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Ques: What is the new FDI limit notified by the Government of India in the insurance sector under the automatic route, and what is the FDI cap for LIC?

- A. 74% insurance; 20% LIC
- B. 100% insurance; 49% LIC
- C. 100% insurance; 20% LIC
- D. 49% insurance; 20% LIC
- E. 100% insurance; 26% LIC

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has notified 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the insurance sector under the automatic route under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).
- This removes the requirement of an Indian joint venture partner for foreign insurers operating in India.
- The 100% FDI limit also applies to insurance intermediaries such as brokers, reinsurance brokers, corporate agents, TPAs, surveyors, loss assessors, MGAs, and insurance repositories — subject to IRDAI norms.
- Foreign investment in Life Insurance Corporation of India remains capped at 20% under a separate framework governed by the LIC Act, 1956 and Insurance Act, 1938.
- Insurance companies with foreign investment must appoint at least one resident Indian citizen as Chairperson, MD or CEO and comply with RBI pricing guidelines under FEMA.
- The policy aligns with the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025, which increased the FDI limit from 74% to 100%.

Static Part:

- Sector — Insurance
- FDI Limit (New) — 100% (Automatic Route)
- Previous FDI Limit — 74%
- Route — Automatic Route under FEMA
- Regulatory Body — Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India





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- LIC FDI Cap — 20%
- Amendment Act — Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025



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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A. Swaminathan Janakiraman
- B. Rohit Jain
- C. Poonam Gupta
- D. Shirish Chandra Murmu
- E. T. Rabi Sankar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India appointed Rohit Jain as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for a period of 3 years.
- His appointment is effective from May 3.
- He was previously serving as an Executive Director at RBI.
- He succeeds T. Rabi Sankar, who recently retired after completing his tenure.
- After this appointment, RBI now has four Deputy Governors.
- The four Deputy Governors are: Rohit Jain, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Poonam Gupta, Shirish Chandra Murmu.

Static Part:

- Organization — Reserve Bank of India
- Post — Deputy Governor
- Tenure — 3 years
- Effective Date — May 3
- Total Deputy Governors in RBI — 4





Ques: Which UPI app became the first to cross 10 billion monthly transactions in March 2026?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- PhonePe became the first UPI app to cross 10 billion monthly transactions, recording 10.50 billion transactions in March 2026.
- This marks a major milestone in India's digital payments ecosystem.
- As per data from National Payments Corporation of India, PhonePe held a 46.4% share by volume and 49.1% share by value.
- It processed transactions worth ₹14.48 lakh crore during the period.
- The platform showed consistent growth, processing 8 billion transactions in December and 9.9 billion in January.

Static Part:

- PhonePe Founded – 2015
- Headquarters – Bengaluru
- UPI Regulator – National Payments Corporation of India
- Milestone – First app to cross 10 billion monthly transactions





Ques: MuleHunter.AI tool, recently in news, has been developed by which institution?

- A) SEBI
- B) NABARD
- C) Reserve Bank of India
- D) SIDBI
- E) NPCI

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance has instructed banks to adopt MuleHunter.AI, an AI-based tool developed by the Reserve Bank of India.
- The tool is designed to identify and prevent mule accounts used in cyber-enabled financial frauds.
- Financial Services Secretary M. Nagaraju advised banks to implement the tool at the earliest.
- State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs) have also been asked to coordinate with state police authorities for cyber fraud prevention.
- The initiative aims to strengthen digital banking security and fraud detection systems.

Static Part:

- Organization — Reserve Bank of India
- Established — 1935
- Headquarters — Mumbai
- Ministry — Ministry of Finance (Headquarters: New Delhi)
- Mule Account — A bank account used to transfer illegally obtained money





Ques: Which bank has launched a Self Help Group (SHG) Savings Account to promote financial inclusion among women-led SHGs?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) India Post Payments Bank
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Canara Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Post Payments Bank has launched a Self Help Group (SHG) Savings Account.
- The initiative aims to promote financial inclusion and empower women-led SHGs in rural areas.
- Key features of the account include:
 - Zero balance account
 - No minimum balance requirement
 - Maximum balance limit of ₹2 lakh
 - No charges on deposits and withdrawals
 - Quarterly interest payments
 - One free account statement per month
 - No account closure charges

Static Part:

- Bank — India Post Payments Bank
- Launched — 1 September 2018
- Ownership — 100% Government of India
- Parent Department — Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications
- Headquarters — New Delhi





Ques: Who among the following were recently appointed as full-time members of NITI Aayog?

- A) Joram Aniya and R. Balasubramaniam
- B) Sanjiv Khanna and Rajiv Gauba
- C) Ashok Lahiri and Amit Shah
- D) M. Srinivas and Abhay Karandikar
- E) Suman Bery and K.V. Raju

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Government of India has appointed Joram Aniya and R. Balasubramaniam as full-time members of NITI Aayog.
- The appointments were approved by Narendra Modi.
- With these appointments, the total number of full-time members in NITI Aayog has increased to seven, along with one Vice-Chairperson.
- R. Balasubramaniam has earlier served in the Capacity Building Commission and is known as a scholar, author, and public policy expert.
- Joram Aniya is an academician from Arunachal Pradesh with over 18 years of experience in teaching, research, and public policy.
- This is part of the major revamp of NITI Aayog announced in April 2026.

Static Part:

- Organization — NITI Aayog
- Established — 1 January 2015
- Headquarters — New Delhi
- Chairperson — Narendra Modi
- Vice-Chairperson — Ashok Lahiri
- Replaced — Planning Commission





Ques: Federal Bank is acquiring a credit card portfolio of around 4.5 lakh cards from which bank?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Standard Chartered Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) Citibank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Federal Bank will acquire a selected India credit card portfolio from Standard Chartered Bank.
- The portfolio includes around 4.5 lakh (450,000) credit cards.
- The acquisition will help Federal Bank expand its customer base in major cities.
- Federal Bank currently has around 8 lakh non co-branded cards and 13 lakh co-branded cards.
- After this deal, Federal Bank's non co-branded credit card receivables are expected to increase by around 90%.
- The deal is expected to be completed within calendar year 2026.

Static Part:

- Acquiring Bank — Federal Bank
- Selling Bank — Standard Chartered Bank
- Portfolio Size — ~4.5 lakh credit cards
- Expected Completion — 2026





Ques: The Cell Broadcast Alert System (CBAS) launched in India is primarily used for what purpose?

- A. Online payments
- B. Emergency alerts
- C. Social media communication
- D. Banking services
- E. Education services

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India launched an indigenous Cell Broadcast Alert System (CBAS).
- It was launched by Jyotiraditya Scindia.
- Developed by Centre for Development of Telematics in collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority.
- The system sends instant, geo-targeted emergency alerts to mobile phones.
- Alerts include disasters like floods, earthquakes, gas leaks, etc.
- It works across all telecom networks (2G to 5G).
- The system supports multiple regional languages.
- Messages are delivered instantly without internet.
- Based on Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) recommended by International Telecommunication Union.
- The aim is to enhance disaster preparedness and public safety.

Static Part:

- NDMA Established — 2005
- Headquarters — New Delhi
- Chairperson — Prime Minister of India
- C-DOT Established — 1984
- Headquarters — New Delhi





Ques: India has submitted its updated climate targets for the period 2031–2035 to which international body?

- A) World Bank
- B) IMF
- C) UNEP
- D) WTO
- E) UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India has submitted its updated climate targets for 2031–2035 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- These targets were approved by the Cabinet in March 2026.
- The targets reflect India's growing role in tackling climate change and its commitment towards achieving net zero emissions by 2070.

• **The roadmap is based on three key pillars:**

Emission reduction
Clean energy transition
Carbon sequestration

• **Key targets include:**

47% reduction in emissions intensity of GDP
60% installed power capacity from non-fossil sources
Creation of 3.5–4 billion tonnes carbon sink through forests and tree cover





Ques: The Sacred Holy Relics Exposition of Tathagata Buddha was inaugurated in which place?

- A) Srinagar
- B) Gangtok
- C) Leh
- D) Shimla
- E) Dharamshala

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Sacred Holy Relics Exposition of Gautama Buddha at Jivatsal, Leh.
- The exposition is being organised in Leh, Ladakh from 1 May to 14 May 2026.
- Nearly 20,000 people attended the inauguration ceremony.
- The holy relics are associated with Gautama Buddha and symbolize his teachings of peace and compassion.
- The relics will remain on public display in Leh and later be taken to Zaskar Valley.
- The exposition is being held on the occasion of Buddha Purnima.

Static Part:

- Union Territory — Ladakh
- Capital — Leh
- Religion — Buddhism
- Founder of Buddhism — Gautama Buddha
- Buddha Purnima 2026 — 2569th Buddha Jayanti





Ques: Which company has become India's first commercial seaplane operator after receiving the Air Operator Certificate (AOC)?

- A) SpiceJet
- B) IndiGo
- C) Alliance Air
- D) SkyHop Aviation
- E) Air India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- SkyHop Aviation has received the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.
- With this, SkyHop Aviation becomes India's first commercial seaplane operator.
- In the initial phase, the services will focus on the Lakshadweep islands.
- A seaplane is an aircraft that can take off and land on water bodies such as seas, rivers, and lakes.

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Ques: CINBAX-II 2026 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Thailand
- C. Cambodia
- D. Indonesia
- E. Malaysia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Army contingent departed for the 2nd edition of India–Cambodia joint military exercise CINBAX-II 2026.
- The exercise is being conducted in Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia.
- Venue: Techo Sen Phnom Thom Mreas Prov Royal Cambodian Air Force Training Centre (Camp Basil).
- The exercise is scheduled from 04 to 17 May 2026.
- The Indian contingent includes 120 personnel, mainly from the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment.
- The Cambodian contingent includes 160 personnel from the Royal Cambodian Army.
- The exercise focuses on counter-terrorism operations and UN peacekeeping scenarios.
- It includes training in drone operations, mortar handling, and sniper tactics.
- The objective is to enhance interoperability, coordination, and operational synergy between both armies.
- The exercise is conducted under the framework of Chapter VII of the UN Mandate.
- It will help in sharing best practices and strengthening bilateral defence cooperation.

