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Ques: TVS Venu Group will acquire what percentage stake in Jana Small Finance Bank?

- A) 4.9%
- B) 5.6%
- C) 9.9%
- D) 12%
- E) 15%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

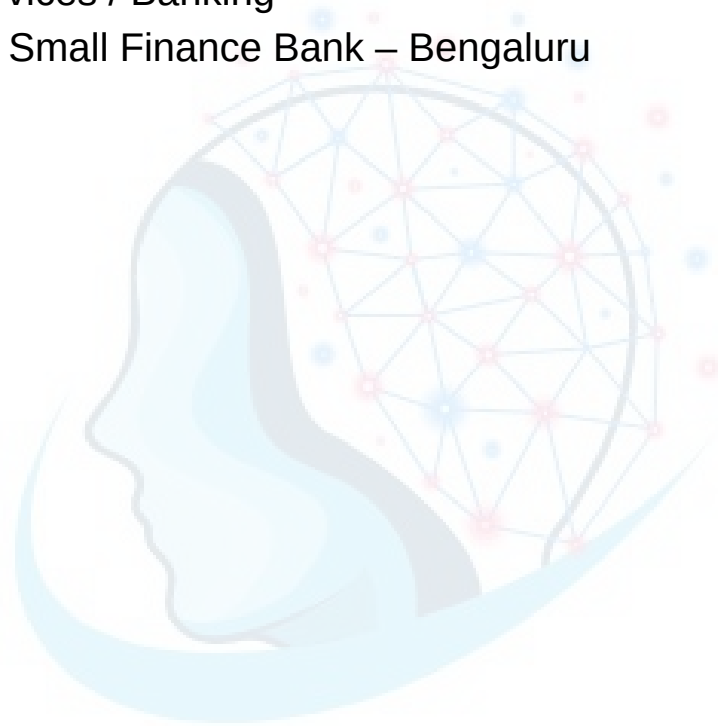
- TVS Venu Group will acquire a 9.9% stake in Jana Small Finance Bank for around ₹193 crore.
- The acquisition will be done through a mix of primary warrant subscription and secondary share purchase.
- Around 4.9% stake will be directly held by TVS Motor Company.
- The transaction is expected to be completed within three months, subject to regulatory and customary approvals.
- The investment is part of TVS Group's strategy to expand its presence in the financial services sector.
- TVS Group had recently signed agreements to acquire 100% stake in PGIM India Asset Management.
- Jana Small Finance Bank is among India's largest small finance banks in terms of assets and deposits.
- Jana Small Finance Bank serves more than 12 million customers through 822 outlets across India.
- The bank reported total income of ₹6,374.8 crore and net profit of ₹326.4 crore in FY26.





Static Part:

- Company – TVS Venu Group
- Bank – Jana Small Finance Bank
- Stake Acquired – 9.9%
- Deal Value – ₹193 Crore
- Sector – Financial Services / Banking
- Headquarters of Jana Small Finance Bank – Bengaluru
- Founded – 2006



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Ques: Viyona Fintech received NPCI certification for which of the following payment systems?

- A) UPI Acquirer
- B) IMPS
- C) UPI Issuer
- D) IBMB
- E) All of the Above

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Hyderabad-based Viyona Fintech secured NPCI certification for multiple payment infrastructure layers.
- The certifications include UPI Acquirer, UPI Issuer, IMPS, and Interoperable Banking Mobile Banking (IBMB).
- These approvals allow the company to independently provide full-stack payment orchestration solutions.
- The certification enables Viyona Fintech to manage payment services from merchant acceptance to customer-facing issuance infrastructure.
- The company's technology framework is aligned with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) standards.
- The move strengthens Viyona Fintech's role in India's rapidly expanding digital payments ecosystem.
- UPI and IMPS are among the most widely used digital payment systems in India.
- The certification supports end-to-end payment orchestration capabilities for merchants and consumers.

