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Ques: Which foreign bank received approval for a proposed strategic investment in RBL Bank?

- A) HSBC
- B) DBS Bank
- C) Emirates NBD
- D) Standard Chartered
- E) Barclays

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBL Bank received regulatory and government approvals for a proposed strategic investment by Emirates NBD.
- The proposed investment is valued at nearly 3 billion US dollars.
- In Indian currency, the investment is estimated at around ₹26,850 crore.
- Following the transaction, Emirates NBD's final shareholding is expected to range between 51% and 74%.
- The deal reflects growing foreign investment interest in India's banking sector.
- Emirates NBD is one of the leading banking groups in the Middle East region.
- RBL Bank is a prominent private sector bank in India offering retail and corporate banking services.





Ques: Which institution issued a Master Direction on incentives for currency distribution and exchange, along with penalties for deficiencies in customer service and reporting?

- A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- B) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- C) Reserve Bank of India
- D) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- E) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India issued a Master Direction on incentives for currency distribution and exchange.
- The direction also includes penalties for deficiencies in customer service and reporting by bank branches and Currency Chests (CCs).
- A scheme of penal interest and penalties has been introduced to ensure accurate and timely reporting of Currency Chest transactions.
- The scheme also aims to improve customer service delivery through banks, branches and ATMs.
- These provisions apply to all banks, while Currency Chest-related penalties apply to banks operating Currency Chests.
- Currency Chests are authorised facilities set up by selected scheduled banks to support the distribution of banknotes and coins.
- Banks opening Currency Chests in North-Eastern states and remote or hilly regions of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are eligible for 100% capital expenditure reimbursement up to ₹50 lakh.
- Such Currency Chests are also eligible for 50% reimbursement of revenue expenditure for the first five years.
- RBI announced ₹2 per packet incentive for exchange of soiled notes of ₹50 and below denomination.
- An incentive of ₹2 per piece has been fixed for mutilated note adjudication.
- Banks will receive ₹65 per coin bag for coin distribution.





- An additional ₹10 per bag incentive is allowed in rural and semi-urban areas certified by auditors.
- Under the Linkage Scheme with Currency Chests, incentives are ₹11 per 100 pieces for large CCs and ₹8 per 100 pieces for other CCs.
- RBI imposed a penalty of ₹10,000 for any deficiency in exchange-related customer service.
- Examples of deficiency include non-issue of coins over the counter and refusal to accept lower denomination notes.
- Refusal to exchange soiled, mutilated or imperfect notes also attracts penalties.
- A penalty of ₹5 lakh will be imposed if more than five service deficiencies are found in a branch during a calendar year.
- Reserve Bank of India also imposed a penalty of ₹10,000 per instance for counterfeit notes detected in ATM dispensations or over-the-counter disbursement.
- Non-replenishment of ATMs leading to cash-out for more than ten hours in a month will attract a flat penalty of ₹10,000 per ATM.
- Currency Chests must report all transactions through the CyM-CC portal on the same day by 7 PM.

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Ques: According to the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), what was India's overall unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above in April 2026?

- A) 4.2%
- B) 4.8%
- C) 5.2%
- D) 5.8%
- E) 6.6%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's overall unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above remained broadly stable at 5.2% in April 2026.
- The data was released through the Periodic Labour Force Survey.
- The survey data was published by the National Statistical Office.
- National Statistical Office functions under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- In rural areas, the unemployment rate increased to 4.6%.
- In urban areas, unemployment eased marginally to 6.6%.
- The Periodic Labour Force Survey provides key labour market indicators such as employment and unemployment trends across India.





Ques: India is planning to construct a subsea gas pipeline from Oman to which Indian state?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India is planning to construct a massive subsea gas pipeline from Oman to Gujarat.
- The estimated cost of the project is around ₹40,000 crore or about USD 4.7 billion.
- The proposed pipeline will have a total length of nearly 2,000 km.
- The route of the pipeline will pass from Oman through the Arabian Sea to Gujarat.
- The project gained importance during the Strait of Hormuz crisis that disrupted global energy flows in 2026.
- If approved, construction of the project is expected to take 5 to 7 years.
- The expected completion timeline of the project is around 2033–2035.
- The pipeline is planned through a deepwater route at depths exceeding 3,000 metres.
- GAIL has been assigned the role of lead operator and feasibility planner for the project.
- Engineers India Limited will handle technical feasibility studies.
- Indian Oil Corporation will act as an end-user and participant in the project.





Ques: Under which ministry does the Government e-Marketplace function as a Section 8 company?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Commerce
- C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- E) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Government e-Marketplace celebrated its Incorporation Day 2026.
- GeM SPV is a Section 8 non-profit company under the Ministry of Commerce.
- It was incorporated on 17 May 2017 under the Companies Act, 2013.
- The purpose of GeM SPV is to develop, manage and maintain the GeM platform.
- GeM serves as an online procurement platform for government departments and public sector units.
- On the occasion of Incorporation Day, GeM hosted “GeM Manthan.”
- The theme of GeM Manthan was “Enriching the GeM Marketplace.”
- The platform promotes transparency, efficiency and ease in public procurement.