Static Part:

- Country — Cambodia
- Capital — Phnom Penh
- Currency — Cambodian Riel





Ques: What major reform has the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) introduced from April 1, 2026, to boost e-commerce exports?

- A) Increased customs duty on exports
- B) Removed ₹10 lakh cap on courier export consignments
- C) Banned courier export system
- D) Introduced export tax on MSMEs
- E) Reduced GST on imports

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has removed the ₹10 lakh value cap on courier export consignments, effective from April 1, 2026.
- This move aims to boost India's e-commerce exports and improve ease of doing business.
- Earlier, exporters using courier mode were limited to ₹10 lakh per shipment, affecting scalability for MSMEs, start-ups, artisans, and online sellers.
- CBIC has also introduced a Return to Origin (RTO) mechanism for imports.
- Under this, uncleared or unclaimed imported goods (after 15 days) can be sent back to the origin country, reducing congestion at courier terminals.

Static Part:

- Organization — Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
- Established — 1964
- Headquarters — New Delhi
- Chairman — Vivek Chaturvedi





Ques: Which state became the largest marine fish producing state in India in 2025, overtaking Gujarat?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Tamil Nadu has overtaken Gujarat to become the largest marine fish producing state in India in 2025.
- According to the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute report, Tamil Nadu recorded a production of 6.85 lakh tonnes.
- Kerala remained in the third position.

Static Part:

- State — Tamil Nadu
- Formation — 1 November 1956
- Capital — Chennai
- Chief Minister — M. K. Stalin
- Governor — Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar





Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Prasar Bharati in May 2026?

- A) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- B) Navneet Kumar Sehgal
- C) Prasoos Joshi
- D) Anurag Thakur
- E) Rajkumar Hirani

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Renowned lyricist, writer, and advertising expert Prasoos Joshi has been appointed as the Chairman of Prasar Bharati.
- The appointment was announced by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in May 2026.
- He succeeds Navneet Kumar Sehgal, whose tenure ended in December 2025.
- Prasoos Joshi is also serving as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification since 2017.
- This is considered a rare appointment, as he is holding leadership roles in both CBFC and Prasar Bharati.
- Prasar Bharati operates All India Radio (Akashvani) and Doordarshan, India's public broadcasting networks.

Static Part:

- Organization — Prasar Bharati
- Established — 1997
- Headquarters — New Delhi
- Parent Ministry — Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- CBFC Headquarters — Mumbai





Ques: The State Visit of Vietnam's President To Lam to India (May 2026) marks how many years of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries?

- A) 5 years
- B) 7 years
- C) 10 years
- D) 15 years
- E) 20 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- To Lam will pay a State Visit to India from 5th to 7th May 2026.
- This will be his first visit to India after becoming President in April 2026.
- The visit marks 10 years of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and Vietnam.

Static Part:

- Country — Vietnam
- Capital — Hanoi
- Currency — Vietnamese Dong
- Partnership — Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (10 Years)





Ques: Somnath Swabhimani Parv Yatra commemorates how many years since the first attack on Somnath Temple by Mahmud of Ghazni?

- A) 500 years
- B) 750 years
- C) 900 years
- D) 1000 years
- E) 1200 years

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the Somnath Swabhimani Parv Yatra.
- He described the Somnath Temple as a symbol of India's self-respect, resilience, and indomitable spirit.
- A special train carrying around 1,300 devotees was flagged off from Safdarjung Railway Station to Gujarat.
- The yatra commemorates 1,000 years since the first attack by Mahmud of Ghazni on the Somnath Temple in 1026.
- The temple is located at Prabhas Patan, Veraval in Gujarat.

Static Part:

- State — Gujarat
- Formation — 1 May 1960
- Capital — Gandhinagar
- Governor — Acharya Devvrat
- Chief Minister — Bhupendrabhai Patel





Ques: International Labour Day (May Day) is celebrated every year on which date?

- A) 30 April
- B) 1 May
- C) 2 May
- D) 15 May
- E) 1 June

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- International Labour Day, also known as May Day, is celebrated every year on 1 May across the world.
- Its origins trace back to the late 19th century labour movement in the United States.
- The date commemorates a nationwide strike in 1886 demanding an eight-hour workday.
- The movement led to the Haymarket Affair in Chicago, where a protest turned violent.
- A bomb explosion during the incident resulted in the deaths of seven police officers and at least four civilians.

Static Part:

- Date — 1 May
- Also Known As — May Day
- Origin — Labour Movement (USA, 19th Century)
- Key Demand — 8-hour Workday





Ques: What is the key change in FDI norms announced by the Government of India in May 2026?

- A) Ban on Chinese investments
- B) Allowing 10% Chinese stake firms via automatic route
- C) Increase in FDI limit to 100%
- D) Removal of FEMA regulations
- E) Mandatory approval for all foreign investments

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India eased FDI norms for companies with up to 10% Chinese shareholding.
- Such firms are now allowed to invest through the automatic route, subject to sectoral conditions.
- The change came into effect from May 1, 2026.
- It is based on amendments to Press Note 3 of 2020.
- The aim is to boost investment in sectors like electronics and manufacturing.
- The relaxation does not apply to entities registered in China, Hong Kong, or other land-bordering countries.
- Higher or controlling Chinese stakes will still require government approval.

Static Part:

- FEMA Full Form – Foreign Exchange Management Act
- Introduced – 1999
- Nodal Ministry – Ministry of Finance
- DPIIT Full Form – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- Press Note 3 Year – 2020





Ques: Under RBI's revised loan restructuring guidelines for disaster-hit areas, what is the mandatory provisioning requirement for banks and NBFCs?

- A) 2%
- B) 3%
- C) 5%
- D) 7%
- E) 10%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India introduced revised guidelines for loan restructuring in disaster-hit areas.
- The new framework will come into effect from 1 July 2026.
- Lenders can proactively restructure loans without waiting for borrower requests.
- A key feature is the mandatory 5% provisioning requirement on outstanding loan value.
- Borrowers get a 135-day opt-out window from the date of disaster declaration.
- RBI rejected the proposal to reduce provisioning to 2% to ensure better risk coverage.

Eligibility Conditions:

- Only standard accounts are eligible
- Loans should not be overdue by more than 30 days at the time of disaster
- Requests to extend eligibility up to 89 days overdue were rejected

Static Part:

- Effective Date – 1 July 2026
- Provisioning Requirement – 5%
- Opt-out Window – 135 days
- Eligibility – Standard Accounts (≤ 30 days overdue)





Ques: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced a \$70 billion plan for which sectors in the Asia-Pacific region?

- A) Agriculture & Health
- B) Education & Tourism
- C) Energy & Digital Infrastructure
- D) Defence & Space
- E) Banking & Finance

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Asian Development Bank announced a \$70 billion programme for energy and digital infrastructure.
- The announcement was made during the 59th Annual Meeting in Samarkand.
- The plan targets expansion of energy connectivity and digital networks by 2035.
- It includes \$50 billion for the Pan-Asia Power Grid and \$20 billion for digital connectivity.
- It aims to strengthen cross-border electricity trade and broadband access.
- ADB President Masato Kanda highlighted long-term economic growth.

Static Part:

- Established – 1966
- Headquarters – Manila
- President – Masato Kanda (2026)
- Members – 69 Countries
- Objective – Promote economic development and regional cooperation





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Festival Director for the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

- A) Karan Johar
- B) Sanjay Leela Bhansali
- C) Rajkumar Hirani
- D) Ashutosh Gowariker
- E) Anurag Kashyap

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has appointed Ashutosh Gowariker as the Festival Director for the 57th edition of International Film Festival of India.
- The festival will be held in Goa.
- IFFI is South Asia's oldest film festival, established in 1952.
- It is jointly organised by National Film Development Corporation and the Entertainment Society of Goa.

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Ques: Cabinet may approve ₹37,500 crore scheme related to which sector?

- A) Solar Energy
- B) Coal Gasification
- C) Wind Energy
- D) Nuclear Energy
- E) Hydropower

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet of India is likely to approve a ₹37,500 crore incentive scheme for coal gasification projects.
- The aim is to boost clean energy production and reduce import dependence.
- It targets reduction in imports of LNG, urea, methanol, and other fuels.
- Maximum financial assistance will be up to ₹3,000 crore per project.
- The initiative supports India's target of achieving 100 million tonnes coal gasification capacity by 2030.
- It promotes better utilisation of domestic coal resources.
- Coal gasification converts coal into syngas used for fuels and chemicals.

Static Part:

- Coal Gasification – Conversion of coal into gas (syngas)
- Target – 100 Million Tonnes by 2030
- Ministry – Ministry of Coal
- India Coal Reserves – Among the largest in the world
- Major Products – Methanol, Ammonia, Synthetic Fuels





Ques: PRASHAST 2.0, developed by NCERT, is primarily used for what purpose?

- A) Online examination system
- B) Teacher training platform
- C) Digital attendance system
- D) Scholarship distribution
- E) Early identification of children with disabilities

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- National Council of Educational Research and Training developed PRASHAST 2.0 (Pre-Assessment Holistic Screening Tool).
- It is a digital platform to identify children with disabilities at an early stage.
- It promotes inclusive education in schools.
- It is a mobile app-based screening tool used by teachers.
- It can identify 21 types of disabilities as defined under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of HAL?