Static Part:

- Company – Viyona Fintech
- Certification Authority – NPCI
- Headquarters – Hyderabad





- Payment Systems Covered – UPI Acquirer, UPI Issuer, IMPS, IBMB
- Sector – Fintech / Digital Payments
- NPCI Full Form – National Payments Corporation of India
- IMPS Full Form – Immediate Payment Service



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Ques: Which foreign company agreed to acquire a 75% stake in Bharti Life Insurance Company?

- A) Allianz SE
- B) AXA Group
- C) Aviva plc
- D) MetLife Inc.
- E) Prudential plc

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Prudential plc agreed to acquire a 75% stake in Bharti Life Insurance Company.
- The deal is considered the first major insurance sector transaction after the government allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in insurance.
- The stake will be acquired from Bharti Life Ventures Pvt Ltd and 360 ONE Asset Management.
- The transaction involves an initial cash consideration of ₹3,500 crore.
- An additional amount of up to ₹700 crore may also be paid later.
- After completion of the transaction, Bharti Life will become India's fifth insurance company with 75% foreign ownership.
- The move reflects increasing foreign investor interest in India's insurance sector.





Ques: Liberty Mutual increased its stake in Liberty General Insurance to what percentage?

- A) 49%
- B) 55.4%
- C) 60%
- D) 74%
- E) 100%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- US-based Liberty Mutual Insurance increased its stake in Liberty General Insurance to 74%.
- Earlier, Liberty Mutual had increased its stake from 49% to 55.4% in September 2025.
- Liberty General Insurance is a joint venture between Liberty Mutual, Summit Asia Investments Holdings, and Enam Securities.
- The increase in stake reflects Liberty Mutual's growing confidence in the Indian insurance market.
- The Government of India recently allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in insurance companies under the automatic route.
- Liberty General Insurance provides retail, commercial and industrial insurance solutions in India.
- The company operates across more than 95 locations in India.
- The move strengthens Liberty Mutual's long-term strategic presence in India's insurance sector.

Static Part:

- Company – Liberty Mutual Insurance
- Country – United States of America (USA)
- Stake Increased To – 74%
- Sector – Insurance
- FDI Limit in Insurance Sector – 100%
- Liberty General Insurance Operations Started – 2013





Ques: What has RBI recently removed for banks to improve flexibility?

- A) CRR Requirement
- B) SLR Requirement
- C) Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR)
- D) Priority Sector Lending
- E) Repo Rate

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI has removed the requirement of Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR) for banks.
- The decision is applicable to banks that already maintain capital for market risk.
- IFR acted as a buffer against losses due to interest rate fluctuations.
- The move aims to reduce operational rigidity and improve flexibility.
- The revised norms will harmonise regulatory instructions across entities.
- The new rules are applicable to commercial banks, small finance banks, payment banks, cooperative banks and RRBs.
- Existing IFR balances will be transferred to reserves or P&L accounts.
- IFR earlier served as a safety cushion against market volatility in investment portfolios.
- RBI aims to align prudential norms with modern risk-based frameworks while ensuring financial stability.

Static Part:

- Regulator – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Term – Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR)
- Purpose – Buffer against investment/interest rate risks
- Effective – May 2026 (as per revised norms)
- Applicable Institutions – Commercial Banks, SFBs, Payment Banks, Cooperative Banks, RRBs





Ques: According to the RBI report, credit card transaction volumes in India reached how many crore in 2025?

- A) 216 crore
- B) 350 crore
- C) 480 crore
- D) 570 crore
- E) 700 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported that credit card transactions increased by 2.6 times between 2021 and 2025.
- Credit card transaction volumes rose from 216 crore in 2021 to 570 crore in 2025.
- The transaction value increased from ₹8.9 lakh crore to ₹23.2 lakh crore during the same period.
- RBI highlighted the rapid expansion of

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- * The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) removed the prior approval requirement for non-bank entities (fintechs) to form tie-up arrangements for outward remittance services through banks in India.**
- 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's proposal to raise its stake in both AU Small Finance Bank and Federal Bank, allowing it to hold up to 9.99 per cent in each lender.**





Ques: What is the full form of UDGAM, the portal launched by RBI to help trace unclaimed deposits?

