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Ques: Who has been appointed as Executive Director for Vertical 2 at CDSL?

- A) Amit Mahajan
- B) Nehal Vora
- C) Nayana Ovalekar
- D) Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- E) Ajay Tyagi

Answer: C) Nayana Ovalekar

Explanation:

- SEBI approved the appointment of two new Executive Directors at Central Depository Services (India) Limited.
- Amit Mahajan was appointed as Executive Director for Vertical 1.
- Nayana Ovalekar was appointed as Executive Director for Vertical 2.
- She will oversee regulatory affairs, compliance, risk management, and investor grievance-related functions.
- The appointments will take effect after shareholder approval and completion of joining formalities.

Static Facts:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India Established: 12 April 1992
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Chairperson: Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- Central Depository Services (India) Limited Founded: 1999
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- MD & CEO: Nehal Vora
- Full Form: Central Depository Services (India) Limited.





Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Kevin Warsh : 17th Chair of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors for 4 year (Replaced Jerome Powell, whose tenure was began in 2018)
- Sandeep Bakhshi : chief executive of ICICI Bank
- Gunveer Singh : Executive Director (ED) of RBI
- 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)





Ques: Under whose chairmanship was the 623rd meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) held?

- A) Shaktikanta Das
- B) Sanjay Malhotra
- C) Ajay Seth
- D) T. Rabi Sankar
- E) M. Rajeshwar Rao

Answer: B) Sanjay Malhotra

Explanation:

- The 623rd meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India was held in Mumbai.
- The meeting was chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.
- RBI's gross income increased by 26.42% during FY 2025–26.
- Expenditure before risk provisions rose by 27.60%.
- Net income before risk provisions and transfers to statutory funds stood at ₹3.95 lakh crore in FY 2025–26, compared with ₹3.13 lakh crore in FY 2024–25.
- RBI's balance sheet expanded by 20.61% to ₹91.97 lakh crore as of 31 March 2026.

Static Facts:

- Reserve Bank of India Established: 1 April 1935
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Governor: Sanjay Malhotra
- Deputy Governors:
 - T. Rabi Sankar
 - M. Rajeshwar Rao
 - Swaminathan Janakiraman
 - Poonam Gupta





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- ZikZuk Technologies Private Limited received its final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) issuer under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act (PSSA), 2007
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved a surplus transfer of Rs. 2.87 lakh crore to the Central Government for FY 2025-26.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued revised draft norms on loan recovery practices.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a USD/INR Buy/Sell swap auction worth USD 5 billion.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the banking licence of The Yashwant Co-operative Bank Ltd., Phaltan, Maharashtra.
- RBI has introduced minimum turnover requirements for money changers.
- RBI has removed the requirement of Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR) for banks.





Ques: What is the new base year for the revised Index of Industrial Production (IIP) series launched by MoSPI?

- A) 2015-16
- B) 2018-19
- C) 2020-21
- D) 2022-23
- E) 2023-24

Answer: D) 2022-23

Explanation:

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- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation launched a revamped Index of Industrial Production (IIP) series from 1 June.
- The revised IIP series uses 2022-23 as the new base year, replacing the previous 2011-12 base year.
- For the first time, the index includes rare earth minerals and expanded gas supply coverage.
- The revision aims to better reflect India's modern industrial structure and green-energy economy.
- The updated basket contains 1,042 products grouped into 463 item groups.
- Electricity generation is now classified into renewable and non-renewable categories.

Static Facts:

- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- Established: 15 October 1999
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Union Minister: Rao Inderjit Singh
- IIP Full Form: Index of Industrial Production
- IIP measures the performance of the industrial sector (Mining, Manufacturing, and Electricity).





Ques: Which FinTech company received approval to operate as a Payment Service Provider (PSP) at GIFT City?

- A) Razorpay
- B) Paytm
- C) Skydo
- D) Pine Labs
- E) BharatPe

Answer: C) Skydo

Explanation:

- Skydo received approval to operate as a Payment Service Provider (PSP) at GIFT City.
- GIFT City is India's international financial services hub.
- Skydo will offer services including multi-currency payments, international money transfers, global payment collections, and e-money accounts.
- The company also received approval from the Reserve Bank of India under the Payment Aggregator-Cross Border (PA-CB) framework for outward international payments.
- Earlier, Skydo had already been authorized to collect export payments from overseas customers.
- These approvals strengthen India's digital cross-border payments ecosystem.