- A) DK Sunil
- B) Ravi K
- C) Rakesh Sharma
- D) Ajay Kumar
- E) Arvind Saxena

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Ravi K has assumed charge as the 22nd Chairman & Managing Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- He succeeded DK Sunil, who retired on April 30.
- He has over 30 years of experience in aerospace and defence sectors.
- Earlier, he served as Director (Operations) at HAL.
- He played a key role in achieving HAL's 'Maharatna' status.
- He contributed to projects like HAL Tejas and HAL Prachand.
- His vision is to make HAL a globally competitive aerospace company.

Static Part:

- Headquarters – Bengaluru
- Founded – 1940
- Status – Maharatna PSU





Ques: Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Hardik Pandya
- D) KL Rahul
- E) Shreyas Iyer

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Shreyas Iyer has been appointed as the official brand ambassador for the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026.
- The initiative is backed by Formula 1.
- It is being organised by Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited.
- The company has received rights to host an official Formula 1-sanctioned sim racing competition in India.

Static Part:

- Event – F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026
- Organizer – Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited
- Backed By – Formula 1
- Brand Ambassador – Shreyas Iyer





Ques: Which state has become India's first paperless judiciary state?

- A) Assam
- B) Sikkim
- C) Kerala
- D) Gujarat
- E) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sikkim has been declared India's first paperless judiciary state.
- The announcement was made by Justice Surya Kant.
- The declaration took place during a conclave in Gangtok.
- Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang called it a historic step toward digital justice.
- The initiative promotes e-filing and digital case management systems.
- It aims to make justice delivery faster, transparent, and accessible.
- The move supports India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Static Part:

- Capital – Gangtok
- Chief Minister – Prem Singh Tamang
- High Court – Sikkim High Court





Ques: The Samarth Panchayat Portal is primarily used for what purpose?

- A) Agricultural Subsidy Distribution
- B) Digital Revenue Collection by Panchayats
- C) Rural Employment Generation
- D) Health Monitoring System
- E) Education Management

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Samarth Panchayat Portal is designed for digital, UPI-based collection of Own Source Revenue (OSR) by Gram Panchayats.
- It is being implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj across multiple states.
- It enables panchayats to collect tax and non-tax revenues digitally.
- The platform supports online payments, record maintenance, and revenue tracking.
- It has been piloted in Himachal Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, and expanded to Assam, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra.
- The initiative enhances financial autonomy, transparency, and efficiency in local governance.

Static Part:

- Ministry – Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- OSR – Own Source of Revenue
- UPI – Unified Payments Interface
- Objective – Digital Governance & Financial Empowerment





Ques: Under which initiative did India deploy the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare system in Jamaica?

- A) Ayushman Bharat Initiative
- B) BHISHM Initiative
- C) Digital India Mission
- D) Make in India
- E) National Health Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India deployed the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare system in Jamaica under the BHISHM Initiative.
- It is part of India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) efforts.
- BHISHM stands for Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri.
- It provides emergency medical aid through portable hospital systems during disasters.
- The BHISHM Cube includes medicines, ICU setup, and surgical equipment.
- It can treat around 200 patients.





Ques: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) acquired a 51% stake in which company?

- A) Cochin Shipyard
- B) Colombo Dockyard PLC
- C) Hindustan Shipyard
- D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- E) Larsen & Toubro Shipbuilding

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited acquired a 51% controlling stake in Colombo Dockyard PLC.
- This is India's first international shipyard acquisition.
- The deal is valued at around ₹250 crore (\$53 million).
- It strengthens India's strategic presence in the Indian Ocean Region.
- The acquisition benefits both India and Sri Lanka.
- It expands CDPLC's access to global markets and Indian clients.
- MDL plans to expand into ship repair and high-margin maritime services.
- The deal also includes a \$40 million investment infusion.
- It will boost employment, skill development, and R&D capabilities.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)?

- A) Uday Kotak
- B) T. S. Tirumurti
- C) Rajnish Kumar
- D) Sanjiv Khanna
- E) Anupinder Singh Grewal

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Union Government has appointed Anupinder Singh Grewal as the President of the National Company Law Tribunal.
- He will serve a term of 5 years or until the age of 67, whichever is earlier.
- NCLT is a quasi-judicial body that handles company-related disputes in India.

Static Part:

- Formed – 1 June 2016
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Nature – Quasi-Judicial Body





Ques: The 'Missing Link' project is associated with which expressway?

- A) Yamuna Expressway
- B) Delhi–Mumbai Expressway
- C) Mumbai–Pune Expressway
- D) Purvanchal Expressway
- E) Agra–Lucknow Expressway

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of Maharashtra inaugurated the 13.3-km 'Missing Link' project.
- It is part of the Mumbai–Pune Expressway.
- The project bypasses the accident-prone Khandala Ghat to improve road safety.
- It will reduce travel time between Mumbai and Pune by 20–30 minutes.
- The project aims to reduce accidents and ease traffic congestion.
- It enhances connectivity and transport efficiency.

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Ques: With the addition of 12 new sites in 2026, what is the total number of UNESCO Global Geoparks worldwide?

- A) 200
- B) 215
- C) 230
- D) 241
- E) 260

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- UNESCO designated 12 new Global Geoparks in 2026.
- With this addition, the total number reached 241 geoparks across 51 countries.
- These geoparks cover over 882,000 sq km globally.
- They aim to protect geological heritage and promote sustainable development and education.
- The programme was established in 2015.
- Each geopark is designated for 4 years, after which revalidation is required.

Static Part:

- Total Geoparks (2026) – 241
- Total Countries – 51
- Established – 2015
- Duration – 4 Years (Revalidation required)





Ques: Rajasthan Royals is being acquired by which group for \$1.65 billion?

- A) Tata Group
- B) Mittal Family & Adar Poonawalla
- C) Reliance Group
- D) Adani Group
- E) Vedanta Group

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Mittal Family, in partnership with Adar Poonawalla, is set to acquire Rajasthan Royals.
- The deal is valued at approximately \$1.65 billion, one of the largest in Indian Premier League history.
- The Mittal family will hold around 75% stake, while Adar Poonawalla will hold about 18%.
- The remaining stake will be held by existing investors like Manoj Badale.
- The deal also includes associated teams such as Paarl Royals and Barbados Royals.
- It is expected to close in Q3 2026, subject to approvals from Board of Control for Cricket in India and Competition Commission of India.





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- The deal includes teams like Paarl Royals and Barbados Royals.
- It is expected to close in Q3 2026, subject to approvals from Board of Control for Cricket in India and Competition Commission of India.
- The deal boosts IPL's global investment appeal and franchise valuation.

Static Part:

- Founded – 2008
- Home Ground – Sawai Mansingh Stadium
- IPL Founded – 2008
- BCCI President – Mithun Manhas
- IPL Chairman (2026) – Arun Singh Dhumal





Ques: Indian scientist Parveen Shaikh was awarded the 2026 Whitley Award for conserving which endangered species?

- A) Great Indian Bustard
- B) Snow Leopard
- C) Red Panda
- D) Gangetic Dolphin
- E) Indian Skimmer

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Parveen Shaikh received the 2026 Whitley Award for protecting the Indian Skimmer.
- The award is given by the Whitley Fund for Nature.
- She is associated with the Bombay Natural History Society.
- She launched the “Guardians of the Skimmer” initiative involving local communities to protect nesting sites.
- Another Indian awardee, Barkha Subba, is working to protect the Himalayan salamander in the Darjeeling Himalaya.
- The award provides £50,000 funding for one year to support conservation projects.





Ques: Which state has launched India's first digital grievance redressal system for gig workers?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Karnataka has launched India's first digital grievance redressal system for gig workers.
- The portal is called Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System.
- It acts as a bridge between gig workers and platform aggregators.
- Workers can file complaints related to pay, working conditions, and disputes.
- The initiative is developed by the Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers Board.
- Platforms are required to form Internal Dispute Resolution Committees (IDRC).
- The system ensures time-bound resolution and transparency.
- It helps formalize the gig economy with a proper dispute resolution framework.





Ques: Where was the world's largest underwater national flag unfurled, setting a Guinness World Record?

- A) Marina Beach
- B) Juhu Beach
- C) Radhanagar Beach
- D) Kovalam Beach
- E) Puri Beach

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Andaman and Nicobar Islands administration set a Guinness World Record by unfurling the largest underwater national flag.
- The event took place at Radhanagar Beach.
- The tricolour measured approximately 60m × 40m.
- Over 200 divers, including personnel from the Indian Navy, Police, Forest Department, and Indian Coast Guard, participated.
- The initiative aimed to promote the islands as a global diving destination.
- School students were also among the youngest participants.





Ques: Pan-India Fire Safety Week 2026 is observed between which dates?

- A) 1–7 May
- B) 3–9 May
- C) 4–10 May
- D) 5–11 May
- E) 10–16 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is observing Pan-India 'Fire Safety Week' from 4–10 May 2026.
- The initiative aims to raise awareness about fire prevention in healthcare facilities.
- It is conducted in collaboration with all States/UTs and relevant departments.
- The week is inaugurated at Kartavya Bhawan under the leadership of Punya Salila Srivastava.
- Activities include awareness campaigns, mock drills, and training.
- It strengthens emergency preparedness, response, and evacuation systems.

Static Part:

- Ministry – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Union Health Secretary – Punya Salila Srivastava
- Objective – Fire Safety Awareness in Healthcare Facilities
- Duration – 4–10 May 2026





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

- A) 1 May
- B) 2 May
- C) 3 May
- D) 5 May
- E) 8 May

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Tuna Day is observed every year on 2 May.
- It promotes sustainable fishing and conservation of tuna species.
- Tuna is rich in Omega-3 fatty acids, protein, minerals, and Vitamin B12.
- It plays a vital role in global food security and marine ecosystems.

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Ques: The “Namo Stall Scheme” launched in Ranchi is associated with which central scheme?