- A) Unified Deposit Gateway and Management
- B) Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access Information
- C) Universal Deposits and General Account Mechanism
- D) Unified Digital Gateway for Account Monitoring
- E) Unclaimed Deposit Grievance and Monitoring

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) informed the Supreme Court that 30 banks have been integrated into the UDGAM portal.
- The portal helps legal heirs trace unclaimed funds of deceased account holders.
- UDGAM stands for “Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access Information.”
- UDGAM is an online centralized portal developed by the RBI.
- The platform was developed in collaboration with Reserve Bank Information Technology Pvt Ltd (ReBIT), Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS), and selected banks.
- According to RBI, unclaimed deposits include savings or current accounts inactive for 10 years.
- Fixed deposits not claimed within 10 years from maturity are also treated as unclaimed deposits.
- Such funds are transferred to the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund maintained by RBI.





Ques: What is the withdrawal limit imposed by RBI on Nagar Sahakari Bank customers?

- A) ₹5,000
- B) ₹10,000
- C) ₹20,000
- D) ₹50,000
- E) ₹1,00,000

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a 6-month moratorium on Nagar Sahakari Bank.
- The bank is based in Etawah, Uttar Pradesh.
- Customers can withdraw a maximum of ₹10,000 during this period.
- The action is due to supervisory and financial concerns.
- Restrictions came into effect from the close of business on Monday.
- RBI imposed limits to protect depositors and ensure stability.
- The moratorium aims to control liquidity outflow and prevent panic withdrawals.
- RBI generally takes such measures to maintain financial stability and support corrective actions in weak banks.

Static Part:

- Regulator – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Bank – Nagar Sahakari Bank
- Location – Etawah (Uttar Pradesh)
- Withdrawal Limit – ₹10,000
- Duration – 6 months





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) T. Rabi Sankar
- B) Gunveer Singh
- C) M. Rajeshwar Rao
- D) Ajay Kumar Choudhary
- E) Swaminathan J

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed Gunveer Singh as Executive Director (ED).
- Prior to his promotion, Gunveer Singh served as Chief General Manager-in-Charge of the Department of Payment and Settlement Systems.
- The Department of Payment and Settlement Systems handles payment infrastructure and settlement mechanisms in India.
- As Executive Director, Gunveer Singh will play an important role in RBI's policy implementation and financial regulation.
- RBI is India's central banking institution responsible for monetary policy and regulation of the banking system.





Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **R. Vijay Anandh** : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB) (replaced N. Kamakodi)
- **Rohit Jain** : Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (Replaced T Rabi Sankar)
- **Dr. Joram Aniya and Dr. R. Balasubramaniam** : full-time members of NITI Aayog
- **Rohit Jain** : Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for a period of 3 years (succeeds T. Rabi Sankar)
- **Suresh Sethi** : Group Country Manager for India, Bangladesh and South Asia of Visa (Replaced Sandeep Ghosh)
- **Vibha Padalkar** : Managing (MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited
- **B Ramesh Babu** : MD & CEO of Karur Vysya Bank
- **Ashutosh Choudhary** : Executive Director (ED) of Indian Bank





Ques: What is the new base year for GDP & GSVA as per NSO?

- A) 2010–11
- B) 2011–12
- C) 2015–16
- D) 2020–21
- E) 2022–23

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The National Statistical Office (NSO) has revised the base year to 2022–23.
- It covers GDP and Gross State Value Added (GSVA) calculations.
- The new series replaces the old base year 2011–12.
- The aim is to improve accuracy, comparability and alignment with the current economy.
- The move seeks uniform adoption across all states and Union Territories.
- The new methodology includes double deflation and improved data sources.
- It helps in better measurement of real economic output.
- The updated framework increases the use of administrative and survey data for better economic estimates.
- The revision reflects the changing structure of the Indian economy.

