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**Ques: Sanjay Lohiya is currently serving as Secretary of which department?**

- A) Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)
- B) Department of Revenue
- C) Department of Financial Services (DFS)
- D) Department of Expenditure
- E) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has nominated Sanjay Lohiya as a director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- He has also been nominated as a director on the Central Board of the State Bank of India (SBI).
- Sanjay Lohiya is currently serving as Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance.
- The appointment is expected to strengthen coordination between the Government, RBI and the banking sector.
- The Department of Financial Services is responsible for matters related to banks, insurance companies and financial institutions.
- RBI is India's central bank and is responsible for monetary policy and financial stability.





## Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Neelkanth Mishra : Executive Director (ED) at the World Bank (succeed Parameswaran Iyer)
- Swaminathan Janakiraman : Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Brajesh Kumar Singh : Managing Director (MD) of Canara Bank (succeeded K. Satyanarayana Raju)
- Ketan Merchant : Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Fino Payments Bank Extended for Three-month
- part-time Chairman of Federal Bank : Elias George
- Kevin Warsh : 17th Chair of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors for 4 year (Replaced Jerome Powell, whose tenure was began in 2018)
- Sandeep Bakhshi : MD & CEO of ICICI Bank
- Gunveer Singh : Executive Director (ED) of RBI
- R. Vijay Anandh : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB) (replaced N. Kamakodi)





**Ques: According to recent banking sector data, which category accounted for the largest share of fraud amount in FY26?**

- A) Deposits Category
- B) Credit Cards Category
- C) Digital Payments Category
- D) Advances (Loan) Category
- E) Foreign Exchange Category

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- India's banking sector reported frauds worth ₹48,021 crore in FY26.
- This represents a 46% increase over ₹32,694 crore reported in FY25.
- FY26 recorded the highest fraud amount in the last three years.
- Despite the increase in fraud value, the number of fraud cases declined from 23,722 in FY25 to 10,114 in FY26.
- This indicates a trend of fewer but higher-value frauds.
- Public Sector Banks (PSBs) accounted for nearly 74% of the total fraud amount.
- PSBs reported frauds worth ₹35,709 crore across 5,418 cases during FY26.
- Private Sector Banks reported frauds worth ₹11,399 crore involving 3,956 cases.
- The Advances (Loan) Category remained the largest source of banking fraud, accounting for the highest share of the total fraud amount in FY26.





**Ques: According to the latest Global Economic Prospects Report of the World Bank, what GDP growth rate is projected for India in Financial Year 2026-27?**

- A) 5.8%
- B) 6.2%
- C) 6.6%
- D) 7.0%
- E) 7.2%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- According to the latest Global Economic Prospects Report released by the World Bank, India is expected to remain the world's fastest-growing major economy.
- India's GDP growth rate is projected at 6.6% for Financial Year 2026-27.
- The report projects a further rebound in the Indian economy in the following year.
- India's economic growth is expected to reach 7.2% in Financial Year 2027-28.
- The report highlights India's strong domestic demand, investment activity, and economic resilience as key growth drivers.

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**Ques: What was SECI's Profit After Tax (PAT) in FY 2025-26?**

- A) ₹478.53 Crore
- B) ₹528.53 Crore
- C) ₹578.53 Crore
- D) ₹678.53 Crore
- E) ₹758.53 Crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) achieved its highest-ever standalone financial performance in FY 2025-26.
- Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi congratulated SECI on this achievement.
- SECI recorded a total income of ₹18,554.33 crore during FY 2025-26.
- The total income registered a Year-on-Year (YoY) growth of 21.21%.
- Profit After Tax (PAT) increased to ₹578.53 crore.
- The PAT recorded a YoY growth of 15.26%.
- The Minister stated that this performance reflects SECI's commitment to India's clean energy transition and sustainable development goals.
- SECI plays a crucial role in implementing renewable energy projects related to solar, wind, and green hydrogen.





**Ques: Which city will host the second edition of the Archery Premier League (APL) in October 2026?**

- A) New Delhi
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Mumbai
- D) Chennai
- E) Hyderabad

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The second edition of the Archery Premier League (APL) will be held in Hyderabad, Telangana, from 8–18 October 2026.
- The tournament will be hosted at People's Plaza, Necklace Road, Hyderabad.
- The Archery Premier League (APL) made its debut in New Delhi in 2025.
- The 2026 edition will be the second season of the league.
- Six franchise teams will participate in the tournament.
- The league aims to promote archery, provide a professional platform to players, and increase the popularity of the sport in India.





## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The World Yogasana Championship 2026, the inaugural global competitive Yogasana event, was held at EKA Arena in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, where India dominated the medal tally with 114 medals (102 Gold, 9 Silver, 3 Bronze), fielding a 122-member contingent across six age categories.
- Formula One championship leader Kimi Antonelli won the Monaco Grand Prix 2026.
- Russian tennis star Mirra Andreeva won her first Grand Slam title at the French Open.
- India defeated defending champions Bangladesh Women's National Football Team 3-1 in the final of the SAFF Women's Championship 2026 to win the title for a record sixth time. The final was played at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Margao, Goa.
- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has become the youngest-ever player to be selected for the Indian men's cricket team at the age of 15 years and 71 days.
- Indian athlete Shaili Singh won the Gold Medal in the Women's Long Jump event at the New Taipei City Athletics Open 2026.





**Ques: What is the name of the 3D human brainstem atlas released by IIT Madras?**

- A. NEURON
- B. BRAINMAP
- C. ANCHOR
- D. GENOME-X
- E. NEUROSCAN

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre (SGBC) at IIT Madras has released the world's most detailed 3D atlas of the human brainstem.
- The atlas is named ANCHOR (Atlas of Neurochemical Characterisation of the Human Brainstem with 3D Reconstruction).
- It provides highly detailed 3D maps of the human brainstem from the prenatal stage to adulthood.
- The atlas was developed using advanced brain imaging, artificial intelligence (AI), and high-performance computing technologies.
- It offers cellular-level resolution, far beyond conventional MRI and CT scan imaging.





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL)?**

- A) Kamal Kishore Chatiwal
- B) Kumar Shanker
- C) Sandeep Kumar Gupta
- D) Sanjay Banga
- E) Rakesh Kumar Jain

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Kumar Shanker has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL).
- He has succeeded Kamal Kishore Chatiwal in the position.
- Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) is a leading natural gas distribution company in India.
- The company supplies natural gas for domestic cooking and as a vehicular fuel, mainly across Delhi-NCR.
- IGL plays a significant role in promoting cleaner fuel alternatives and reducing urban pollution.

**Static Part:**

- Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) – Established: 1998
- Headquarters: New Delhi





## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Raman Meenakshi Sundaram : Director of the ICAR–National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (ICAR-NAARM), Hyderabad.
- Anupam Misra : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) (Replaced Sanjiv Kumar Singh)
- Saurabh Vijay, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) : Additional charge as the new CEO of IndiaAI Mission (March 2024 with an outlay of ₹10,371.92 crore) Replaced Abhishek Singh
- Tarun Kapoor : Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Jay Hoag : Chairman of Netflix (Replaced Reed Hastings)
- Lokhande Prashant Sitaram : Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) (Replaced Rahul Singh)
- Varun Bhardwaj : Secretary of CBSE
- V Packirisamy : Director (Commercial) at Power Finance Corporation (PFC)





**Ques: e-NAM was launched in which year?**

- A) 2014
- B) 2015
- C) 2016
- D) 2018
- E) 2019

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- e-NAM (Electronic National Agriculture Market) is a pan-India electronic trading platform for agricultural commodities.
- It was launched on 14 April 2016 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- e-NAM integrates APMC mandis across the country to create a unified national agricultural market.
- The platform enables transparent price discovery and online bidding for farmers.
- Farmers can access real-time market prices and receive online payments directly into their bank accounts.
- e-NAM reduces the role of middlemen and expands market access for farmers.
- As of 2026, more than 1.8 crore farmers and over 1,600 mandis are connected with the platform.





## News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has projected horticulture production at 3,778 lakh tonnes in 2025–26.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Land Port Management System (LPMS) in New Delhi.
- Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary launched “Navachar Mantra” in New Delhi.
- 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.
- Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) and the Ministry of Jal Shakti jointly launched the MAHA-Water Mission.
- The Ministry of Finance has temporarily suspended the 11% import duty and Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) on imports of raw cotton.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted “3Fs” — Fuel, Fertiliser and Foreign Exchange — as major external challenges for India’s economy.