- A) PM Awas Yojana
- B) PM SVANidhi Scheme
- C) PM Kisan Samman Nidhi
- D) Startup India
- E) Stand-Up India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The “Namo Stall Scheme” was launched by Sanjay Seth in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- It is implemented under the Prime Minister Street Vendor’s AtmaNirbhar Nidhi Scheme.
- The scheme targets street fruit and vegetable vendors by providing them free stalls.
- In the initial phase, five vendors were allotted stalls, each costing around ₹50,000.
- The objective is to empower local vendors by improving infrastructure, visibility, and promoting self-employment.

Static Part:

- PM SVANidhi Launch – 1 June 2020
- Implementing Ministry – Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

• Loan Structure (Revised):

- 1st Tranche – ₹15,000 from Rs 10,000
- 2nd Tranche – ₹25,000 from Rs 20,000
- 3rd Tranche – ₹50,000

- Scheme Extension – Till 31 March 2030 (Outlay ₹7,332 crore)





Ques: The “4Ts” awareness framework recently launched by the Health Ministry is related to which disease?

- A) Cancer
- B) Tuberculosis
- C) Diabetes
- D) Malaria
- E) Dengue

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has released the “Guidance Document on Diabetes Mellitus in Children”.
- The guidelines aim to strengthen public healthcare for children aged 0 to 18 years.
- It introduces universal diabetes screening for children across India.
- Suspected cases will undergo immediate blood glucose testing and referral to district-level hospitals.
- Public health facilities will provide free lifelong treatment including insulin, glucometers, test strips, monitoring, and emergency care.
- The 4Ts framework helps in early detection: Toilet, Thirsty, Tired, Thinner.
- It also includes family training, caregiver support, and long-term disease management.

Static Part:

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Established – 1976
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Union Health Minister – J. P. Nadda
- World Health Organization Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- Target Group – Children (0–18 years)





Ques: Which institution emerged as India's top university in the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2026?

- A) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru
- B) IIT Delhi
- C) IIT Bombay
- D) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- E) University of Delhi

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Times Higher Education published the Asia University Rankings 2026 (14th edition).
- Indian Institute of Science emerged as India's top university, ranked 43rd in Asia with a score of 65.1.
- Tsinghua University secured the first position for the 8th consecutive year with a score of 93.6.
- China dominated the rankings with top two positions and five universities in the top 10, while Singapore and Hong Kong had two universities each in the top 10.
- India had the highest representation with 128 universities, followed by Japan (115) and Turkey (109).
- A total of 929 universities from 36 countries/territories were ranked.

Top 5 Universities in Asia:

1. Tsinghua University – China – 93.6
2. Peking University – China – 93.1
3. National University of Singapore – Singapore – 91.1
4. Nanyang Technological University – Singapore – 85.1
5. University of Tokyo – Japan – 85.1

Top Indian Universities:

- 43 – Indian Institute of Science – 65.1
- 128 – Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences – 52.0





- 141 – Indian Institute of Technology Indore – 50.6
- 158 – Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences – 49.4
- 160 – Jamia Millia Islamia – 49.3



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Ques: 'Padma Doree', launched by NEHHDC in May 2026, is a cross-cultural textile initiative combining which two textile traditions?

- A) Muga Silk (Assam) + Banarasi Weaving (UP)
- B) Eri/Ahimsa Silk (Northeast) + Chanderi Weaving (MP)
- C) Kanchipuram Silk (TN) + Chanderi Weaving (MP)
- D) Eri Silk (Northeast) + Pochampally Weaving (Telangana)
- E) Tussar Silk (Jharkhand) + Chanderi Weaving (MP)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation launched 'Padma Doree' on May 1, 2026, as a cross-regional textile initiative.
- It combines Eri (Ahimsa) silk traditions of Northeast India with the Chanderi weaving heritage of Madhya Pradesh.
- The initiative was launched by Sanjay Jaju.
- Eri silk is produced mainly in Assam, Meghalaya, and Nagaland without killing silkworms, making it an ethical and sustainable textile.
- The project was formalised through an MoU signed in March 2026 between NEHHDC and the District Archaeology, Tourism and Culture Council in Chanderi.





- The product range includes sarees, suits, dupattas, and fabric materials.
- The initiative is expected to evolve into a permanent entity — NER-MP Handloom Fusion Private Limited — with 60% equity held by artisans.
- It ensures long-term financial independence of artisans and promotes sustainable luxury markets.
- The initiative reflects the vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and is supported by Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.
- Distribution will be done through North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation channels and the government's Poorvi stores scheme.

Static Part:

- Initiative – Padma Doree
- Launched By – North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation
- Ministry – Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
- NEHHDC Type – CPSE (Central Public Sector Enterprise)
- Launch Date – May 1, 2026, New Delhi
- Launched By (Officer) – Sanjay Jaju
- NEHHDC MD – Mara Kocho
- Union Minister – Jyotiraditya Scindia
- Textile 1 – Eri/Ahimsa Silk (Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland)
- Textile 2 – Chanderi Weaving (Madhya Pradesh)
- Chanderi GI Tag – 2005
- MoU Signed – March 2026





Ques: Which country won the Thomas Cup 2026 in men's team badminton?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- China retained the Thomas Cup 2026 title by defeating France in the final.
- This is China's 13th Thomas Cup title.
- China has achieved back-to-back victories in 2024 and 2026.
- India won the bronze medal after losing 0–3 to France in the semi-final.

Static Part:

- Event – Thomas Cup
- Winner (2026) – China
- Runner-up – France
- India's Position – Bronze Medal
- China Titles – 13





Ques: According to the “Women and Men in India 2025” report, women held what percentage of total demat accounts in India as of October 2025?

- A) 15.8%
- B) 17.6%
- C) 19.8%
- D) 21.5%
- E) 25.0%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to the “Women and Men in India 2025” report released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, women’s participation in India’s capital market remains relatively low.
- As of 31 October 2025, women held only 19.8% of total 167.5 million demat accounts.
- In absolute numbers, women held about 33.1 million accounts, while men held 134.4 million accounts.
- Between 2021–2025, male demat accounts increased by 405.14%, while female accounts grew by 397.24%.
- Despite strong growth, women’s participation in stock market investing remains below 20%.





Ques: Ishank Singh, who recently made history, became the youngest swimmer to cross which water body?

- A) Palk Strait
- B) English Channel
- C) Strait of Malacca
- D) Bering Strait
- E) Gibraltar Strait

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Ishank Singh, a 7-year-old boy from Jharkhand, became the youngest swimmer to cross the Palk Strait.
- He covered a 29-km stretch from Talaimannar to Dhanushkodi in 9 hours 50 minutes.
- The achievement has been officially recognised by the Universal Records Forum.
- The swim was undertaken as part of “Mission Samandar”.

Static Part:

- Distance Covered – 29 km
- Time Taken – 9 hours 50 minutes
- Route – Talaimannar to Dhanushkodi
- Water Body – Palk Strait

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for 2026–27?

- A) Sanjay Jaiswal
- B) Baijayant Panda
- C) K. C. Venugopal
- D) Faggan Singh Kulaste
- E) Om Birla

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Om Birla reconstituted four Parliamentary Committees for 2026–27.
- Sanjay Jaiswal was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Estimates (30 members, all from Lok Sabha).
- Baijayant Panda was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings (22 members: 15 Lok Sabha + 7 Rajya Sabha).
- K. C. Venugopal was appointed Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), which has 22 members (15 Lok Sabha + 7 Rajya Sabha).
- Faggan Singh Kulaste was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (30 members: 20 Lok Sabha + 10 Rajya Sabha).
- The tenure of these committees is from 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027.





Ques: Who won the men's singles title at the Mutua Madrid Open 2026?

- A) Jannik Sinner
- B) Carlos Alcaraz
- C) Novak Djokovic
- D) Alexander Zverev
- E) Daniil Medvedev

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Jannik Sinner, the World No. 1, won the Mutua Madrid Open 2026 men's singles title.
- He defeated Alexander Zverev in the final.
- With this victory, Sinner became the first player since 1990 to win five consecutive ATP Masters 1000 titles.
- This was his ninth ATP Masters 1000 title.

Static Part:

- Tournament – Mutua Madrid Open 2026
- Category – ATP Masters 1000
- Winner – Jannik Sinner
- Runner-up – Alexander Zverev
- Total Masters Titles (Sinner) – 9





Ques: Under the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, the number of Supreme Court judges (excluding CJI) will increase to?

- A) 34
- B) 35
- C) 36
- D) 37
- E) 38

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the introduction of the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026.
- The amendment will increase the number of judges in the Supreme Court of India from 33 to 37 (excluding the Chief Justice of India).
- It will amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956.
- The main objective is to reduce pending cases and ensure faster justice delivery.
- The expenses including salaries, allowances, and infrastructure will be borne by the Consolidated Fund of India.
- The last increase in judge strength was in 2019, from 30 to 33 (excluding CJI).





Ques: Which country won the Uber Cup 2026 by defeating China in the final?

- A) Japan
- B) Indonesia
- C) Thailand
- D) South Korea
- E) Malaysia

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- South Korea defeated China 3–1 to win the Uber Cup 2026.
- The Uber Cup is the world championship for women's team badminton.
- This victory marks South Korea's third title in the tournament.
- Their previous wins came in 2010 (Kuala Lumpur) and 2022 (Bangkok), both against China.

Static Part:

- Event – Uber Cup
- Winner (2026) – South Korea
- Runner-up – China
- Total Titles (South Korea) – 3 (2010, 2022, 2026)





Ques: Mission Drishti, recently in news, is associated with which startup?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bengaluru-based space-tech startup GalaxEye launched its maiden satellite Mission Drishti on 3 May 2026.
- Mission Drishti is the world's first OptoSAR satellite, combining Optical sensors and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) on a single platform.
- The satellite weighs 190 kg and is India's largest privately developed Earth Observation Satellite.
- It was launched onboard SpaceX Falcon 9 from Vandenberg Space Force Base.
- The satellite can capture images in all weather, day and night.
- It will be useful for defence, agriculture, disaster management, maritime monitoring, and infrastructure planning.





