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**Ques: J&K Bank won the Gold Award at the Finacle Innovation Awards 2026 for which platform?**

- A) Digital Payments Platform
- B) Core Banking Platform
- C) Data Insights & Analytics Platform
- D) Cyber Security Platform
- E) Mobile Banking Platform

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- J&K Bank won the Gold Award at the Finacle Innovation Awards 2026.
- The award was received in the category “Modern Technologies-led Innovation – Data Insights & Analytics Platform”.
- The award ceremony was organized by Infosys Finacle in Mumbai.
- J&K Bank MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee and GM (Strategy & IT/CIO) Mohammad Muzaffar Wani received the award.
- The bank was recognized for its Data Insights & Analytics Platform, which uses AI and advanced analytics for better decision-making.
- Nearly 500 nominations from financial institutions were received for the awards, making the competition highly competitive.





**Ques: Which Japanese financial group is establishing a \$250 million fund dedicated to early and growth-stage Indian startups?**

- A) Nomura Holdings
- B) SoftBank Group
- C) Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group
- D) Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG)
- E) Mizuho Financial Group

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Japan's Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) is establishing a \$250 million fund dedicated to early and growth-stage Indian startups.
- The fund size is approximately ₹2,300–2,400 crore and may eventually expand to \$400 million.
- The fund will primarily focus on the fintech sector.
- MUFG aims to capitalize on the funding gap that has emerged as several traditional mega-investors have scaled back their investments.
- The fund will be led by Mayank Shiromani, who serves as Deputy Chief Investment Officer at MUFG Innovation Partners.
- The initiative highlights growing international interest in India's startup ecosystem.





**Ques:** In the June 2026 Monetary Policy Review, the RBI kept the repo rate unchanged at what level?

- A) 4.75%
- B) 5.00%
- C) 5.25%
- D) 5.50%
- E) 6.00%

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced that the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25%.
- The decision was taken to balance inflation risks and economic growth amid geopolitical tensions in West Asia and volatile crude oil prices.
- All six MPC members unanimously voted to retain the “Neutral” policy stance.
- RBI revised its FY27 GDP growth forecast downward from 6.9% to 6.6%.
- The retail inflation forecast for FY27 was increased from 4.6% to 5.1%.
- Inflation concerns have increased due to supply-chain disruptions and rising crude oil prices linked to the West Asia conflict.





**Ques: The 'Niveshak Shivir' being organized in Bhopal by IEPFA and SEBI is primarily aimed at helping investors resolve issues related to what?**

- A) GST Refund Claims
- B) Income Tax Returns
- C) Unclaimed Dividends and Shares
- D) Bank Loan Settlements
- E) Insurance Premium Payments

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, and SEBI are organizing a day-long 'Niveshak Shivir' in Bhopal.
- The 'Niveshak Shivir' will function as a one-stop facilitation platform for investors.
- The camp is designed to help investors resolve issues related to unclaimed dividends and shares.
- Investors will also be able to access various investor services directly through the platform.
- The initiative will provide on-ground grievance redressal mechanisms for investor complaints and concerns.





## Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI has proposed a new “green-channel” framework named GARUDA for quicker launch of AIF schemes.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) discontinued the Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform with immediate effect.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) constituted a dedicated task force named “Cyber-suraksha.ai”.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has operationalised PaRRVA (Past Risk and Return Verification Agency).
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reduced the minimum investment in Social Impact Funds from ₹2 lakh to ₹1,000.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved the plan of Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) to set up a coal exchange.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) signed an MoU with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).





**Ques: Which foreign university has received approval to establish its branch campus in Bengaluru under NEP 2020?**

- A) University of Oxford
- B) University of Cambridge
- C) University of Liverpool
- D) University of Edinburgh
- E) King's College London

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Education handed over the Letter of Approval (LoA) to the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom, to establish its branch campus in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The initiative is a major step towards the internationalisation of higher education under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan described the development as a significant milestone in India's journey towards becoming a global hub of learning, innovation and research.
- The Bengaluru campus is expected to welcome its first batch of undergraduate and postgraduate students in 2026.
- Initial academic programmes will include Business Management, Accounting & Finance, Computer Science and Biomedical Sciences.





