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Ques: Mission SAKSHAM launched by RBI is primarily aimed at which sector?

- A) Commercial Banks
- B) Rural Banks
- C) Urban Co-operative Banks
- D) NBFCs
- E) Payment Banks

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra launched Mission SAKSHAM on April 28, 2026.
- Mission SAKSHAM (Sahkari Bank Kshamta Nirman) is a nationwide capacity-building initiative for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs).
- RBI will conduct training programmes (in-person and e-learning) covering around 1.40 lakh participants including board members, senior management, and IT staff.
- The programmes will also be delivered in regional languages to ensure wider accessibility.
- The mission was designed in consultation with UCB umbrella organisations and cooperative federations.
- It was first announced in the Monetary Policy Statement on February 6, 2026.
- The aim is to improve governance, compliance culture, and institutional strength in the UCB sector.
- There are over 1,400 UCBs in India serving urban and semi-urban populations and promoting financial inclusion.

Static Part:

- Mission — SAKSHAM (Sahkari Bank Kshamta Nirman)
- Meaning — “To make capable/competent”
- Launch Date — April 28, 2026
- Target Sector — Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)





- Total Participants — 1.40 lakh
- Training Mode — In-person + E-learning
- Total UCBs — 1,400+



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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the banking licence of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) on April 24, 2026.
- The Reserve Bank of India issued consolidated guidelines titled “Digital Payments – E-mandate Framework, 2026”.
- RBI released draft Master Directions on PPIs proposing stricter capital requirements for non-bank issuers and tighter norms for low-KYC wallets.
- RBI is in talks with global regulators, Indian banks, and government officials to assess risks from Anthropic’s AI model ‘Mythos’.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the 4th edition of its Global Hackathon “HaRBInger – Innovation for Transformation”.
- PayPoint India Network became the first private fintech to get membership in RBI’s Centralised Payment System (CPS).
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued the Master Direction on Exchange of Notes & Coins in April 2026.





Ques: Flipkart, Axis Bank, and PayU have introduced biometric authentication for card payments, replacing which traditional system?

- A) PIN
- B) OTP (One-Time Password)
- C) CVV
- D) Net Banking Password
- E) UPI PIN

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Flipkart, Axis Bank, and PayU have jointly introduced biometric authentication for card payments.
- Axis Bank cardholders can now approve payments using fingerprint or Face ID.
- This system replaces the traditional OTP (One-Time Password) method.
- PayU manages the payment infrastructure for this system.
- Wibmo handles the authentication process.
- This move enhances security and improves user convenience in digital payments.

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Recently signed banking agreements

- Karnataka Bank Limited, a private sector bank in India, entered into a partnership with Pine Labs Limited, a leading provider of Point-of-Sale (PoS) solutions, to strengthen its digital payment ecosystem.
- Jio Financial Services has partnered with Germany-based insurer Allianz to form a 50:50 joint venture for the insurance business in India. A reinsurance Joint Venture (Allianz Jio Reinsurance Ltd) has already started operations after approval from IRDAI.
- CheQ partnered with AU Small Finance Bank to launch India's first LED-powered co-branded credit card named "CheQ AU Credit Card".
- Karnataka Bank has entered into a partnership with Pine Labs to strengthen its digital payment ecosystem by offering advanced point-of-sale (PoS) solutions. The collaboration is aligned with Karnataka Bank's vision of becoming a "Digital Bank of the Future".
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has signed an MoU with Government e-Marketplace (GeM).





Ques: RBI has set what time limit to classify a borrower as a wilful defaulter after NPA tagging?

- A) 3 months
- B) 6 months
- C) 9 months
- D) 12 months
- E) 18 months

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India has introduced a timeline for classifying wilful defaulters.
- Banks must complete the process within 6 months of an account being classified as NPA.
- The process begins if a wilful default is observed during internal preliminary screening.
- The rule ensures timely identification and action against wilful defaulters.
- The new guideline will come into effect from April 1, 2027.
- It aims to strengthen credit discipline and banking transparency.

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Ques: India's factory output is measured by which index?

- A) Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- B) Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
- C) Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)
- D) GDP Deflator
- E) Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India's industrial output growth slowed to a five-month low of 4.1% in March 2026.
- Factory output in India is measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).
- The growth for February 2026 was revised to 5.1% from the earlier estimate of 5.2%.
- The data is released by the National Statistics Office.

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Ques: Vaibhav Suryavanshi became the fastest to reach 400 runs in an IPL season in how many balls?

