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Ques: What delay has RBI proposed for digital payments above ₹10,000 to curb fraud?

- A) 15 Minutes
- B) 30 Minutes
- C) 1 Hour
- D) 2 Hours
- E) 24 Hours

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indian banks broadly supported RBI's proposal to introduce a one-hour delay for UPI/IMPS account-to-account transfers above ₹10,000 to reduce rising digital payment frauds.
- Banks have requested RBI to increase the threshold limit from ₹10,000 to ₹25,000 for smoother implementation and reduced operational burden.
- The proposal aims to provide customers a one-hour window to identify and cancel potentially fraudulent person-to-person (P2P) transactions.
- RBI's discussion paper also suggested stronger authentication checks and enhanced safeguards for high-risk transactions.
- The proposal mainly targets UPI and IMPS-based account-to-account digital transfers.

Static Part:

- RBI Governor: Sanjay Malhotra
- RBI Headquarters: Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai
- Established: 1 April 1935





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the licence of Sarvodaya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai on 12 May 2026.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the European Central Bank (ECB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on mutual cooperation in the field of central banking.
- RBI eased capital adequacy norms effective May 8, 2026, allowing banks to include current-year profits in CRAR calculations on a quarterly basis.
- Around 77% of RBI's total gold holdings is now stored within India.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cleared Kotak Mahindra Bank proposal to raise its stake in AU Small Finance Bank and Federal Bank, allowing it to hold up to 9.99 per cent in each lender.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced a 3-day grace period for credit card payments.
- Reserve Bank of India has introduced revised guidelines for loan restructuring in disaster-hit areas, providing greater flexibility to banks and NBFCs.





Ques: How much amount was raised by the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) through 10-year bonds?

- A) ₹2,000 crore
- B) ₹3,500 crore
- C) ₹4,000 crore
- D) ₹5,000 crore
- E) ₹7,740 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) raised ₹4,000 crore through 10-year bonds.
- The bonds were issued at a cutoff yield of 7.74%.
- Bonds are debt instruments through which organisations borrow money from investors.
- When investors buy bonds, they lend money to the issuer and receive fixed interest in return.
- NaBFID is a government-backed Development Finance Institution (DFI).
- It focuses on financing infrastructure projects in India.

Static Part:

- Institution – National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
- Amount Raised – ₹4,000 crore
- Bond Tenure – 10 years
- Yield – 7.74%





RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- The Asian Development Bank strengthened its partnership with India in 2025 by committing more than USD 5 billion.
- The Export-Import Bank of India 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 signed a \$500 million offshore loan agreement with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group.
- India will take a loan of 500 million U.S. dollars from the World Bank.
- Tata Power Bhutan-based SPV Dorjilung Hydro Power Ltd (DHPL) received \$515 million financing from the World Bank Group.
- World Bank is set to approve a ₹2,800 crore loan for Gurugram Metro Phase II.





Ques: Which committee chaired by the RBI Governor reviewed global trade and financial stability developments in 2026?

- A) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)
- B) Financial Stability and Development Council – Sub Committee (FSDC-SC)
- C) Board for Financial Supervision (BFS)
- D) Central Board of RBI
- E) Economic Advisory Council

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 33rd meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council – Sub Committee (FSDC-SC) was held in Mumbai.
- The meeting was chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.
- The committee reviewed global and domestic macroeconomic and financial sector developments.
- Members discussed emerging risks affecting financial stability, including geopolitical tensions and global trade uncertainties.
- The FSDC-SC decided to closely monitor evolving global trade conditions and their impact on India's financial system.
- The meeting also reviewed progress in inter-regulatory coordination and simplification of KYC processes.
- The committee emphasized strengthening financial sector resilience through better regulatory coordination.
- Senior officials from SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA and IFSCA participated in the meeting.
- The meeting highlighted concerns over supply-chain disruptions, commodity price volatility and global spillover risks.
- The discussion focused on maintaining financial stability amid uncertain international economic conditions.





