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**Ques: According to the RBI draft amendment directions, what is the current bulk deposit threshold for Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) and Small Finance Banks (SFBs)?**

- A) ₹15 lakh and above
- B) ₹50 lakh and above
- C) ₹1 crore and above
- D) ₹3 crore and above
- E) ₹5 crore and above

**Answer: D) ₹3 crore and above**

**Explanation:**

- RBI has proposed draft amendments to provide banks greater flexibility in pricing rupee bulk deposits.
- The proposal aims to improve transparency and uniformity in the disclosure of deposit interest rates.
- Banks will have to publish deposit interest rate schedules on their websites before the start of the business day.
- RBI has proposed allowing differential interest rates on bulk deposits based on applicable run-off rates under the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) framework.
- Under the existing RBI framework, a single rupee term deposit of ₹3 crore and above is classified as a bulk deposit for Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) and Small Finance Banks (SFBs).
- The draft directions are open for stakeholder comments until 20 June 2026.

**Static Part: RBI Deputy Governors**

- Swaminathan Janakiraman
- Dr. Poonam Gupta
- Shirish Chandra Murmu
- Rohit Jain





**Ques: Which organisation has been recognised by RBI as the Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for the Account Aggregator ecosystem?**

- A. NPCI
- B. Sahamati Foundation
- C. SIDBI
- D. NABARD
- E. NASSCOM

**Answer: B. Sahamati Foundation**

**Explanation:**

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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recognised Sahamati Foundation as the Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for the Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem.
- Sahamati Foundation was launched in 2019 as a non-profit organisation to promote the Account Aggregator ecosystem.
- The organisation is led by BG Mahesh (CEO).
- Earlier in 2026, Sahamati raised ₹50 crore from more than 30 financial sector entities.
- Major contributors included SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Tata Capital, Bajaj Finserv, Zerodha, and Dhan.
- RBI has prescribed five major conditions for recognition as an SRO-AA.

**Static Part: Account Aggregator (AA) Framework**

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- Introduced by RBI in 2016.
- Enables secure and consent-based sharing of financial data.
- Account Aggregators are licensed by RBI as NBFC-AAAs.
- Customers can share financial information digitally without sharing login credentials.
- Helps improve access to loans, wealth management, and other financial services.





**Ques: Which country recorded the highest FPI equity outflow among major emerging markets in 2026?**

- A) India
- B) Indonesia
- C) South Korea
- D) Vietnam
- E) Malaysia

**Answer: C) South Korea**

**Explanation:**

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- South Korea and India witnessed the highest Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) equity outflows among major emerging markets in 2026.
- South Korea recorded the largest FPI equity outflow of about \$69.6 billion (YTD) in 2026.
- India recorded net FPI equity outflows of around \$27.2 billion during the same period.
- The outflows were driven by global uncertainty, profit-booking by investors, and a shift toward safe-haven markets.
- Despite equity outflows, India continued to attract foreign investment into its debt market.

**Static Part: Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI)**

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- FPI refers to investments by foreign investors in a country's financial assets such as stocks and bonds.
- FPIs generally do not obtain management control over companies.
- In India, FPI regulations are governed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- FPI flows are considered an important indicator of investor confidence and market sentiment.





**Ques: What was India's estimated real GDP growth rate for FY 2025-26 as per the provisional estimates released by MoSPI?**

- A) 7.1%
- B) 7.4%
- C) 7.6%
- D) 7.7%
- E) 7.8%

**Answer: D) 7.7%**

**Explanation:**

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- India's real GDP growth for FY 2025-26 has been estimated at 7.7%, compared to 7.1% in FY 2024-25.
- The provisional estimates were released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- The estimated growth rate of 7.7% is slightly higher than the 7.6% projection made in February 2026.
- India's GDP growth in the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY 2025-26 stood at 7.8%.
- This performance keeps India among the fastest-growing major economies in the world.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that these figures reflect the success of economic reforms and the efforts of 140 crore Indians.

**Static Part: GDP**

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- GDP (Gross Domestic Product) is the total monetary value of all final goods and services produced within a country during a specific period.
- Real GDP measures economic growth after adjusting for inflation.
- Nominal GDP is calculated using current market prices without adjusting for inflation.
- In India, GDP estimates are released by the MoSPI through the National Statistical Office (NSO). National Statistical Office





**Ques: International Finance Corporation (IFC) has committed USD 50 million to which company to promote green hydrogen projects in India?**

- A) Avaada Energy
- B) ReNew Power
- C) Hygenco Green Energies
- D) ACME Cleantech
- E) NTPC Green Energy

**Answer: C) Hygenco Green Energies**

**Explanation:**

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- The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private-sector arm of the World Bank Group, has committed USD 50 million to Hygenco Green Energies.
- IFC, Siemens Financial Services, Clean Technology Fund, Frontier Opportunities Fund, and Fullerton Carbon Action Fund have together signed an agreement for a total investment of USD 105 million.
- The investment will support the development of multiple green hydrogen and green ammonia projects across India.
- Hygenco aims to expand the supply of green hydrogen to industries such as steel, refineries, fertilizers, and other hard-to-abate sectors.
- The initiative supports India's National Green Hydrogen Mission and the country's clean energy transition goals.

**Static Part: Green Hydrogen**

- Green hydrogen is produced by splitting water through electrolysis using renewable energy sources such as solar or wind power.
- It is considered a clean fuel because it produces no carbon emissions during production.
- India launched the National Green Hydrogen Mission in January 2023.
- The mission aims to make India a global hub for the production, usage, and export of green hydrogen.





**Ques:** According to the World Inequality Lab report, by around which year is India projected to surpass China in its share of global GDP measured in PPP terms?

