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- He was known for his administrative discipline, clean image, and contributions to infrastructure development.

Static Part:

- Political Party – Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- Uttarakhand Capital – Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)
- Uttarakhand Formation Day – 9 November 2000