News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- Union Minister for Labour and Employment Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched a nationwide free annual health check-up initiative under the new Labour Codes.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) empowered the Principal Bench of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT), New Delhi, to act as the National Appellate Authority for Advance Rulings (NAAAR).
- The Ministry of Home Affairs notified the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to modernise citizenship and OCI-related processes.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the updated Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) 2.0 Guidelines.
- The Union Health Ministry has released the “Guidance Document on Diabetes Mellitus in Children”.
- Yogi Adityanath announced a 10-year warranty model for rural water schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission. With this, Uttar Pradesh became the first state to mandate long-term accountability under JJM. The state has deployed over 33,000 solar-powered water schemes, reducing maintenance costs by about 52%





Ques: The Madhya Pradesh High Court ruled that the disputed Bhojshala complex in Dhar district is dedicated to which goddess?

- A) Goddess Lakshmi
- B) Goddess Durga
- C) Goddess Kali
- D) Goddess Vagdevi
- E) Goddess Parvati

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Madhya Pradesh High Court ruled that the disputed Bhojshala complex and Kamal Maula Mosque site in Dhar district is a temple dedicated to Goddess Vagdevi.
- The court allowed the Hindu community to worship at the site.
- The Muslim community's claim regarding the site was dismissed by the court.
- The High Court quashed a 2003 order issued by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- The 2003 ASI order had allowed the Muslim community to offer Friday prayers at the disputed site.
- Bhojshala is considered a historically and culturally significant site in Madhya Pradesh.





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Erth Dubai Award : Deepak Bhatia
- South Asia Regional Winner title at the Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards 2026 : Soma Mandal from GD Goenka Public School, Delhi
- 2026 Whitley Award : Parveen Shaikh
- 4th edition of the GEM Award : Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC), Andhra Pradesh
- 9th Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Award : Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao
- Harvard South Asian 'Person of the Year' 2026 : Indian actress Sayani Gupta
- WWF National Award : Botany researcher N. Alim Yusuf
- Femina Miss India World 2026 : Sadhvi Sail from Goa
- WWF 'Machchli National Award' : Anita Chaudhary, a forest guard at Shergarh Wildlife Sanctuary
- Mrs International World Classic 2026 : Geetanjali Om Parkash





Ques: Which franchise in the European T20 Premier League is owned by former Indian cricketer Rahul Dravid?

- A) Amsterdam Titans
- B) Glasgow Warriors
- C) Dublin Guardians
- D) Belfast Kings
- E) Rotterdam Royals

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Former Indian cricketer Rahul Dravid became the owner of the Dublin franchise in the European T20 Premier League.
- The franchise owned by Rahul Dravid is named Dublin Guardians.
- ETPL is Europe's first ICC-sanctioned multi-country franchise T20 league.
- The tournament involves the cricket boards of Ireland, Scotland and the Netherlands.
- Dublin Guardians is one of the six inaugural franchises of the league.
- Other franchises in the league are based in Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Amsterdam and Rotterdam.
- The launch event was attended by Abhishek Bachchan, Saurav Banerjee, Priyanka Kaul and Dhiraj Malhotra.





Ques: Which Nepali mountaineer created history by climbing Mount Everest for a record 32nd time?

- A) Nirmal Purja
- B) Mingma Sherpa
- C) Kami Rita Sherpa
- D) Pasang Dawa Sherpa
- E) Ang Rita Sherpa

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Nepali mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa climbed Mount Everest for a record 32nd time.
- The 56-year-old climber broke his own record for the highest number of ascents of Mount Everest.
- Kami Rita Sherpa started his mountaineering career in 1992.
- He first climbed Mount Everest in 1994.
- Lhakpa Sherpa, known as the “Mountain Queen,” also extended her own record with her 11th successful Everest ascent.
- Lhakpa Sherpa is the first Nepali woman to summit Mount Everest multiple times.
- Mount Everest is the highest peak on Earth with a height of 8,849 metres (29,032 feet).
- Mount Everest is located in the Himalayas on the border between Nepal and China.





Ques: Which company launched India's first SME commercial semiconductor chip production facility at Bhiwadi, Rajasthan?