- A) 2040
- B) 2050
- C) 2060
- D) 2075
- E) 2100

**Answer:** C) 2060

**Explanation:**

- India is projected to surpass China in its share of global GDP measured in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) terms by around 2060.
- This projection was made in the Global Justice Report prepared by researchers associated with the World Inequality Lab.
- China's share of global GDP is currently around 20% in PPP terms but is expected to decline during the second half of the 21st century due to demographic changes.
- India's share of world GDP is currently about 8% in PPP terms and is projected to increase steadily over the coming decades.
- The report attributes India's rise to sustained economic growth, demographic advantages, and increased investment in human capital.
- The report suggests that the 21st century will witness a multipolar global economy rather than dominance by a single country.
- India is expected to emerge as one of the world's leading economic powers in the coming decades.

**Static Part:**

- International Monetary Fund Headquarters – Washington, D.C., USA
- World Bank Headquarters – Washington, D.C., USA
- India's Current Rank in GDP (PPP) – 3rd Largest Economy
- Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) compares the relative purchasing power of currencies across countries and adjusts for differences in price levels.





**Ques: According to the latest outlook released by the OECD, what is India's projected GDP growth rate for 2026–27?**

प्रश्न: OECD द्वारा जारी नवीनतम आर्थिक दृष्टिकोण के अनुसार, वर्ष 2026–27 में भारत की अनुमानित GDP वृद्धि दर कितनी है?

- A) 5.8%
- B) 6.0%
- C) 6.3%
- D) 6.8%
- E) 7.0%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation | व्याख्या:**

- According to the latest outlook released by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), India's economy is projected to grow by 6.3% in 2026–27.
- आर्थिक सहयोग और विकास संगठन (OECD) द्वारा जारी नवीनतम आर्थिक दृष्टिकोण के अनुसार, वर्ष 2026–27 में भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था के 6.3% की दर से बढ़ने का अनुमान है।
- The OECD has also projected India's GDP growth at 6.4% for 2027–28.
- OECD ने वर्ष 2027–28 के लिए भारत की GDP वृद्धि दर 6.4% रहने का अनुमान भी व्यक्त किया है।
- The forecast highlights India's position among the fastest-growing major economies in the world.
- यह अनुमान भारत को विश्व की सबसे तेजी से बढ़ती प्रमुख अर्थव्यवस्थाओं में से एक के रूप में दर्शाता है।
- Strong domestic demand, investment activity and ongoing economic reforms are expected to support growth in the coming years.
- मजबूत घरेलू मांग, निवेश गतिविधियों और जारी आर्थिक सुधारों से आगामी वर्षों में विकास को समर्थन मिलने की उम्मीद है।
- OECD regularly publishes economic outlook reports assessing global and country-specific growth prospects.
- OECD समय-समय पर वैश्विक और देश-विशिष्ट आर्थिक संभावनाओं का आकलन करने वाली आर्थिक दृष्टिकोण रिपोर्ट प्रकाशित करता है।





**Ques: Under the RBI's latest reforms, which Government Securities have been newly designated as 'specified securities' under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR)?**

- A) 5-year and 10-year G-Secs only
- B) 7-year and 20-year G-Secs only
- C) 15-year, 30-year and 40-year G-Secs
- D) All Government Securities
- E) Treasury Bills only

**Answer: C) 15-year, 30-year and 40-year G-Secs**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced major reforms to simplify and expand Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) investments in Government Securities (G-Secs).
- Under the General Route, RBI has removed short-term investment limits, concentration limits, and individual security-wise limits.
- The existing "General" and "Long-term" investment categories have been merged into a single limit for Government Securities and State Government Securities.
- RBI has designated all new issuances of 15-year, 30-year, and 40-year Government Securities as "specified securities" under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR).
- The reforms aim to increase foreign participation in India's bond market and improve investment flexibility.

**Static Part: Fully Accessible Route (FAR)**

- FAR was introduced by the RBI in 2020.
- It allows non-resident investors to invest in specified Government Securities without any investment ceilings.
- Investments under FAR are exempt from the usual FPI limits applicable to Government Securities.
- FAR helps enhance foreign participation in India's sovereign debt market.





**Ques: Which countries were elected by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) as non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the 2027–2028 term?**

- A) Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama and Somalia
- B) Austria, Kyrgyzstan, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago and Zimbabwe
- C) India, Japan, Germany, Brazil and South Africa
- D) Canada, Mexico, Norway, Kenya and Thailand
- E) Argentina, Egypt, Indonesia, Spain and Nigeria

**Answer: B) Austria, Kyrgyzstan, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago and Zimbabwe**

**Explanation:**

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- The United Nations General Assembly elected Austria, Kyrgyzstan, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago, and Zimbabwe as non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.
- Their two-year term will begin on 1 January 2027 and continue until 31 December 2028.
- These countries will replace Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia, whose terms end at the conclusion of 2026.
- Non-permanent members of the UNSC are elected by the UN General Assembly for a period of two years.
- The election is conducted through a secret ballot, and candidates must secure a two-thirds majority of votes in the General Assembly.

**Static Part: United Nations Security Council (UNSC)**

- Total Members: 15
- **Permanent Members (P5):**
  - China
  - France
  - Russia
  - United Kingdom
  - United States





**Ques: What is the name of Microsoft's second-generation topological quantum computing chip unveiled during Microsoft Build 2026?**

- A) Quantum X1
- B) Majorana 1
- C) Quantum Scout
- D) Azure Quantum Core
- E) Majorana 2

**Answer: E) Majorana 2**

**Explanation:**

- Microsoft unveiled Majorana 2, its second-generation topological quantum computing chip, during Microsoft Build 2026.
- The chip was developed with support from Microsoft's agentic AI platform, Microsoft Discovery.
- Majorana 2 is designed to address long-standing engineering challenges in quantum computing.
- It succeeds Majorana 1, the processor introduced in 2025.
- Microsoft aims to develop commercially useful quantum computing systems by 2029.
- Alongside the chip announcement, Microsoft also launched Scout, an AI-powered scientific discovery tool.

