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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





## Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **Vibha Padalkar** : Managing (MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited
- **B Ramesh Babu** : MD & CEO of Karur Vysya Bank
- **Ashutosh Choudhary** : Executive Director (ED) of Indian Bank
- **Vivek Tripathi** : Executive Director (ED) of AU Small Finance Bank
- **Rajneesh Karnatak** : MD & CEOs of Bank of India
- **Debadatta Chand** : MD & CEOs of Bank of Baroda
- **Debasish Panda** : part-time chairman of Bandhan Bank (Replaced Anup Kumar Sinha)
- **Vibha Padalkar's** : MD & CEO of HDFC Life Insurance
- **K V R Murty** : Whole-Time Member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).





**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





## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced a new Type-I NBFC framework for small NBFCs.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised its loan restructuring framework for borrowers affected by natural disasters.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced a timeline for classifying wilful defaulters.
- Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra launched Mission SAKSHAM on April 28, 2026.
- 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.





**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





## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- Bank of Baroda has launched Indian Sign Language (ISL) support via video calls at its Contact Centre. This initiative is aimed at customers with hearing or speech impairments. Customers can now connect through video calls for assistance. It enables real-time interaction using sign language.
- Google Pay (GPay) introduced a new feature called 'Pocket Money'.
- Visa and HDFC Bank launched a limited-edition FIFA World Cup 2026 Pixel Credit Card.
- CSB Bank Limited launched its first dedicated retail product 'SMART SAVE ACCOUNT'.
- Bank of Baroda partnered with Reliance Jio to launch "bob World Lite", a mobile banking app for feature phone users.
- Digital payments platform PhonePe has launched a co-branded credit card in partnership with the State Bank of India.
- Bank of Baroda unveiled 'bob SAMVAD', an AI-powered multilingual conversational platform.





**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 Zanskar 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





## Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated an Indoor Cricket Academy at Sovima, Nagaland from Gangtok.
- Narendra Modi inaugurated the 594-km long Ganga Expressway in Uttar Pradesh.
- 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.





**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





## Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- Indian Army will host the first edition of the multilateral military exercise “Pragati”.
- Exercise DUSTLIK is a bilateral military exercise conducted between India and Uzbekistan.
- An Indian Army contingent has departed for Egypt to participate in the fourth edition of the India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise ‘Cyclone’.
- The Indian Navy's frontline warship INS Trikand has arrived at Mombasa in Kenya as part of its deployment in the Southwest Indian Ocean Region. On departure, INS Trikand conducted PASSEX (Passage Exercise) with the Kenya Navy.
- India conducted Exercise Dweep Shakti to strengthen coastal and island defence.
- The Indian Navy hosted the IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) TTX 2026 in Kochi.
- The Indian Army's Southern Command conducted Exercise Amogh Jwala at the Babina Field Firing Ranges, Uttar Pradesh.





**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





## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Mr. Rajesh Kumar Agarwal** : Director at Power Finance Corporation (PFC) (Replaced Sandeep Kumar)
- **Herjit S Bhalla** : India Business CEO of Dabur
- **Parminder Singh** : CEO of Reliance Enterprise Intelligence Limited (REIL), a joint venture(JV) between Reliance Intelligence Limited and Meta
- **Srikanth Velamakanni** : Chairperson of NASSCOM (succeeds Sindhu Gangadharan)
- **Ashok Kumar Lahiri** : Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog (replaces Suman K. Bery)
- **Kishor Patil, Co-founder, MD & CEO of KPIT Technologies** : Vice Chairperson National Association of Software and Service Companies(Nasscom)
- **John Ternus** : CEO of Apple
- **Ajit Agarkar** : chairman of the senior selection committee renewed by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)





**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





## Important days :

- 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)
- 15 April : International Wellness Day
- 15 April : World Art Day (2026 theme is “A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community through Art.”)
- 16 April : World Voice Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Caring for Our Voices)
- 17 April : World Hemophilia Day (Theme: “Diagnosis: First step to care”)
- 18 April : World Heritage Day (2026 theme is “Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Contexts of Conflicts and Disasters”.)
- 19 April : World Liver Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Solid Habits, Strong Liver)
- 20 April : Chinese Language Day





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Defence Minister Sadio Camara was killed in a suicide truck bombing at his residence near the capital Bamako.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated six state-of-the-art indoor cricket academies in Northeast India. The initiative is part of expansion by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Locations include: Rangpo (Sikkim), Doimukh (Arunachal Pradesh), Imphal (Manipur), Madan Kurkalang (Meghalaya), Aizawl (Mizoram), and Dimapur (Nagaland).

The FIFA Council has approved the return of the Afghanistan women's football team to international competitions after changes in governance rules, in coordination with the Asian Football Confederation.

Bank of Baroda has launched Indian Sign Language (ISL) support via video calls at its Contact Centre. This initiative is aimed at customers with hearing or speech impairments. Customers can now connect through video calls for assistance. It enables real-time interaction using sign language.

Piyush Goyal announced a three-year waiver of application fees for Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) related to the sports sector. The minister also launched the Viksit Bharat Digital Matrix 2026 Hackathon in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.