Ques: Which country has recently returned 657 antiquities worth nearly \$14 million to India?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The United States has returned 657 antiquities worth nearly \$14 million to India.
- Among the returned items is a bronze figure of Avalokiteshvara valued at around \$2 million.
- This statue was originally discovered near the Lakshmana Temple in 1939 and later kept in the Mahant Ghasidas Memorial Museum.
- The artifacts also include a sandstone figure of a dancing Ganesha stolen from a temple in Madhya Pradesh in 2000.

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Ques: Alex Zanardi, who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?

- A) Tennis
- B) Motor Racing & Para-cycling
- C) Football
- D) Athletics
- E) Swimming

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Alex Zanardi was a former Formula 1 driver and a renowned para-cyclist.
- He won four Paralympic gold medals in para-cycling.
- He secured two gold medals at the 2012 Summer Paralympics and two at the 2016 Summer Paralympics.
- He was born in Bologna.

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

- A) 1 May
- B) 2 May
- C) 3 May
- D) 5 May
- E) 8 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on 3 May to highlight the importance of a free, independent, and responsible press.
- The 2026 theme is “Shaping a Future of Peace”.
- The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993.

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Ques: Ayushman Bharat Diwas is observed every year on which date?

- A) 15 April
- B) 23 September
- C) 30 April
- D) 1 May
- E) 5 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ayushman Bharat Diwas is observed every year on 30 April.
- The Ayushman Bharat scheme was launched by Narendra Modi on 23 September 2018 in Ranchi.
- The scheme aims to provide affordable healthcare and financial protection to citizens.
- It comprises two main components: Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) and Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).

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Ques: National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL), often referred to as India's "Bad Bank", was established in which year?

- A) 2018
- B) 2019
- C) 2020
- D) 2021
- E) 2022

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) is known as India's "Bad Bank".
- It was established in the year 2021.
- A bad bank is a special institution created to deal with bad loans (NPAs) of banks.
- NARCL has accelerated its recovery efforts in FY 2025–26, recovering Rs. 4,364 crore during the year.
- This accounts for nearly 70% of its total recoveries to date.
- Total cumulative recoveries by NARCL have reached Rs. 6,345 crore.
- The government-backed institution has acquired 33 borrower entities.
- These accounts have a total debt exposure of Rs. 1.65 lakh crore.

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Ques: Viability Plan 2.0 for RRBs focuses on how many key pillars?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) has approved Viability Plan 2.0 for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) for FY 2025–26 to 2027–28.
- The plan includes 30 performance parameters structured across four key pillars — operational excellence, asset quality, profitability, and growth.
- It aims to improve financial sustainability, strengthen recovery mechanisms, and enhance digital adoption in RRBs.
- The plan replaces the earlier Viability Plan (FY22–FY25) and targets better governance and efficiency across all 28 RRBs.
- This initiative supports financial inclusion and strengthens rural banking infrastructure in India.

Static Part:

- RRBs Established – 1975
- Regulated By – Reserve Bank of India (RBI) & NABARD
- Objective – Financial Inclusion in Rural Areas
- Total RRBs – 28





Ques: What was the total UPI transaction value in April after a slight dip from March highs?

- A) ₹28.50 trillion
- B) ₹29.03 trillion
- C) ₹29.53 trillion
- D) ₹30.10 trillion
- E) ₹27.90 trillion

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- UPI transaction value dipped by 1.7% in April to ₹29.03 trillion.
- In March, the transaction value was ₹29.53 trillion.
- UPI transaction volume declined by 1.3% to 22.35 billion in April.
- In March, the volume was 22.64 billion transactions.
- Year-on-year, April recorded a 25% rise in volume and a 21% increase in value.
- Despite the monthly dip, daily transaction volumes increased from 730 million in March to 745 million in April.
- The data is released by the National Payments Corporation of India, which operates UPI.





Ques: What was India's net direct tax collection in the financial year 2025–26, as per CBDT data?

- A) Rs. 21,40,406 crore
- B) Rs. 22,50,000 crore
- C) Rs. 23,40,406 crore
- D) Rs. 24,10,000 crore
- E) Rs. 25,00,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's net direct tax collections grew by 5.12% year-on-year in FY 2025–26.
- The total net direct tax collection stood at Rs. 23,40,406 crore.
- Gross direct tax collections reached Rs. 28,11,936 crore, showing a growth of 4.03% over FY 2024–25.
- Corporate tax collections increased to Rs. 13,81,606 crore.
- Non-corporate tax collections (including individuals, HUFs, firms, etc.) stood at Rs. 13,72,474 crore.
- Securities Transaction Tax (STT) collections rose to Rs. 57,522 crore.

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Ques: What was the non-food credit growth rate recorded by SCBs in FY 2025-26?

- A) 10.9%
- B) 12.5%
- C) 15.9%
- D) 18.2%
- E) 20%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) recorded a strong 15.9% year-on-year non-food credit growth in FY 2025-26.
- Total outstanding credit reached ₹212.9 lakh crore, increasing by ₹29.2 lakh crore over the previous year.
- Growth was broad-based, led by services (19%), followed by personal loans (16.2%), industry (15%), and agriculture (15.7%).
- Strong credit growth reflects improving economic activity, rising demand, and increased lending across sectors.

Static Part:

- Regulator of Banks – Reserve Bank of India
- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai





Ques: What was the total Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection of India in April 2026?

- A) Rs. 2.10 lakh crore
- B) Rs. 2.25 lakh crore
- C) Rs. 2.33 lakh crore
- D) Rs. 2.42 lakh crore
- E) Rs. 2.50 lakh crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's GST collections reached an all-time high of Rs. 2.42 lakh crore in April 2026.
- This is the highest-ever monthly GST collection recorded in India.
- In April 2025, GST collection was Rs. 2.33 lakh crore.
- The Year-on-Year (YoY) growth in April 2026 is 8.7%.
- The increase reflects strong economic activity and improved compliance.

Static Part:

- GST Implemented – 1 July 2017
- GST is an indirect tax replacing multiple taxes like VAT, Service Tax, and Excise Duty
- GST Council Chairman – Union Finance Minister





Ques: Pixxel and Sarvam AI are collaborating to launch what kind of satellite?

- A) Communication Satellite
- B) Weather Satellite
- C) Orbital Data Centre Satellite
- D) Navigation Satellite
- E) Spy Satellite

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Pixxel and Sarvam AI have partnered to build “Pathfinder”, India’s first orbital data centre satellite.
- The satellite belongs to the 200 kg class and is expected to launch by Q4 2026.
- It will process Earth observation data directly in space using AI, reducing dependence on ground-based servers.
- The mission aims to enable real-time data analysis and strengthen India’s space-based AI infrastructure.

Static Part:

- Pixxel – Founded 2019
- Sarvam AI – Indian AI startup working on LLMs
- Satellite Type – Orbital Data Centre Satellite





Ques: Under ECLGS 5.0, what is the guarantee coverage for MSMEs?

- A) 50%
- B) 75%
- C) 90%
- D) 100%
- E) 80%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved ECLGS 5.0 (Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme).
- The scheme aims to address liquidity issues arising due to the West Asia crisis.
- The total credit support under the scheme is ₹2.55 lakh crore.
- Under ECLGS 5.0, MSMEs will receive 100% government guarantee coverage, while non-MSMEs and airlines will receive 90% coverage.
- The scheme allows loans up to 20% of peak working capital (Q4 FY26), with caps of ₹100 crore for general sectors and ₹1,500 crore for airlines.
- Loan tenure is 5 years for MSMEs and non-MSMEs, and 7 years for airlines.
- Interest rate is capped at 9% for banks and 13% for NBFCs, with zero guarantee fee.
- The scheme is implemented by National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited.
- It is applicable to standard accounts as of 31 March 2026.

Static Part:

- Scheme – ECLGS 5.0
- Full Form – Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme
- Outlay – ₹2.55 Lakh Crore
- Guarantee – 100% (MSMEs), 90% (Others)
- Implementing Agency – National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited
- Eligibility – Standard Accounts (as of 31 March 2026)





Ques: What is the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane approved by CCEA for Sugar Season 2026–27, and by what percentage is it higher than the production cost?

- A) ₹355/qtl — 105.2% above production cost
- B) ₹365/qtl — 100.5% above production cost
- C) ₹375/qtl — 95% above production cost
- D) ₹365/qtl — 85% above production cost
- E) ₹340/qtl — 100.5% above production cost

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the FRP of sugarcane at ₹365 per quintal for Sugar Season 2026–27 (October–September), effective from October 1, 2026.
- This FRP is based on a basic recovery rate of 10.25% and is ₹10 higher than the previous season (₹355/qtl), marking a 2.81% increase — the lowest hike in the last three years.
- The production cost (A2+FL) is ₹182 per quintal, making the FRP 100.5% higher than the cost of production.
- A premium of ₹3.56/qtl is given for every 0.1% increase in recovery above 10.25%, and a reduction of ₹3.56/qtl applies for every 0.1% decrease.
- For mills with recovery below 9.5%, no deduction is applied — farmers will still receive a minimum of ₹338.3/qtl.
- The decision is expected to benefit around 5 crore sugarcane farmers and about 5 lakh workers in sugar mills and allied sectors.
- FRP was fixed based on recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices after consultation with states.
- Cane dues clearance has improved significantly — 99.5% dues cleared in 2024–25 and 88.6% cleared in 2025–26 (as of April 2026).





Ques: India and Canada aim to increase bilateral trade to how much by 2030?

- A) \$20 billion
- B) \$30 billion
- C) \$40 billion
- D) \$50 billion
- E) \$60 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India and Canada have resumed the second round of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- The agreement is being negotiated under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- Both countries aim to increase bilateral trade to \$50 billion by 2030.
- Current trade stands at around \$9 billion in 2024–25.
- The talks are expected to conclude by the end of 2026.
- Key focus areas include critical minerals, energy security, and manufacturing.
- The negotiations resumed after a pause due to diplomatic tensions in 2023.
- The discussions will boost exports, investments, and economic cooperation.

