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**Ques: ICICI Bank launched India's first dollar-denominated debit card in partnership with which company?**

- A) Mastercard
- B) RuPay
- C) Visa
- D) American Express
- E) PayPal

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- ICICI Bank, in partnership with Visa, launched India's first dollar-denominated debit card.
- The debit card has been launched from ICICI Bank's IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City.
- The initiative aims to provide innovative global banking solutions to NRI customers.
- Dollar-denominated cards help customers make international transactions directly in US dollars.
- The card is specially designed to facilitate seamless overseas payments and banking convenience.
- GIFT City serves as India's international financial services hub.

**Static Part:**

- ICICI Bank Founded – 1994
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi
- Visa Headquarters – California, USA
- GIFT Full Form – Gujarat International Finance Tec-City
- GIFT City Location – Gandhinagar, Gujarat





## Recently signed banking agreements

- Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) signed an MoU with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) to combat cyber frauds and stop mule accounts in banking and digital payment systems.
- Jio Payments Bank partnered with fintech company Ezeepay.
- Jio Payments Bank Limited (JPBL), a subsidiary of Jio Financial Services Limited (JSFL), announced a partnership with fintech platform Ezeepay as Business Correspondent (BC) to strengthen last-mile digital banking services across rural and semi-urban India.
- Flipkart, Axis Bank, and PayU have jointly introduced biometric authentication for card payments.
- Karnataka Bank Limited, a private sector bank in India, entered into a partnership with Pine Labs Limited, a leading provider of Point-of-Sale (PoS) solutions, to strengthen its digital payment ecosystem.





**Ques: What was the all-time high net profit recorded by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) during Financial Year 2025–26?**

- A) ₹1.25 lakh crore
- B) ₹1.50 lakh crore
- C) ₹1.75 lakh crore
- D) ₹1.98 lakh crore
- E) ₹2.25 lakh crore

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

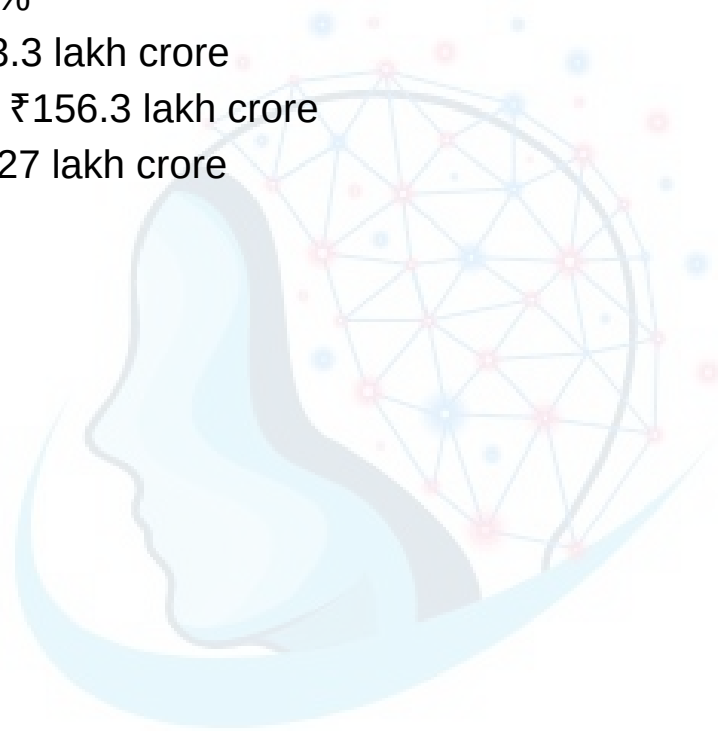
- According to the Ministry of Finance, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) recorded an all-time high net profit of ₹1.98 lakh crore during Financial Year 2025–26.
- This marked the fourth consecutive year of profitability for PSBs.
- Asset quality improved significantly, with Gross NPA ratio declining to 1.93% and Net NPA ratio dropping to 0.39% as of 31 March 2026.
- PSBs registered their lowest-ever NPA levels.
- Total business of PSBs reached ₹283.3 lakh crore in FY 2025–26, showing a robust year-on-year growth of 12.8%.
- Aggregate deposits increased by 10.6% year-on-year to ₹156.3 lakh crore.
- Gross advances grew by 15.7% to ₹127 lakh crore with strong performance in Retail, Agriculture, and MSME sectors.
- Retail advances grew by 18.1%, Agriculture advances by 15.5%, and MSME advances by 18.2%.
- The aggregate Capital to Risk (Weighted) Assets Ratio (CRAR) improved to 16.6%.
- PSBs raised ₹50,551 crore capital during FY 2025–26.
- Operational efficiency also improved, with the cost-to-income ratio improving to 49.67%.
- Aggregate operating profit reached ₹3.21 lakh crore.