**Static Part: Quantum Computing**

- Quantum computing uses qubits instead of classical bits (0 and 1).
- Qubits can exist in multiple states simultaneously through superposition.
- Another key principle is entanglement, which enables correlated quantum states.
- Quantum computers have potential applications in cryptography, drug discovery, materials science, optimization, and artificial intelligence.
- Major technology companies investing in quantum computing include Microsoft, IBM, Google Quantum AI, and Intel.





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- Alongside the chip announcement, Microsoft also launched Scout, an AI-powered Microsoft 365 assistant.
- Scout can autonomously manage schedules, emails, and meetings, helping improve workplace productivity.

**Static Part: Microsoft**

- Founded: 4 April 1975
- Founders: Bill Gates and Paul Allen
- Headquarters: Redmond
- CEO: Satya Nadella
- Majorana 2: Second-generation topological quantum computing chip.





**Ques: Whose record will Prime Minister Narendra Modi surpass to become India's longest continuously serving democratically elected Prime Minister?**

- A) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- B) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- C) Indira Gandhi
- D) Jawaharlal Nehru
- E) Rajiv Gandhi

**Answer: D) Jawaharlal Nehru**

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi became India's longest continuously serving democratically elected Prime Minister on 10 June 2026.
- Modi first took oath as Prime Minister on 26 May 2014.
- On 10 June 2026, he completed 4,399 consecutive days in office.
- This surpassed the record of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, who served continuously for 4,398 days after the first general elections.
- Nehru's uninterrupted tenure lasted from 13 May 1952 to 27 May 1964.
- Modi had earlier surpassed the longest uninterrupted tenure record of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on 25 July 2025.

**Static Part: Prime Ministers of India**

- First Prime Minister: Jawaharlal Nehru
- Current Prime Minister: Narendra Modi
- Prime Minister is appointed by the President of India.
- Official Residence of the Prime Minister: 7 Lok Kalyan Marg
- The Prime Minister is the head of the Government of India and the chairperson of the Union Council of Ministers.





**Ques: Which organization has launched the VYOMA Innovation Challenge to promote open-source, multilingual, voice-first AI solutions?**

- A) Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD)
- B) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- E) IndiaAI Mission

**Answer: A) Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD)**

**Explanation:**

- VYOMA Innovation Challenge is an innovation initiative launched by the Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD).
- The challenge has been launched in collaboration with Current AI and Kalpa Impact.
- It aims to promote the development of open-source, multilingual, voice-first Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions.
- These AI solutions are designed to function effectively in offline and low-connectivity environments.
- The challenge builds upon Sunno Sutra, a multilingual, voice-first, open-source handheld AI reference device.
- The initiative seeks to make AI more accessible and inclusive across India's diverse linguistic landscape.

**Static Part: BHASHINI**

- BHASHINI stands for Bhasha Interface for India.
- It is a key initiative under the Digital India Programme.
- BHASHINI aims to enable digital services in Indian languages through AI-powered language technologies.
- It supports translation, speech recognition, text-to-speech, and other language AI tools.
- The initiative promotes digital inclusion by reducing language barriers across India.





**Ques: To support African nations in combating the Ebola outbreak, India provided emergency medical assistance to which organization?**

- A) World Health Organization (WHO)
- B) African Union Commission (AUC)
- C) Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)
- D) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- E) International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

**Answer: C) Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)**

**Explanation:**

- India extended support to African nations in their fight against the Ebola outbreak by providing emergency medical assistance to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.
- The assistance was handed over by Upender Singh Rawat, India's High Commissioner to Uganda, to the Africa CDC office.
- As part of the support, India dispatched the first tranche of approximately 2.5 tonnes of emergency medical supplies to Kampala on 24 May.
- Based on a detailed assessment of requirements provided by Africa CDC, India's Ministry of External Affairs mobilized a second and larger tranche of assistance.
- The initiative reflects India's commitment to global health cooperation and support for African nations during public health emergencies.

**Static Part: Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)**

- Ebola is a severe and often fatal viral disease affecting humans and other primates.
- It spreads through direct contact with infected body fluids or contaminated materials.
- Symptoms include fever, fatigue, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, and internal or external bleeding.
- The disease was first identified in 1976 near the Ebola River.
- The World Health Organization plays a key role in coordinating international responses to Ebola outbreaks.





**Ques: Which wetland was designated as India's 100th Ramsar Site?**

- A) Bhoj Wetland
- B) Renuka Wetland
- C) Surha Tal (Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary)
- D) Wular Lake
- E) Chilika Lake

**Answer: C) Surha Tal (Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary)**

**Explanation:**

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- Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) in Ballia has been designated as India's 100th Ramsar Site.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed the achievement and highlighted India's commitment to wetland conservation and biodiversity protection.
- Surha Tal is a freshwater oxbow lake and an important habitat for several resident and migratory bird species.
- With this addition, India now has 100 Ramsar Sites spread across its States and Union Territories.
- India has become the country with the highest number of Ramsar Sites in Asia and ranks third globally, after the United Kingdom and Mexico.

**Static Part: Ramsar Convention**

- The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was adopted in 1971 in Ramsar.
- It is an international treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.
- A Ramsar Site is a wetland designated as being of international importance under the convention.
- India became a contracting party to the Ramsar Convention in 1982.
- Wetlands help in biodiversity conservation, groundwater recharge, flood control, and climate regulation.