**Ques: India's textile market has increased to more than how much at present, according to Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh?**

- A) ₹10 Lakh Crore
- B) ₹12 Lakh Crore
- C) ₹14 Lakh Crore
- D) ₹16 Lakh Crore
- E) ₹18 Lakh Crore

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh said that India's textile market has grown from about ₹8.5 lakh crore in 2014-15 to over ₹16 lakh crore at present.
- The textile sector is the second-largest employment-generating sector in India after agriculture.
- India's silk production increased from 26,480 metric tonnes to 42,005 metric tonnes.
- Silk imports have declined by nearly 50%, indicating stronger domestic production.
- These achievements were highlighted during the briefing on 12 years of the Modi Government.
- India is one of the world's leading producers of cotton, silk, jute, and textiles.





**Ques: According to the draft Telecommunications Rules, 2026, how much content must TV channels broadcast daily on themes of national importance and social relevance?**

- A. 15 Minutes
- B. 20 Minutes
- C. 30 Minutes
- D. 45 Minutes
- E. 60 Minutes

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) has released the draft Telecommunications (Television, Radio and Associated Services) Rules, 2026 for public consultation.
- The draft rules seek to establish a unified regulatory framework under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
- TV channels will be required to broadcast at least 30 minutes of content daily on themes of national importance and social relevance.
- The content must be aired between 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM.
- Private FM radio stations must dedicate one hour daily to public service and socially relevant themes.





**Ques: Which city has become the first city to be integrated into India's Easy Connect hub-and-spoke aviation model?**

- A) Lucknow
- B) Jaipur
- C) Patna
- D) Prayagraj
- E) Varanasi

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister for Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu announced that Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, has become the first city to be integrated into India's Easy Connect hub-and-spoke aviation model.
- Tata Group-promoted Air India will commence operations under this model from 25 June.
- Under the initiative, Varanasi will serve as the first spoke city connected to Air India's international network through Delhi.
- Passengers travelling from Varanasi will be able to complete baggage check-in and international immigration formalities at their origin airport before connecting to overseas destinations via Delhi.
- The hub-and-spoke model will provide access to 18 international destinations.





**Ques: Which country topped the Global Peace Index 2026?**

- A. Denmark
- B. Ireland
- C. Iceland
- D. New Zealand
- E. Austria

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India ranked 127th out of 163 countries in the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2026.
- India recorded a score of 2.409 in the index.
- The country's peacefulness deteriorated by 2.9% compared to the previous year.
- The index is published by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP).
- Iceland retained its position as the world's most peaceful country.
- Iceland has held the top position continuously since 2008.
- The other countries in the top five are Denmark, Ireland, New Zealand, and Austria.
- South Asia recorded one of the sharpest deteriorations in peacefulness.
- Bhutan remained the most peaceful country in South Asia, ranking 16th globally.
- Sri Lanka improved significantly and reached 67th position globally.





## India's Rankings in Different Indices

- **Henley Passport Index 2026 (May) : India (78th), Singapore (1st)**
- **2026 World Press Freedom Index : India (157th), Norway (1st)**
- **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)**





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan?**

- A) Deepak Parekh
- B) Surendralal Mehta
- C) K. M. Munshi
- D) Banwarilal Purohit
- E) Rajiv Kumar

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Punjab, has been appointed as the President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.
- He has replaced Surendralal Mehta, who previously held the position.
- Deepak Parekh has been appointed as the Vice President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.
- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan is one of India's premier educational, cultural, and literary institutions.
- The institution works to promote Indian culture, values, education, and heritage across India and abroad.

**Static Part:**

- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan – Established: 1938
- Founder: K. M. Munshi





**Ques:** Project Kusha, recently described by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh as a “game changer” for India's security architecture, is related to which of the following?

- A. Indigenous fighter aircraft programme
- B. Long-range air defence missile system
- C. Nuclear submarine project
- D. Anti-drone surveillance network
- E. Satellite launch vehicle

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh described the indigenous Project Kusha air defence programme as a “game changer” for India's security architecture.
- He stated that the importance of the system had already been demonstrated during Operation Sindoor.
- Rajnath Singh made these remarks while inaugurating the Advanced Weapon System Complex at DRDO's Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL) in Hyderabad.
- Project Kusha is a long-range indigenous air defence missile system being developed by DRDO.
- The system is designed to provide a comprehensive shield against a wide range of aerial threats.





