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**Ques: RBI Reelathon 2026, launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), is primarily aimed at creating awareness about which issue among college students?**

- A) Climate Change and Green Finance
- B) Financial Inclusion in Rural Areas
- C) Cyber-enabled Financial Frauds
- D) Stock Market Investments
- E) Digital Currency Adoption

**Answer:  Option C) Cyber-enabled Financial Frauds**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Thiruvananthapuram, launched RBI Reelathon 2026, an awareness campaign aimed at engaging college students in the fight against cyber-enabled financial frauds.
- The campaign was inaugurated by Ravada A. Chandrasekhar, Director General of Police (DGP), at the RBI office in Thiruvananthapuram.
- RBI Reelathon 2026 has been designed as a three-phase state-wide awareness initiative.
- In the first phase, awareness programmes on Smart Borrowing and Safe Digital Banking will be conducted across around 150 colleges.
- The second phase includes a reel-making competition for students.
- The initiative aims to encourage digital financial awareness and help students identify, prevent, and report cyber-enabled financial frauds.





## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened norms for the advertising, marketing, and sale of financial products.
- 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: The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has decided to allocate what percentage of its annual Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) corpus to projects listed on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?**

- A) 2%
- B) 5%
- C) 12%
- D) 10%
- E) 20%

**Answer:**  Option D

**Explanation:**

- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has decided to allocate 10% of its annual Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) corpus to projects listed on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE).
- The decision follows recent regulatory changes that allow companies to undertake CSR spending through subscription to Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) instruments listed on Social Stock Exchanges.
- The NSE Social Stock Exchange (SSE) was launched in February 2023.
- The SSE facilitates fundraising for social impact projects and non-profit organizations (NPOs).





**Ques: Which country became the 10th member and first Central Asian country to join the New Development Bank (NDB) in June 2026?**

- A) Kazakhstan
- B) Kyrgyzstan
- C) Tajikistan
- D) Uzbekistan
- E) Turkmenistan

**Answer: D) Uzbekistan**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, the Republic of Uzbekistan became the 10th member and shareholder of the New Development Bank (NDB).
- Uzbekistan became the first Central Asian country to join the NDB after ratifying the NDB Articles of Agreement (AoA).
- President Shavkat Mirziyoyev signed the law approving Uzbekistan's accession to the NDB on 21 May 2026.
- The NDB plans to launch its first projects in Uzbekistan in sectors such as energy, water management, transport, municipal infrastructure, and social infrastructure.
- These projects will be financed in national currencies.
- The bank will also use national procurement procedures, environmental risk assessment mechanisms, and efficient project preparation and implementation frameworks.





**Ques: Which company became India's 130th Unicorn in June 2026 after raising USD 234 million in a Series B funding round?**

- A) Juspay
- B) Neysa
- C) KreditBee
- D) Sarvam AI
- E) Aerospace

**Answer: D) Sarvam AI**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, Sarvam AI, India's full-stack sovereign Artificial Intelligence (AI) startup, became India's 130th unicorn.
- The company achieved unicorn status after raising USD 234 million (around ₹2,210 crore) as part of its USD 300 million Series B funding round.
- Following the funding round, Sarvam AI's valuation reached USD 1.5 billion.
- It became India's only AI startup to achieve unicorn status.
- With this achievement, Sarvam AI became the fifth startup to join India's unicorn club in 2026.
- Other startups that entered the unicorn club in 2026 include KreditBee, Neysa, Juspay, and Aerospace.





**Ques: WT-MARUT, launched in 2026, is India's first portal related to which sector?**

- A) Solar Panel Manufacturing
- B) Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management
- C) Green Hydrogen Distribution
- D) Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
- E) Biofuel Production Management

**Answer: B) Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management**

**Explanation:**

- WT-MARUT (Wind Turbine Materials and Resources Utility Tracker) is India's first Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management Portal.
- The portal was launched by Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi.
- WT-MARUT was launched during the Global Wind Day Conference 2026 held in Goa.
- The initiative is being implemented by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) with support from the Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA).
- The portal aims to strengthen domestic wind turbine manufacturing in India.
- It will improve transparency and efficiency in the wind energy supply chain.





## Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- The Union Government has launched an AI-enabled voice chatbot named 'Samadhan Didi' to help citizens register grievances online.
- India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) under MeitY launched the “Investors Support” portal.
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App.
- Union AYUSH Minister Prataprao Jadhav launched the Ayush Anudan Portal in New Delhi.
- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched JANANI (Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care).
- The Samarth Panchayat portal is being expanded across multiple states in India.
- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is launching the E-PRAAPTI portal for members with old or inactive EPF accounts.