Static Facts:

- GIFT City
 - Full Form: Gujarat International Finance Tec-City
 - Location: Gandhinagar
 - India's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)
- International Financial Services Centres Authority
 - Established: 27 April 2020
 - Headquarters: Gandhinagar

Chairperson: K. Rajaraman





Ques: West Bengal Gramin Bank signed a bancassurance deal with which insurance company?

- A) LIC Housing Finance
- B) SBI Life Insurance
- C) HDFC Life Insurance
- D) Canara HSBC Life Insurance
- E) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Answer: D) Canara HSBC Life Insurance

Explanation:

- West Bengal Gramin Bank signed a bancassurance partnership with Canara HSBC Life Insurance.
- The partnership aims to provide life insurance, term insurance, and investment-linked insurance products to customers.
- Canara HSBC Life Insurance products will be distributed through WBGB's network of 960 branches.
- The initiative focuses on increasing insurance penetration in the rural and semi-urban regions of West Bengal.
- The agreement is expected to strengthen financial inclusion and improve access to insurance services.

Static Facts:

- West Bengal Gramin Bank
 - Headquarters: Kolkata
 - Sponsored by: Punjab National Bank
- Canara HSBC Life Insurance
 - Founded: 2008
 - Headquarters: Gurugram
 - Promoters: Canara Bank and HSBC
- Bancassurance: A partnership between a bank and an insurance company to sell insurance products through the bank's branch network.





Recently signed banking agreements

- National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) and Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- ICICI Bank, in partnership with Visa, launched India's first dollar-denominated debit card.
- Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) signed an MoU with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) to combat cyber frauds and stop mule accounts in banking and digital payment systems.
- Jio Payments Bank partnered with fintech company Ezeepay.
- Jio Payments Bank Limited (JBPL), a subsidiary of Jio Financial Services Limited (JSFL), announced a partnership with fintech platform Ezeepay as Business Correspondent (BC) to strengthen last-mile digital banking services across rural and semi-urban India.
- Flipkart, Axis Bank, and PayU have jointly introduced biometric authentication for card payments.





Ques: Which mutual fund house increased its stake in Bandhan Bank to more than 5% of the bank's paid-up share capital?

- A) HDFC Mutual Fund
- B) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- C) SBI Mutual Fund
- D) Nippon India Mutual Fund
- E) Axis Mutual Fund

Answer: C) SBI Mutual Fund

Explanation:

- SBI Mutual Fund increased its stake in Bandhan Bank to more than 5% of the bank's paid-up share capital.
- Before the acquisition, SBI Mutual Fund held a 4.9378% stake in Bandhan Bank.
- SBI Mutual Fund is India's largest mutual fund house in terms of Assets Under Management (AUM).
- Paid-up share capital refers to the total value of shares issued by a company and fully paid for by shareholders.
- AUM (Assets Under Management) refers to the total market value of investments managed by a mutual fund.

Static Facts:

- **Bandhan Bank**
 - Founded: 2015
 - Headquarters: Kolkata
 - MD & CEO: Partha Pratim Sengupta
- **SBI Mutual Fund**
 - Founded: 1987
 - Headquarters: Mumbai
 - Joint Venture of State Bank of India and Amundi

Key Term:

- **AUM (Assets Under Management):** The total value of assets managed by a mutual fund on behalf of its investors.





Ques: What was the total inflow into NRI deposit schemes in FY26?

- A) \$10.41 billion
- B) \$12.75 billion
- C) \$14.41 billion
- D) \$16.16 billion
- E) \$18.25 billion

Answer: C) \$14.41 billion

Explanation:

- Inflows into NRI deposit schemes moderated to \$14.41 billion in FY26.
- In FY25, NRI deposit inflows stood at \$16.16 billion.
- Outstanding NRI deposits reached \$165.65 billion at the end of March 2026.
- FCNR(B) deposits recorded inflows of only \$946 million during FY26.
- NR(E)RA deposits saw inflows of \$7.94 billion.
- NRO deposits recorded inflows of \$5.53 billion.
- The data was released by the Reserve Bank of India.
- The moderation in inflows was mainly due to weaker demand for FCNR(B) deposits.

Static Facts:

- Reserve Bank of India
 - Established: 1 April 1935
 - Nationalized: 1 January 1949
 - Headquarters: Mumbai
 - Governor: Sanjay Malhotra

Important Full Forms:

- NRI – Non-Resident Indian
- FCNR(B) – Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank)
- NRO Account – Non-Resident Ordinary Account
- NRE Account – Non-Resident External Account (also referred to in RBI data as NR(E)RA)





Ques: According to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, what do the “3Fs” refer to?