## Static Part:

- Sector – Public Sector Banks (PSBs)
- Net Profit (FY 2025–26) – ₹1.98 lakh crore
- Gross NPA Ratio – 1.93%
- Net NPA Ratio – 0.39%
- Total Business – ₹283.3 lakh crore
- Aggregate Deposits – ₹156.3 lakh crore
- Gross Advances – ₹127 lakh crore
- CRAR – 16.6%



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**Ques: What is the name of SEBI's proposed green-channel framework for fast-tracking AIF scheme approvals?**

- A) VAYU
- B) GARUDA
- C) PRAGATI
- D) UDAAN
- E) SHAKTI

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Securities and Exchange Board of India has proposed a new “green-channel” framework named GARUDA for quicker launch of AIF schemes.
- GARUDA stands for Green-Channel: AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement.
- Under the new framework, AIF schemes can be launched within 10 working days after filing documents with SEBI.
- Earlier, the approval timeline for launching such schemes was 30 days.
- The proposal aims to enable faster capital deployment and ease compliance requirements.
- SEBI also proposed a lighter compliance regime for accredited investor-only schemes and angel funds.
- Managers of such funds may directly file placement memorandums with SEBI without merchant bankers.
- The initiative is aimed at simplifying procedures and accelerating fund launches in India's investment ecosystem.

**Static Part:**

- SEBI Establishment Year – 12 April 1988
- SEBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- SEBI Chairman – Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- AIF Full Form – Alternative Investment Fund
- Earlier Approval Timeline – 30 Days
- New Proposed Timeline Under GARUDA – 10 Working Days





## Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- 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).
- SEBI Chairman launched three IT platforms — SUPCOMS, e-Adjudication Portal and C-SAC — on March 24 to enhance ease of doing business and strengthen cybersecurity oversight.





**Ques: How much total financial commitment did the Asian Development Bank (ADB) make to India in 2025?**

- A) USD 2 billion
- B) USD 3.5 billion
- C) USD 4 billion
- D) More than USD 5 billion
- E) USD 7 billion

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Asian Development Bank strengthened its partnership with India in 2025 by committing more than USD 5 billion.
- The commitment included both sovereign financing and private sector financing.
- According to ADB, USD 4.238 billion was committed for sovereign lending operations.
- An additional USD 1.06 billion was committed for private sector operations.
- The funding aims to support India's infrastructure, development, and economic growth initiatives.
- India and ADB will complete 40 years of partnership in 2026.

**Static Part:**

- ADB Full Form – Asian Development Bank
- Total Commitment to India in 2025 – More than USD 5 billion
- Sovereign Financing Commitment – USD 4.238 billion
- Private Sector Financing Commitment – USD 1.06 billion
- India–ADB Partnership Completion – 40 Years in 2026





## RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- The Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) plans to raise about ₹99,500 crore (995 billion rupees or USD 10.5 billion) during fiscal year 2026–27.
- The World Bank approved a USD 500 million (approximately ₹4,750 crore) loan for Bihar.
- Axis Bank Ltd signed a \$500 million offshore loan agreement with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.
- India will take a loan of 500 million U.S. dollars from the World Bank.
- Tata Power's Bhutan-based SPV Dorjilung Hydro Power Ltd (DHPL) received \$515 million financing from the World Bank Group.
- World Bank Set To Approve Rs 2,800 Crore Loan For Gurugram Metro Phase II.
- The Asian Development Bank announced a \$70 billion programme for energy and digital infrastructure.





