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Ques: Under which initiative is India Post investing ₹5,800 crore to create fully digital end-to-end postal services?

- A) Digital Bharat Mission
- B) Postal Connect Scheme
- C) IT 2.0 Initiative
- D) Smart Communication Programme
- E) India Mail Digital Project

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Post is investing ₹5,800 crore under the IT 2.0 initiative to create fully digital end-to-end postal services.
- India Post recorded a revenue of ₹15,373 crore during Financial Year 2025-26.
- This marked one of the strongest financial performances in its 170-year history.
- India Post witnessed a record annual revenue increase of ₹2,100 crore during the financial year.
- The IT 2.0 initiative aims to modernise postal operations through digital transformation and improved customer services.
- India Post plays an important role in delivering postal, financial, and logistics services across the country.





Ques : Under which initiative did RBI establish an expert committee on quantum technology?

- A) Digital India Mission
- B) Cyber Suraksha Initiative
- C) Q-SAFE Initiative
- D) Quantum Bharat Mission
- E) FinSecure India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted an eight-member expert committee under the Q-SAFE initiative.
- Q-SAFE stands for Quantum Secure and Adaptive Financial Ecosystem.
- The committee will study the impact of quantum technology on the financial sector and cyber security systems.
- Dr. Anil Prabhakar, Professor at IIT Madras, has been appointed as the convener of the committee.
- The committee includes representatives from RBI, SBI, NPCI, MeitY, DST and cybersecurity experts.
- The initiative aims to prepare India's financial ecosystem against future quantum-related cyber threats.
- RBI's FinTech Department will provide secretarial support to the committee.





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The 623rd meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was held in Mumbai.
- 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.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the chairman of the committee formed by PFRDA to explore the long-term inclusion of new asset classes in pension investments?

- A) Sivasubramanian Ramann
- B) Narayan Ramachandran
- C) Sanjay Malhotra
- D) Deepak Mohanty
- E) Amitabh Kant

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) formed a committee to explore the long-term inclusion of new asset classes in pension investments.
- The committee will be chaired by Narayan Ramachandran.
- The objective of the committee is to improve returns for subscribers under the National Pension System (NPS).
- According to the data, the total number of subscribers under NPS reached 2.17 crore in FY26.
- The total pension corpus under NPS increased to around ₹15.95 lakh crore.
- PFRDA regulates and supervises pension-related activities in India.





Ques : LIC has increased its stake in which public sector bank to 6.06%?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Bank of Baroda
- C) Central Bank of India
- D) Indian Bank
- E) UCO Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- LIC has increased its stake in Central Bank of India from 3.16% to 6.06%.
- LIC purchased 26.26 crore shares through market purchase on May 22.
- The additional acquisition accounts for 2.901% stake in the bank.
- Central Bank of India informed the stock exchanges about the stake increase.
- Shares of Central Bank of India closed at ₹31.29 on BSE.
- LIC shares closed 2.93% higher at ₹837.20.

Static Part:

- LIC Foundation Year – 1956
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- CEO and MD of LIC : Shri R. Doraiswamy





Ques: Who has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as the part-time Chairman of Federal Bank for a period of three years?

- A) KVS Manian
- B) Elias George
- C) Shyam Srinivasan
- D) Rajesh Gopinathan
- E) Sandeep Bakhshi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of Elias George as the part-time Chairman of Federal Bank for a period of three years.
- Elias George has been serving as an independent director on the board of the bank.
- Federal Bank is one of India's leading private sector banks.
- The appointment reflects RBI's role in regulating and approving key positions in the banking sector.
- Federal Bank continues to expand its banking and digital financial services across India.

Static Part:

- Federal Bank Founded – 23 April 1931
- Federal Bank Headquarters – Kochi, Kerala





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 : MD & CEO 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 : RBI and NPCI are considering linking ATM interchange fees with which index?

- A) Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- B) Sensex Index
- C) Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
- D) Repo Rate Index
- E) Industrial Growth Index

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) are considering linking ATM interchange fees with the Wholesale Price Index (WPI).
- ATM operators are facing rising operational costs due to higher lease rentals, electricity bills and fuel prices.
- The ATM interchange fee was fixed at ₹17 in 2021 and later increased to ₹19 in 2025.
- RBI and NPCI are also reviewing customer charges of ₹21–₹22 after the free monthly transaction limit is exhausted.
- Linking interchange fees with WPI may allow automatic periodic revisions based on inflation trends.





Ques: Which fort in Rajasthan has been recognised as having the second-longest continuous wall in the world after the Great Wall of China?

- A) Chittorgarh Fort
- B) Mehrangarh Fort
- C) Kumbhalgarh Fort
- D) Jaisalmer Fort
- E) Taragarh Fort

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The wall of Kumbhalgarh Fort in Rajasthan has been recognised as the second-longest continuous wall in the world after the Great Wall of China.
- The recognition was recorded under the UNESCO World Heritage Convention.
- Kumbhalgarh Fort is located in the Rajsamand district of Rajasthan in the Aravalli Hills.
- The wall of the fort stretches for nearly 36 kilometres around the fort complex.
- Kumbhalgarh Fort was recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2013 as part of the “Hill Forts of Rajasthan” group.
- The fort was built in the 15th century by Rana Kumbha, the ruler of Mewar.
- It served as a major defensive stronghold of the Rajput kingdom.





