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Ques: According to the “State of Indian States: 2026” report, which state recorded the highest five-year nominal CAGR growth?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Karnataka
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Assam
- E) Maharashtra

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- A report titled “State of Indian States: 2026” was released by wealth management firm Client Associates.
- Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Gujarat together contributed nearly 48% of India’s GDP in FY2025.
- Assam emerged as the fastest-growing large state with a five-year nominal CAGR of 17.32%.
- Uttar Pradesh recorded a nominal CAGR of 15.34% during FY20–FY25.
- Meghalaya registered a growth rate of 15.27% CAGR in the same period.
- Karnataka and Manipur also recorded growth above 15% CAGR.
- The report highlighted that economic momentum is now spreading beyond traditional economic centres.
- Uttar Pradesh’s growth was attributed to reforms like NIVESH MITRA, land digitisation and infrastructure development.
- The findings indicate a broader regional diversification of India’s economic growth pattern.

Static Part:

- Largest State Economy in India – Maharashtra
- Assam Capital – Dispur
- Meghalaya Capital – Shillong
- Uttar Pradesh Capital – Lucknow
- India’s GDP Base Year – 2022–23





Ques: Why did RBI cancel the licence of The Yashwant Co-operative Bank Ltd.?

- A) Cybersecurity violations
- B) Merger with another bank
- C) Inadequate capital and poor financial condition
- D) Foreign investment issues
- E) Tax fraud allegations

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the banking licence of The Yashwant Co-operative Bank Ltd., Phaltan, Maharashtra.
- The cancellation became effective from the close of business on 19 May 2026.
- RBI stated that the bank lacked adequate capital and earning prospects.
- The bank was also unable to pay its depositors in full.
- RBI requested the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra to initiate the process of winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator.
- Eligible depositors can receive insurance claims up to ₹5 lakh under the DICGC scheme.
- Around 99.02% depositors are eligible to receive the full amount of their deposits.
- As of 20 April 2026, DICGC had already paid ₹106.96 crore.
- The action was taken to protect depositors' interests and maintain financial stability in the cooperative banking sector.

Static Part:

- Bank Name – The Yashwant Co-operative Bank Ltd.
- Location – Phaltan, Maharashtra
- Regulator – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Deposit Insurance Agency – DICGC
- Maximum Deposit Insurance – ₹5 Lakh
- Licence Cancellation Effective Date – 19 May 2026





Ques: Where is Central Bank of India launching its IFSC Banking Unit (IBU)?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Bengaluru
- D) GIFT City, Gandhinagar
- E) Chennai

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Central Bank of India is set to operationalise an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- The branch will function as an international banking branch.
- The IBU will provide corporate clients access to global financial markets.
- Customers will also get access to specialized foreign exchange (forex) services.
- The bank received regulatory approvals from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).
- The announcement was made by the bank's MD & CEO Kalyan Kumar.
- GIFT City is emerging as India's major hub for international financial services and offshore banking.
- The move will strengthen the bank's international banking operations and forex-related business activities.

Static Part:

- Bank Name – Central Bank of India
- New Unit – IFSC Banking Unit (IBU)
- Location – GIFT City, Gandhinagar
- Regulatory Authorities – RBI & IFSCA
- Bank MD & CEO – Kalyan Kumar
- Main Services – Global Banking & Forex Services





Ques: Which platform will EPFO use to provide services such as PF balance check and claim status to subscribers?

- A) Telegram
- B) Signal
- C) WhatsApp
- D) Facebook
- E) Instagram

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) will soon provide various services through WhatsApp.
- Subscribers will be able to check their PF balance, last five transactions and claim status using WhatsApp services.
- The service is expected to be available to all EPFO subscribers within one month.
- Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced that testing of the system has already been completed.
- EPFO is also planning to allow UPI-based withdrawal and direct bank transfer of provident funds.
- Members sending WhatsApp messages will be verified through their registered mobile number linked with UAN.
- EPFO stated that initiatives like "Nidhi Aapke Nikat (NAN)" helped reduce pending consumer court cases.
- The initiative aims to improve accessibility and digital delivery of EPFO services.

Static Part:

- Organisation – Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)
- EPFO Established – 1952
- EPFO Headquarters – New Delhi
- Parent Ministry – Ministry of Labour & Employment





- Union Labour Minister – Mansukh Mandaviya
- UAN Full Form – Universal Account Number
- Proposed Services – PF Balance, Last Five Transactions, Claim Status
- Verification Method – Registered Mobile Number linked with UAN
- Additional Planned Feature – UPI-based PF Withdrawal



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Ques: Which organisation launched 'Project Saksham' to promote inclusive development and empower rural women?