**Ques: Who is the author of the book “Apnapan: My Experiences with Narendra Modi”?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Nitin Gadkari

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has authored a new book titled Apnapan: My Experiences with Narendra Modi.
- The book chronicles Chouhan’s 35-year association with Narendra Modi.
- The book highlights Modi’s early vision of building a digitally empowered political organisation.
- It also discusses important events such as the Ekta Yatra and governance-related experiences.
- The book is scheduled to be launched at the NASC Complex.
- Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu and former Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda are expected to attend the launch event.
- The book reflects Shivraj Singh Chouhan’s political journey and his experiences working closely with Narendra Modi.

**Static Part:**

- Author of “Apnapan” – Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Current Portfolio – Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Minister of Rural Development
- Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Ekta Yatra Year – 1991
- Launch Venue – NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi





## Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- "The Bench, The Bar and The Bizarre" and "The Lawful and The Awful" : Solicitor General Tushar Mehta
- "The Curious and the Classified: Unearthing Military Myths and Mysteries" : Former Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane (Retd)
- In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones : Arundhati Roy
- 'Sah-Saa' : Geetanjali Shree
- Ghost-Eye: A Novel : Amitav Ghosh
- Why We Can't Wait : Martin Luther King Jr.
- The book Tides of Time: Bharat's History through Murals in Parliament : Sudha Murty
- Autobiography "A Road Well Travelled" : former CBI Director R.K. Raghavan
- The Forgotten Indian Prisoners of World War : Gautam Hazarika
- Salman Khan: The Sultan of Bollywood : Mohar Basu





**Ques: With which group will Uber set up its first data centre in India?**

- A) Tata Group
- B) Reliance Group
- C) Vedanta Group
- D) Infosys Group
- E) Adani Group

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Uber will set up its first data centre in India in partnership with the Adani Group.
- The initiative reflects Uber's expansion and growing digital infrastructure presence in India.
- Earlier, in January 2026, Adani Enterprises Limited announced plans to invest more than ₹5,000 crore in a renewable energy-powered data centre project.
- The project will have a capacity of 100 MW.
- The investment will be made over the next five to seven years.
- The collaboration highlights the increasing focus on sustainable and energy-efficient digital infrastructure in India.

**Static Part:**

- Uber Headquarters – San Francisco, California, USA
- Adani Group Founder – Gautam Adani
- Adani Enterprises Headquarters – Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Proposed Data Centre Capacity – 100 MW
- Investment Amount – More than ₹5,000 crore





## Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace became India's first space-tech unicorn.
- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras Global Research Foundation established its first United States centre in Menlo Park, California.
- AIIMS Delhi introduced India's first portable bedside MRI system for routine use.
- Hazaribag in Jharkhand has been notified as India's first pearl farming cluster under PMMSY.
- 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.





**Ques:** Under the revised DGFT norms, what is the maximum gold import authorisation limit per licence for exporters?

- A) 50 kg
- B) 75 kg
- C) 100 kg
- D) 150 kg
- E) 200 kg

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) introduced stricter rules for duty-free gold imports by the gems and jewellery export sector.
- Under the revised norms, exporters can import a maximum of 100 kg of gold per licence.
- First-time applicants must undergo mandatory physical inspection of manufacturing facilities.
- Existing exporters must complete at least 50% of previous export obligations before getting fresh authorisation.
- Exporters are also required to submit fortnightly performance reports certified by an independent Chartered Accountant.
- DGFT regional offices will send monthly consolidated reports to headquarters for centralised monitoring.
- These measures were introduced after the government increased gold import duty from 6% to 15% to reduce imports and control trade deficit pressure.

**Static Part:**

- DGFT Full Form – Directorate General of Foreign Trade
- Ministry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Commerce & Industry Minister – Piyush Goyal
- DGFT Headquarters – New Delhi





**Ques: Which Indian team won the gold medal at the 20th edition of the Shanghai Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 2?**

- A) Men's Compound Team
- B) Men's Recurve Team
- C) Women's Recurve Team
- D) Mixed Recurve Team
- E) Women's Compound Team

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 20th edition of the Shanghai Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 2 was held in Shanghai, People's Republic of China.
- India won two medals in the tournament, including one gold and one bronze medal.
- India's women's recurve team won the gold medal in the event.
- The team comprised Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Kumkum Mohod.
- The Indian team defeated China 5-4 in the shoot-off final after making a comeback from 2-4 behind.
- The final shoot-off score was 28-26 in favour of India.
- This was India's first women's recurve team gold medal at the Archery World Cup since 2021.





## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- India is set to host the prestigious 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- India is set to host the inaugural edition of the World Yogasana Championship.
- India's capital New Delhi will host the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2026.
- Ishank Singh, a 7-year-old boy from Jharkhand, became the youngest swimmer to cross the Palk Strait.
- Jannik Sinner, the World No. 1, won the Mutua Madrid Open 2026 men's singles title.
- South Korea defeated China 3–1 to win the Uber Cup 2026.
- China retained the Thomas Cup 2026 title by defeating France in the final.
- Ukrainian tennis star Marta Kostyuk has won the Madrid Open 2026, securing the biggest title of her career. She defeated Russian Mirra Andreeva in the women's singles final.





**Ques: Which country has officially confirmed its membership in the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?**

- A) China
- B) Brazil
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Russia
- E) South Africa

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- China is unlikely to become part of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), a global initiative spearheaded by India for big cat conservation.
- The alliance focuses on conserving big cats such as tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, puma and snow leopard.
- Saudi Arabia has officially confirmed its membership in the IBCA.
- Brazil has shown interest in joining the alliance, but its membership process is still underway.
- India will host the first-ever IBCA summit from 1–3 June, with participation expected from around 95 countries.
- At present, IBCA has 24 member countries and 3 observer countries.
- India had around 3,167 wild tigers in 2022, the highest population in the world.
- The alliance aims to strengthen international cooperation for the protection and conservation of big cat species worldwide.

**Static Part:**

- IBCA Full Form – International Big Cat Alliance
- IBCA Launched By – India
- Focus Species – Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma
- First IBCA Summit Venue – India
- Tiger Population in India (2022) – 3,167





**Ques: Who has been chosen as the next Chief Minister of Kerala in 2026?**

- A) Pinarayi Vijayan
- B) K. Sudhakaran
- C) V. D. Satheesan
- D) Shashi Tharoor
- E) Oommen Chandy

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Senior Congress leader V. D. Satheesan has been chosen as the next Chief Minister of Kerala.
- He was elected as the leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) after the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) won the Assembly elections.
- Satheesan met Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar and staked claim to form the government.
- The swearing-in ceremony is scheduled to be held at Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Congress-led UDF returned to power after securing a majority in the Kerala Assembly elections.
- Satheesan stated that his government would focus on improving living standards and fulfilling election promises.

**Static Part:**

- State – Kerala
- Capital of Kerala – Thiruvananthapuram
- Governor of Kerala – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- Legislative Assembly Seats – 140
- Classical Dance of Kerala – Kathakali & Mohiniyattam





**Ques: Which state emerged as the top-performing state in house completions under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0)?**

- A) Odisha
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Gujarat
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Odisha emerged as the top-performing state in house completions under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0).
- The state maintained the first position from March 2025 to March 2026 in terms of housing completion performance.
- The Housing and Urban Development Department of Odisha along with urban local bodies is responsible for implementation and monitoring of the scheme.
- PMAY-U 2.0 was launched in September 2024 to provide affordable pucca houses to urban poor, economically weaker sections and middle-income groups.
- Odisha sanctioned 24,625 houses under the scheme.
- Around 23,464 sites were geo-tagged for monitoring and transparency.

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**Ques: What does SEHAT stand for under the newly launched national mission?**

- A) Scientific Education for Health and Technology
- B) Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation
- C) Sustainable Health and Agriculture Transformation
- D) Scientific Health Advancement through Technology
- E) Smart Health and Agro Transformation

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India launched the SEHAT Mission to integrate agriculture with human health and nutrition.
- SEHAT stands for Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation.
- The mission was jointly launched by Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Health Minister JP Nadda.
- The initiative is being implemented by ICAR and ICMR.
- The mission aims to fight malnutrition, obesity, diabetes, hypertension and micronutrient deficiencies.
- SEHAT will promote biofortified crops, healthy livestock and nutrient-rich fish products.
- The mission focuses on sustainable farming and evidence-based dietary strategies for better health outcomes.
- The initiative aims to reduce malnutrition and lifestyle diseases through scientific agriculture and nutrition-based solutions.