**Ques: Which company developed India's first flex-fuel passenger vehicle, WagonR, launched in New Delhi?**

- A) Tata Motors
- B) Mahindra & Mahindra
- C) Hyundai Motor India
- D) Maruti Suzuki
- E) Toyota Kirloskar Motor

**Answer: D) Maruti Suzuki**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari launched India's first flex-fuel passenger vehicle, WagonR, in New Delhi.
- The vehicle was developed by Maruti Suzuki.
- A Flex-Fuel Vehicle (FFV) is capable of running on different blends of petrol and ethanol.
- The WagonR Flex-Fuel vehicle can operate on fuel blends ranging from E20 to E100.
- Flex-fuel technology helps reduce dependence on fossil fuels and promotes cleaner transportation.
- The initiative supports India's ethanol blending programme and efforts toward energy security and environmental sustainability.

**Static Part: Flex-Fuel Vehicles (FFVs)**

- FFVs can run on gasoline, ethanol, or a mixture of both.
- E20 means 20% ethanol and 80% petrol.
- E100 refers to 100% ethanol fuel.
- Ethanol is primarily produced from sugarcane, maize, and other agricultural feedstocks.
- FFVs help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and crude oil imports.
- India's ethanol blending programme is aimed at increasing the use of biofuels and strengthening energy security.





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the new brand ambassador for Visa India?**

- A) Shah Rukh Khan
- B) Ranveer Singh
- C) Amitabh Bachchan
- D) Ayushmann Khurrana
- E) Hrithik Roshan

**Answer: A) Shah Rukh Khan**

**Explanation:**

- Shah Rukh Khan has been appointed as the new brand ambassador for Visa India.
- As part of this partnership, Visa India launched a new campaign titled "Infinitely More".
- The campaign aims to highlight the possibilities, opportunities, and experiences that digital payments can unlock for consumers and businesses.
- Shah Rukh Khan is one of India's most recognized global entertainment icons and has been associated with numerous national and international brands.
- The collaboration is intended to promote the adoption and benefits of digital payment solutions.

**Static Part: Visa**

- Parent Company: Visa Inc.
- Founded: 1958
- Headquarters: San Francisco (global operations)
- Industry: Digital Payments and Financial Services
- Visa operates one of the world's largest electronic payment networks.
- Visa India is the Indian operations arm of Visa's global digital payments network.





**Ques: Which initiative won the Food Planet Prize 2026, the world's largest environmental award for food systems?**

- A) Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)
- B) National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
- C) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
- D) Zero Budget Natural Farming Mission
- E) National Food Security Mission (NFSM)

**Answer: A) Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)**

**Explanation:**

- Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming, an initiative of the Andhra Pradesh Government, won the Food Planet Prize 2026.
- The Food Planet Prize is regarded as the world's largest environmental award dedicated to food systems.
- APCNF received the award for promoting farming practices that reduce dependence on synthetic inputs and encourage natural farming methods.
- The award was presented by the Curt Bergfors Foundation in Båstad.
- The prize carries a reward of USD 1.5 million.
- APCNF is one of the world's largest community-driven initiatives promoting agroecology and natural farming.

**Static Part: Natural Farming**

- Natural farming minimizes the use of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides.
- It promotes soil health, biodiversity, and sustainable agricultural practices.
- Andhra Pradesh is considered a pioneer state in large-scale community-based natural farming.
- Natural farming helps reduce cultivation costs and improve environmental sustainability.
- The Government of India promotes natural farming through initiatives such as the National Mission on Natural Farming.





**Ques: Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) was recognized by Guinness World Records for achieving which record?**

- A) Largest Online Youth Conference
- B) Most Users to Take an Online Quiz in One Week
- C) Largest Youth Volunteer Campaign
- D) Most Digital Certificates Issued in a Day
- E) Largest Skill Development Programme

**Answer: B) Most Users to Take an Online Quiz in One Week**

**Explanation:**

- Mera Yuva Bharat has been officially recognized by Guinness World Records for achieving the record of "Most Users to Take an Online Quiz in One Week."
- The record was achieved through the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue 2026 Quiz.
- The quiz was conducted from 25 October to 31 October 2025.
- The Guinness World Records certificate was received by Mansukh Mandaviya.
- The achievement reflects the large-scale participation of Indian youth in nation-building and civic engagement initiatives.
- MY Bharat serves as a technology-driven platform to connect, engage, and empower young people across the country.

**Static Part: MY Bharat**

- Full Form: Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)
- Launched: 2023
- Ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Objective: To provide a technology-enabled platform for youth engagement, volunteering, leadership, and nation-building activities.
- Target Group: Young citizens of India, especially those aged 15–29 years.
- Motto: Empowering youth to contribute actively to India's development and the vision of Viksit Bharat.





**Ques: The International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing is observed every year on which date?**

- A) 22 April
- B) 22 May
- C) 5 June
- D) 8 June
- E) 16 October

**Answer: C) 5 June**

**Explanation:**

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- The International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing is observed every year on 5 June.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the harmful impacts of illegal and unsustainable fishing practices on marine ecosystems and global food security.
- According to the Food and Agriculture Organization report "Review of the State of World Marine Fishery Resources – 2025", more than one-third of global fish stocks are being overexploited.
- Illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing threatens biodiversity, marine habitats, and the livelihoods of millions of people dependent on fisheries.
- The observance encourages countries to strengthen fisheries management, monitoring systems, and international cooperation.

**Static Part: FAO**

- Full Form: Food and Agriculture Organization
- Parent Organization: United Nations
- Established: 16 October 1945
- Headquarters: Rome
- Director-General: Qu Dongyu

World Food Day is observed annually on 16 October to mark the establishment of FAO.





