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Ques: From which date will SEBI's revised trading framework for Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) come into effect?

- A. 1 July 2026
- B. 15 August 2026
- C. 1 September 2026
- D. 1 October 2026
- E. 1 January 2027

Answer: C) 1 September 2026

Explanation:

- In June 2026, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced a revised trading framework for Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs).
- The new framework introduces dynamic price bands for determining ETF trading limits.
- According to SEBI's circular, the revised rules will come into effect from 1 September 2026.

Key Changes in the Revised ETF Framework:

1. Equity and Debt ETFs

- The existing fixed 20% price band based on Net Asset Value (NAV) has been replaced with a dynamic price band system.
- The initial price band limit will be 10% (excluding overnight and liquid ETFs).





Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, and SEBI are organizing a day-long 'Niveshak Shivir' in Bhopal.
- SEBI has proposed a new “green-channel” framework named GARUDA for quicker launch of AIF schemes.
- 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.





Ques: What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation rate in May 2026 under the new WPI series (Base Year 2022–23)?

- A. 3.88%
- B. 8.30%
- C. 9.70%
- D. 10.20%
- E. 11.50%

Answer: C) 9.70%

Explanation:

- India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation increased to 9.7% in May 2026.
- The rise in wholesale inflation was mainly driven by higher prices of crude oil, natural gas, mineral oils, and to a lesser extent, manufactured products.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry released a new series of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) with an updated base year of 2022–23.
- The revised series covers a wider basket of goods to better reflect current economic conditions.
- WPI is released by the Office of the Economic Adviser (OEA) under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- Previous Month (April 2026) WPI Inflation: 8.3%.





Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s revised directions on advertising, marketing, and sale of financial products will come into effect from which date?

- A) 1 July 2026
- B) 1 October 2026
- C) 1 January 2027
- D) 1 April 2027
- E) 31 December 2026

Answer: C) 1 January 2027

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened norms for the advertising, marketing, and sale of financial products.
- The revised directions aim to curb mis-selling and make regulated entities (REs) accountable across all distribution channels.
- The norms cover social media influencers and digital marketing intermediaries, who will be treated as Direct Selling Agents (DSAs)/Direct Marketing Agents (DMAs) when engaged for promotion or customer acquisition.
- RBI clarified that third-party incentives to employees of regulated entities (REs) are prohibited.
- However, banks and NBFCs may continue to incentivize their own employees for the sale of financial products.
- The revised directions will come into effect from 1 January 2027.





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has placed Mogaveera Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai, under regulatory Directions for a period of six months.
- Under RBI's new regulations, banks can lend only to SEBI-registered and listed REITs and InvITs.
- According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India recorded a Current Account Surplus (CAS) of \$7.1 billion, equivalent to 0.7% of GDP, during the January–March (Q4) quarter of FY 2025-26.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced two special USD-INR forex swap facilities to boost forex liquidity and support the rupee.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced major reforms to simplify and expand Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) investments in Government Securities (G-Secs).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued draft amendment directions to provide banks greater flexibility in pricing rupee bulk deposits.





Ques: Which Indian company became the only Indian technology innovator to enter the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Global Top 20 Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Rankings 2025?

- A. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- B. Infosys
- C. HCL Technologies
- D. Jio Platforms Limited (JPL)
- E. Wipro

Answer: D) Jio Platforms Limited (JPL)

Explanation:

- In June 2026, Jio Platforms Limited (JPL), the technology arm of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), entered the Global Top 20 in the latest Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Rankings 2025 released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- Jio Platforms became the only Indian technology innovator to feature in the prestigious Global Top 20 list.
- The rankings are based on patent applications filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) system.

Key Findings of WIPO PCT Rankings 2025:

Top Countries

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- China topped the world with 73,718 PCT applications in 2025.
- The United States ranked second with 52,617 applications.
- Japan ranked third with 47,922 applications.
- India ranked 12th globally with 3,070 PCT applications.
- The top five countries together accounted for more than 78.2% of total PCT filings.

Top PCT Patent Applicants

- For the ninth consecutive year, Huawei Technologies (China) remained the world's top PCT applicant.
- Huawei filed 7,523 applications in 2025.
- Samsung Electronics (Republic of Korea) ranked second with 4,698 applications.
- Qualcomm (USA) ranked third with 3,227 applications.

Top Research Applicant

- China's Shenzhen Institute of Advanced Technology remained the leading applicant among Government and Public Research Organizations (PROs).
- It published 342 applications in 2025.

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Ques: The draft Telecommunications (Television, Radio and Associated Services) Rules, 2026 have been issued under which Act?

- A) Indian Telegraph Act, 1885
- B) Information Technology Act, 2000
- C) Broadcasting Services Regulation Act, 2024
- D) Cable Television Networks Act, 1995
- E) Telecommunications Act, 2023

Answer: E) Telecommunications Act, 2023

Explanation:

- The Government of India has released the draft Telecommunications (Television, Radio and Associated Services) Rules, 2026.
- The draft proposes a common regulatory framework for all television and radio broadcasting services in the country.
- The rules have been issued under the provisions of the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
- Under the draft rules, television channels will be required to broadcast at least 30 minutes of public-interest content daily.
- Private FM radio stations will have to dedicate one hour daily to similar public-interest programming.
- Such public-interest content must be aired between 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM.