Static Part:

- Organization – National Statistical Office (NSO)
- Ministry – Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
- New Base Year – 2022–23
- Old Base Year – 2011–12
- Economic Indicators Covered – GDP & GSVA





Ques: What is the minimum annual turnover required for FFMCs as per new RBI rules?

- A) ₹5 crore
- B) ₹10 crore
- C) ₹25 crore
- D) ₹50 crore
- E) ₹100 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI has introduced minimum turnover requirements for money changers.
- FFMCs (Full-Fledged Money Changers) must maintain ₹10 crore annual forex turnover.
- AD Category-II entities must achieve ₹50 crore turnover within 2 years.
- RBI will not issue fresh FFMC licences going forward.
- Trade transactions for AD Category-II are capped at ₹25 lakh per deal.
- Minimum net worth requirement for AD Category-II is ₹10 crore.
- These rules aim to strengthen compliance, customer protection and anti-money laundering (AML) measures.
- The RBI introduced these thresholds to ensure better regulation and transparency in the forex market.
- RBI has decided to stop issuing new FFMC licences and focus on strengthening existing players.

Static Part:

- Regulator – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Sector – Forex / Money Changing
- Key Entity – FFMC (Full-Fledged Money Changer)
- Effective – 2026
- Minimum FFMC Annual Turnover – ₹10 crore
- AD Category-II Minimum Net Worth – ₹10 crore





Ques: Which organization developed the world's first AI-designed genome-editing tool for plants?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) ICAR
- D) CSIR
- E) ICMR

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Scientists at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) developed the world's first AI-designed genome-editing tool for plants.
- The breakthrough was achieved at the ICAR–Central Rice Research Institute.
- The AI-based tool can modify plant DNA to develop traits such as higher yield, disease resistance, climate resilience, and improved nutrition.
- The technology is considered an advancement over traditional CRISPR gene-editing technology.
- Scientists demonstrated that AI-designed enzymes can accurately perform gene knockout, base editing, and prime editing in crops.
- The platform is named Plant-OpenCRISPR1 (POC1).
- Rice was used as the model crop to validate the technology.
- The innovation may help improve food security and agricultural biotechnology in the future.
- The technology may also reduce dependence on patented global CRISPR systems.

Static Part:

- Organization – ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research)
- Research Institute – Central Rice Research Institute
- Technology Name – Plant-OpenCRISPR1 (POC1)
- Sector – Agricultural Biotechnology





- Gene Editing Technology – CRISPR
- Model Crop Used – Rice
- Headquarters of ICAR – New Delhi



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Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- India's first satellite-tagged Ganges Softshell Turtle was released in Kaziranga National Park.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated India's first AI-powered "phygital" banking branch of Slice Small Finance Bank at GS Road in Guwahati.
- 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.





Ques: How many gold medals did India win at the Asian Boxing U15 Championships 2026?

- A) 5
- B) 7
- C) 9
- D) 12
- E) 15

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India delivered a dominant performance at the Asian Boxing U15 Championships 2026.
- India finished the tournament with a total of 27 medals.
- The medal tally included 9 gold, 6 silver and 12 bronze medals.
- India topped the U-15 girls medal standings in the championship.
- The achievement highlighted the emergence of young Indian boxing talent on the international stage.
- In the U-15 Girls category, India won 7 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze medals.
- In the U-15 Boys category, India secured 2 gold, 4 silver and 7 bronze medals.
- The championship was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- World No. 1 Jannik Sinner won the men's singles title at the Italian Open.
- India's Shriyanshi Valishetty won the silver medal in women's singles at the Baoji China Masters in China.
- The 20th edition of the Shanghai Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 2 was held in Shanghai, People's Republic of China.
- 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.





Ques: From which academic session will CBSE implement the revised three-language scheme for Classes 9 and 10?

- A) 2024–25
- B) 2025–26
- C) 2026–27
- D) 2027–28
- E) 2028–29

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced major changes in the language scheme for Classes 9 and 10.
- The revised language structure will be implemented from the academic session 2026–27 onwards.
- Under the new policy, students will be required to study three languages.
- At least two of the three languages must be native Indian languages.
- The revised structure has been aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- It is also based on the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023.
- According to the notification, the study of three languages — R1, R2 and R3 — will become compulsory from 1 July 2026.