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- A) Academy Under Officer Prince Raj
- B) Senior Under Officer Tejas Bhatt
- C) Lieutenant Vishal Kumar
- D) Lieutenant Arjun Singh
- E) Cadet Adjutant Rohit Sharma

**Answer: C) Lieutenant Vishal Kumar**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, President of India Droupadi Murmu presented the Sword of Honour and the President's Gold Medal to Lieutenant Vishal Kumar at the Passing Out Parade of the 158th Regular Course of the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- Lt. Vishal Kumar secured first position in the Overall Order of Merit and was adjudged the best all-round officer cadet.
- Academy Under Officer Prince Raj received the Silver Medal for securing second position in the Overall Order of Merit.
- Senior Under Officer Tejas Bhatt received the Bronze Medal for securing third position in the Overall Order of Merit.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026** : World-renowned Indian sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik
- **EMBO Gold Medal 2026** : Indian-origin scientist Gautam Dey
- **Slovakia's highest State honour, "The Order of the White Double Cross, First Class"** : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- **Princess of Asturias Award for Sports 2026** : Lionel Messi of Argentina
- **Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Under Category Sports Entertainment** : Former England football captain David Beckham at Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles
- **Food Planet Prize 2026** : Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF), an initiative of the Andhra Pradesh Government
- **Global Winners of The Earth Prize 2026** : Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal and Avyana Mehta
- **Gold Award at the Finacle Innovation Awards 2026** : J&K Bank





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**Ques: Which companies became the first Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to sign an MoU under the Vehicle Replacement Scheme for Delhi-NCR in June 2026?**

- A) Tata Motors and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility
- B) Mahindra & Mahindra and Mahindra Electric
- C) Ashok Leyland and Switch Mobility
- D) Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles
- E) BharatBenz and Daimler India

**Answer: C) Ashok Leyland and Switch Mobility**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) signed its first Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the Vehicle Replacement Scheme with Ashok Leyland and its electric mobility subsidiary, Switch Mobility.
- The initiative marks a significant step towards reducing vehicular pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR).
- Ashok Leyland and Switch Mobility became the first OEMs to offer discounts for replacing old trucks and buses in Delhi-NCR.
- Under the MoU, eligible beneficiaries will receive an 8% discount on the ex-showroom price of new trucks and buses.





## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) are jointly developing an advanced artificial heating system for future lunar missions.
- Quality Council of India (QCI), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry(MoC&I), and the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), under MoC&I, signed a MoU to strengthen the quality, testing, accreditation, certification, and skilling ecosystem in India's leather and footwear sector. The MoU was signed by Chakravarthy T. Kannan, Secretary General of the QCI, and Vivek Sharma ), Managing Director of the FDDI.
- Meta and Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) have partnered to develop a 168 MW AI-enabled data centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- Government of Himachal Pradesh (HP) & United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed MOU to strengthen climate-resilient development, environmental sustainability, biodiversity conservation, and inclusive growth across the state





**Ques: Peacekeeper (Agniveg) drone, recently inducted into the Indian Army, belongs to which category of military systems?**

- A) Reconnaissance UAV
- B) Kamikaze Drone (Loitering Munition)
- C) Ballistic Missile
- D) Surface-to-Air Weapon System
- E) Anti-Submarine Drone

**Answer: B) Kamikaze Drone (Loitering Munition)**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Army has received 106 Peacekeeper (Agniveg) jet-powered drones from defence manufacturer SMPP Limited, including 100 operational drones and 6 training drones.
- Kamikaze drones, also known as loitering munitions, are unmanned systems that destroy targets by striking them directly.
- The Peacekeeper drone has been developed in partnership with KB Indela of Belarus and has been partially localized in India.
- An upgraded variant with a speed of 750 km/h has also been proposed.
- Agniveg is a turbojet-powered kamikaze drone designed for long-range precision strikes against high-value enemy targets.





## Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sharda successfully concluded its port visit to Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced the four-member crew for the Artemis III Mission, scheduled for late 2027.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has signed three contracts with IIT Bombay for developing a 'Health Index' for Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft engines.
- INS Sudarshini arrived at Antigua after successfully completing a historic transAtlantic passage as part of the ongoing Lokayan 26 expedition. The voyage marks the first Atlantic crossing by INS Sudarshini.
- India successfully test-fired the short-range ballistic missile 'Agni-1'.
- India is set to receive the fourth squadron of the Russian-origin S-400 Triumph air defence system.
- Flying Wedge Defence & Aerospace (FWDA) announced that its AI-powered Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV) "Kaal Bhairava" will be manufactured in Portugal.