**Ques: The Government has extended the tenure of RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan Janakiraman for another two years. He was originally appointed as RBI Deputy Governor in which year?**

- A) 2021
- B) 2022
- C) 2023
- D) 2024
- E) 2025

**Answer: C) 2023**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has extended the tenure of Swaminathan Janakiraman as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for another two years.
- He was originally appointed as RBI Deputy Governor in June 2023 for a three-year term.
- The reappointment will take effect from 26 June 2026.
- Before joining RBI, he held several senior positions at the State Bank of India.
- As Deputy Governor, he oversees areas related to banking regulation, supervision, and financial sector oversight.

**Static Part: RBI**

- Established: 1 April 1935
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Governor: Sanjay Malhotra
- RBI is India's central bank and is responsible for monetary policy, currency issuance, and financial system regulation.
- **Current RBI Deputy Governors:**
  - Swaminathan Janakiraman
  - Poonam Gupta
  - Shirish Chandra Murmu
  - Rohit Jain





**Ques: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Standard Chartered Bank signed agreements to strengthen trade finance and supply chain finance in India through arrangements structured via which financial hub?**

- A) International Financial Services Centre, Mumbai
- B) GIFT City
- C) Hyderabad Financial District
- D) Bengaluru FinTech Hub
- E) IFSC Chennai

**Answer: B) GIFT City**

**Explanation:**

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- The Asian Development Bank and Standard Chartered Bank signed two agreements to strengthen trade finance and supply chain finance in India.
- The agreements involve risk-sharing arrangements covering both US Dollar (USD) and Indian Rupee (INR) transactions.
- The arrangement has been structured through GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City).
- The partnership aims to improve access to finance for businesses and strengthen cross-border trade activities.
- It is expected to support greater participation of Indian businesses in global supply chains.

**Static Part: GIFT City**

- Full Form: Gujarat International Finance Tec-City
- Location: Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- India's first operational International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
- Regulated by the International Financial Services Centres Authority.
- Designed to serve as a global financial and fintech hub.

Hosts banking, insurance, capital market, aircraft leasing, and fintech activities.





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Executive Director (ED) at the World Bank by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)?**

- A) Parameswaran Iyer
- B) Neelkanth Mishra
- C) Rajiv Kumar
- D) Anantha Nageswaran
- E) Subhash Chandra Garg

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Neelkanth Mishra as Executive Director (ED) at the World Bank.
- He will be based at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C., USA.
- Neelkanth Mishra will succeed Parameswaran Iyer in this position.
- His tenure as Executive Director will be for a period of three years.
- Prior to this appointment, he was serving as the Chief Economist at Axis Bank.
- Neelkanth Mishra is a well-known economist and has contributed significantly to economic research and policy discussions in India.

**Static Part:**

- World Bank Headquarters – Washington, D.C., USA
- World Bank President – Ajay Banga
- Established – 1944
- Member Countries – 180+
- Objective – To reduce poverty and support economic development across the world.
- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)
- Chaired by – Prime Minister of India
- Responsible for appointments of senior officials in the Government of India.





**Ques: Which platform of the Department of Consumer Affairs won the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026?**

- A) e-Daakhil
- B) e-Jagriti
- C) INGRAM
- D) Jago Grahak Portal
- E) Consumer Connect

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Department of Consumer Affairs' e-Jagriti platform won the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026.
- The platform was recognized for transforming consumer grievance redressal through digital innovation.
- e-Jagriti is a digital platform designed to provide a faster, transparent, and consumer-centric grievance redressal system.
- The initiative was selected among 17 award-winning e-Governance projects across India.
- The award was conferred under one of the seven categories of excellence in digital governance.
- The recognition highlights the government's efforts to leverage technology for efficient public service delivery and consumer protection.

**Static Part:**

- Department of Consumer Affairs
- Ministry – Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- Objective – Protection of consumer rights and promotion of consumer welfare
- National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG)
- Organized by – Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia?**

- A) Suhel Ajaz Khan
- B) Vipul
- C) Sanjay Verma
- D) Pavan Kapoor
- E) Mohan Kumar

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Vipul has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia.
- He will replace Suhel Ajaz Khan in the position.
- Prior to this appointment, Vipul was serving as India's Ambassador to Qatar.
- The appointment reflects India's continued focus on strengthening diplomatic, economic, and strategic relations with Saudi Arabia.
- Saudi Arabia is one of India's key partners in the Gulf region, particularly in the areas of energy security, trade, and investment.

**Static Part:**

- Capital of Saudi Arabia – Riyadh
- Currency – Saudi Riyal (SAR)
- Crown Prince & Prime Minister – Mohammed bin Salman
- Official Language – Arabic
- Capital of Qatar – Doha
- Currency – Qatari Riyal (QAR)
- Official Language – Arabic
- Emir of Qatar – Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani





**Ques: Which edition of the India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting was co-chaired by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Indonesian Foreign Minister Sugiono?**

- A) 5th
- B) 6th
- C) 7th
- D) 8th
- E) 9th

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar co-chaired the 8th India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting with Indonesian Foreign Minister Sugiono.
- Both leaders reviewed the progress of the India-Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
- Dr. Jaishankar stated that bilateral relations have witnessed strong growth in recent years.
- Discussions covered political relations, defence and security cooperation, maritime affairs, and shipping.
- Both countries deliberated on trade, fintech, health, pharmaceuticals, fertilisers, and critical minerals.
- The meeting reaffirmed the commitment of both nations to deepen cooperation across strategic and economic sectors.