Ques: Which big cat is popularly known as the “Ghost of the Mountains”?

- A) Tiger
- B) Lion
- C) Snow Leopard
- D) Jaguar
- E) Cheetah

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Snow Leopard (*Panthera uncia*) was highlighted under the “Know Your Big Cats” awareness campaign ahead of the IBCA Summit 2026.
- Snow Leopard is popularly known as the “Ghost of the Mountains” because of its elusive nature.
- The species inhabits the mountain ranges of Central and South Asia.
- Countries within its habitat range include India, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan.
- Snow Leopards are highly adapted to extreme cold and rocky high-altitude terrain.
- Their long tail helps maintain balance on cliffs and provides warmth during harsh winters.
- The estimated global wild population of Snow Leopards was around 5,574 in 2023.

Static Part:

- Common Name – Snow Leopard
- Scientific Name – *Panthera uncia*
- Nickname – Ghost of the Mountains
- Conservation Status – Vulnerable (VU)
- Habitat Region – Central & South Asian Mountain Ranges

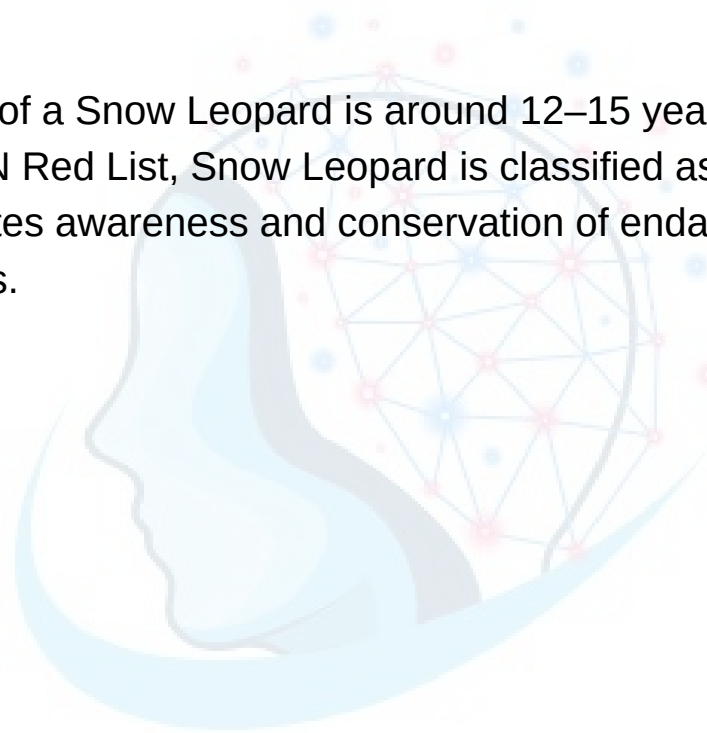




- Estimated Global Population (2023) – 5,574
- Lifespan – 12–15 Years
- Summit Name – IBCA Summit 2026
- IBCA Full Form – International Big Cat Alliance

Additional Points:

- The average lifespan of a Snow Leopard is around 12–15 years.
- According to the IUCN Red List, Snow Leopard is classified as Vulnerable (VU).
- The campaign promotes awareness and conservation of endangered big cats and their fragile ecosystems.



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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation?

- A) Mirabai Chanu
- B) Sahdev Yadav
- C) Ajay Singh
- D) Sabina Yadav
- E) Narinder Dhruv Batra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sahdev Yadav has been appointed as the President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation.
- Sahdev Yadav is also the head of the Indian Weightlifting Federation.
- Sabina Yadav has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation.
- The appointments are expected to strengthen weightlifting administration and regional cooperation in South Asia.
- The South Asian Weightlifting Federation works to promote and develop weightlifting sports among South Asian nations.
- India has been playing an important role in promoting weightlifting at the regional and international level.