- A) Food, Farming, Finance
- B) Fuel, Fertiliser, Foreign Exchange
- C) Fuel, Farming, Forex
- D) Finance, Fertiliser, Freight
- E) Food, Fuel, Freight

Answer: B) Fuel, Fertiliser, Foreign Exchange

Explanation:

- Nirmala Sitharaman identified the “3Fs” as Fuel, Fertiliser, and Foreign Exchange.
- She described them as major external challenges affecting India's economy.
- According to her, the ongoing developments in West Asia are creating uncertainty for businesses and citizens.
- Rising prices of crude oil, fertilisers, and gold are putting pressure on India's foreign exchange reserves.
- Delays in cargo movement and increased shipping costs are also impacting businesses.
- She emphasized that India's economic fundamentals remain strong and resilient.
- The Finance Minister also urged people to avoid fear-mongering and maintain confidence in the economy.

Static Facts:

- **Nirmala Sitharaman**
 - Constituency (Rajya Sabha): Karnataka
 - Finance Minister since: 2019
 - India's first full-time woman Finance Minister
- **Ministry of Finance**
 - Headquarters: New Delhi
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Key Term:

- **Foreign Exchange (Forex):** Foreign currencies and other assets held by a country's central bank, used for international trade, payments, and maintaining currency stability.





Ques: For how many years has RBI approved the re-appointment of Sandeep Bakshi as MD & CEO of ICICI Bank?

- A) 1 year
- B) 2 years
- C) 3 years
- D) 4 years
- E) 5 years

Answer: B) 2 years

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India approved the re-appointment of Sandeep Bakshi as MD & CEO of ICICI Bank.
- He has been re-appointed for two years with effect from 4 October 2026.
- Following the announcement, ICICI Bank shares rose by more than 2% on the BSE.
- The bank's Board had approved his re-appointment in January 2026.
- Under RBI norms, the CEO of a private sector bank can continue in office up to the age of 70 years.
- Sandeep Bakshi joined the ICICI Group in 1986.
- ICICI Bank is India's second-largest private sector bank.

Static Facts:

- **ICICI Bank**
 - Founded: 1994
 - Headquarters: Mumbai
 - MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakshi
 - Tagline: Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka
- **Reserve Bank of India**
 - Established: 1 April 1935
 - Headquarters: Mumbai
 - Governor: Sanjay Malhotra





Ques: Under which mission have more than 100 crore health records been linked to Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA)?

- A) National Health Mission
- B) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
- C) Digital India Mission
- D) PM Jan Arogya Yojana
- E) eSanjeevani Mission

Answer: B) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)

Explanation:

- India's digital healthcare ecosystem crossed a major milestone with over 100 crore health records linked to Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA).
- This achievement was recorded under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
- ABDM is implemented by the National Health Authority under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Uttar Pradesh emerged as the leading contributor with over 15.03 crore ABHA-linked health records.
- Andhra Pradesh ranked second with more than 11.95 crore linked records.
- The mission was launched by Narendra Modi on 27 September 2021.

Static Facts:

- **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**
 - Launched: 27 September 2021
 - Implementing Agency: National Health Authority
- ABHA Full Form: Ayushman Bharat Health Account
- **National Health Authority**
 - Established: 2019
 - Headquarters: New Delhi
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Key Point: More than 100 crore health records have been linked to ABHA under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). ✓





Ques: Till when has the tenure of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) chief Anurag Garg been extended?

- A) July 2026
- B) January 2027
- C) July 2027
- D) December 2027
- E) March 2028

Answer: C) July 2027

Explanation:

- The Central Government has extended the tenure of Anurag Garg as chief of the Narcotics Control Bureau till July 2027.
- NCB has recently busted several drug trafficking syndicates.
- The agency also made India's first-ever seizure of Captagon, a stimulant drug often referred to as the "Jihadi Drug."
- Captagon is an illegal stimulant associated with international drug trafficking networks.
- NCB is the nodal agency responsible for combating drug trafficking and illegal narcotic substance abuse in India.
- The bureau functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Static Facts:

- **Narcotics Control Bureau**
 - Established: 17 March 1986
 - Headquarters: New Delhi
 - Parent Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs
- **Ministry of Home Affairs**
 - Cabinet Minister: Amit Shah
 - Headquarters: New Delhi

Key Point: The tenure of NCB chief Anurag Garg has been extended till July 2027. ✓





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Rajya Sabha MP Medha Vishram Kulkarni** : Chairperson of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change
- **Veteran Indian sports administrator Bharat Singh Chauhan** : Chairman of the Commonwealth Chess Association (CCA)
- **Shri Saurabh Vijay** : Chief Executive Officer of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) (Replaced Bhuvnesh Verma)
- **Sahdev Yadav** : President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation
- **Sabina Yadav** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation
- **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





Ques: Assam became which number state to introduce a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill after Uttarakhand and Gujarat?