Static Part:

- Canada Capital – Ottawa
- Prime Minister (Canada) – Mark Carney





Ques: Mayon Volcano, which recently erupted, is located in which country?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Japan
- C) Philippines
- D) Malaysia
- E) Thailand

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Mayon Volcano erupted in Albay province in the Philippines.
- It is located on Luzon island, about 330 km southeast of Manila.
- The volcano is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire, a region known for frequent earthquakes and volcanic activity.

Static Part:

- Philippines Capital – Manila
- Currency – Peso

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Ques: INS Mahendragiri belongs to which project?

- A) Project 15B
- B) Project 17A
- C) Project 75
- D) Project 28
- E) Project 75I

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- INS Mahendragiri is the 6th Nilgiri-class stealth frigate delivered to the Indian Navy.
- It is built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai, and is the 4th ship constructed by MDL under this project.
- It is part of Project 17A, which includes 7 advanced guided-missile stealth frigates.
- The project aims to enhance India's naval power and promote defence self-reliance under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- These ships are capable of anti-air, anti-ship, and anti-submarine warfare with low radar visibility (stealth technology).

Static Part:

- Project – 17A (Nilgiri-class)
- Total Ships – 7
- Builders:
 - Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (Mumbai) – 4 ships
 - Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (Kolkata) – 3 ships
- First Ship – INS Nilgiri (Launched 2019)
- INS – Indian Naval Ship
- Frigate – Medium multi-role warship
- Stealth – Low radar visibility
- Capability – Anti-air, Anti-ship, Anti-submarine warfare





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Portuguese Language Day is observed on May 5 every year.
- It celebrates the Portuguese language and Lusophone culture.
- In 2019, UNESCO officially proclaimed 5 May as World Portuguese Language Day.
- The declaration was made during the UNESCO General Conference.

Static Part:

- UNESCO Full Form – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Headquarters – Paris, France
- Established – 1945





Ques: Gujarat Day (Gujarat Sthapana Divas) and Maharashtra Day are celebrated on which date every year?

- A) April 30
- B) May 1
- C) May 2
- D) June 1
- E) March 1

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Gujarat Day is celebrated on May 1 every year.
- On this day in 1960, the state of Bombay was divided under the Bombay Reorganization Act.
- Maharashtra was created for Marathi-speaking people and Gujarat for Gujarati-speaking people.
- Thus, Gujarat became a separate state on May 1, 1960.
- Maharashtra Day is also celebrated on May 1 every year.
- It marks the formation of a separate Marathi-speaking state in 1960.





Ques: International Firefighters' Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) May 1
- B) May 3
- C) May 4
- D) May 5
- E) May 7

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- International Firefighters' Day is observed on May 4 every year.
- The 2026 theme is: "Safe School, Safe Hospital & Fire Safety Aware Society – Together for Fire Prevention".
- The day honours firefighters for their bravery and service in protecting lives and property.
- The symbol of the day is the Red and Blue Ribbon.

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Ques: What are Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) launched by the National Stock Exchange (NSE)?

- A) Digital currency backed by RBI
- B) Electronic records representing ownership of physical gold
- C) Gold mining licences
- D) Cryptocurrency linked with gold
- E) Gold loan certificates

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- National Stock Exchange (NSE), has launched Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) as a new instrument for gold trading in India.
- EGRs are electronic records representing ownership of physical gold stored in approved vaults.
- NSE demonstrated the dematerialisation of a 1000-gram gold bar into an Electronic Gold Receipt.
- EGRs are dematerialised securities and are held electronically in demat accounts.
- The gold backing EGRs is stored in SEBI-accredited vaults.
- Each EGR is fully backed by real physical gold.

Static Part:

- National Stock Exchange of India Limited Founded – 27 November 1992
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD and CEO – Ashish Kumar Chauhan





Ques: Under the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) updated regulatory framework, after how many days from the due date will a credit card account be marked as “past due”?

- A) 1 day
- B) 2 days
- C) 3 days
- D) 5 days
- E) 7 days

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced a 3-day grace period for credit card payments.
- A credit card account will be marked as “past due” only after 3 days from the due date.
- Earlier, accounts could be classified as overdue immediately after the due date.
- Banks can impose late payment charges and report to credit bureaus only after the 3-day grace period.
- The new rule will come into effect from 1 April 2027.
- If payment is made within the grace period, there will be no immediate penalty or negative credit reporting impact.
- Under revised norms, penalties will apply only on the outstanding amount and not on the total billed amount.





Ques: Anand RK and Suparna Sharma won the Pulitzer Prize in which category?

- A) Public Service
- B) Investigative Reporting
- C) Illustrated Reporting and Commentary
- D) International Reporting
- E) Breaking News Reporting

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Anand RK and Suparna Sharma won the Pulitzer Prize in the Illustrated Reporting and Commentary category.
- They shared the award with Natalie Obiko Pearson of Bloomberg.
- Their award-winning project “trAPPed” focused on digital surveillance and cyber fraud.
- The project also highlighted cases of “digital arrest”.
- Hanoi-based reporter Aniruddha Ghosal won in the International Reporting category.
- His investigation exposed the secret use of mass-surveillance tools by the US Border Patrol.
- The Washington Post won the Pulitzer Prize in the Public Service category.

Static Part:

- Pulitzer Prize Established – 1917
- Founder – Joseph Pulitzer
- Presented by – Columbia University
- Country – United States
- Total Categories – 23
- Prize Money – \$15,000 and certificate (except Public Service category, which receives a gold medal)





Ques: What is India's rank in the 2026 World Press Freedom Index published by Reporters Without Borders?

- A) 151st
- B) 154th
- C) 157th
- D) 160th
- E) 165th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India ranked 157th out of 180 countries in the 2026 World Press Freedom Index.
- The index is published by Reporters Without Borders, based in Paris.
- India was placed in the “very serious” category for press freedom.
- India dropped six places from its 2025 rank of 151.
- In 2026, more than half of the world's countries were classified as “difficult” or “very serious”.
- This was the first time in the 25-year history of the index that such a situation occurred.

Ranking of Top 5 and Last Country:

1. Norway
2. Netherlands
3. Estonia
4. Denmark
5. Sweden
6. Eritrea

Ranking of India and Neighboring Countries:

- Nepal
- Sri Lanka
- Bhutan





- Bangladesh
- Pakistan
- India
- Myanmar
- Afghanistan
- China



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Ques: Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram is launched under which mission?

- A) Ayushman Bharat
- B) National Health Mission
- C) Poshan Abhiyaan
- D) Mission Indradhanush
- E) Swachh Bharat Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the updated Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram 2.0 Guidelines.
- RBSK is a child health screening and early intervention programme.
- The scheme was launched under the National Health Mission.
- The programme covers children in the age group of 0–18 years.
- The scheme is based on the “4Ds Framework”.
- The 4Ds include Defects at Birth, Diseases, Deficiencies, and Developmental Delays including disabilities.
- The updated guidelines now include Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), mental health conditions, and behavioural issues.





Ques: Which district has been notified as India's first pearl farming cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana?

- A) Hazaribag
- B) Dhanbad
- C) Ranchi
- D) Bokaro
- E) Gumla

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Hazaribag in Jharkhand has been notified as India's first pearl farming cluster under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- The cluster received an investment of ₹22 crore through a joint initiative of the Central and Jharkhand governments.
- Hazaribag was officially notified as the Pearl Cluster on 30 August 2024 by the Department of Fisheries.
- The pearl farming initiative started as a pilot project in 2019–20 under a Jharkhand state plan.
- According to the National Fisheries Development Board, more than 1.02 lakh pearls have been produced in Hazaribag.





Ques: Which Indian space-tech startup has secured a contract from the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office for advanced remote sensing capabilities?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indian space-tech startup Pixxel secured a contract from the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office.
- Pixxel will provide hyperspectral satellite imagery under the contract.
- The imagery will help the U.S. government evaluate advanced commercial space-based data sources.
- The National Reconnaissance Office is a U.S. intelligence agency.
- NRO is responsible for designing and operating spy satellites.
- It also provides space-based intelligence support to the U.S. government.

Static Part:

- Pixxel – Indian space-tech startup focused on hyperspectral imaging satellites
- NRO Full Form – National Reconnaissance Office
- Headquarters of National Reconnaissance Office – Virginia, United States





Ques: Which city will serve as the headquarters of the newly announced South Coast Railway Zone (SCOR), India's 18th railway zone?

- A) Visakhapatnam
- B) Guntur
- C) Vijayawada
- D) Tirupati
- E) Amaravati

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Union Government will notify the South Coast Railway Zone (SCOR) on 1 June 2026.
- SCOR will become India's 18th railway zone.
- The headquarters of the new railway zone will be located in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the headquarters in January 2025.
- The project received an allocation of Rs. 184 crore and 52.2 acres of land at Mudasarlova.
- The new zone will include Guntakal, Guntur, and Vijayawada divisions from South Central Railway.





Ques: The Mission for Cotton Productivity approved by the Union Cabinet aligns with which vision of the Government of India?

- A) Digital India Vision
- B) Green Revolution Vision
- C) 5F Vision
- D) Make in India Vision
- E) Atmanirbhar Krishi Vision

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Narendra Modi approved Rs. 5,659.22 crore for the Mission for Cotton Productivity.
- The mission period is from 2026–27 to 2030–31.
- The mission aims to address bottlenecks, declining growth, and quality concerns in India's cotton sector.
- It aligns with the Government of India's 5F vision — “Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign”.
- The mission will be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the Ministry of Textiles.
- It will involve 10 ICAR institutes, one CSIR institute, and 10 AICRP cotton centres in State Agricultural Universities.
- The mission targets cotton production of 498 lakh bales by 2031.
- It also aims to increase lint productivity from 440 kg/ha to 755 kg/ha.
- Kasturi Cotton Bharat is a premium Indian cotton branding, traceability, and certification initiative launched by the Government of India.