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- R Mukundan, CEO of Tata Chemicals : President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2026–27 (replaced Rajiv Memani)
- Suchitra Ella : President-Designate of CII
- Sunil Bharti Mittal : Chairman of Bharti Airtel
- Akash Ambani : managing director of Jio Platforms for a period of 5 years
- 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).





Ques: Which company became the second Asian company after TSMC to join the \$1 trillion market capitalization club?

- A) Sony
- B) Samsung Electronics
- C) SK Hynix
- D) Huawei
- E) Panasonic

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Samsung Electronics crossed a market valuation of \$1 trillion for the first time.
- Samsung became the second Asian company after TSMC to achieve this milestone.
- The company's shares surged due to rising global demand for AI chips and memory semiconductors.
- Samsung's rise boosted South Korea's Kospi index above the 7,000 mark for the first time.
- Samsung, TSMC and SK Hynix are playing a major role in the global AI and semiconductor ecosystem.
- Strong investor confidence and growing AI infrastructure demand supported Samsung's historic rally.
- The company's valuation surged due to strong global demand for AI chips, semiconductors and memory technology.
- The achievement highlights Asia's growing importance in the global semiconductor and AI industry.

Static Part:

- Company – Samsung Electronics
- Country – South Korea
- Milestone Achieved – \$1 Trillion Market Capitalisation
- First Asian Company in \$1 Trillion Club – TSMC (Taiwan)
- Major Sector – Semiconductor & Electronics
- South Korea Stock Index – Kospi





Ques: What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2026?

- A) 65th
- B) 72nd
- C) 75th
- D) 78th
- E) 82nd

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's passport was ranked 78th in the Henley Passport Index 2026.
- India slipped from its earlier 75th position in the ranking.
- Indian passport holders have access to 56 destinations through visa-free entry, visa-on-arrival or simplified visa procedures.
- India shares the 78th rank with Burkina Faso, Cuba and Senegal.
- The Henley Passport Index ranks 199 passports globally.
- The ranking is based on data provided by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- The index measures the travel freedom enjoyed by passport holders across different countries.

Top Countries Ranking with Access:

1. Singapore – 192
2. Japan, South Korea, United Arab Emirates – 187
3. Sweden – 186
4. Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain & Switzerland – 185
5. Austria, Greece, Malta and Portugal – 184
6. Afghanistan – 23





India & Neighboring Countries Ranking with Access:

- China – 82
- India – 56
- Bhutan – 47
- Myanmar – 43
- Sri Lanka – 39
- Bangladesh – 36
- Nepal – 35
- Pakistan – 30



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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- **2026 World Press Freedom Index** : India (157th), Norway (1st)
- **Times Higher Education published the Asia University Rankings 2026 (14th edition)** : Indian Institute of Science, India (43rd) Tsinghua University , China (1st)
- **military spender According to Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)** : India (5th), USA (1st)
- **IRENA Renewable Energy Statistics 2026** : India (3rd), China (1st)
- **World Airport Awards 2026 published by Skytrax** : Indira Gandhi International Airport (28th), Singapore Changi Airport (1st)
- **World's Wealthiest Individuals Report 2026 (40th edition) is published by Forbes** : Mukesh Ambani (21st), Elon Musk (1st)
- **Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2026 Published by Institute for Economics and Peace 18th Edition** : India (13th), Pakistan (1st)





Ques: Which honour was conferred upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi by Norway?

- A) Order of St. Olaf
- B) Nobel Peace Prize
- C) Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit
- D) Polar Star Award
- E) Order of the Arctic

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit in Oslo, Norway.
- The honour was awarded by King Harald V of Norway.
- It is regarded as Norway's highest civilian distinction.
- The award recognizes exceptional efforts in strengthening international relations and diplomatic cooperation.
- PM Modi received the honour during his official visit to Oslo, Norway.
- This became the 32nd international honour received by PM Narendra Modi from foreign countries.
- India and Norway also elevated their bilateral relations to a Green Strategic Partnership.
- Both countries signed agreements related to space, health, digital development, maritime cooperation, and climate initiatives.
- PM Modi also discussed cooperation in the Arctic region, clean energy, and digital public infrastructure with Norway.
- This was the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Norway in over 40 years.