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth
- E) Fifth

Answer: C) Third

Explanation:

- Assam introduced "The Uniform Civil Code, Assam, 2026 Bill" in the State Assembly.
- Assam became the third state after Uttarakhand and Gujarat to move towards implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC).
- The Bill provides for compulsory registration of live-in relationships.
- It seeks to prohibit polygamy and regulate matters related to marriage, divorce, succession, and inheritance.
- The proposed law includes penalties for failure to register live-in relationships within the prescribed time.
- Scheduled Tribes (STs) of Assam have been exempted from the provisions of the proposed UCC Bill.

Static Facts:

- Assam
 - Capital: Dispur
 - Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma
 - Governor: Lakshman Prasad Acharya

Key Term:

- Uniform Civil Code (UCC): A common set of civil laws governing matters such as marriage, divorce, adoption, inheritance, and succession for all citizens, irrespective of religion.

Key Point: Assam became the third state (Option C) after Uttarakhand and Gujarat to introduce a UCC Bill. ✓





Ques: Madhya Pradesh partnered with which company to introduce AI-powered solutions for the management of Simhastha Kumbh 2028 in Ujjain?

- A) Microsoft India
- B) IBM India
- C) Google Cloud India
- D) Infosys
- E) TCS

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Madhya Pradesh partnered with Google Cloud India to introduce Artificial Intelligence-powered solutions for Simhastha Kumbh 2028 in Ujjain.
- The initiative aims to improve crowd management, communication, and digital services during the mega religious event.
- Google Cloud India presented the concept of a multilingual and voice-enabled AI application named “Sahayak.”
- The AI application is expected to help devotees with information, navigation, and assistance services.
- Simhastha Kumbh is organised approximately every 12 years in Ujjain.
- Millions of devotees gather during the event to take a holy dip in the Kshipra River.





Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- E-commerce company Flipkart has signed an agreement with the Department of Posts (India Post) to strengthen last-mile parcel delivery services across India
- Tata Power signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bhutan's Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC).
- India and Italy announced that 2027 will be celebrated as the "Year of Culture and Tourism."
- India and Vietnam strengthened their bilateral partnership through agreements in Artificial Intelligence (AI), quantum technology and cybersecurity.
- 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.





Ques: What is the full form of JEEVAN, the mobile application launched for senior citizens?

- A) Joint Elderly Empowerment and Virtual Assistance Network
- B) Justice and Empowerment for Elderly Veterans and Needy
- C) Joint Electronic Elderly Verification and Assistance Network
- D) Senior Empowerment and Assistance Vision
- E) National Elderly Welfare and Assistance Network

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the JEEVAN Mobile Application and SHATAYU Dashboard.
- JEEVAN stands for Joint Elderly Empowerment and Virtual Assistance Network.
- The application aims to strengthen support systems for senior citizens across the country.
- The mobile app provides information on government schemes, welfare programmes, emergency assistance, and old-age homes.
- SHATAYU stands for Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility.





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: Which prestigious award was conferred on India's Chandrayaan-3 mission in 2026?

- A) Nobel Prize in Physics
- B) Goddard Astronautics Award
- C) Kalpana Chawla Space Award
- D) International Space Medal
- E) Von Braun Award

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's Chandrayaan-3 lunar mission was honoured with the 2026 Goddard Astronautics Award.
- The award was conferred by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).
- The award ceremony was held in Washington DC, United States.
- Chandrayaan-3 created history on 23 August 2023 by becoming the first spacecraft to achieve a soft landing near the Moon's south pole.
- The Goddard Astronautics Award is the highest honour given by AIAA for outstanding achievements in astronautics and space exploration.
- The award is named after Robert H. Goddard, a pioneer of modern rocketry and liquid rocket technology.





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Fellow of the Royal Society, one of the world's highest honours in science : Dr. Soumya Swaminathan
- International Booker Prize 2026 for the novel Taiwan Travelogue : Taiwanese author Yáng Shuāng-zǐ
- Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit in Oslo, Norway : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Honorary membership of the 45 Cavalry Regiment of the Indian Armoured Corps for portraying 'Captain Balram Mehta' in 'Pippa' : Actor Ishaan Khatter
- "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





Ques: What is the range of India's first Universal Rocket Launching System "Suryastra"?