**Ques: The Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM), recently operationalised by India and Japan, is implemented under which Article of the Paris Agreement?**

- A) Article 4.1
- B) Article 5.2
- C) Article 6.2
- D) Article 7.1
- E) Article 13.1

**Answer: C) Article 6.2**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, India and Japan adopted the Rules of Implementation for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- The initiative strengthens India–Japan cooperation in climate action, greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction, carbon markets, and sustainable development.
- The Paris Agreement was adopted in 2015 under the UNFCCC to combat climate change.
- Under the Paris Agreement, countries submit Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) outlining their climate action and emission reduction targets.

**Additional Explanation:**

- Article 6.2 allows countries to cooperate through the transfer of internationally recognized carbon credits to achieve their climate goals.
- India and Japan adopted the JCM Rules on 8 June 2026, following the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) signed in 2025.
- The Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) operationalises bilateral emission-reduction projects between the two countries.





- The mechanism supports low-carbon technologies, emission-reduction projects, and carbon credit generation while contributing to the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) of both countries.

### Static Facts:

- Paris Agreement Adopted: 12 December 2015
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Adopted: 1992
- UNFCCC Secretariat Headquarters: Bonn, Germany
- NDC (Nationally Determined Contributions): Climate action plans submitted by countries under the Paris Agreement.
- Carbon Credit: A tradable certificate representing the reduction or removal of one tonne of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) or its equivalent greenhouse gases.

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**Ques: ASEAN Dengue Day (ADD) is observed every year on which date?**

- A) 15 June
- B) 16 May
- C) 7 April
- D) 1 July
- E) 28 July

**Answer: A) 15 June**

**Explanation:**

- ASEAN Dengue Day (ADD) is observed annually on 15 June to raise awareness and strengthen regional efforts against dengue through preventive measures, scientific advancements, and community participation.
- The theme of ASEAN Dengue Day 2026 is "ASEAN United: Zero Dengue Deaths – A Future We Build Together by 2030."
- The observance of ASEAN Dengue Day was endorsed by ASEAN during the 10th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting in 2010.
- The first official ASEAN Dengue Day was observed on 15 June 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- Since 2012, the World Health Organization (WHO) has partnered with ASEAN in observing the day.





**Ques: World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year on which date?**

- A) 5 June
- B) 15 June
- C) 17 June
- D) 22 June
- E) 26 June

**Answer: C) 17 June**

**Explanation:**

- World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed annually on 17 June across the globe.
- The day aims to raise awareness about desertification, land degradation, drought, and the importance of sustainable land management.
- The theme for 2026 is "Rangelands: Recognize. Respect. Restore."
- The 2026 global observance is hosted by Kenya.
- The observance began in 1995 following a resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- The day highlights the need to restore degraded lands and strengthen resilience against drought and climate change.





## Important days :

- 1 June : Global Day of Parents (Theme for 2026: "Together for Parents".)
- 1 June : World Milk Day (Theme 2026 Celebrating Women Farmers )  
(Started in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO))
- 2 June : Telangana celebrated its 11th State Formation Day
- 2 June : International Sex Workers' Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Access to Justice)
- 3 June : world bicycle day (Theme "Cycling for a Greener Future.")
- 4 June : International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression  
(Started in 1982)
- 5 June : World Environment Day (Theme 2026 is "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future".)
- 5 June : The International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing
- 6 June : Russian Language Day
- 6 June : World Pest Day (Theme 2026 Defending Health Across Borders: The Global Power of Pest Management)
- 7 June : World Food Safety Day 2026 (Theme "From Burden to Solutions – Safe Food Everywhere")
- 8 June : World Oceans Day (The Action Theme for 2026 is "Strong Marine Protected Areas for Our Blue Planet", led by the World Ocean Day Network)  
(The Core Theme designated by the United Nations World Oceans Day is "Reimagine: Beyond the world we know, a new relationship with our ocean.")
- 8 June : World Brain Tumor Day 2026 (Started in 2000) (Symbol is Grey Ribbon)
- 9 June : 18th International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) 2026  
(slogan for ILCAD 2026 was "Alert Today, Safe Tomorrow".)
- 9 June : International Archives Day 2026 (Theme 2026 #ArchivesForJustice: Rights, Memory & Futures)
- 10 June : International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations
- 11 June : International Day of Play (Started on June 11, 2024) (Theme 2026 Protect Play, Protect Childhood)
- 12 June : World Day Against Child Labour (theme for 2026 is "Red Card to Child Labour: Fair Play for Children, Decent Work for Adults.")