- A) Vedanta Semiconductors
- B) Tata Electronics
- C) Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt. Ltd.
- D) Dixon Technologies
- E) HCL Technologies

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, virtually inaugurated the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) and semiconductor facility in Rajasthan.
- The Electronics Manufacturing Cluster was developed by ELCINA at Salarpur, Khushkhera, Bhiwadi in Rajasthan.
- Along with the EMC, the Semiconductor ATMP/OSAT facility of Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt. Ltd. was also inaugurated.
- The Electronics Manufacturing Cluster has been developed over 50.3 acres.
- The project cost of the EMC is ₹46.09 crore.
- The Semiconductor ATMP/OSAT facility has been developed with an investment of more than ₹150 crore.
- Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt. Ltd. became India's first Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) to begin commercial production of semiconductor chips.
- ATMP stands for Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging, while OSAT means Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test.





Recent News Headlines 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: What was the theme of the 10th edition of the Indian Ocean Dialogue hosted by India in New Delhi?

- A) Blue Economy and Maritime Security
- B) Indo-Pacific Strategic Cooperation
- C) Indian Ocean Region in a Transforming World
- D) Sustainable Oceans for Future Generations
- E) Maritime Connectivity and Global Trade

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India hosted the 10th edition of the Indian Ocean Dialogue in New Delhi.
- The theme of the dialogue was “Indian Ocean Region in a Transforming World.”
- The event was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The dialogue was organised in collaboration with the Indian Council of World Affairs.
- The Indian Ocean Rim Association Secretariat also collaborated in organising the event.
- India has assumed the Chairship of IORA for the period 2025–27.
- The Indian Ocean Dialogue serves as an important platform for discussing strategic, economic and maritime issues in the Indian Ocean Region.
- The dialogue promotes regional cooperation among countries of the Indian Ocean Region.





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: What is the name of the mission launched by National Institute of Open Schooling to reconnect out-of-school children with the education system?

- A) Shiksha Setu
- B) Mission Vidya
- C) To Reach the Unreached
- D) Education for All
- E) Back to School Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Institute of Open Schooling launched a major initiative to reconnect out-of-school children with the formal education system.
- The mission is named “To Reach the Unreached.”
- Through this initiative, NIOS aims to bring nearly two crore out-of-school children back into education.
- National Institute of Open Schooling is a premier national board functioning under the Ministry of Education.
- It provides flexible distance learning opportunities for Secondary, Senior Secondary and vocational courses.
- The initiative focuses on inclusive and accessible education for children who have dropped out or never attended school.





Ques: Which state government launched the Annapurna Bhandaar Scheme providing ₹3,000 monthly assistance to eligible women?

- A) Odisha
- B) Bihar
- C) West Bengal
- D) Assam
- E) Jharkhand

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of West Bengal approved the launch of the Annapurna Bhandaar Scheme in its first Cabinet meeting.
- The scheme will provide ₹3,000 per month as financial assistance to eligible women.
- The scheme will be implemented from 1 June 2026.
- Annapurna Bhandaar Scheme will replace the existing Lakshmir Bhandar Scheme.
- Under the earlier Lakshmir Bhandar Scheme, General Category women received ₹1,500 per month.
- Women belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes received ₹1,700 per month under the previous scheme.
- The scheme is expected to benefit more than 2.11 crore women in West Bengal.





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The three Jan Suraksha Schemes — PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY — completed 11 years on May 9, 2026.
- Under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, rooftop solar installations doubled in FY26.
- The Ministry of Mines completed the eligibility assessment under the Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Critical Mineral Recycling.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved ECLGS 5.0 (Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme).
- The “Namo Stall Scheme” was launched by Sanjay Seth in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- The Union Cabinet of India is likely to approve a ₹37,500 crore incentive scheme for coal gasification projects.
- Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad presented the SVAMITVA Scheme to the World Bank as a scalable rural governance model.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma launched the CMINSPIRE Scheme.





Ques: International Day of Families is observed annually on which date?

- A) 10 May
- B) 12 May
- C) 15 May
- D) 18 May
- E) 20 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- International Day of Families is observed every year on 15 May.
- The day highlights the fundamental role families play in society.
- It also raises awareness about social, economic, and demographic processes affecting families.
- The 2026 theme of the day is “Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing.”
- The observance encourages governments and organisations to support family-oriented policies and child welfare initiatives.
- The United Nations promotes the importance of families as the basic unit of society through this observance.

Static Part:

- International Day of Families Observed On – 15 May
- Theme 2026 – “Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing”
- Declared By – United Nations
- First Observed – 1994
- Objective – Promote awareness about issues relating to families





Ques: Sikkim became the 22nd state of India in which year?

- A) 1971
- B) 1973
- C) 1975
- D) 1977
- E) 1980

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sikkim celebrated its 51st Statehood Day on 16 May 2026.
- The day marks the anniversary of Sikkim's integration as the 22nd state of India in 1975.
- The main celebration was held at Manan Kendra in Gangtok.
- C. P. Radhakrishnan attended the event as the chief guest.
- Sikkim officially became a part of India after a constitutional amendment in 1975.
- Statehood Day is celebrated every year to honour Sikkim's democratic integration with India.

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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”.)
- 4 May : Coal Miner's Day
- 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.”)