Static Part:

- Full Form – Financial Stability and Development Council – Sub Committee (FSDC-SC)
- Chairperson – RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
- Meeting Number – 33rd Meeting
- Venue – Mumbai
- Main Objective – Maintain financial stability and strengthen inter-regulatory coordination
- Key Focus Areas – Global trade risks, macroeconomic conditions, KYC reforms, financial resilience
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Established – 1 April



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Ques: Which credit card launched by AU Small Finance Bank is specially designed for first-time credit users?

- A) AU Ananta
- B) AU Laksya
- C) AU Tejas
- D) AU Prathama
- E) AU Aspire

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- AU Small Finance Bank launched a new portfolio of four credit cards to strengthen its retail credit card business.
- The four newly launched credit cards are AU Ananta, AU Laksya, AU Tejas and AU Prathama.
- AU Prathama is specially designed for first-time credit users.
- It provides reward points, milestone incentives, fuel surcharge waivers and responsible credit usage benefits.
- AU Ananta is targeted at affluent achievers and offers premium travel and lifestyle benefits.
- AU Laksya is designed for Gen Z and mid-career professionals with grocery, food delivery and movie benefits.
- AU Tejas targets young salaried customers and offers cashback on daily spending categories.
- The cards are aimed at customers across different income and lifestyle segments in Tier-1 and Tier-2 cities.

Static Part:

- Bank Name – AU Small Finance Bank
- Established – 2017
- Headquarters – Jaipur, Rajasthan
- CEO & MD – Sanjay Agarwal
- Tagline – “Badlaav Humse Hai”
- Credit Cards Launched – AU Ananta, AU Laksya, AU Tejas, AU Prathama
- Card for First-Time Users – AU Prathama





Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- Axis Bank has opened its first digital locker branch in New Delhi. This new facility aims to provide advanced security and customer experience through automated locker services.
- India Post Payments Bank has launched a Self Help Group (SHG) Savings Account.
- Bank of Baroda has launched Indian Sign Language (ISL) support via video calls at its Contact Centre. This initiative is aimed at customers with hearing or speech impairments. Customers can now connect through video calls for assistance. It enables real-time interaction using sign language.
- Google Pay (GPay) introduced a new feature called 'Pocket Money'.
- Visa and HDFC Bank launched a limited-edition FIFA World Cup 2026 Pixel Credit Card.
- CSB Bank Limited launched its first dedicated retail product 'SMART SAVE ACCOUNT'.
- Bank of Baroda partnered with Reliance Jio to launch "bob World Lite", a mobile banking app for feature phone users.





Ques: The Government recently increased customs duty on gold and silver imports from 5% to what percentage?

- A) 6%
- B) 8%
- C) 10%
- D) 12%
- E) 15%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Central Government increased the customs duty on imports of gold and silver from 5% to 10%.
- The Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) was also increased from 1% to 5%.
- With the hike, the total effective import duty on gold and silver increased to around 18.4% including IGST.
- Earlier, the effective import tax was around 9.2%.
- The decision was taken to protect India's foreign exchange reserves amid rising global geopolitical tensions.
- The government also expressed concerns about the impact of the West Asia crisis on India's Current Account Deficit (CAD).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had earlier appealed to citizens to reduce gold purchases to conserve foreign exchange.
- Experts believe the move may encourage gold smuggling and affect employment in related sectors.
- The revised duty structure came into effect through two separate government notifications.

Static Part:

- CAD Full Form – Current Account Deficit
- AIDC Full Form – Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess





- IGST Full Form – Integrated Goods and Services Tax
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman
- Ministry – Ministry of Finance



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Ques: In which state was the Bhimmandali Eco Heritage Site inaugurated?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Telangana
- D) West Bengal
- E) Odisha

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Bhimmandali Eco Heritage Site was inaugurated at Naktideul Block of Sambalpur district in Odisha.
- The site was inaugurated by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan from the Ministry of Education.
- The project was developed at a cost of ₹8.30 crore.
- During the event, Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated and laid foundation stones for 304 projects.
- These projects involved an investment of ₹580 crore.
- A new Nursing College at Bhima Bhoi Medical College and Hospital was also announced during the event.
- The Union Minister also launched the Panchayati Raj Samikshya Portal.
- The portal is designed to improve transparency in rural governance.





Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the country's first functional PM MITRA Park at Warangal, Telangana.
- Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia virtually inaugurated the 100th N-Gen Post Office.
- The Government of Maharashtra inaugurated the 13.3-km 'Missing Link' project.
- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the Somnath Swabhiman Parv Yatra.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Sacred Holy Relics Exposition of Tathagata Buddha at Jivatsal, Leh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated an Indoor Cricket Academy at Sovima, Nagaland from Gangtok.
- Narendra Modi inaugurated the 594-km long Ganga Expressway in Uttar Pradesh.
- Narendra Modi inaugurated Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira.





Ques: Which kharif crop received the highest MSP increase for the 2026-27 marketing season?

- A) Cotton
- B) Sesamum
- C) Sunflower Seed
- D) Paddy
- E) Tur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

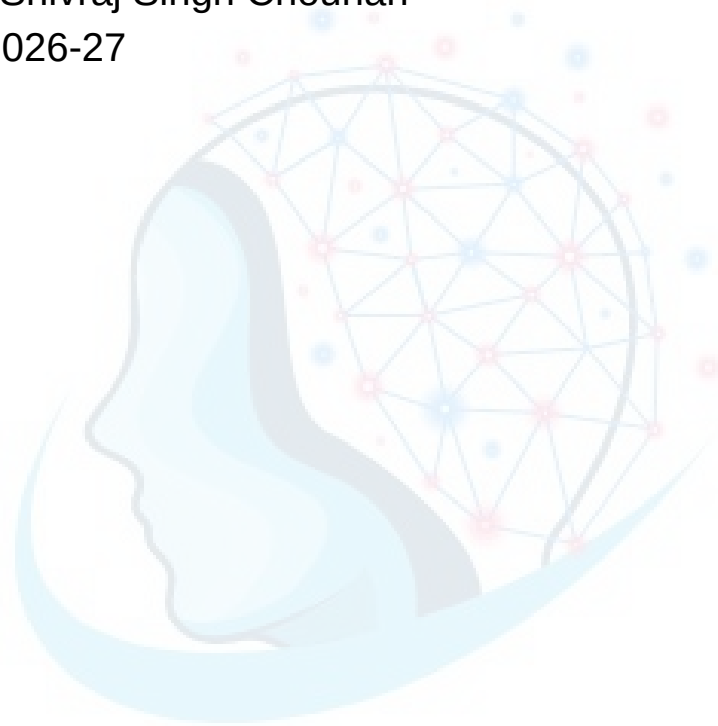
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved revised MSPs for all 14 kharif crops for the 2026-27 marketing season.
- The MSP of common paddy was increased by ₹72 to ₹2,441 per quintal.
- The MSP for Grade-A paddy was fixed at ₹2,461 per quintal.
- Sunflower Seed received the highest MSP hike of ₹622, taking it to ₹8,343 per quintal.
- Cotton (long staple) MSP increased by ₹557 to ₹8,667 per quintal.
- Nigerseed MSP increased by ₹515, while Sesamum MSP rose by ₹500 per quintal.
- MSP for Tur/Arhar was increased by ₹450 to ₹8,450 per quintal.
- Urad MSP increased by ₹400 to ₹8,200 per quintal.
- The government fixed MSPs at least 1.5 times the cost of production to ensure remunerative prices to farmers.
- The estimated total payout to farmers after the MSP revision is around ₹2.6 lakh crore.
- The highest projected margins over production cost are for Moong (61%), Bajra (56%) and Maize (56%).
- The MSP hike aims to encourage cultivation of oilseeds, pulses and cotton to reduce import dependence and promote crop diversification.