**Ques: Which country's cricket board was suspended from ICC membership with immediate effect on 1 June 2026 due to governance-related concerns?**

- A) Cricket Ireland
- B) Cricket Scotland
- C) Cricket Canada
- D) Cricket Namibia
- E) Cricket USA

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) suspended Cricket Canada from its membership with immediate effect on 1 June 2026.
- The decision was taken by the ICC Board during its meetings held in Ahmedabad, India.
- The ICC cited serious breaches of membership obligations related to governance issues.
- In May 2026, the ICC had already frozen Cricket Canada's funding and provided six months to rectify the identified issues.
- The concerns raised by the ICC included allegations of corruption, financial mismanagement, weak governance structures and failure to submit audited financial statements.





**Ques: Which small predator has been recorded for the first time in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve?**

- A) Fishing Cat
- B) Binturong
- C) Yellow-throated Marten
- D) Honey Badger
- E) Small-clawed Otter

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- A Yellow-throated Marten has been recorded for the first time in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, Assam.
- The species was photographed during routine camera trapping conducted by the Kaziranga Tiger Cell.
- Yellow-throated Marten (*Martes flavigula*) is a small but highly aggressive predator known for confronting animals larger than itself.
- It is a diurnal (day-active) and tree-climbing mammal belonging to the weasel family (Mustelidae).
- The sighting confirms the presence of this important meso-predator in Kaziranga's semi-evergreen forests.
- The species plays an important ecological role through seed dispersal and maintaining ecosystem balance.





**Ques:** The newly inaugurated Unilever Fragrance Hub (UFH) in India has been established at which institution's campus?

- A) IIT Delhi
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Kanpur
- D) IIT Bombay
- E) IISc Bengaluru

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) inaugurated the new Unilever Fragrance Hub (UFH) at the campus of IIT Bombay.
- The project has been established with an investment of EUR 100 million.
- The facility is Unilever's third global fragrance hub after similar facilities in the United Kingdom and the United States.
- The hub is expected to strengthen India's research and development capabilities in the sensory segment.
- The facility is projected to expand India's R&D footprint in the sensory segment by nearly 25%.
- The Unilever Fragrance Hub will support more than 30 local and premium brands.





## Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath jointly inaugurated 'Nausena Shaurya Vatika', an open-air naval museum in Lucknow.
- Indian Railways inaugurated the CHIRAG Centre in Hyderabad.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a private sector defence manufacturing complex in Maharashtra.
- Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Indian War Memorial at Imjingak Park near Seoul.
- Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw virtually inaugurated the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) and semiconductor facility in Rajasthan.
- The Indian Navy inaugurated its premier Naval Sailing Node at Upper Lake, popularly known as Bhojtal in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- The Bhimmandali Eco Heritage Site was inaugurated at Naktideul Block of Sambalpur district in Odisha.





**Ques: Three students from which school became the Global Winners of The Earth Prize 2026 for developing "Plas-Stick"?**

- A) Jayshree Periwal International School, Jaipur
- B) Mayo College, Ajmer
- C) Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram
- D) The Doon School, Dehradun
- E) Birla Public School, Pilani

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Three 16-year-old Indian students — Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal and Aavyana Mehta — became the Global Winners of The Earth Prize 2026.
- The students belong to Jayshree Periwal International School, Jaipur.
- They received the award for developing "Plas-Stick", an innovative and sustainable solution designed to remove microplastics from water.
- The team received a grant of USD 12,500 to further develop and scale up the project.
- Before becoming global winners, they first won the Asia Regional Award of The Earth Prize 2026.
- They became the first Indian team to achieve the distinction of winning The Earth Prize at the global level.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Cannes Film Festival's top prize Palme d'Or : Romanian director Cristian Mungiu for the Norwegian drama "Fjord."
- Dag Hammarskjöld Medal : Lance Havildar Harbhajan Singh and Naib Subedar Sujit Kumar Pradhan
- South Africa's highest civilian honour in recognition of their outstanding contributions toward public health : Professor Salim Abdool Karim and Professor Keertan Dheda (formally awarded the prestigious Order of Mapungubwe by President Cyril Ramaphosa at Pretoria)
- 2026 Goddard Astronautics Award : India's Chandrayaan-3 lunar mission
- United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025 : Indian Army officer Major Abhilasha Barak
- Fellow of the Royal Society, one of the world's highest honours in science : Dr. Soumya Swaminathan
- International Booker Prize 2026 for the novel Taiwan Travelogue : Taiwanese author Yáng Shuāng-zǐ