Static Part:

- ICAR Full Form – Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- CSIR Full Form – Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
- Cotton is also known as “White Gold”





Ques: Who is the 80th President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) who recently visited India?

- A) Ursula von der Leyen
- B) Annalena Baerbock
- C) Christine Lagarde
- D) Giorgia Meloni
- E) Kaja Kallas

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Annalena Baerbock, the 80th President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), visited India.
- She visited India at the invitation of S. Jaishankar.
- Annalena Baerbock is a former Foreign Minister of Germany.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) is one of the principal organs of the United Nations.

Static Part:

- UNGA Formation – 1945
- Headquarters – New York City, USA
- Parent Organization – United Nations
- Current President – Annalena Baerbock





Ques: What is the name of the disaster management app launched by the Mizoram Government?

- A) Suraksha
- B) Khuarel
- C) Disaster Mitra
- D) Rakshak
- E) Alert Mizoram

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mizoram launched a disaster management app named “Khuarel”.
- The app was launched by Lalnilawma.
- The launch event took place in Aizawl.
- Khuarel is a Disaster Incident & Reporting Management System.
- The app was developed by the Mizoram State e-Governance Society.
- The main objective is to enable real-time disaster response and coordination.
- It will improve communication during emergencies.
- The app will also ensure systematic disaster data recording.

Static Part :

- Mizoram Capital – Aizawl
- Chief Minister of Mizoram – Lalduhoma
- Governor of Mizoram – Vijay Kumar Singh





Ques: Which company secured a Rs. 2,500–5,000 crore contract for a coal-to-ammonium nitrate project in Odisha?

- A) BHEL
- B) NTPC
- C) Larsen and Toubro
- D) Tata Projects
- E) Reliance Industries

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Larsen and Toubro (L&T), secured a Rs. 2,500–5,000 crore contract for a coal-to-ammonium nitrate project in Odisha.
- The project has been awarded by Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited.
- Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited is a joint venture of Coal India Limited and BHEL.
- The project will have a planned production capacity of 2,000 tonnes per day.
- Coal gasification technology will be used to convert coal into chemical products.
- The final product of the project will be Ammonium Nitrate.

Static Part:

- Larsen and Toubro (L&T), Headquarters – Mumbai
- Coal India Limited Headquarters – Kolkata
- BHEL Full Form – Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- Odisha Capital – Bhubaneswar





Ques: Which company handed over the first electric freight locomotive to Indian Railways under the €3-billion contract signed in 2023?

- A) Alstom
- B) Siemens Mobility
- C) Hitachi Rail
- D) Bombardier
- E) BHEL

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Siemens Mobility handed over the first of 1,200 electric freight locomotives to Indian Railways.
- The project is part of a massive €3-billion contract signed in 2023.
- The company also jointly inaugurated the first maintenance depot at Visakhapatnam.
- The D9 locomotives are the first Indian Railways rolling stock tested successfully under the European standard EN 14363.
- These locomotives are designed for freight operations at speeds up to 120 km/h.
- With 9,000 horsepower, they are India's most powerful six-axle electric freight locomotives.

Static Part

- Indian Railways Founded – 1853
- Visakhapatnam – Andhra Pradesh
- EN 14363 – European standard for railway vehicle testing





Ques: Which institution introduced India's first portable bedside MRI system for routine use?

- A) PGIMER Chandigarh
- B) AIIMS Delhi
- C) JIPMER Puducherry
- D) CMC Vellore
- E) NIMHANS Bengaluru

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- AIIMS Delhi introduced India's first portable bedside MRI system for routine use.
- The innovation allows the MRI machine to be wheeled directly to the patient.
- It can be used inside ICUs and emergency wards.
- The system removes the need to transfer critically ill patients to MRI rooms.
- It also eliminates the requirement for dedicated MRI suites.
- The device is an ultra-low-field MRI designed for point-of-care imaging.
- The technology is considered safe for critically ill patients.
- The system is currently deployed at the Centre for Neurological Conditions, AIIMS Delhi.
- The project is supported by Radiosurgery Global as a technology partner.

Static Part:

- AIIMS Full Form – All India Institute of Medical Sciences
- AIIMS Delhi Established – 1956
- MRI Full Form – Magnetic Resonance Imaging





Ques: Under which mission have the semiconductor projects of Crystal Matrix Ltd and Suchi Semicon been approved?

- A) Digital India Mission
- B) Make in India Mission
- C) India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)
- D) Startup India Mission
- E) National Electronics Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet approved two new semiconductor manufacturing projects with a total investment of Rs. 3,936 crore.
- The projects aim to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem and generate employment opportunities.
- The projects of Crystal Matrix Ltd and Suchi Semicon were approved under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).
- Crystal Matrix Limited will establish an integrated facility in Dholera for compound semiconductor fabrication and ATMP.
- The facility will manufacture Mini/Micro-LED display modules.
- Suchi Semicon will establish an OSAT facility in Surat.
- With these approvals, the total number of approved projects under ISM has increased to 12.
- The cumulative investment under the mission has reached around Rs. 1.64 lakh crore.





Ques: S&P Global has reduced India's GDP growth forecast for Financial Year 2026–27 to what percentage?

- A) 5.8%
- B) 6.2%
- C) 6.6%
- D) 7.0%
- E) 7.5%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- S&P Global lowered India's GDP growth forecast for Financial Year 2026–27 by 50 basis points to 6.6%.
- The findings were published in a report titled "India Forward".
- The report was jointly prepared by S&P Global and Crisil.
- According to the report, India is facing external economic shocks.
- These challenges include energy supply disruptions, rising oil and gas prices, and currency volatility.

Static Part:

- S&P Global is a leading American financial analytics and credit rating company.
- Headquarters of S&P Global: New York, USA.
- Crisil is India's first credit rating agency.
- Headquarters of Crisil: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- A basis point is equal to one-hundredth of a percentage point (0.01%).

Static Part:

- S&P Global Headquarters – New York, United States
- CRISIL Full Form – Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited
- Crisil Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra





Ques: What percentage of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) total gold holdings is now stored within India as of March 2026?

- A) 65%
- B) 70%
- C) 77%
- D) 82%
- E) 85%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Around 77% of RBI's total gold holdings is now stored within India.
- RBI moved 104.23 metric tonnes (MT) of gold reserves domestically in the six months ended March 2026.
- The move reflects a continued shift toward domestic gold custody.
- RBI's total gold holdings increased slightly to 880.52 MT in March 2026.
- According to RBI data, 197.67 MT of gold is kept with the Bank of England and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).
- Another 2.80 MT is maintained as gold deposits.
- In FY 2025–26, RBI brought 168.06 MT of gold back to India.
- This is higher than 107.21 MT in 2023–24 and 103.68 MT in 2024–25.

Static Part:

- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- Bank for International Settlements (BIS) Headquarters – Basel, Switzerland
- Bank of England Headquarters – London, United Kingdom





Ques: Under the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026, what major restriction has been imposed on minor children?

- A) They cannot apply for OCI cards
- B) They cannot hold dual citizenship
- C) They cannot hold both Indian and foreign passports simultaneously
- D) They cannot travel abroad without parental approval
- E) They cannot apply for Indian citizenship before 18 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs notified the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to modernise citizenship and OCI-related processes.
- The new rules introduce a fully digital framework for Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) services.
- OCI applications, registration, renunciation, acknowledgements, and record maintenance will now be conducted online through the official OCI portal.
- The rules introduced electronic OCI (e-OCI) cards along with digital records of OCI holders.
- A new provision states that a minor child cannot simultaneously hold an Indian passport and a foreign passport.
- The amendment applies to provisions under the Citizenship Rules, 2009 and came into force after Gazette notification on 30 April 2026.
- The rules also introduce provisions related to OCI cancellation, renunciation, appeals, review mechanism, and biometric consent.
- The objective is to improve transparency, efficiency, digital governance, and compliance in citizenship administration.

Static Part:

- Ministry – Ministry of Home Affairs
- Union Home Minister – Amit Shah
- Parent Act – Citizenship Act, 1955
- Portal – OCI Services Portal
- Amended Rules – Citizenship Rules, 2009





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)?

- A) Praseon Joshi
- B) Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- C) Aamir Khan
- D) Anurag Basu
- E) Shekhar Kapur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Shashi Shekhar Vempati has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).
- He replaced Praseon Joshi in the position.
- Praseon Joshi was recently appointed as the Chairman of Prasar Bharati.
- Shashi Shekhar Vempati served as the CEO of Prasar Bharati from 2017 to 2022.
- CBFC is a statutory film-certification body under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Static Part:

- CBFC Full Form – Central Board of Film Certification
- CBFC Formed – 15 January 1951
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Ministry – Ministry of Information and Broadcasting





Ques: The newly approved ship repair facility worth ₹1,570 crore will be developed at which place in India?

- A) Paradip
- B) Vadinar
- C) Tuticorin
- D) Mormugao
- E) Visakhapatnam

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved a ₹1,570 crore ship repair facility at Vadinar, Gujarat.
- The project will be jointly developed by Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).
- It is a brownfield project that will include a 650-meter jetty, two floating dry docks, workshops, and marine infrastructure.
- The facility will be capable of repairing ships up to 300 meters in length.
- India currently lacks sufficient infrastructure for repairing vessels longer than 230 meters, and the project will reduce dependence on foreign shipyards.
- The project is expected to create around 290 direct jobs and nearly 1,100 indirect jobs.
- The facility supports the goals of Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

Static Part:

- Chairman of CCEA – Prime Minister of India
- Headquarters of Cochin Shipyard Limited – Kochi, Kerala
- Deendayal Port Authority is located at Kandla, Gujarat
- Maritime India Vision Target Year – 2030
- Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision Target Year – 2047





Ques: The Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Critical Mineral Recycling was launched under which mission?