Static Part:

- MSP Full Form – Minimum Support Price
- CCEA Full Form – Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- Commission recommending MSP – Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACAP)
- Agriculture Minister – Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Marketing Season – 2026-27



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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2026–27?

- A) R Mukundan
- B) Suchitra Ella
- C) Rajiv Memani
- D) N Chandrasekaran
- E) Kumar Mangalam Birla

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- R Mukundan, CEO of Tata Chemicals, has been appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2026–27.
- He replaced Rajiv Memani in the position.
- Suchitra Ella has been appointed as the President-Designate of CII.
- Confederation of Indian Industry is one of India's leading business and industry associations.
- CII works closely with industry and government to promote economic growth, industrial development and policy advocacy.





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Ashok Kumar Panda : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) (replaced Krishna Kumar Singh)
- Dr. Harvansh Chawla : Chairman of the BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRISEC CCI)
- 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)





Ques: Under which model will the modernisation of Nagpur International Airport be carried out?

- A) BOT Model
- B) EPC Model
- C) Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model
- D) Hybrid Annuity Model
- E) Cooperative Model

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet approved the extension of lease period of Airports Authority of India (AAI) land leased to MIHAN India Limited (MIL).
- The approval will enable MIL to license Nagpur Airport to GMR Nagpur International Airport Limited (GNIAL) for 30 years from the Commercial Operation Date (COD).
- The airport modernisation project will be implemented under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- The move is part of the MIHAN project.
- GNIAL will transform Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport into a world-class aviation hub.
- The phased development aims to increase the airport's handling capacity to 30 million passengers annually.
- The project will improve passenger services, cargo handling capacity and regional connectivity in Central India.
- GMR Airports Ltd emerged as the highest bidder in the global tender floated in 2016.
- The initiative is expected to strengthen the economic infrastructure of the Vidarbha region.

Static Part:

- AAI Full Form – Airports Authority of India
- AAI Headquarters – New Delhi





- MIHAN Full Form – Multi-modal International Cargo Hub and Airport at Nagpur
- Nagpur Airport – Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport
- PPP Full Form – Public-Private Partnership
- State – Maharashtra



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Ques: Who has been appointed for the seventh term as the President of Uganda?

- A) Yoweri Museveni
- B) William Ruto
- C) Paul Kagame
- D) Cyril Ramaphosa
- E) Samia Suluhu Hassan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Yoweri Museveni has been appointed for the seventh term as the President of Uganda.
- The presidential term in Uganda is of 5 years.
- Museveni is 81 years old and first came to power in 1986.
- He is one of Africa's longest-serving leaders.
- Uganda is a landlocked country located in East Africa.

Static Part:

- President of Uganda – Yoweri Museveni
- Term – Seventh Term
- Presidential Term Duration – 5 years
- First Came to Power – 1986
- Uganda Capital – Kampala
- Currency of Uganda – Ugandan Shilling





Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- **President of Costa Rica : Laura Fernandez (replaced former President Rodrigo Chaves)**
- **Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu : C. Joseph Vijay**
- **Prime Minister of Bulgaria : Rumen Radev (Replaced Rosen Zhelyazkov)**
- **Prime Minister of Iraq : Ali al-Zaidi**
- **24th Chief Minister of Bihar : Samrat Choudhary**
- **President of Djibouti : Ismail Omar Guelleh**
- **9th President of Iraq : Former Environment Minister Nizar Mohammed Saeed Amedi (Replaced Abdul Latif Rashid)**
- **Prime Minister of Hungary : Péter Magyar (Replaced Viktor Orbán)**
- **13th President of Vietnam : Secretary General To Lam (Replaced Lương Cường)**