**Ques: What is the theme of the Global Wind Day 2026 Conference?**

- A) Clean Energy for All
- B) Powering the Future with Renewables
- C) Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration
- D) Accelerating Green Growth
- E) Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Global Wind Day 2026 Conference will be held on 15 June in Goa.
- The conference is being hosted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- The theme of the conference is “Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration.”
- The event will bring together policymakers, regulators, developers, manufacturers, and industry experts.
- The conference will feature plenary sessions and panel discussions on the wind energy sector.
- Discussions will focus on accelerating wind energy deployment and improving project execution.
- The conference will also emphasize strengthening domestic manufacturing capabilities in the renewable energy sector.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Shobha Karandlaje, led the Indian delegation at the 114th International Labour Conference (ILC) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The Regional High-Level Policy Dialogue "SAPLING (South Asian Policy Leadership for Improved Nutrition and Growth) Dialogue 2026" concluded successfully in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- India assumed the BRICS Chairship on 1 January 2026 with the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar co-chaired the 8th India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting with Indonesian Foreign Minister Sugiono.
- The first in-person technical meeting of the BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Working Group has begun in Puri under India's BRICS Presidency.
- India will host the 2nd BRICS Culture Working Group (CWG) Meeting in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on 4–5 June 2026.





**Ques: How many Airbus C295 military transport aircraft will be manufactured in India by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) under the 'Make in India' project for the Indian Air Force (IAF)?**

- A) 16
- B) 24
- C) 40
- D) 56
- E) 60

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and Airbus successfully completed the first test flight of the maiden 'Made in India' Airbus C295 military transport aircraft from the Final Assembly Line in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- TASL and Airbus are jointly implementing the 'Make in India' project to supply 56 C295 aircraft to the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- The contract was signed in September 2021 at an approximate cost of ₹21,935 crore.
- The first 16 aircraft are being delivered directly from Airbus manufacturing facilities in Spain.
- The remaining 40 aircraft are being manufactured in India by TASL.





**Ques: What is the theme of the International Day of Play 2026?**

- A) Play for Peace, Play for Progress
- B) Every Child Deserves Play
- C) Protect Play, Protect Childhood
- D) Play Today, Lead Tomorrow
- E) Building a Better Future Through Play

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The International Day of Play is observed annually to recognize the importance of play in the healthy development and well-being of children.
- The International Day of Play officially started on 11 June 2024.
- It was established by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- The objective of the day is to champion, protect, and prioritize every child's right to play.
- The theme for International Day of Play 2026 is "Protect Play, Protect Childhood."
- The theme emphasizes the importance of preserving opportunities for play as an essential part of childhood development.

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## Important days :

- 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)
- 25 May : World Football Day
- 25-31 May : International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
- 28 May : World Hunger Day (theme 2026 “The End of Hunger is in our Hands.”)
- 29 May : International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers (theme “Invest in Peace.”) (First Observance In 2003)
- 30 May : International Day of Potato (Theme: Where potatoes grow, livelihoods flourish)
- 31 May : World No Tobacco Day (Theme : “Unmasking the appeal – countering nicotine and tobacco addiction”)
- 1 June : Global Day of Parents (Theme for 2026: "Together for Parents".)
- 1 June : World Milk Day (Theme 2026 Celebrating Women Farmers ) (Started in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO))
- 2 June : Telangana celebrated its 11th State Formation Day
- 2 June : International Sex Workers’ Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Access to Justice)
- 3 June : world bicycle day (Theme "Cycling for a Greener Future.")
- 4 June : International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (Started in 1982)
- 5 June : World Environment Day (Theme 2026 is "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future".)
- 5 June : The International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing
- 6 June : Russian Language Day
- 6 June : World Pest Day (Theme 2026 Defending Health Across Borders: The Global Power of Pest Management)
- 7 June : World Food Safety Day 2026 (Theme "From Burden to Solutions – Safe Food Everywhere")





## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Ministry of Education has issued Letters of Approval (LOAs) to three foreign universities to establish campuses in India. University of Bristol (UK), University of York (UK) and University of New South Wales (UNSW, Australia)

Ministry of Defence (MOD) has signed a contract worth Rs.449 crore with Accord Software and Systems Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru for the procurement of 20 Enhanced Capability Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Jammers for the Indian Navy.

Canada has introduced legislation that could bar children under 16 from having social media accounts unless companies can prove their platforms are safe. Canada joins countries including Australia, Brazil and Indonesia in imposing or proposing age-based social media restrictions.

NLC India Limited (NLCIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI), Karaikudi. The collaboration focuses on the extraction and recovery of Rare Earth Elements (REEs) and other critical minerals.