- A) National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- B) Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)
- C) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- D) NABARD
- E) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) launched 'Project Saksham' to encourage inclusive development.
- The initiative aims to empower rural women through skill development and employment opportunities.
- 'Project Saksham' is being implemented in collaboration with Vertis Foundation.
- Under the initiative, 12 training centres have been established across India.
- More than 6,000 youth have been trained under the project.
- The programme has provided over 4,000 job placements.
- Around 80% of the beneficiaries are women.
- Beneficiaries are earning average monthly incomes between ₹13,000 and ₹16,000.





Ques: Which country will host the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, in October 2026?

- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Canada
- D) Australia
- E) Germany

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- US Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced that the United States will host the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on October 30–31, 2026.
- The meeting is part of preparations for the G20 Leaders' Summit.
- The G20 Leaders' Summit will be held in Miami, Florida on December 14–15, 2026.
- The summit celebrations will coincide with the 250th anniversary of the United States.
- The G20 is a major international forum consisting of the world's leading economies.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- India hosted the 10th edition of the Indian Ocean Dialogue (IOD-10) in New Delhi.
- 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.





Ques: Which country became Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner by overtaking the United States?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Japan
- D) Indonesia
- E) Brazil

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India has overtaken the United States to become Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner.
- According to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), India accounted for 8.47% of Bangladesh's total trade in February.
- India's trade value with Bangladesh stood at Tk 123.28 billion.
- The United States held a slightly lower share of 8.46%, valued at Tk 123.17 billion.
- China remained Bangladesh's largest trading partner with a 21.21% share of total trade.
- Bangladesh's trade pattern reflects a strong dependence on regional imports and raw materials.
- India exports items such as rice, onions, sugar, cotton, yarn and industrial raw materials to Bangladesh.
- Bangladesh exports RMG, jute products, plastics and leather goods to India.
- The development highlights India's growing role in South Asian regional trade.

Bangladesh Top Trading Partners (February):

- 1. China – 21.21% (Tk 308.79 Billion)
- 2. India – 8.47% (Tk 123.28 Billion)
- 3. United States – 8.46% (Tk 123.17 Billion)
- 4. Indonesia – 5.28% (Tk 76.97 Billion)

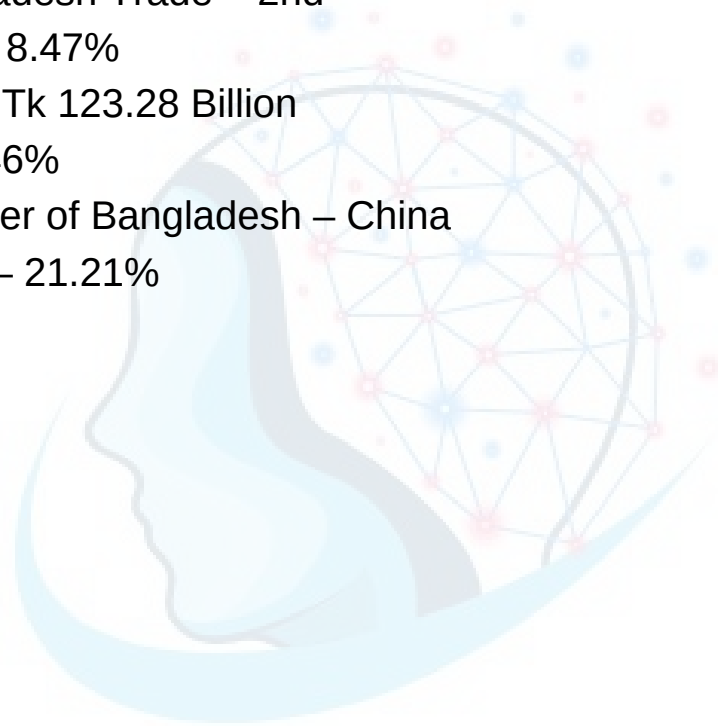




- 5. Brazil – 3.96% (Tk 57.69 Billion)

Static Part:

- Report Source – Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)
- India's Rank in Bangladesh Trade – 2nd
- India's Trade Share – 8.47%
- India's Trade Value – Tk 123.28 Billion
- US Trade Share – 8.46%
- Largest Trading Partner of Bangladesh – China
- China's Trade Share – 21.21%



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Ques: Which city will host the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting chaired by India?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Chennai
- D) New Delhi
- E) Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- New Delhi will host an important meeting of the Quad Foreign Ministers.
- India is hosting the meeting in its capacity as the current chair of the Quad grouping.
- The meeting will be presided over by Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.
- The meeting will be attended by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio.
- Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong will also participate in the meeting.
- Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi will represent Japan at the meeting.
- The Quad grouping consists of India, the United States, Australia and Japan.
- The Quad focuses on cooperation in areas such as regional security, economic growth, technology and maritime cooperation.