Ques: “BHASHINI Rajyam – A BHASHINI Sahayogi Program” is associated with which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C) Ministry of Ayush
- D) Ministry of Rural Development
- E) Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Ayush signed an MoU with the Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The initiative is titled “BHASHINI Rajyam – A BHASHINI Sahayogi Program.”
- The partnership aims to integrate the BHASHINI Platform across various Ayush digital services and platforms.
- The collaboration will enable faster AI-powered transcription and translation of Ayush knowledge systems into multiple Indian languages.
- Under the Ayush Grid initiative, several portals, applications and AI-enabled services will be made available in all 22 scheduled languages.
- The initiative will strengthen multilingual accessibility in Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy.
- The MoU was signed by Subodh Kumar and Amitabh Nag, CEO of DIBD.
- The initiative aims to improve digital healthcare accessibility through multilingual AI-driven platforms.

Static Part:

- Ministry of Ayush Established – 2014
- MeitY – Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- BHASHINI – National Language Digital Public Infrastructure
- Languages Covered – 22 Scheduled Languages





- Ayush Grid – Digital Healthcare & Wellness Platform
- CEO, Digital India BHASHINI Division – Amitabh Nag



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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- Dhash Defence Systems Private Limited (DDS) and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar's Defence Research and Innovation Foundation (DRIF) sign MOU to jointly develop advanced indigenous defence mobility systems
- D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Pune (Maharashtra) & Dassault Systèmes sign MOU to establish an advanced Digital Engineering and Digital Manufacturing Experience Centre at its campus in Akurdi, Pune.
- 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.
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI), in collaboration with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), developed and demonstrated 'Phoenix Geocell'.
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research -National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR) & Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) signed MOU to strengthen collaboration in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policy research and science diplomacy





Ques: What is the total number of post offices in India after the recent expansion by India Post?

- A) 1,25,000
- B) 1,45,500
- C) 1,54,250
- D) 1,64,999
- E) 1,75,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India Post added more than 11,000 post offices in the last four years.
- With this expansion, its reach now covers nearly 90% of rural geography in India.
- The expansion has strengthened India Post's role as a last-mile logistics partner.
- The total postal network has reached 1,64,999 post offices.
- India Post is now one of the largest postal networks in the world.
- The department achieved a record revenue of ₹15,296 crore in FY26.
- Revenue registered a strong 16% year-on-year growth.
- This was the first time in several years that India Post recorded revenue growth above 15%.
- The performance reflects a shift toward a revenue-driven business model.





Ques: IEPFA signed an MoU with which organisation to strengthen investor awareness initiatives?

- A) RBI
- B) SEBI
- C) Prasar Bharati
- D) NSE
- E) NABARD

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) signed an MoU with Prasar Bharati to strengthen nationwide investor awareness initiatives.
- The initiative will disseminate informative scroll messages through Doordarshan National and Regional channels.
- The MoU signing event was presided over by Anita Shah Akella, CEO of IEPFA and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- The agreement aims to promote financial literacy, investor protection and safe investing practices.
- The campaign will spread awareness regarding unclaimed dividends and shares transferred to IEPFA.
- Investors will also be informed about filing claims through Form IEPF-5 and using the Search Facility.
- The initiative aims to reach people in remote and underserved regions through Doordarshan's extensive network.
- The MoU was formally signed by Aditya Sinha and Sanjay Prasad.
- The collaboration focuses on fraud prevention and encouraging informed investment decisions.

Static Part:

- IEPFA Full Form – Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority
- Ministry – Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- Prasar Bharati Established – 23 November 1997
- CEO of IEPFA – Anita Shah Akella
- Prasar Bharati Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: Which state was named as an “Exemplar” among Coastal States in the LEADS 2025 Report?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Kerala
- E) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, released the LEADS 2025 Report.
- LEADS stands for Logistics Ease Across Different States.
- The report assesses the efficiency of logistics services across states and Union Territories.
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal released the report.
- LEADS 2025 is the 7th edition of the report.
- This edition introduced a new four-tier performance framework.
- The four tiers are Exemplars, High Performers, Accelerators and Growth Seekers.
- Tamil Nadu was declared an “Exemplar” among Coastal States.