**Ques: Which Union Ministry launched the “Navachar Mantra” programme for grassroots innovators and entrepreneurs?**

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Education
- C) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D) Ministry of Science & Technology
- E) Ministry of Commerce & Industry

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary launched “Navachar Mantra” in New Delhi.
- Navachar Mantra is a flagship national programme aimed at identifying, mentoring and scaling grassroots innovators and early-stage entrepreneurs.
- The programme will provide innovators access to mentorship, resources, industry networks and national platforms.
- It aims to connect grassroots entrepreneurs with policymakers, investors, industry leaders and domain experts.
- Registrations for the programme are live on the Skill India Digital Hub.
- The initiative is being implemented by NIESBUD with FITT, IIT Delhi as the Technical Knowledge Partner.





**Ques: What is the revised export duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) for the fortnight beginning 1 June 2026?**

- A) ₹1.5 per litre
- B) ₹5.5 per litre
- C) ₹9.5 per litre
- D) ₹11.5 per litre
- E) ₹13.5 per litre

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Government has revised export levies on petrol, diesel and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) for the fortnight beginning 1 June 2026.
- The export duty on petrol has been fixed at ₹1.5 per litre.
- The export duty on diesel has been fixed at ₹13.5 per litre.
- The export duty on ATF has been fixed at ₹9.5 per litre.
- These export levies consist of the Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) and the Road and Infrastructure Cess (RIC).
- The levies were originally introduced on 27 March 2026.
- The objective was to ensure adequate domestic availability of petroleum products by discouraging exports during supply concerns arising from the West Asia crisis.

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**Ques: In the latest World Boxing Rankings, which Indian boxer became World No. 1 in the women's 57 kg category?**

- A) Nikhat Zareen
- B) Lovlina Borgohain
- C) Priya Ghanghas
- D) Jaismine Lamboria
- E) Preeti

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- India retained its strong presence in the latest World Boxing Rankings, with several Indian boxers featuring among the world's best.
- Jaismine Lamboria climbed to World No. 1 in the women's 57 kg category.
- Asian champions Priya Ghanghas (60 kg) and Vishvanath Suresh (50 kg) entered the Top 3 of their respective categories.
- Minakshi continued her reign as World No. 1 in the women's 48 kg category.
- Preeti rose to World No. 3, while Arundhati Choudhary, Pooja Rani and Nupur were ranked World No. 2 in their respective categories.
- Star Indian boxers Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain retained their places among the world's elite boxers.





## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- India's star badminton pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the Singapore Open Men's Doubles title.
- India scripted history at the 22nd Asian Under-20 Athletics Championships held in Hong Kong by finishing second in the overall medal standings.
- Meghalaya has officially become the host state for the 39th National Games 2027.
- The inaugural edition of the World Yogasana Championship (WYC) 2026 was officially unveiled in New Delhi by Mansukh Mandaviya.
- At just 15 years of age, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi created history in IPL 2026 by breaking one of the league's most iconic batting records.
- Karnataka's Swara Lakshmi Nair has become the second chess player from the state to achieve the Women's International Master (WIM) title.
- India has been confirmed as the host of the Asian Relays 2027 and the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships 2028.





**Ques: India and the United Kingdom jointly launched which platform to monitor global critical mineral supply chains?**

- A. Global Mining Network (GMN)
- B. Mineral Security Platform (MSP)
- C. Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO)
- D. Global Rare Earth Alliance (GREA)
- E. Strategic Minerals Monitoring Centre (SMMC)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India and the United Kingdom jointly launched the Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO).
- The initiative aims to strengthen cooperation and technology-sharing in the critical minerals sector.
- GSCO will function as a data-driven platform to monitor and analyse global critical mineral supply chains.
- The platform will be jointly operated by TEXMiN, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, and University of Cambridge.
- The observatory is expected to support resilient supply chains and clean energy transitions.