Ques: During which summit did Nordic countries commit to investing \$100 billion in India over the next 15 years?

- A) BRICS Summit
- B) G20 Summit
- C) India-EU Summit
- D) India-Nordic Summit
- E) BIMSTEC Summit

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Nordic countries committed to investing \$100 billion in India over the next 15 years.
- The announcement was made during the 3rd India-Nordic Summit held in Oslo, Norway.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the summit along with leaders of Norway, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Iceland.
- India offered 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to Nordic defence firms in defence industrial corridors.
- Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation in climate action, blue economy, polar research and green technology.
- The summit also focused on improving mobility of students, researchers and professionals between India and Nordic nations.
- India and Nordic countries signed partnerships related to clean energy transition, innovation and trade.
- India's trade with Nordic countries reached around \$19 billion in 2024.
- The summit highlighted growing cooperation between India and Nordic nations in defence, technology and sustainable development sectors.

Static Part:

- Summit Name – 3rd India-Nordic Summit
- Venue – Oslo, Norway





- Nordic Countries – Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland
- Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Investment Commitment – \$100 Billion
- Investment Period – 15 Years
- Currency of Norway – Norwegian Krone



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Ques: Which Union Minister launched the Ayush Anudan Portal in New Delhi?

- A) J. P. Nadda
- B) Prataprao Jadhav
- C) Kiren Rijiju
- D) Dharmendra Pradhan
- E) Mansukh Mandaviya

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union AYUSH Minister Prataprao Jadhav launched the Ayush Anudan Portal in New Delhi.
- The portal aims to improve digital governance and increase transparency in the AYUSH sector.
- The portal has been developed under the Ayush Grid initiative by the Ministry of AYUSH.
- The platform will facilitate online submission of funding proposals.
- It will also support processing, approval and monitoring of proposals under various Central Sector Schemes.
- The initiative is expected to make grant management in the AYUSH sector more efficient and transparent.





Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the Swasth Bharat Portal.
- NITI Aayog has launched the Central Prabhari Officer (CPO) Portal to strengthen real-time governance, improve coordination among stakeholders and accelerate lastmile delivery under the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) and Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP).
- Mizoram launched a disaster management app named “Khuarel”.
- PRASHAST 2.0 (Pre-Assessment Holistic Screening Tool) is a digital platform developed by National Council of Educational Research and Training.
- PM Modi during the 133rd Mann Ki Baat urged citizens to explore the 'Abhilekh Patal' portal created by the National Archives of India with over 200 million digitised documents.
- Gujarat Police launched an AI-based tool named ‘NARIT AI’.
- Puri Police has launched a 24x7 WhatsApp chatbot named “Puri Police Sahayak”.





Ques: GE Aerospace announced a fresh investment of ₹100 crore in its manufacturing facility located in which city?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Chennai
- E) Pune

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- GE Aerospace announced a fresh investment of ₹100 crore in its manufacturing facility at Pune.
- With this latest investment, the company's total investment in the Pune facility has crossed ₹510 crore.
- The investment aims to strengthen aerospace manufacturing capabilities in India.
- GE Aerospace also operates a Technology Centre in Bengaluru.
- The company is a major global player in aviation and aerospace technology.
- The expansion reflects growing investment in India's advanced manufacturing and aerospace sector.





Ques: Which Indian batter became the Indian player with the most sixes in a single IPL season?

- A) Abhishek Sharma
- B) Virat Kohli
- C) Shreyas Iyer
- D) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
- E) Suryakumar Yadav

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi created history in the Indian Premier League by becoming the Indian batter with the most sixes in a single season.
- He achieved this milestone during the match against Delhi Capitals at Arun Jaitley Stadium.
- Before the match, he needed three sixes to surpass Abhishek Sharma's record of 42 sixes in one IPL season.
- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's tally reached 43 sixes in just 12 matches.
- He now holds the record for the highest number of sixes by an Indian batter in a single IPL season.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- India delivered a dominant performance at the Asian Boxing U15 Championships 2026.
- 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.