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Ques: Under which scheme will the Grih Pravesh of 5 lakh houses be launched in Maharashtra?

- A) PMAY-Urban
- B) PMGSY
- C) PMAY-Gramin
- D) Smart Cities Mission
- E) DAY-NRLM

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will attend the PMAY-G Beneficiary Conference and Maha Awaas Abhiyan Award Ceremony in Satara.
- During the programme, he will launch the Grih Pravesh of 5 lakh completed houses under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).
- The Union Minister will also hand over house keys to beneficiaries, including the beneficiary associated with completion of the 3 croreth PMAY-G house.
- A PMAY-G Mother Sanction worth ₹8,368.50 crore for Maharashtra for FY 2026–27 will also be issued.
- Approval for 35 road projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-IV) worth ₹122.98 crore will also be announced.
- The approved road projects will cover 95.99 km and benefit 35 rural habitations in Maharashtra.
- PMAY-G aims to provide pucca houses with basic amenities to eligible rural households across India.
- The programme highlights the government's focus on rural housing and infrastructure development.

Static Part:

- PMAY-G Launch Year – 2016
- Ministry – Ministry of Rural Development





- Union Minister – Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- PMGSY Launch Year – 2000
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra – Devendra Fadnavis
- Deputy Chief Ministers – Eknath Shinde & Ajit Pawar



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Ques: In which state will India's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard be developed?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop the country's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard.
- The proposed shipyard will be developed at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu.
- The shipyard will have an annual shipbuilding capacity of 2.5 Million Gross Tonnage (GT).
- The MoU was signed between HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering (HD KSOE), National Shipbuilding & Heavy Industries Park Tamil Nadu Limited (NSHIP-TN), and Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL).
- Under Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, India aims to become one of the top five shipbuilding nations globally.
- India has targeted a shipbuilding output of 4.5 Million Gross Tonnage (GT) annually by 2047.





Recent News Related to First in India and World :

- Uber will set up its first data centre in India in partnership with the Adani Group.
- 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: On which date is International Nurses Day observed every year?

- A) 7 May
- B) 8 May
- C) 10 May
- D) 12 May
- E) 15 May

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- International Nurses Day is observed annually on May 12.
- The day marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, who is regarded as the founder of modern nursing.
- The observance honours the dedication, expertise and valuable contributions of nurses worldwide.
- Nurses play a vital role in healthcare systems by providing patient care, emergency support and medical assistance.
- The theme for International Nurses Day 2026 is “Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives”.
- The theme highlights the importance of empowering nurses to strengthen healthcare services globally.





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)
- 10 May : World Lupus Day (theme 2026 is “Make Lupus Visible.”)
- 11 May : National Technology Day





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

MSCI announced changes to the MSCI India Index effective from 29 May. Federal Bank and Indian Bank will be added to the index. The other two companies being added are Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) and National Aluminium Company (NALCO). The removed companies are Hyundai Motor India, Jubilant FoodWorks, Kalyan Jewellers India and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL).

India's wholesale inflation accelerated to 8.3% in April, marking the fastest pace in three-and-a-half years. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) releases the WPI data every month on the 14th.

India has been nominated as the Chair of the Common Criteria Development Board (CCDB) for the period April 2026 to April 2028. The leadership position was confirmed during the First Quarter Meeting of the Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA) held in Tokyo, Japan. India has been an active member of the CCRA since 16 September 2013 as a Certificate Authorizing Nation.

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) signed an agreement with the National University of Singapore Institute of Systems Science (NUS-ISS). The objective of the agreement is to strengthen Artificial Intelligence (AI) governance and digital leadership capabilities among Indian enterprises.

The Indian Army inducted two indigenous combat systems — ULPGM and AGNIKAA VTOL-1 — under Emergency Procurement-6 (EP-6). These systems were supplied by Adani Defence & Aerospace Limited in Hyderabad, Telangana. ULPGM stands for UAV-Launched Precision Guided Munition.