**Static Part:**

- Capital of Indonesia – Jakarta
- Currency – Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)
- President of Indonesia – Prabowo Subianto
- Official Language – Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia)
- India-Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership – Established in 2018





**Ques: Which NASA mission, launched to study the atmosphere of Mars, was officially declared ended after losing communication for nearly six months?**

- A) MAVEN Mission
- B) Perseverance Mission
- C) Curiosity Mission
- D) InSight Mission
- E) Phoenix Mission

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- NASA has officially declared the MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution) mission ended.
- The spacecraft had been studying the atmosphere of Mars since 2014.
- Communication with the spacecraft was lost in December 2025 after it passed behind the Red Planet.
- Despite repeated efforts, communication could not be re-established, and the spacecraft remained silent for nearly six months.
- MAVEN's primary objective was to study the Martian atmosphere and understand how Mars lost much of its atmosphere and water over time.
- The mission provided valuable insights into the evolution of Mars and its climate history.

**Static Part:**

- MAVEN – Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution
- Launched – 18 November 2013
- Arrived at Mars – 22 September 2014
- Space Agency – NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
- Objective – Study the Martian atmosphere and climate evolution
- NASA Headquarters – Washington, D.C., USA
- Established – 29 July 1958





**Ques: What is the primary objective of the Land Port Management System (LPMS VINIMAY) launched by Amit Shah?**

- A) Agricultural exports promotion
- B) Railway modernization
- C) Enhancing efficiency, transparency and security in cross-border trade and passenger movement
- D) Urban infrastructure development
- E) Digital banking services

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Land Port Management System (LPMS VINIMAY) in New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to enhance efficiency, transparency, and security in cross-border trade and passenger movement.
- LPMS is a technology-driven digital platform designed to integrate operations across India's land ports into a unified system.
- The platform will enable secure real-time exchange of logistics and regulatory information.
- LPMS will provide end-to-end digital workflows for cargo and passenger processing, including slot booking, payments, tracking, and single-window clearances.
- The system is expected to improve ease of doing business and streamline border management processes.

**Static Part:**

- Ministry – Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- Union Home Minister – Amit Shah
- LPMS Full Form – Land Port Management System
- VINIMAY – Digital platform for integrated land port operations
- Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)





**Ques: Which department's secretary will chair the six sector-specific working groups constituted by the Government of India to boost domestic manufacturing and reduce import dependence?**

- A) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- B) Department of Commerce
- C) Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)
- D) Department of Heavy Industries
- E) Department of Public Enterprises

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has constituted six sector-specific working groups to identify around 100 products for increasing domestic manufacturing and reducing import dependence.
- The initiative is aimed at strengthening the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- These working groups will be chaired by the Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- The groups will identify products where domestic production can be enhanced and import dependency can be reduced.
- The exercise is expected to improve industrial competitiveness, strengthen supply chains, and promote self-reliance.
- The initiative will support India's efforts to become a global manufacturing hub.

**Static Part:**

- DPIIT – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- Ministry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Objective – Promotion of industrial development, investment facilitation, and internal trade.
- Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission
- Launched – 2020





**Ques:** After several decades, the rare wild cat Caracal was recently spotted in which National Park?

- A) Ranthambore National Park
- B) Bandhavgarh National Park
- C) Kuno National Park
- D) Kaziranga National Park
- E) Pench National Park

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- A rare wild cat called Caracal has been spotted in Kuno National Park, Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh, after several decades.
- The sighting was recorded during a camera trap survey conducted in the park.
- The reappearance of the Caracal is considered a major success for wildlife conservation efforts in Madhya Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav welcomed the development and highlighted the importance of wildlife conservation.
- The Chief Minister stated that Project Cheetah is not only focused on cheetah rehabilitation but also on protecting the entire ecosystem and biodiversity.
- Kuno National Park has emerged as an important wildlife conservation centre with global recognition.

**Static Part:**

- Kuno National Park
- Location – Sheopur District, Madhya Pradesh
- National Park Status – 2018
- Known for – Project Cheetah and Asiatic lion habitat proposal
- Caracal
- Scientific Name – *Caracal caracal*
- IUCN Status – Least Concern





**Ques: Which Indian wicket-keeper batter, who became the first wicket-keeper batsman to score a triple hundred in the Ranji Trophy, has announced his retirement from international cricket?**

- A) Wriddhiman Saha
- B) Ishan Kishan
- C) KS Bharat
- D) Sanju Samson
- E) Rishabh Pant

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Indian wicket-keeper batter KS Bharat has announced his retirement from international cricket.
- KS Bharat made his Test debut for India against Australia.
- In 2015, he became the first wicket-keeper batsman in Ranji Trophy history to score a triple century.
- His achievement in domestic cricket earned him recognition as one of India's most accomplished wicket-keeper batters.
- KS Bharat represented India at the highest level and also made significant contributions in domestic cricket.
- He is widely known for his reliable wicket-keeping skills and consistent performances in first-class cricket.

**Static Part:**

- KS Bharat
- Full Name – Kona Srikar Bharat
- Born – Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- Role – Wicket-keeper Batter
- Domestic Team – Andhra Pradesh
- Ranji Trophy





**Ques: Which Indian chess player became the first Indian to win the Norway Chess title in 2026?**

- A) Viswanathan Anand
- B) Arjun Erigaisi
- C) D. Gukesh
- D) R. Praggnanandhaa
- E) Pentala Harikrishna

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa won the prestigious Norway Chess 2026 title.
- The 20-year-old became the first Indian player to win the elite Norway Chess super-tournament.
- He secured the championship by defeating Vincent Keymer in the final round.
- Praggnanandhaa finished strongly by winning four consecutive classical games.
- During the tournament, he defeated World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen on his home soil in Norway.
- Magnus Carlsen praised Praggnanandhaa's fighting spirit and performance throughout the event.
- The victory is considered one of the biggest achievements of Praggnanandhaa's chess career so far.