Ques: Which company successfully launched the upgraded Version 3 of the Starship-Super Heavy rocket system from Texas, USA?

- A) Blue Origin
- B) NASA
- C) Boeing
- D) Rocket Lab
- E) SpaceX

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- SpaceX successfully launched the upgraded Version 3 of its Starship-Super Heavy rocket system.
- The launch took place from the Starbase facility in Texas, United States.
- The mission marked another important milestone in SpaceX's reusable spacecraft programme.
- The Starship system is being developed for future Moon missions and Mars missions.
- The Super Heavy booster is designed to help launch Starship into space and return for reuse.
- SpaceX aims to create a fully reusable launch system to reduce the cost of space travel.





Ques : India has recently become the ___ largest export destination of Sri Lanka.

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India has surpassed the United Kingdom to become Sri Lanka's second-largest export market.
- The development was recorded during January–April 2026.
- Sri Lanka's Export Development Board released this information.
- The United States remains Sri Lanka's largest export destination.
- Sri Lanka's exports to India increased by 8.9% to reach \$364.15 million.
- India strengthened its trade position in the South Asian region through this growth.

Static Part:

- Sri Lanka Capital – Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- Commercial Capital – Colombo
- Currency – Sri Lankan Rupee





Ques: Which organisation postponed the 2026 Wrestling World Championships scheduled to be held in Bahrain?

- A) International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- B) Asian Wrestling Federation
- C) United World Wrestling (UWW)
- D) Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)
- E) International Wrestling Association

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- United World Wrestling (UWW) postponed the 2026 Wrestling World Championships.
- The championship was scheduled to be held in Bahrain from October 24 to November 1, 2026.
- UWW is the global governing body for the sport of wrestling.
- The organisation oversees international wrestling competitions and regulations worldwide.
- Wrestling is one of the oldest competitive sports in the world and is part of the Olympic Games.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- East Bengal won the Indian Super League (ISL) 2026 title by defeating Inter Kashi in the final.
- Former World No. 1 American archer Dave Cousins has been appointed as the head foreign coach for India's compound archery team.
- The Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 was held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. India secured third position in the women's team standings and fifth position in the men's team standings.
- Virat Kohli has emerged as the highest earner in IPL history with total earnings of around Rs.230 crore.
- India's teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi created history in the Indian Premier League (IPL) by becoming the Indian batter with the most sixes in a single season.
- 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.





Ques : Under the BHAVYA scheme, how many industrial parks are proposed to be developed across India?

- A) 50
- B) 75
- C) 100
- D) 150
- E) 200

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Centre launched guidelines for the BHAVYA (Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna) scheme.
- The scheme aims to develop 100 plug-and-play industrial parks across India.
- The project has a financial outlay of ₹33,660 crore.
- The scheme will be implemented over six years from 2026-27 to 2031-32.
- BHAVYA aims to strengthen India's domestic manufacturing ecosystem.
- Both greenfield and eligible brownfield industrial parks will be developed under the scheme.
- Minimum land requirement is 100 acres for non-hilly states and 25 acres for hilly and northeastern states.
- The scheme also allows development of industrial parks up to 1000 acres.





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

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





Ques: Which organisation launched the Convergence Research Centres of Excellence (CoE) programme to promote multidisciplinary research in India?

- A) CSIR
- B) DRDO
- C) Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) ISRO

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) selected 10 institutions under its new Convergence Research Centres of Excellence (CoE) programme.
- The programme aims to promote multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary research to address complex societal challenges.
- The programme received 945 proposals from institutions across India.
- ANRF functions under the Department of Science & Technology (DST).
- ANRF is a central body responsible for funding and coordinating scientific research in India.
- Selected Centres can receive funding support of up to ₹25 crore for projects lasting up to five years.





Ques : How many Rafale fighter jets are proposed to be manufactured in India under the new mega deal?

- A) 22
- B) 54
- C) 72
- D) 92
- E) 114

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has finalized the Letter of Request (LoR) and Request for Proposal (RFP) for acquiring 114 Rafale fighter jets.
- The deal is estimated to be worth around ₹3.25 lakh crore (about \$40 billion).
- The documents will soon be sent to Dassault Aviation and the French government.
- The acquisition includes 22 ready-to-fly Rafale jets to be delivered directly by France.
- The remaining 92 advanced Rafale jets will be manufactured in India.
- The project aims to strengthen India's air power and promote domestic defence manufacturing under "Make in India".

Static Part:

- Rafale Manufacturer – Dassault Aviation
- Country – France





Ques: Which force successfully completed its first-ever all-women international mountaineering expedition to Mount Everest?

