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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)





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Union Cabinet of India is likely to approve a ₹37,500 crore incentive scheme for coal gasification projects.
- Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad presented the SVAMITVA Scheme to the World Bank as a scalable rural governance model.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma launched the CMINSPIRE Scheme.
- Under the PM Internship Scheme (PMIS), the monthly stipend in the third round has been increased to ₹9,000.
- The Atal Pension Yojana crossed 9 crore total gross enrolments on April 21, 2026, marking a historic milestone since its launch.
- The RELIEF (Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) scheme is implemented through the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC).
- The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched the third edition of the AICTE-VAANI scheme.





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)





News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will observe a pan-India 'Fire Safety Week' from May 4 to May 10, 2026.
- Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the first direct Vande Bharat Express between Jammu Tawi and Srinagar.
- The Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) was commissioned in April 2026 by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- The Ministry of Mines has instituted a ₹5,000 crore incentive scheme.
- The Ministry of Environment has issued a draft notification to declare an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
- The PROG Rules, 2026 have been finalized by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) launched a new biodiversity project.





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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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- **military spender** According to Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) : India (5th), USA (1st)
- **IRENA Renewable Energy Statistics 2026** : India (3rd), China (1st)
- **World Airport Awards 2026** published by Skytrax : Indira Gandhi International Airport (28th), Singapore Changi Airport (1st)
- **World's Wealthiest Individuals Report 2026** (40th edition) is published by Forbes : Mukesh Ambani (21st), Elon Musk (1st)
- **Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2026** Published by Institute for Economics and Peace 18th Edition : India (13th), Pakistan (1st)
- **World Happiness Report 2026**, published by the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford : India (116th), Finland (1st)
- **Hurun Global Rich List 2026** for billionaires : India (3rd), China (1st)





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





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Virat Kohli became the first player to score 9,000 runs in IPL history.
- Rithika Sri has become the first transgender cricket umpire from Tamil Nadu.
- Punjab Kings achieved the highest successful run chase in Indian Premier League history by chasing 265 runs.
- Formula 1 and Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited launched the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026.
- India topped the medal tally at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2026.
- Vaibhav Suryavanshi, opener of Rajasthan Royals, became the fastest to reach 400 runs in an IPL season.
- 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.





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.





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Ravi K** : 22nd Chairman & Managing Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) (succeeded DK Sunil)
- **Ashutosh Gowariker** : Festival Director for the 57th edition of IFFI
- **Justice (Retd.) Anupinder Singh Grewal**, former judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court(HC) : President of the National Company Law Tribunal(NCLT) (Replaced Bachu Venkat Balaram Das)
- **Prasoon Joshi** : Chairman of Prasar Bharati
- **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





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.





Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- Mahendragiri (Yard 12654), the sixth ship of Nilgiri-class (Project 17A) and fourth ship of the class built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL), was delivered to the Indian Navy at MDSL, Mumbai.
- Pakistan Navy successfully conducted a live test-firing of the 'Taimoor' missile.
- INS Nireekshak is a Diving Support and Submarine Rescue Vessel of the Indian Navy.
- Indian Space Research Organisation Chairman V. Narayanan announced that the G20 satellite is expected to be launched in 2027.
- INS Sunayna was flagged off as the Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR from Mumbai amid disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz due to the West Asia conflict.
- India has commissioned its third nuclearpowered submarine, INS Aridhaman, into the naval fleet in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Visakhapatnam.





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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Important days :

- 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
- 21 April : World Creativity and Innovation Day (Theme 2026: “Harnessing Creativity for Global Progress”)
- 21 April : National Civil Services Day (2026 theme is “Viksit Bharat: Citizen-Centric Governance and Development at the Last Mile.”)
- 22 April : International Mother Earth Day or Earth Day (theme for 2026 is “Our Power, Our Planet,”)
- 23 April : World Book and Copyright Day
- 23 April : International Girls in ICT Day (2026 theme is “AI for Development: Girls shaping the digital future.”)
- 24 April : National Panchayati Raj Day