**Static Part:**

- ICAR Established – 16 July 1929
- ICAR Headquarters – New Delhi
- ICMR Established – 1911
- ICMR Headquarters – New Delhi





**Ques: What is the theme of the Kimberley Process (KP) Intersessional Meeting 2026 hosted by India?**

- A) 3Cs – Credibility, Compliance, Consumer Confidence
- B) Responsible Global Trade
- C) Sustainable Diamond Future
- D) Conflict-Free Diamond Trade
- E) Transparency and Trust

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- India inaugurated the Kimberley Process (KP) Intersessional Meeting 2026 in Mumbai under its Chairship.
- The purpose of the meeting is to promote responsible and sustainable diamond trade.
- India assumed the Chairmanship of the Kimberley Process from 1 January 2026.
- This is the third time India is leading the international mechanism regulating global rough diamond trade.
- The theme of KP Intersessional Meeting 2026 is “3Cs” – Credibility, Compliance, Consumer Confidence.
- Suchindra Misra is serving as the KP Chair for 2026.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- India's first international ophthalmology research conference will be held at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi. The conference is titled AIOS-Armed Forces Ophthalmology Update (AIOU-AFOU 2026). The conference is being organised by the Department of Ophthalmology at Army Hospital (Research & Referral)
- India will host the inaugural summit of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in New Delhi on June 1 and 2.
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will organise the 10th National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Health Systems in Chandigarh. The summit will be inaugurated by Union Health Minister J P Nadda.
- Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary inaugurated India's first UNESCO Chair on Gender Inclusion and Skill Development.
- The Environmental Sustainability Conference was held at Jamia Millia Islamia on the occasion of Earth Day. The conference emphasized that Green Jobs and Green Entrepreneurship are future growth drivers. The National Green Hydrogen Mission has an outlay of over ₹19,000 crore.





**Ques: Who has been appointed as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom?**

- A) Vikram Doraiswami
- B) P. Kumaran
- C) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- D) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- E) Sanjay Verma

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Senior diplomat P. Kumaran formally assumed charge as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom in London.
- He presented his credentials to Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, Scott Fursessedonn-Wood.
- P. Kumaran paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Tavistock Square and Parliament Square in London.
- He also paid respects to B. R. Ambedkar at Ambedkar House in London.
- Before this appointment, he served as Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- He had earlier served as India's High Commissioner to Singapore.
- P. Kumaran succeeded Vikram Doraiswami, who has now been appointed as India's Ambassador to China.

**Static Part:**

- Country – United Kingdom
- Capital of UK – London
- Currency – Pound Sterling
- Prime Minister of UK – Keir Starmer
- President of India – Droupadi Murmu
- External Affairs Minister of India – S. Jaishankar





## Recently appointed ambassador:

- Prashant Pise : Ambassador of India to Sultanate of Oman (succeeded Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas)
- Dinesh Trivedi : India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh (replaces Pranay Verma)
- Pranay Verma : India's Ambassador to Belgium and the European Union
- P. Kumaran, a 1992-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer : India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom
- Vikram Doraiswami : India's next Ambassador to China (succeed Pradeep Kumar Rawat)
- Muanpuii Saiawi : India's next High Commissioner to New Zealand
- Amit Kumar Mishra : India's next Ambassador to Georgia
- Stefan Priesner of Austria : United Nations Resident Coordinator in India
- Sergio Gor : United States Ambassador to India and special envoy to South and Central Asia





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)?**

- A) Krishna Kumar Singh
- B) Ashok Kumar Panda
- C) Amarendu Prakash
- D) Soma Mondal
- E) T. V. Narendran

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Ashok Kumar Panda has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).
- He replaced Krishna Kumar Singh in the position.
- SAIL is one of India's largest steel-producing public sector companies.
- The company is working towards increasing its production capacity significantly.
- SAIL aims to achieve a production capacity of 35 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum).
- Currently, the company's production capacity stands at around 20 MTPA.