- A) Border Security Force (BSF)
- B) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- C) Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP)
- D) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
- E) Assam Rifles

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP) successfully completed its first-ever all-women international mountaineering expedition to Mount Everest.
- Mount Everest has a height of 8,848 metres and is the world's highest mountain peak.
- The expedition was conducted under the “Clean Himalaya — Save Glacier” campaign.
- The team also carried out environmental awareness activities during the expedition.
- With this achievement, ITBP has completed 232 mountaineering expeditions, including five successful Mount Everest summits.
- ITBP has scaled six of the world's fourteen peaks above 8,000 metres.





Ques : Daman Airport has been developed under which central government scheme?

- A) Bharatmala Scheme
- B) Sagarmala Scheme
- C) UDAN Scheme
- D) Smart Cities Mission
- E) PM Gati Shakti

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Daman Airport is expected to start operations in the first half of June.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to inaugurate the airport.
- The airport has been developed under the Centre's UDAN regional connectivity scheme.
- Daman Airport will become India's newest coastal regional aviation hub.
- The project has been developed at a cost of ₹97 crore.
- Alliance Air will initially operate flights connecting Daman with Delhi, Mumbai and Ahmedabad.
- The airport is expected to boost tourism and industrial connectivity in the region.

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Ques: Who won the gold medal in the men's 100m event at the 2026 Athletics Federation Cup with a new national record timing of 10.09 seconds?

- A) Amlan Borgohain
- B) Gurindervir Singh
- C) Manikanta Hoblidhar
- D) Vishal TK
- E) Animesh Kujur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Gurindervir Singh won the gold medal in the men's 100m event at the 2026 Athletics Federation Cup held in Ranchi.
- He created a new national record with a timing of 10.09 seconds.
- Gurindervir Singh improved his previous personal best timing of 10.17 seconds.
- He also crossed the Commonwealth Games qualification mark of 10.16 seconds.
- In the men's 400m event, Vishal TK won the gold medal with a national record timing of 44.98 seconds.
- Vishal TK became the first Indian athlete to break the 45-second barrier in the men's 400m event.





Ques : How many Padma Awards were conferred by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan?

- A) 52
- B) 60
- C) 66
- D) 72
- E) 75

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu conferred 66 Padma Awards at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The awards included 2 Padma Vibhushan, 6 Padma Bhushan and 58 Padma Shri honours.
- The ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Home Minister Amit Shah.
- Classical violinist N. Rajam received the Padma Vibhushan award.
- Former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Bhagat Singh Koshyari received the Padma Bhushan award.
- Indian women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur was honoured with the Padma Shri award.
- Actor Prosenjit Chatterjee and banker Uday Kotak were also honoured.





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **2026 Goddard Astronautics Award : India's Chandrayaan-3 lunar mission**
- **United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025 : Indian Army officer Major Abhilasha Barak**
- **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**





Ques: On which date is World Football Day observed annually?

- A) 21 May
- B) 25 May
- C) 29 May
- D) 5 June
- E) 10 July

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Football Day is observed annually on May 25.
- The day was officially proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in May 2024.
- The observance recognises the global popularity and unifying power of football.
- The first international football tournament was held on May 25, 1924, during the Olympic Games in Paris.
- Football is one of the most widely played and watched sports in the world.
- The day promotes sportsmanship, teamwork, and cultural unity through football.

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Important days :

- 1 May : International Labour Day (Theme 2026 Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment) (Started in May 1, 1890)
- 1 May : Gujarat Day (Gujarat Sthapana Divas)
- 1 May : Maharashtra Day (Maharashtra Divas)
- 2 May : World Tuna Day
- 3 May : World Laughter Day 2026 (Theme 2026 World Peace through Laughter)
- 3 May : World Press Freedom Day (2026 theme is "Shaping a Future of Peace".)
- 5 May : World Portuguese Language Day
- 4 to 10 May : Fire Safety Week (Theme 2026: "Safe Schools, Safe Hospitals, and a Fire-Safety Aware Society: Together for Fire Prevention")
- 4 May : International Firefighters' Day (2026 theme is: "Safe School, Safe Hospital & Fire Safety Aware Society – Together for Fire Prevention".)
- 4 May : Coal Miner's Day
- 5 May (first Tuesday of May) : World Asthma Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma – still an urgent need)
- 5 May : World Cartoonist Day 2026
- 5 May : World Hand Hygiene Day (theme for 2026 is "Action saves lives – Safer care starts with clean hands.")
- 5 May : International Day of the Midwife (IDM) (Theme 2026 One Million More Midwives)
- 7 May : World Athletics Day 2026 (Theme 2026 "Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers,")
- 7 May : 165th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore
- 7 May : 67th Raising Day of Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- 8 May : World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2026 (Theme 2026 United in Humanity)
- 8 May : World Thalassaemia Day 2026 (Started in 1994) ("Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen.")
- 10 May : International Day of Argania (Started in 2021)
- 10 May : World Lupus Day (theme 2026 is "Make Lupus Visible.")
- 11 May : National Technology Day