Ques: How many SHE-MARTs are proposed to be established under the initiative aimed at creating 6 crore Lakhpati Didis?

- A) 500
- B) 600
- C) 700
- D) 800
- E) 1,000

Answer: C) 700

Explanation:

- The Department of Rural Development has proposed setting up 700 SHE-MARTs and 1,000 District Fulfilment Centres to strengthen women-led enterprises.
- The initiative aims to support the government's target of creating 6 crore Lakhpati Didis across the country.
- The strategy focuses on enterprise promotion, financial inclusion, capacity building, marketing support, training, and handholding assistance for Self-Help Group (SHG) members.
- The proposal was reviewed in a meeting chaired by Rural Development Secretary Rohit Kansal.
- SHE-MARTs will be established in high-potential commercial locations to provide sustainable market access for SHG products.





Ques: Who became the first woman trained at the National Defence Academy (NDA), Pune, to be commissioned into the Ground Duty branch of the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- A) Sania Mirza
- B) Mohana Singh
- C) Avani Chaturvedi
- D) Divyanshi Singh
- E) Shivangi Singh

Answer: D) Divyanshi Singh

Explanation:

- Divyanshi Singh has become the first woman trained at the National Defence Academy (NDA), Pune, to be commissioned into the Ground Duty branch of the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- She was part of the first batch of women admitted to NDA in 2022.
- The admission of women to NDA became possible after a landmark Supreme Court ruling in 2021, which allowed women candidates to appear for the NDA entrance examination.
- The decision ended the academy's long-standing men-only admission policy.
- Divyanshi Singh's commissioning marks an important milestone in enhancing women's participation in India's armed forces.





Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- The Department of Posts (DoP) under the Ministry of Communications launched its first drone-based mail and parcel transmission service between the Mandi Head Post Office and Rehardhar Branch Post Office in Himachal Pradesh.
- Avataar.ai, an AI-native transformation company, has launched Varya, India's first distilled video AI model.
- The National Sports University (NSU) was established in Imphal, Manipur, as India's first national-level sports university.
- Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena laid the foundation stone for India's first Model Border Village at Chumur under the Vibrant Village Programme (VVP).
- TakeMe2Space (TM2Space), an Indian deep-tech startup, has announced the development of StarSense, India's first indigenous Star Tracker.
- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated India's first-ever export of botanical-infused ready-to-cook millet functional foods to New Zealand.





Ques: IIT Hyderabad is set to establish India's first Centre of Design Excellence in Nuclear Engineering (CODENE) in collaboration with which French company?

- A. EDF
- B. Framatome
- C. Dassault Systèmes SE
- D. Orano
- E. Alstom

Answer: C) Dassault Systèmes SE

Explanation:

- In June 2026, the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT-H) announced the establishment of CODENE (Centre for Design and Engineering in Nuclear Energy), India's first Centre of Design Excellence in Nuclear Engineering.
- The centre will be established at the IIT Hyderabad campus in Telangana.
- The initiative is based on a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between IIT Hyderabad, Coastal Engineering and Equipments (India) Pvt. Ltd. (CEEPL India), and France's Dassault Systèmes SE.
- The MoU was signed during Bharat Innovates 2026 held in Nice, France.
- CODENE will focus on next-generation reactor technologies, nuclear safety systems, computational modelling, and advanced materials.

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Ques: Which countries will jointly host the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027?

- A) South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia
- B) Australia and New Zealand
- C) India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh
- D) England, Ireland and Scotland
- E) Pakistan, UAE and Oman

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 14th edition of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup is scheduled to be held from 4 October to 21 November 2027.
- The tournament will be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.
- This marks the return of the ICC Cricket World Cup to the region for the first time since 2003.
- The tournament will feature 14 teams and 54 matches, making it larger than the 2023 Cricket World Cup.
- According to the hosting plan announced in August 2025, South Africa will host 44 matches across eight venues.
- Zimbabwe and Namibia will host the remaining 10 matches.
- The current defending champions are Australia, who defeated India in the final of the 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Indian racer Kush Maini won the Sprint Race at the Barcelona Grand Prix in the 2026 Formula 2 Championship.
- The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 is scheduled to begin on 12 June 2026 in England.
- Wimbledon 2026 has announced a record total prize money of £64.2 million (approximately USD 85.74 million).
- The 2026 FIFA World Cup began on 12 June 2026 at the iconic Estadio Azteca in Mexico City.
- The second edition of the Archery Premier League (APL) will be held in Hyderabad, Telangana, from 8–18 October 2026.
- 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.





Ques: Which traditional Indian attire has been approved as formal civilian dress for Army officers under the Army Uniforms-2026 Manual?