**Static Part:**

- SAIL Full Form – Steel Authority of India Limited
- Established – 1973
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Ministry – Ministry of Steel
- Current CMD – Ashok Kumar Panda
- Target Production Capacity – 35 MTPA
- Current Production Capacity – Around 20 MTPA





## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Retired Karnataka High Court judge Justice Ramachandra Dattatray Huddar : Chairperson of the Admission Overseeing Committee (AOC) for professional courses in Karnataka (Replaced Justice B. Manohar)
- Priyanka Mittal : Co-Chair of the Saudi-India Business Council (SIBC).
- Claire Mazumdar : Chairperson of Biocon (replaced Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw)
- Shashi Shekhar Vempati : Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) (replaced Prasoon Joshi)
- Kumar Mangalam Birla : Chairman of Vodafone Idea Ltd (Vi) (Replaced Ravinder Takkar)
- Ravi K : 22nd Chairman & Managing Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) (succeeded DK Sunil)
- Ashutosh Gowariker : Festival Director for the 57th edition of IFFI





**Ques: Till which date has the Government of India prohibited exports of raw, white, and refined sugar?**

- A) 31 March 2026
- B) 30 June 2026
- C) 31 July 2026
- D) 30 September 2026
- E) 31 December 2026

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Department of Commerce shifted sugar exports from the “restricted” category to the “prohibited” category with immediate effect.
- The ban applies to exports of raw sugar, white sugar, and refined sugar till 30 September 2026.
- Exports to the United States and European Union under CXL and TRQ quota systems are exempted from the restriction.
- Exports under the Advance Authorisation Scheme and government-to-government exports are also exempted.
- The government imposed the ban to ensure domestic sugar availability and maintain price stability in the local market.
- ISMA estimated sugar production for the 2025–26 season at around 324 lakh tonnes, with nearly 31 lakh tonnes likely to be diverted for ethanol production.
- Production in major sugar-producing states such as Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh was affected, resulting in lower actual output.

**Static Part:**

- Department – Department of Commerce
- Ministry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Commerce & Industry Minister – Piyush Goyal
- ISMA Full Form – Indian Sugar & Bio-energy Manufacturers Association





- Major Sugar Producing States – Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka
- Related Fuel Programme – Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP)
- Target under EBP – 20% Ethanol Blending



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**Ques:** In which year did Mal Anderson win the U.S. Open men's singles title as the first unseeded player?

- A) 1955
- B) 1965
- C) 1960
- D) 1962
- E) 1957

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation:**

- Mal Anderson, former Australian tennis player, has passed away.
- He became the first unseeded player to win the U.S. Open men's singles title in 1957.
- Mal Anderson was known for his strong performances in international tennis during the 1950s and 1960s.
- He also won three Grand Slam doubles titles during his career.
- Anderson represented Australia and helped the country win the Davis Cup twice.
- His achievements made him one of Australia's notable tennis players of his era.

**Static Part:**

- Country – Australia
- Sport – Tennis
- Historic Achievement – First unseeded player to win U.S. Open men's singles title
- U.S. Open Winning Year – 1957
- Additional Achievement – Three Grand Slam doubles titles
- Davis Cup Titles with Australia – 2





**Ques: When is the International Day of Plant Health observed every year?**

- A) 5 May
- B) 8 May
- C) 10 May
- D) 12 May
- E) 15 May

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The United Nations designated 12 May as the International Day of Plant Health.
- The day aims to raise global awareness about the importance of protecting plant health.
- Healthy plants help in ending hunger, reducing poverty and improving food security.
- Protecting plant health also supports biodiversity, environmental protection and economic development.
- The theme for the observance is “Plant Biosecurity for Food Security.”
- The observance highlights the importance of preventing the spread of pests and plant diseases.