Ques: The Government is considering extending the tenure of ISM 2.0 from 5 years to how many years?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India is considering extending the tenure of India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0 from 5 years to 12 years.
- The extended timeline aims to support the long gestation period required in the semiconductor industry.
- ISM 2.0 is expected to focus on financial and non-financial incentives for semiconductor manufacturing and packaging units.
- Special emphasis will be given to developing domestic MSME suppliers for semiconductor raw materials and components.
- The mission also aims to strengthen India's chip design capabilities and intellectual property ecosystem.
- The second phase of ISM could involve an outlay of nearly ₹1.5 trillion.
- Incentives for chip fabrication, OSAT and ATMP units may be revised from the earlier structure.
- Under ISM 1.0, the government approved 12 semiconductor manufacturing and packaging projects.
- Major approved projects include investments by Micron Technology and Tata Group–Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation.
- The initiative reflects India's ambition to become a global hub for semiconductor manufacturing and advanced electronics.





Ques: What is the name of ISRO's flagship programme launched to nurture scientific curiosity among school students?

- A) Gaganyaan Mission
- B) Antriksh Jigyasa
- C) Space India Programme
- D) Vigyan Shakti
- E) YUVIKA 2026

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indian Space Research Organisation launched the sixth edition of its flagship Young Scientists Programme — YUVIKA 2026.
- The programme aims to nurture scientific curiosity among school students and introduce them to space science and technology at an early age.
- YUVIKA is a two-week residential programme for students who have passed Class 9.
- A total of 456 meritorious students were selected from over 1.06 lakh applicants.
- Students from 28 states and 8 union territories are participating in the programme.
- The programme is being conducted from May 11 to May 22, 2026.
- This year, the programme has been expanded to 9 ISRO centres.

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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- **INS Sagardhwani concluded a successful port visit to Cam Ranh, strengthening maritime and scientific cooperation between India and Vietnam.**
- **Indian Navy sail training ship INS Sudarshini successfully completed a port call at Mindelo, Cape Verde. The visit was part of the Lokayan 26 expedition. It has departed for Antigua and Barbuda for the next phase of deployment.**
- **European multinational missile manufacture MBDA & Indian Air Force (IAF) signed MoU to establish Maintenance, Repair and Mid-Life Overhaul (MRO) capability for MICA (Missile d'Interception, de Combat et d'Autodéfense) air-to-air missiles in India. MICA Missile is a multi-mission "fire-and-forget" air-to-air missile used on Dassault Rafale and Dassault Mirage 2000 with both Beyond Visual Range (BVR) and short-range combat capability**
- **India successfully conducted the test-firing of an advanced Agni missile equipped with MIRV technology.**
- **Indian Coast Guard (ICG) commissioned the Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) 'Achal'.**





Ques: The Kalpasar Project, for which India signed a Letter of Intent with the Netherlands, is proposed in which state?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- During his visit to the Netherlands, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspected the Afsluitdijk water management structure.
- A Letter of Intent (LoI) was signed between India's Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management.
- The agreement aims to provide technical cooperation for the Kalpasar Project.
- Kalpasar stands for "Gulf of Khambhat Development Project."
- It is a mega multipurpose water conservation and infrastructure project proposed in Gujarat.
- The project proposes construction of a massive dam across the Gulf of Khambhat.
- The dam will store freshwater from seven rivers flowing into the Arabian Sea.
- The project is expected to support water conservation, irrigation, transport and regional development.





Ques: India and Vietnam signed agreements mainly related to which emerging technologies?

प्रश्न: भारत और वियतनाम ने मुख्य रूप से किन उभरती तकनीकों से संबंधित समझौते किए?

- A) Space Tourism and Robotics
- B) Blockchain and Cryptocurrency
- C) Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Technology
- D) Nuclear Technology and Mining
- E) Biotechnology and Agriculture

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Vietnam strengthened bilateral cooperation in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum Technology, and Cybersecurity.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Phan Van Giang in Hanoi.
- Both countries discussed cooperation in military training, maritime security, defence industry collaboration, and cybersecurity.
- India announced an AI Lab at Telecommunications University in Nha Trang.
- India and Vietnam exchanged an MoU in AI and Quantum Technology.
- The agreements strengthened the Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two nations.
- The partnership reflects growing Indo-Pacific cooperation in emerging technologies.