- A) National Green Hydrogen Mission
- B) National Mineral Exploration Mission
- C) National Critical Mineral Mission
- D) National Circular Economy Mission
- E) National Clean Energy Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Mines completed the eligibility assessment under the Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Critical Mineral Recycling.
- A total of 58 companies were approved as eligible participants under the scheme.
- The scheme was launched under the National Critical Mineral Mission with a total outlay of ₹1,500 crore.
- The scheme was officially notified on 2 October 2025.
- It aims to build domestic recycling capacity for critical minerals obtained from lithium-ion batteries, e-waste, and industrial scrap.
- The initiative will help reduce import dependence and support clean energy and advanced manufacturing sectors in India.
- The application window for the scheme remained open from 2 October 2025 to 1 April 2026.
- The selected companies proposed around 850 KTPA recycling capacity with investments worth nearly ₹5,000 crore.
- The next phase of the scheme will focus on project execution and commencement of production.

Static Part:

- Ministry – Ministry of Mines
- Union Minister – G. Kishan Reddy
- Mission – National Critical Mineral Mission
- Scheme Outlay – ₹1,500 crore
- Focus Areas – Battery Recycling, E-Waste Processing, Critical Minerals Recovery





Ques: Which organisation opened the CBRN Field Training and Demonstration Centre at Burari Plains in New Delhi?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) NDRF
- D) Indian Army
- E) CSIR

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) opened the CBRN Field Training and Demonstration Centre at Burari Plains in New Delhi.
- The centre was inaugurated by Samir V. Kamat.
- The facility aims to strengthen preparedness for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) emergencies.
- It will also improve disaster response capabilities.
- The centre will provide field training and demonstrations related to CBRN threats and safety measures.

Static Part:

- DRDO Full Form – Defence Research and Development Organisation
- DRDO Established – 1958
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chairman of DRDO – Samir V. Kamat





Ques: Under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, which state recorded the highest rooftop solar installations in FY26?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, rooftop solar installations doubled in FY26.
- Around 21.2 lakh households benefited under the scheme in FY26 ending March 2026.
- In FY25, installations were recorded in 10.8 lakh households, showing nearly two times growth in FY26.
- Maharashtra recorded the highest rooftop solar installations with 5,15,009 households.
- Uttar Pradesh recorded 4,34,082 installations, while Gujarat recorded 3,19,391 installations.
- Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat together accounted for nearly 60% of total installations in FY26.
- The scheme was launched in February 2024 with the target of covering 1 crore households.
- If the target is achieved, India may generate 1 trillion units of renewable electricity and reduce 720 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions.

Static Part:

- Scheme Name – PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana
- Launch Year – 2024
- Implementing Ministry – Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- FY26 Beneficiaries – 21.2 lakh households
- Target – 1 Crore Households
- India's Non-Fossil Energy Target by 2030 – 500 GW





Ques: In which city was the 100th N-Gen Post Office inaugurated by Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia?

- A) Guwahati
- B) Aizawl
- C) Shillong
- D) Imphal
- E) Agartala

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia virtually inaugurated the 100th N-Gen Post Office.
- The post office was inaugurated at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- The upgraded facility is designed as a modern and youth-centric postal centre.
- It will cater to students, faculty members, and campus residents.

Static Part:

- Meghalaya Capital – Shillong
- NEHU Full Form – North-Eastern Hill University
- Meghalaya Governor – C. H. Vijayashankar
- Meghalaya Chief Minister – Conrad K. Sangma





Ques: UIDAI recently signed a 5-year MoU with which institution for digital forensics and cybersecurity?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi)
- B) National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)
- C) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- D) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- E) National Informatics Centre (NIC)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) signed a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU).
- This partnership will focus on digital forensics, cybersecurity, and advanced technology research.
- The collaboration aims to strengthen cyber resilience and digital identity security in India's Aadhaar ecosystem.
- The MoU was exchanged between Vivek Chandra Verma (CEO, UIDAI) and Prof. S.O. Junare (Director, NFSU Gujarat Campus).
- The partnership will work on 6 strategic pillars including academic development, cybersecurity support, forensic infrastructure, AI research, blockchain, deepfake detection, and cryptography.
- It will also provide placement opportunities, outreach support, and strengthen India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- The initiative is expected to improve future cyber defense capabilities and digital governance in India.

Static Part:

- UIDAI Established – 2009
- UIDAI Headquarters – New Delhi
- National Forensic Sciences University Established – 2020
- NFSU Headquarters – Gandhinagar
- Aadhaar – 12-digit unique identity number
- Focus Areas – Digital Forensics, Cybersecurity, AI & Blockchain





Ques: Which city will host the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2026?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India's capital New Delhi will host the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2026.
- The championship will be held from 27 July to 2 August 2026.
- The announcement was made by Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.
- The event will be organised jointly by the Delhi Government and the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).

Static Part:

- Commonwealth of Nations Founded – 11 December 1931
- Headquarters – London, United Kingdom
- Total Member Countries – 56
- Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: India was retained on which list by the United States over Intellectual Property (IP) concerns in the USTR Special 301 Report?

- A) Grey List
- B) Watch List
- C) Priority Watch List
- D) Sensitive Country List
- E) Strategic Trade List

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United States once again placed India on the 'Priority Watch List' in the USTR Special 301 Report due to concerns related to intellectual property (IP) protection and enforcement.
- India was listed along with countries such as China, Russia, Chile, Venezuela, and Indonesia.
- The report highlighted concerns regarding patent revocations, patentability criteria under Section 3(d), and procedural issues in India's patent regime.
- The US criticised India's restrictions on "evergreening" in the pharmaceutical sector, where minor modifications to drugs do not easily qualify for fresh patents.
- India defended its IP regime as WTO-compliant and important for ensuring affordable medicines and promoting access to technology.
- The report acknowledged that India made progress in 2024 through the Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2024 aimed at improving patent efficiency.
- India remains under enhanced bilateral engagement rather than immediate trade sanctions under the USTR framework.

Static Part:

- Report – USTR Special 301 Report
- Issued By – United States Trade Representative (USTR)
- Concern Area – Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)
- Indian Patent Provision Highlighted – Section 3(d) of Indian Patents Act
- WTO Full Form – World Trade Organization
- Focus Area – Patent Protection & Enforcement





Ques: What is the theme of the inaugural summit of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) to be hosted by India in New Delhi?

- A) Protect Wildlife, Protect Nature
- B) Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem
- C) Global Alliance for Wildlife
- D) Conservation for Future
- E) Big Cats for Biodiversity

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India will host the inaugural summit of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in New Delhi on June 1 and 2.
- The summit will bring together global leaders, conservationists, and policymakers.
- The objective is to strengthen international efforts for the conservation of the world's seven big cat species.
- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched the summit logo.
- The theme of the summit is “Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem.”
- IBCA was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2023.
- The alliance focuses on the conservation of Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.

Static Part:

- IBCA Full Form – International Big Cat Alliance
- Launch Year – 2023
- Launch Announced By – Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Host City of First Summit – New Delhi
- Ministry Involved – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Total Big Cats Covered – 7 Species





Ques: Tata Power's Bhutan SPV DHPL recently received \$515 million financing from which organization?

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C) World Bank Group
- D) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- E) New Development Bank (NDB)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Tata Power's Bhutan-based SPV Dorjilung Hydro Power Ltd (DHPL) received \$515 million financing from the World Bank Group.
- The financing is for the development of a 1,125 MW hydropower project.
- The project will be developed on the Kurichhu River in Bhutan.
- In the joint venture, Druk Green Power Corporation holds a 60% stake, while Tata Power holds 40%.
- The hydropower project is expected to generate around 4,500 GWh of clean electricity annually.
- Around 80% of the generated electricity will be exported to India.
- The total project cost is estimated at around \$1.7 billion and will be developed under PPP (Public-Private Partnership) mode.
- The initiative will further strengthen India-Bhutan cooperation in the clean energy sector.

Static Part:

- Tata Power Headquarters – Mumbai
- Tata Power Founded – 1919
- World Bank Group Headquarters – Washington, D.C.
- Bhutan Capital – Thimphu
- Bhutan Currency – Ngultrum
- Hydropower Project Capacity – 1,125 MW
- River – Kurichhu River





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Biocon, replacing Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw?

- A) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- B) Claire Mazumdar
- C) Rohini Nilekani
- D) Naina Lal Kidwai
- E) Soma Mondal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Claire Mazumdar has been appointed as the Chairperson of Biocon.
- She replaced Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in the position.
- Claire Mazumdar is the niece of Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw.
- Biocon is one of India's leading biopharmaceutical companies.
- The company was founded in the year 1978.

Static Part:

- Biocon Founded – 1978
- Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Founder – Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw





Ques: R. B. Choudary, who recently passed away, was associated with which field?

- A) Politics
- B) Sports
- C) Film Production
- D) Literature
- E) Journalism

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- R. B. Choudary was a veteran Indian film producer.
- He was well known in the Indian film industry for his contributions as a producer.
- He worked across various regional cinema industries in India.
- R. B. Choudary recently passed away.

Static Part:

- R. B. Choudary was the founder of Super Good Films.
- Super Good Films is a well-known Indian film production company.
- He contributed mainly to Tamil and Telugu cinema industries.





Ques: Ted Turner, who recently passed away, was the founder of which global news network?

- A) CNN
- B) Fox News
- C) BBC
- D) Al Jazeera
- E) CNBC

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Ted Turner was the founder of CNN (Cable News Network).
- He was an American media entrepreneur.
- Ted Turner recently passed away.
- CNN was launched in 1980.
- CNN became the world's first 24-hour news channel.

Static Part:

- CNN Full Form – Cable News Network
- CNN Founded – 1980
- Headquarters – Atlanta, Georgia, United States
- Founder – Ted Turner