**Static Part:**

- R. Praggnanandhaa
- Full Name – Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
- Born – 10 August 2005
- State – Tamil Nadu
- Title – Grandmaster (GM)
- Became Grandmaster – 2018
- Magnus Carlsen
- Country – Norway





**Ques: BALTOPS 2026, one of the largest multinational naval exercises in the Baltic Sea, is led by which organization?**

- A) Royal Navy of the United Kingdom
- B) German Navy
- C) NATO Maritime Command
- D) French Navy
- E) United States Navy

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The United States and NATO allies have launched BALTOPS 2026 (Baltic Operations), one of the largest multinational naval exercises in the Baltic Sea.
- The exercise is led by the United States Navy.
- BALTOPS was first started in 1971 and has become a major annual maritime exercise in the Baltic region.
- BALTOPS 2026 involves participation from around 20 vessels and 15 countries.
- Approximately 6,000 military personnel are taking part in the exercise.
- The exercise aims to enhance interoperability, maritime security, and collective defense capabilities among allied nations.

**Static Part:**

- United States Navy
- Established – 13 October 1775
- Country – United States
- Role – Maritime warfare and naval operations
- NATO
- Established – 4 April 1949
- Headquarters – Brussels, Belgium
- Members – 32 countries
- Purpose – Collective defense and security cooperation among member nations
- BALTOPS (Baltic Operations)
- Started – 1971





**Ques: At what age did Vaibhav Sooryavanshi become the youngest-ever player selected for the Indian men's cricket team?**

- A) 14 Years 250 Days
- B) 15 Years 71 Days
- C) 15 Years 150 Days
- D) 16 Years 20 Days
- E) 16 Years 100 Days

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has become the youngest-ever player to be selected for the Indian men's cricket team at the age of 15 years and 71 days.
- He received his maiden call-up to the senior Indian men's T20I squad.
- Vaibhav has been selected for the Ireland and England tours as well as the Asian Games.
- His selection comes after impressive performances in domestic and age-group cricket.
- He created history by becoming the youngest-ever player to earn selection for the Indian men's national cricket team.
- The achievement highlights his exceptional talent and rapid rise in Indian cricket.

**Static Part:**

- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
- Role – Batter
- State – Bihar
- Known For – Youngest player selected for the Indian men's cricket team
- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- Established – 1928
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Governing Body – Cricket in India





**Ques: Indian athlete Shaili Singh won the Gold Medal in which event at the New Taipei City Athletics Open 2026?**

- A) High Jump
- B) Triple Jump
- C) Women's Long Jump
- D) Pole Vault
- E) 100m Sprint

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Indian athlete Shaili Singh won the Gold Medal in the Women's Long Jump event at the New Taipei City Athletics Open 2026.
- She secured the top position with a best jump of 6.24 metres.
- The New Taipei City Athletics Open is an international athletics competition held in Chinese Taipei (Taiwan).
- India finished the competition with a total of four medals, including two gold medals and two silver medals.
- The Women's 4×100m Relay Team also won a Gold Medal for India.
- Tejas Shirse won a Silver Medal in the men's 110m hurdles event.
- Animesh Kujur secured a Silver Medal in the men's 200m sprint event.

**Static Part:**

- Shaili Singh
- Sport – Athletics (Long Jump)
- Coach – Anju Bobby George
- Known For – One of India's leading long jump athletes
- Anju Bobby George
- First Indian athlete to win a medal at the World Athletics Championships (2003)
- Event – Long Jump
- New Taipei City Athletics Open





**Ques:** The newly inaugurated Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) at Jammu has become which numbered RMC in India?

- A) 5th
- B) 6th
- C) 7th
- D) 8th
- E) 9th

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated the new Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) at Jammu.
- The Jammu centre has become the 7th Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) in India.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh also announced that a new RMC will soon be established in Lucknow.
- The new RMC Jammu will provide weather-related services to Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, and Himachal Pradesh.
- An RMC is a regional office of the India Meteorological Department.
- RMCs are responsible for weather forecasting, early warning services, rainfall monitoring, disaster alerts, and climate services.

**Static Part:**

- India Meteorological Department (IMD)
- Established – 1875
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Ministry – Ministry of Earth Sciences
- Director General – Mrutyunjay Mohapatra
- Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC)
- Function – Regional weather forecasting and meteorological services





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the next Vice-Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force?**

- A) Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor
- B) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
- C) Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh
- D) Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- E) Air Marshal Tejinder Singh

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has been appointed as the next Vice-Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force.
- He will assume office on 1 July and succeed Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor.
- Currently, Air Marshal Dixit is serving as the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC).
- Commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force on 6 December 1986, he is a distinguished fighter pilot and experimental test pilot.
- He has logged more than 3,300 flying hours on over 20 types of aircraft, including Mirage-2000, MiG-21, and Jaguar fighter jets.
- He has made significant contributions to indigenous fighter aircraft programmes and capability enhancement initiatives of the Indian Air Force.

**Static Part:**

- Indian Air Force
- Established – 8 October 1932
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Motto – Touch the Sky with Glory
- Air Chief Marshal – Amar Preet Singh
- Vice-Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS)
- Second-highest-ranking officer in the Indian Air Force





**Ques: What is the name of the one-time settlement scheme launched by the Kerala Government for co-operative loan defaulters?**

- A) Karunya-2026
- B) Suraksha-2026
- C) Ashwas-2026
- D) Samadhan-2026
- E) Sahyog-2026

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Kerala Government has launched a one-time settlement (OTS) scheme named 'Ashwas-2026'.
- The scheme is intended for borrowers who have defaulted on loans taken from co-operative societies.
- The initiative aims to reduce the mounting loan arrears in the co-operative sector.
- It also seeks to safeguard the interests of depositors in co-operative institutions.
- The announcement was made by the office of Kerala's Co-operation and Excise Minister M. B. Rajesh.
- Under the scheme, eligible borrowers will get an opportunity to settle their outstanding dues under special terms.

