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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.





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- Reserve Bank of India has introduced revised guidelines for loan restructuring in disaster-hit areas, providing greater flexibility to banks and NBFCs.
- Ministry of Finance has instructed banks to adopt MuleHunter.AI, an AI-based tool developed by Reserve Bank of India.
- 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.





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)





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 2026 Whitley Award : Parveen Shaikh
- 4th edition of the GEM Award : Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC), Andhra Pradesh
- 9th Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Award : Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao
- Harvard South Asian 'Person of the Year' 2026 : Indian actress Sayani Gupta
- WWF National Award : Botany researcher N. Alim Yusuf
- Femina Miss India World 2026 : Sadhvi Sail from Goa
- WWF 'Machchli National Award' : Anita Chaudhary, a forest guard at Shergarh Wildlife Sanctuary
- Mrs International World Classic 2026 : Geetanjali Om Parkash
- President's Police Colour, the highest honour for a police force in India : Odisha Police





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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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- Times Higher Education published the Asia University Rankings 2026 (14th edition) : Indian Institute of Science, India (43rd) Tsinghua University , China (1st)
- 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)





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.





News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Union Health Ministry has released the “Guidance Document on Diabetes Mellitus in Children”.
- Yogi Adityanath announced a 10-year warranty model for rural water schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission. With this, Uttar Pradesh became the first state to mandate long-term accountability under JJM. The state has deployed over 33,000 solar-powered water schemes, reducing maintenance costs by about 52%
- 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.





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.





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved ECLGS 5.0 (Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme).
- The “Namo Stall Scheme” was launched by Sanjay Seth in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- 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).





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





Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- PRASHAST 2.0 (Pre-Assessment Holistic Screening Tool) is a digital platform developed by National Council of Educational Research and Training.
- PM Modi during the 133rd Mann Ki Baat urged citizens to explore the 'Abhilekh Patal' portal created by the National Archives of India with over 200 million digitised documents.
- Gujarat Police launched an AI-based tool named 'NARIT AI'.
- Puri Police has launched a 24x7 WhatsApp chatbot named "Puri Police Sahayak".
- The Government of India monitors banking infrastructure coverage using the Jan Dhan Darshak (JDD) App, a GIS-based application.
- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, launched the upgraded RAJMARG PRAVESH web portal to enable hassle-free issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for facilities along National Highways.
- South Central Railway (SCR) launched the next-generation 'Rail Parcel App' at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.





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





Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- Karnataka has launched India's first digital grievance redressal system for gig workers.
- Sikkim has been declared India's first paperless judiciary state.
- India is setting up its first green methanol plant in Kutch, Gujarat.
- Rocklink India Private Limited inaugurated India's first integrated lithium-ion battery and rare earth recycling facility.
- Bihar's first-ever structured pulse procurement initiative has been launched under this mission.
- India's first intra-city drone delivery trials were conducted in Bengaluru.
- Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1 is set to become India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket.
- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar has launched India's first fully integrated Agricultural Intelligence Ecosystem.





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.