- A) 150 balls
- B) 160 balls
- C) 167 balls
- D) 175 balls
- E) 188 balls

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Vaibhav Suryavanshi, opener of Rajasthan Royals, became the fastest to reach 400 runs in an IPL season.
- He achieved this milestone in just 167 balls.
- He broke the previous record held by Andre Russell (188 balls in 2019).
- He reached the milestone during a match against Punjab Kings in New Chandigarh.
- He scored a quick 43 runs off 16 balls in that match.
- This feat highlights his explosive batting performance in the IPL season.

Static Part:

- IPL Started – 2008
- Fastest 400 Runs (Balls) – Vaibhav Suryavanshi (167)
- Previous Record – Andre Russell (188 balls, 2019)
- Team – Rajasthan Royals





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The International Chess Federation (FIDE) has officially joined the International World Games Association (IWGA).
- P.V. Sindhu has assumed a full voting position on the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council.
- KL Rahul created history by becoming the first Indian batter to score more than 150 runs in a single IPL innings.
- Rajasthan Royals' Vaibhav Suryavanshi became the youngest player to score 1,000 runs in T20 cricket.
- Kenyan runner Sabastian Sawe created history at the London Marathon.
- The SAFF Women's Championship 2026 will be held at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.
- The 13th World Para Athletics Championships will be held in Tashkent in June 2027.
- Aronyak Ghosh has achieved the prestigious title of Grandmaster (GM), becoming India's 95th Grandmaster.





Ques: The Ganga Expressway inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi connects which two cities?

- A) Lucknow – Varanasi
- B) Meerut – Prayagraj
- C) Kanpur – Agra
- D) Delhi – Ayodhya
- E) Gorakhpur – Jhansi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the 594-km long Ganga Expressway in Uttar Pradesh.
- The expressway is one of the longest in India and aims to boost connectivity.
- It connects Meerut to Prayagraj, passing through multiple districts.
- The project is expected to significantly reduce travel time.
- It will enhance economic growth, employment, and industrial development in the state.
- The expressway will benefit farmers by enabling faster transport of agricultural produce.

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Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Narendra Modi inaugurated Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Delhi–Dehradun Economic Corridor.
- Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated the BIRAC-BioNEST Incubation Centre at Central Food Technology & Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Samrat Samprati Museum on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Kaynes Semicon's OSAT facility at Sanand, Gujarat on March 31, 2026.
- Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of Noida International Airport at Jewar.
- Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Nand Kishor Somani Oncology Block at Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama Hospital.





Ques: ISRO, in collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, completed nationwide Land Use Land Cover (LULC) mapping at what scale?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation

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- Indian Space Research Organisation collaborated with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- The aim is to strengthen decentralised planning using geospatial technology.
- The achievement was highlighted on National Panchayati Raj Day.
- ISRO completed high-resolution Land Use Land Cover (LULC) mapping across the country.
- The mapping was done at a scale of 1:10,000.
- The coverage includes the entire country.
- The data has been made available to government organisations.
- It supports Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP).
- The data is integrated into the Grammanchitra portal.

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Ques: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced its exit from which organization, effective May 1, 2026?

- A) OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries)
- B) International Energy Agency (IEA)
- C) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- D) BRICS
- E) G20

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced that it will exit OPEC and OPEC+ effective May 1, 2026. ([Xinhua News](#))
- The move will reduce OPEC's membership to 11 countries.
- UAE is a major oil producer and one of the largest contributors to OPEC.
- The decision was taken due to long-standing concerns over production quotas. ([Hespress](#))
- UAE felt that OPEC limits restricted its ability to fully utilize its production capacity and investments.
- The exit reflects UAE's strategy to focus on national interests and increase flexibility in oil production.

Static Part:

- OPEC – Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
- Founded – 1960
- Headquarters – Vienna, Austria
- Objective – Coordinate petroleum policies and stabilize global oil markets
- Current Members (after UAE exit) – Algeria, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela





Ques: Sun Pharma is acquiring Organon & Co. in a deal valued at how much?

- A) \$5 billion
- B) \$8 billion
- C) \$11.75 billion
- D) \$15 billion
- E) \$20 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sun Pharmaceutical Industries announced the acquisition of Organon & Co. in an all-cash deal worth \$11.75 billion.
- This is one of the largest overseas acquisitions by an Indian company.
- The deal will significantly boost Sun Pharma's global presence and innovation capabilities.
- Organon specializes in women's health, biosimilars, and established medicines.
- The combined entity is expected to have revenues of around \$12.4 billion.
- The deal is expected to be completed by early 2027, subject to regulatory approvals.
- The acquisition will help Sun Pharma enter the global biosimilars market and expand in the US and China.

Static Part:

- Sun Pharma Founded – 1983
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Founder – Dilip Shanghvi
- Sector – Pharmaceutical Industry





Ques: The F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026 is associated with which sport?