Static Part:

- Countries Involved – India & Vietnam
- Indian Defence Minister – Rajnath Singh
- Vietnam Defence Minister – Phan Van Giang
- Key Areas – AI, Quantum Technology & Cybersecurity
- AI Lab Location – Nha Trang
- Strategic Framework – Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership





Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- **Tata Electronics and ASML signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).**
- **IndiaAI Mission, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Karya, a nonprofit organisation. Under the agreement, both organisations will work together to strengthen the AIKosh data infrastructure.**
- **The Ministry of Ayush signed an MoU with the Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) under MeitY.**
- **India signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop the country's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard.**
- **The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) signed an MoU with Prasar Bharati to strengthen nationwide investor awareness initiatives.**
- **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**





Ques: What is the theme of the 79th World Health Assembly being held in Geneva, Switzerland?

- A) Health for All, All for Health
- B) Building a Safer World Together
- C) Universal Health Equity
- D) Reshaping Global Health: A Shared Responsibility
- E) One World, One Health

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda arrived in Switzerland to participate in the 79th World Health Assembly.
- The event is being held in Geneva.
- The theme of the 79th World Health Assembly is “Reshaping Global Health: A Shared Responsibility.”
- The assembly brings together global leaders and health experts to discuss international public health priorities.
- The World Health Assembly is the decision-making body of the World Health Organization.
- The meeting focuses on strengthening cooperation in global healthcare systems and health security.

Static Part:

- Event – World Health Assembly
- Organised By – World Health Organization
- Venue – Geneva
- Country – Switzerland
- Theme – “Reshaping Global Health: A Shared Responsibility”
- Indian Representative – Jagat Prakash Nadda





Ques: In which state did Defence Minister Rajnath Singh lay the foundation stone for the AMCA programme?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Telangana
- E) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for the AMCA programme in Andhra Pradesh.
- The initiative aims to provide India with fifth-generation stealth fighter aircraft capability.
- The project is expected to strengthen India's indigenous defence and aerospace capabilities.
- The AMCA project is being led by the Aeronautical Development Agency.
- ADA functions under the Defence Research and Development Organisation.
- The infrastructure project will be developed over nearly 650 acres in Puttaparthi located in Sri Sathya Sai district of Andhra Pradesh.
- AMCA stands for Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft.

Static Part:

- Programme Name – AMCA (Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft)
- State – Andhra Pradesh
- Project Lead Agency – Aeronautical Development Agency
- Parent Organisation – Defence Research and Development Organisation
- Project Location – Puttaparthi
- Key Objective – Fifth-Generation Stealth Fighter Aircraft Capability
- Defence Minister – Rajnath Singh





Ques: Which former England Test captain and international rugby union player recently passed away?

- A) Geoffrey Boycott
- B) David Gower
- C) Mike Brearley
- D) MJK Smith
- E) Graham Gooch

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Former MJK Smith recently passed away.
- He was popularly known as Mike Smith.
- Apart from cricket, he was also an international rugby union player.
- MJK Smith was regarded as one of the rare sportspersons to represent his country at a high level in two different sports.
- He served as the captain of the England Test cricket team during his cricket career.
- His contributions to both cricket and rugby earned him great respect in the sporting world.

Static Part:

- Full Name – MJK Smith
- Popular Name – Mike Smith
- Country – England
- Sports – Cricket & Rugby Union
- Role in Cricket – Former England Test Captain
- Special Achievement – Represented England in two international sports





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced launch of a nationwide: "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" (Save the Land Campaign) from 1 June for Two weeks. He inaugurated the Eastern Regional Agricultural Conference in Bhubaneswar.

The Taliban administration in Afghanistan signed a 46 million US dollar agreement with Indian company TCRC. The agreement aims to develop customs laboratory infrastructure across Afghanistan.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) launched Phase III of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) across 16 States and 3 Union Territories. The exercise aims to update electoral rolls and ensure accurate, transparent and updated voter data before upcoming elections. The exercise will cover almost the entire country except Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Actor Ishaan Khatter was awarded honorary membership of the 45 Cavalry Regiment of the Indian Armoured Corps. He received the honour for portraying 'Captain Balram Mehta' in the movie Pippa. He became the only Indian male actor featured in the 2026 Gold House Gold 100 list.

IDFC FIRST Bank launched a Fixed Deposit-backed Business Multiplier Metal Credit Card. The card is specially designed for founders, entrepreneurs and business owners. The credit card can be obtained against a Fixed Deposit starting from ₹50,000