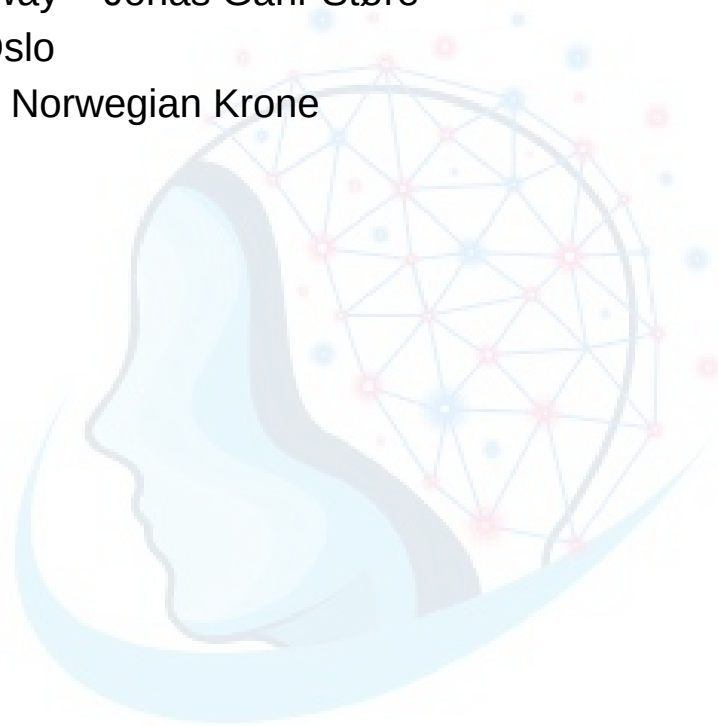
Static Part:

- Award Name – Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit
- Awarding Country – Norway





- Presented By – King Harald V
- Recipient – Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Type of Honour – Highest Civilian Distinction of Norway
- Place of Conferment – Oslo, Norway
- Bilateral Partnership – Green Strategic Partnership
- Prime Minister of Norway – Jonas Gahr Støre
- Capital of Norway – Oslo
- Currency of Norway – Norwegian Krone



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Ques: World Bee Day is observed globally every year on which date?

- A) 15 May
- B) 18 May
- C) 20 May
- D) 22 May
- E) 25 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Bee Day is observed globally every year on 20 May.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of bees, pollinators, biodiversity and sustainable agriculture.
- The date was chosen to mark the birth anniversary of Anton Janša, regarded as a pioneer of modern beekeeping (apiculture).
- The 2026 theme is “Bee Together for People and the Planet - A Partnership that Sustains Us All.”
- Bees play a vital role in pollination, food production and maintaining ecological balance.
- The observance encourages global action to protect bee populations and their habitats.





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- “Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander Grand Cross” by Sweden : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- 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





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.”)
- 11 May : National Technology Day





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Indian-origin businessmen Sanjay Hinduja and Dheeraj Hinduja and family have retained the top position in The Sunday Times Rich List 2026 as the wealthiest family in the United Kingdom. Hinduja family's estimated wealth stands at around £38 billion.

National e-Governance Division (NeGD), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), felicitated five states: Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Nagaland, and Rajasthan for outstanding DigiLocker integration initiatives, during the National Consultative Workshop on Strengthening Cybersecurity Frameworks for State Data, held in New Delhi

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has extended the free online document update service on the myAadhaar portal for another full year. The cost-free facility for Aadhar users will now remain available until June 14, 2027.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as part of his five-nation tour. One of the major outcomes of the visit was a new agreement related to India's Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) framework. Under the agreement, the UAE can store up to 30 million barrels of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) crude oil in India.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the Certificates of Registration (CoR) of 150 Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). The action was taken under Section 45-IA (6) of the RBI Act, 1934. Most of the affected companies were registered in West Bengal and Delhi.