- A) Nehru Jacket
- B) Sherwani
- C) Bandi Jacket
- D) Achkan
- E) Jodhpuri Suit

Answer: C) Bandi Jacket

Explanation:

- The Indian Army has released the Army Uniforms-2026 Manual to modernize dress regulations and remove colonial-era practices.
- The reforms aim to strengthen indigenous identity while maintaining military traditions and professionalism.
- The traditional Bandi Jacket has been approved as the formal civilian attire for Army officers.
- Ceremonial pouch belts have been removed from Mess Dress Categories No. 5 and No. 6.
- Reviewing Officers will no longer be required to carry swords during ceremonial parades.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the reconstituted Expert Committee on Agrobiodiversity by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)?

- A. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra
- B. Dr. Himanshu Pathak
- C. Dr. P. L. Gautam
- D. Dr. Mangi Lal Jat
- E. Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh

Answer: C) Dr. P. L. Gautam

Explanation:

- In June 2026, the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) reconstituted the Expert Committee on Agrobiodiversity.
- The committee is chaired by Padma Shri awardee Dr. P. L. Gautam, a renowned agricultural scientist.
- Dr. P. L. Gautam is a former Chairperson of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA).
- The committee has been reconstituted under Section 13(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 for a period of one year.
- Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson of PPVFRA, has been appointed as the Co-Chair of the committee.





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit : President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. (replaced Surendralal Mehta)
- Kumar Shanker : Managing Director (MD) of Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) (succeeded Kamal Kishore Chatiwal)
- 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)





Ques: Who is the author of the book “China's Wars” while “Agatthiyar – The Unifier” was released by Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan?

- A) Shashi Tharoor
- B) S. Jaishankar
- C) Vijay Gokhale
- D) Shivshankar Menon
- E) C. Raja Mohan

Answer: Option C) Vijay Gokhale

Explanation:

- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the book “Agatthiyar – The Unifier.”
- The book highlights the life, teachings, and cultural contributions of Sage Agatthiyar (Agastya).
- Former Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale is the author of the book “China's Wars.”
- The book examines China's military conflicts, strategic thinking, and foreign policy decisions.
- Agatthiyar – The Unifier focuses on India's spiritual and cultural heritage.
- China's Wars focuses on geopolitics, military strategy, and international relations.
- Both books contribute to a better understanding of history, culture, diplomacy, and global affairs.





Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- **China's Wars : Vijay Gokhale**
- **"When Audit Matters: CAG Interventions That Made a Difference" : edited by former Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Vinod Rai**
- **Better Never Stops : Veteran banker and financial services executive Shyam Srinivasan**
- **Second edition of the novel 'Bazaar' : Niranjan Dev Sharma**
- **"India's First Olympic Gold" : hockey historian K. Arumugam**
- **The Library Man of India: The Story of P.N. Panicker : P. P. Sathyan**
- **A Man For All Seasons: The Life Of K.M. Panikkar : Narayani Basu**
- **"Apnapan: My Experiences with Narendra Modi." : Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan**
- **"The Bench, The Bar and The Bizarre" and "The Lawful and The Awful" : Solicitor General Tushar Mehta**





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- A) Kesariya Balam
- B) Padharo Mhare Des
- C) Nimbuda
- D) Ghoomar
- E) Mor Bani Thanghat Kare

Answer: Option A) Kesariya Balam

Explanation:

- Renowned Mand folk singer Gavri Devi passed away in June 2026 at the age of 98 in Gavri Nagar, Desuri, Pali district, Rajasthan.
- She was born on 14 April 1928 in Koran village, Barmer district, Rajasthan.
- Gavri Devi popularised Mand music through her iconic rendition of “Kesariya Balam”, which became a symbol of Rajasthan's cultural identity and hospitality.
- Born into a family of folk artists, she devoted her life to preserving and promoting the traditional Mand music form of western Rajasthan.
- She gained recognition through platforms such as All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan.
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Awards and Honours

- She received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1986.
- She was honoured with the Rajasthan Ratna Award in 2013.
- She also received the Veer Durgadas Rathore Lifetime Achievement Award for preserving and promoting Rajasthan's folk and cultural heritage.

Static Facts

- State: Rajasthan





- Capital: Jaipur
- Chief Minister: Bhajan Lal Sharma
- Governor: Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde
- Largest City: Jaipur
- Famous Folk Dance: Ghoomar



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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Geographical Indications Registry (GIR), under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), granted Geographical Indication (GI) status to 4 traditional products from Assam namely: Karbi Anglong Handloom Products, Assam Bihu Pepa, Assam Bamboo Crafts and Deuri Handloom Products.

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)'s Underwater Archaeology Wing (UAW) and the National Museum of Denmark: Njord – Center for Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage, Copenhagen, Denmark, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to conduct a non-invasive underwater survey near Karaikal, Puducherry, to locate and document the wreck of the Danish ship Oresund in 1619 CE.

Digital India BHASHINI(BHASHa INterface for India) Division (DIBD), under the Digital India Corporation (DIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and Government e Marketplace (GeM), National Public Procurement Portal under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under 'BHASHINI for Seva/Sanchalan – A BHASHINI Sahayogi Program'

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) launched WT-MARUT (Wind Turbine Materials and Resources Utility Tracker), India's first Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management Portal, at the Global Wind Day Conference 2026 held in Goa. The platform is designed to support India's goal of reaching 100 Gigawatt (GW) of wind energy capacity by 2030.