**Ques: Which former Gujarat Minister and BJP MLA from Manjalpur passed away recently?**

- A) Bhupendrasinh Chudasama
- B) Yogesh Patel
- C) Jitu Vaghani
- D) Kaushik Patel
- E) Rushikesh Patel

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Gujarat BJP MLA from Manjalpur, Yogesh Patel, passed away recently.
- He represented the Manjalpur Assembly constituency continuously since 2012.
- Yogesh Patel was re-elected as MLA in the Gujarat Assembly elections of 2017 and 2022.
- He served as the Minister for Narmada Development and Housing in the government led by former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.
- Yogesh Patel was known for his long political career and active role in the development of the Manjalpur constituency.
- His demise is considered a significant loss for Gujarat politics and the Bharatiya Janata Party.





**Ques: The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed every year on which date?**

- A) 1 June
- B) 4 June
- C) 5 June
- D) 12 June
- E) 20 November

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed every year on 4 June.
- The day recognizes the suffering of children who become victims of wars, armed conflicts, violence and aggression around the world.
- It highlights the physical, emotional and psychological harm caused to children by conflicts and violence.
- The observance reaffirms the commitment of the international community to protect the rights and well-being of children.
- The day also promotes efforts to ensure safety, security and a peaceful environment for children worldwide.





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

- A) 22 April
- B) 22 May
- C) 5 June
- D) 16 September
- E) 21 March

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- World Environment Day is observed every year on 5 June to raise awareness about environmental protection.
- The observance is led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- World Environment Day has been celebrated annually since 1973.
- The day encourages action against climate change, pollution, biodiversity loss, and deforestation.
- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh participated in a tree plantation drive on the occasion.
- The plantation programme was organized at Namoo Oxygen Park, Maidangarhi, New Delhi.
- The event was conducted under the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” campaign.





## Important days :

- 15 May : International Day of Families (Theme 2026 Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing)
- 16 May : International Day of Light (anniversary of the first successful laser operation in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman.) (Theme 2026 Light for a Sustainable Future) (Started in 2018)
- 16 May : The International Day of Living Together in Peace (2026 Theme: Building Trust through Dialogue, Inclusion and Reconciliation)
- 16 May : Sikkim 51st Statehood Day
- 16 May : National Dengue Day (Theme 2026 Community Participation for Dengue Control: Check, Clean and Cover)
- 17 May : World Hypertension Day (2026 theme is “Controlling Hypertension Together: Check Your Blood Pressure Regularly, Defeat the Silent Killer.”)
- 17 May : World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (The 2026 theme was “Digital lifelines: Strengthening resilience in a connected world.”)
- 18 May : World AIDS Vaccine Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Rethink. Rebuild. Rise)
- 18 May : International Museum Day (IMD) (Theme “Museums Uniting a Divided World.”)
- 19 May : World Fair Play Day (first-ever World Fair Play Day was observed globally in 2025)
- 20 May : World Bee Day (2026 theme is “Bee Together for People and the Planet - A Partnership that Sustains Us All.”)
- 20 May : World Metrology Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Metrology: Building Trust in Policy Making)
- 21 May : International Tea Day (Theme: Sustaining Tea, Supporting Communities)
- 21 May : Anti-Terrorism Day
- 21 May : World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (Started in 2003)
- 22 May : International Day for Biological Diversity (Theme: “Acting Locally for Global Impact”)
- 23 May : The International Day to End Obstetric Fistula
- 23 May : 26th observance of World Turtle Day Started in 2000
- 24 May : International Day of the Markhor ( first time in 2024)





## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Hastkala Setu Yojana (HSY) of Gujarat has achieved cumulative sales of over Rs.102.08 crore since its launch. The scheme aims to strengthen traditional arts and crafts, improve market access for artisans and promote entrepreneurship.

Prasar Bharati's OTT platform, WAVES (World Audio Visual Entertainment Services), has crossed one crore registered users, achieving the milestone in less than two years since its launch in November 2024. WAVES OTT aims to achieve 2 Crore Registered Users by March 2027.

The Indian Army has successfully conducted operational trials of the Divyastra Mk-1, an indigenous tactical loitering munition (commonly called a "kamikaze drone") in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, developed by Indian startup Hoverit.

Government of Gujarat and Meta Platforms Inc. (Meta) signed MOU to provide WhatsApp-based access to government services across the state. Under the initiative, around 20 citizen services from five major departments will be integrated into the Sugam Digital Gujarat platform