**Static Part:**

- Observed On – 12 May
- Declared By – United Nations
- Theme – “Plant Biosecurity for Food Security”
- Focus Areas – Plant protection, food security, biodiversity, environmental sustainability
- Objective – Prevent spread of pests and plant diseases





**Ques: When is World Lupus Day observed every year?**

- A) May 5
- B) May 7
- C) May 10
- D) May 12
- E) May 15

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- World Lupus Day is observed every year on May 10.
- The day is observed to spread awareness about Lupus, a serious autoimmune disease.
- Lupus affects millions of people worldwide and can damage various organs and body systems.
- The observance highlights the importance of early diagnosis, treatment and support for patients.
- The theme for World Lupus Day 2026 is “Make Lupus Visible.”
- The campaign encourages better understanding of the invisible challenges faced by lupus patients.

**Static Part:**

- Observed On – 10 May
- Disease Type – Lupus
- Theme (2026) – “Make Lupus Visible”
- Purpose – Awareness, early diagnosis, treatment, and patient support
- Affected System – Multiple organs and body systems





**Ques: When is World Thalassaemia Day observed every year?**

- A) 5 May
- B) 7 May
- C) 8 May
- D) 10 May
- E) 12 May

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- World Thalassaemia Day is observed every year on 8th May.
- The day is observed to raise awareness about thalassaemia and related blood disorders.
- Thalassaemia is a genetic blood disorder that affects millions of people worldwide.
- The disease affects the body's ability to produce healthy haemoglobin and red blood cells.
- The theme for World Thalassaemia Day 2026 is "Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen".
- The observance emphasizes early diagnosis, treatment support and improved healthcare access for patients.

**Static Part:**

- Observed On – 8 May
- Disease Type – Thalassaemia
- Theme (2026) – "Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen"
- Main Focus – Awareness, early diagnosis, treatment support, healthcare access
- Affected Component – Haemoglobin and red blood cells





## Important days :

- 1 May : International Labour Day (Theme 2026 Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment) (Started in May 1, 1890)
- 1 May : Gujarat Day (Gujarat Sthapana Divas)
- 1 May : Maharashtra Day (Maharashtra Divas)
- 2 May : World Tuna Day
- 3 May : World Laughter Day 2026 (Theme 2026 World Peace through Laughter)
- 3 May : World Press Freedom Day (2026 theme is “Shaping a Future of Peace”.)
- 5 May : World Portuguese Language Day
- 4 to 10 May : Fire Safety Week (Theme 2026: “Safe Schools, Safe Hospitals, and a Fire-Safety Aware Society: Together for Fire Prevention”)
- 4 May : International Firefighters’ Day (2026 theme is: “Safe School, Safe Hospital & Fire Safety Aware Society – Together for Fire Prevention”.)
- 5 May (first Tuesday of May) : World Asthma Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma – still an urgent need)
- 5 May : World Cartoonist Day 2026
- 5 May : World Hand Hygiene Day (theme for 2026 is “Action saves lives – Safer care starts with clean hands.”)
- 5 May : International Day of the Midwife (IDM) (Theme 2026 One Million More Midwives)
- 7 May : World Athletics Day 2026 (Theme 2026 “Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers,”)
- 7 May : 165th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore
- 7 May : 67th Raising Day of Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- 8 May : World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2026 (Theme 2026 United in Humanity)
- 8 May : World Thalassaemia Day 2026 (Started in 1994) (“Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen.”)
- 10 May : International Day of Argania (Started in 2021)
- 11 May : National Technology Day





## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has partnered with Airtel Payments Bank to launch co-branded RuPay 'On-The-Go' National Common Mobility Cards (NCMC) for seamless digital payments and metro travel across India.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved India's first semi high-speed double-line rail project between Ahmedabad (Sarkhej) and Dholera in Gujarat. The estimated cost of the project is around ₹20,667 crore. The total railway line length of the corridor will be around 134 kilometres. The project is expected to be completed by 2030–31.

A recent Supreme Court of India judgment in a dowry harassment case has once again brought attention to Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Section 498A was introduced in 1983 to protect married women from cruelty, harassment and dowry-related abuse.

All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Department of Sports and Youth Services (DSYS), Government of Odisha Renew 5-Year MoU to continue and expand their elite youth football development partnership