- A) 100 km / 100 km
- B) 150 km / 150 km
- C) 200 km / 200 km
- D) 300 km / 300 km
- E) 500 km / 500 km

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a private sector defence manufacturing complex in Maharashtra.
- He flagged off India's first 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System "Suryastra".
- The facility has been developed by NIBE Limited.
- The complex will focus on artillery systems, missile and space technologies, rocket systems and autonomous defence platforms.
- Rajnath Singh emphasized the importance of self-reliance in defence production under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- A missile complex linked to the Suryastra system was also announced during the event.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis was also present at the event.





Ques: Which organisation partnered with LuLu Hypermarket to launch the 23rd edition of the “Mango Mania” festival across GCC countries?

- A) FSSAI
- B) APEDA
- C) NABARD
- D) MPEDA
- E) Spice Board of India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- LuLu Hypermarket partnered with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to launch the 23rd edition of the “Mango Mania” festival.
- The festival is being organised across Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.
- The event aims to promote Indian mangoes and agricultural exports in international markets.
- The festival was inaugurated in Abu Dhabi by India’s Ambassador to UAE, Dr. Deepak Mittal.
- The Dubai and Sharjah editions were inaugurated by the Consul General of India in Dubai, Satish Kumar Sivan.
- Mango Mania is an annual promotional event showcasing different varieties of Indian mangoes.





Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- In a vibrant celebration of Assam's rich traditions, the 114th edition of the Suwari Festival was held in Boko. It is a traditional cultural festival of Assam.
- Puthandu which is also known as Tamil New Year will be celebrated on April 14th this year. Puthandu is also called the Varusha Pirappu and it marks the start of a new year in the Tamil solar calendar
- Bisket Jatra is a major traditional festival celebrated in Nepal.
- Rongali Bihu, also known as Bohag Bihu, is celebrated across Assam. It marks the Assamese New Year and the onset of the spring season.
- Sarhul, a significant Adivasi festival Held at Jharkhand. Sarhul, meaning “worship of the Sal tree”, is one of the most sacred festivals among Adivasi communities
- Third North-East India Film Festival (NEIFF) 2026 has commenced at TanthaPolis Cinema, Lamphel in Imphal, Manipur. A total of nine films are being showcased, including Four Manipuri, Four Assamese , and One Khasi (Meghalaya) films





Ques: Which team won the Indian Super League (ISL) 2026 title?

- A) Mohun Bagan Super Giant
- B) FC Goa
- C) Mumbai City FC
- D) East Bengal
- E) Inter Kashi

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- East Bengal won the Indian Super League (ISL) 2026 title by defeating Inter Kashi in the final.
- East Bengal lifted its first-ever ISL trophy.
- The final match was played at Kishore Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata.
- Miguel Figueira of East Bengal won the Golden Ball award for best player of the tournament.
- Youssef Ezzejjari of East Bengal won the Golden Boot with 11 goals.
- Hrithik Tiwari of Goa received the Golden Gloves award with 5 clean sheets.

Static Part:

- Indian Super League (ISL) started in 2014.
- ISL 2026 was the 12th edition of the tournament.





Ques: Which Indian Army officer received the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025?

- A) Radhika Sen
- B) Suman Gawani
- C) Divya Ajith Kumar
- D) Priya Jhingan
- E) Abhilasha Barak

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indian Army officer Major Abhilasha Barak was honoured with the prestigious United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025.
- She is currently serving with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).
- Major Abhilasha Barak is also known as the first woman combat helicopter pilot of the Indian Army.
- The UN Military Gender Advocate Award was instituted in 2016.
- The award recognises peacekeepers who promote gender equality and women's participation in peacekeeping operations.
- Earlier, Indian peacekeepers Suman Gawani received the award in 2019 and Radhika Sen received it in 2023.





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Three Indian mountaineers were among the 274 climbers who successfully summited Mount Everest from the Nepal side, creating a new world record for the highest number of Everest ascents achieved in a single day. The three Indian climbers who were part of the record-setting ascent are Tulasi Reddi Palpunoori, Sandeep Are and Ajay Pal Singh Dhaliwal.

Pune-based defence system manufacturer Nibe successfully completed the first technical trial of its “Vayu Astra-1” loitering munition system. The trials were conducted at the Pokhran Test Range and Joshimath (Malari). Vayu Astra-1 is a loitering munition system, also known as a Kamikaze Drone or suicide drone.

AI-powered fintech platform jUMPP has received approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to distribute insurance products through its platform. jUMPP helps users manage Banking, Savings, Payments, Investments, Borrowing, Insurance through a single digital application.

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI), Norway, for cooperation in Tunnel engineering, slope stability, advanced consultancy support, and capacity building. India will take technical help from Norway for building safer Highways, Tunnels, Mountain roads.