- A) Cricket
- B) Football
- C) Motorsports
- D) Tennis
- E) Hockey

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Formula One and Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited launched the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026.
- It is the first official F1-sanctioned sim racing competition in India.
- The championship aims to promote esports and virtual motorsports in India.
- Participants will compete through simulated racing platforms replicating real F1 tracks.
- The initiative will help identify and nurture Indian sim racing talent at a global level.
- It strengthens India's presence in the growing global esports ecosystem.

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Ques: India secured which position in the medal tally at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2026 held in Cairo, Egypt?

- A) 2nd
- B) 3rd
- C) 1st
- D) 4th
- E) 5th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India topped the medal tally at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2026.
- The event was held in Cairo, Egypt from 19–27 April 2026.
- India won a total of 16 medals.
- Medal tally includes 5 Gold, 6 Silver, and 5 Bronze medals.
- Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN) secured 2nd position with 11 medals.
- France finished 3rd with 6 medals.
- The next event is the ISSF Junior World Championship 2026.
- It will be held in Suhl, Germany in June 2026.





Ques: India's first UNESCO Chair on Gender Inclusion and Skill Development was launched at which university?

- A) Delhi University
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) Symbiosis Skills and Professional University
- D) JNU
- E) BHU

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Jayant Chaudhary inaugurated India's first UNESCO Chair on Gender Inclusion and Skill Development.
- The initiative was launched at Symbiosis Skills and Professional University.
- The initiative was part of an international conference on "Women Leading the Future of Work".
- The Chair aims to promote gender inclusion and skill development among women.
- It focuses on increasing women's participation in emerging sectors like AI, robotics, and semiconductors.
- The initiative emphasizes inclusive growth, empowerment, and employment opportunities for women.





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The Environmental Sustainability Conference was held at Jamia Millia Islamia on the occasion of Earth Day. The conference emphasized that Green Jobs and Green Entrepreneurship are future growth drivers. The National Green Hydrogen Mission has an outlay of over ₹19,000 crore.
- India will host the 4th India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-IV) in New Delhi from May 28–31, 2026.
- The first edition of the Indian Navy's biannual Commanders' Conference 2026 was held at Nausena Bhawan in New Delhi.
- The maiden conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), India Region Zone–VII, was held at the Goa Legislative Assembly in Panaji.
- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) organised a Core Group meeting on Right to Food & Nutrition in New Delhi.
- France hosted the One Health Summit 2026 from 5–7 April in Lyon.





Ques: Vasu Shroff, who recently passed away, was popularly known by which title?

- A) Steel King
- B) Textile King
- C) Diamond King
- D) Oil King
- E) Gold King

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Vasu Shroff was a veteran Indian-origin businessman who recently passed away.
- He was popularly known as Dubai's "Textile King".
- He served as the Chairman of the Regal Group.
- He was a pioneer in Dubai's textile industry and contributed significantly to its growth.

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

- A) April 22
- B) April 24
- C) April 25
- D) April 26
- E) April 28

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- World Intellectual Property Day is observed every year on April 26.
- It aims to promote awareness about intellectual property (IP) rights.
- It highlights the role of IP in encouraging innovation and creativity.
- The day is organised by the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- Theme for 2026 is “IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate”.

Static Part:

- WIPO is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
- Established – 1967
- Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- Intellectual Property includes patents, copyrights, trademarks, and industrial designs.





Important days :

- 2 April : World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) (Theme for 2026 is “Autism and Humanity - Every Life Has Value”.) (Started in 2007)
- 2 April : International Children’s Book Day (theme for 2026 is “Plant stories and the world will bloom.”)
- 3 April : 262nd Raising Day of the Army Medical Corps (walkathon themed “One Health, One Force, 262 Years Strong”)
- 4 April : International Day of Mine Awareness (Theme 2026 Invest in Peace; Invest in Mine Action)
- 5 April : National Maritime Day (Theme for 2026: “Maritime India – Empowering Progress”)
- 5 April : International Day of Conscience (First observed in 2020)
- 6 April : International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (theme for 2026 is “Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers.”)
- 7 April : World Health Day (Theme for 2026: “Together for health. Stand with science.”)
- 7 April : International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
- 9 April : 61st Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day, also known as Shaurya Diwas
- 10 April : World Homoeopathy Day (Theme for 2026: “Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health”.)
- 11 April : World Parkinson’s Day (Theme for the year: “Bridge the Care Gap.”)
- 12 April : International Day of Human Space Flight (First Observance 2011)
- 12 April : International Day for Street Children 2026 (Theme 2026 Protect, not Punish)
- 12 April : Siachen Day (commemorates the success of Operation Meghdoot conducted in 1984)
- 14 April : World Chagas Disease Day
- 14 April : Ambedkar Jayanti
- 14 April : World Quantum Day (First Observance 2022) (Theme 2026 Shaping the Quantum Workforce)