**Static Part:**

- Capital of Kerala – Thiruvananthapuram
- Chief Minister of Kerala – Pinarayi Vijayan
- Governor of Kerala – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- One-Time Settlement (OTS) – A scheme that allows borrowers to settle outstanding loans under special terms, often with concessions





**Ques: Former Lok Sabha Secretary General and constitutional expert who recently passed away, had served as Secretary General of the Lok Sabha from 1983 to 1990. Who was he?**

- A) Madhav Godbole
- B) Subhash C. Kashyap
- C) N. N. Vohra
- D) T. K. Viswanathan
- E) P. D. T. Achary

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Former Lok Sabha Secretary General and constitutional expert Subhash C. Kashyap has passed away.
- He served as the Secretary General of the Lok Sabha from 1983 to 1990.
- Subhash C. Kashyap was widely regarded as one of India's leading constitutional experts and parliamentary scholars.
- He authored several books and articles on the Constitution of India, parliamentary procedures and governance.
- He was a member of the high-level committee headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind to prepare a legal framework for simultaneous elections.
- His contributions significantly enriched India's parliamentary traditions and constitutional discourse.

**Static Part:**

- Lok Sabha – Lower House of the Parliament of India
- First Lok Sabha Speaker – G. V. Mavalankar
- Current Lok Sabha Speaker – Om Birla
- Parliament of India – Consists of the President, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
- Secretary General of Lok Sabha – Senior parliamentary official responsible for legislative and administrative functions of the Lok Sabha.





**Ques: What was the theme of World Food Safety Day 2026, observed on 7 June?**

- A) Safe Food Today for a Healthy Tomorrow
- B) Food Standards Save Lives
- C) Safer Food, Better Health
- D) From Burden to Solutions – Safe Food Everywhere
- E) Food Safety for Sustainable Development

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- World Food Safety Day 2026 was observed on 7 June.
- The day aims to draw global attention to the prevention, detection and management of foodborne risks.
- The theme for World Food Safety Day 2026 was "From Burden to Solutions – Safe Food Everywhere".
- The theme highlights the need to reduce the burden of foodborne diseases through effective food safety measures and innovative solutions.
- The official slogan of the observance was "Food Safety: Everyone's Business".
- The observance encourages governments, businesses, consumers and international organizations to work together to ensure safe food for all.

**Static Part:**

- World Food Safety Day – Observed annually on 7 June
- Established By – United Nations General Assembly
- Facilitating Agencies – World Health Organization and Food and Agriculture Organization
- First Observed – 2019
- Objective – To raise awareness and inspire action to prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks and improve human health.





**Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently imposed a monetary penalty of ₹41.80 lakh on which bank for violating directions related to KYC and unclaimed deposits/inoperative accounts?**

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Bank of Baroda
- C) Canara Bank
- D) Indian Bank
- E) Union Bank of India

**Answer: C) Canara Bank**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of ₹41.80 lakh on Canara Bank.
- The penalty was imposed for violating RBI directions related to Know Your Customer (KYC) norms and unclaimed deposits/inoperative accounts.
- Canara Bank failed to upload the KYC records of certain customers to the Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR).
- RBI observed deficiencies in regulatory compliance during its supervisory assessment.
- The penalty was imposed under the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act and does not affect the validity of customer transactions.





**Ques: Which department is responsible for conducting the disinvestment process of NLC India's stake sale?**

- A) Department of Financial Services (DFS)
- B) Department of Public Enterprises (DPE)
- C) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)
- D) Ministry of Coal
- E) NITI Aayog

**Answer: C) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India will sell up to a 3% stake in NLC India through an Offer for Sale (OFS).
- The base offer includes a 2% equity stake, with an additional 1% green-shoe option if investor demand is strong.
- The disinvestment process is being carried out by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM).
- NLC India is a public sector enterprise engaged in lignite mining and power generation.
- The stake sale has been announced as part of the Government of India's disinvestment programme.
- DIPAM, under the Ministry of Finance, is managing the transaction.





**Ques: Which organization has committed \$50 million to Hygenco Green Energies to support the development of the green hydrogen sector in India?**

- A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- C) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- D) New Development Bank (NDB)
- E) European Investment Bank (EIB)

**Answer: B) International Finance Corporation (IFC)**

**Explanation:**

- International Finance Corporation has committed \$50 million to Hygenco Green Energies.
- The investment aims to support the development of the green hydrogen sector in India.
- IFC is the private-sector investment arm of the World Bank Group.
- Several other investors have also invested in Hygenco Green Energies.
- These include Siemens Financial Services, Clean Technology Fund, Frontier Opportunities Fund, and Fullerton Carbon Action Fund.
- Together, the investors signed an investment agreement worth \$105 million in Hygenco Green Energies.





**Ques: Which mechanism played a major role in improving stressed asset recovery and reducing NPAs in India's banking sector?**

- A) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)
- B) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)
- C) Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- D) PM Jan Dhan Yojana
- E) Unified Payments Interface (UPI)

**Answer: B) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)**

**Explanation:**

- India's banking sector has witnessed a significant decline in Non-Performing Assets (NPAs), improving the overall health of banks.
- Recoveries through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code have strengthened bank balance sheets and increased profitability.
- Improved asset quality and stronger financial stability have restored confidence among lenders and investors.
- Healthier banks have supported robust credit growth, contributing to economic development.
- Better recoveries under IBC helped reduce NPAs, strengthen bank balance sheets, improve profitability, and restore confidence in the banking sector.

**Static GK**

- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) – 2016
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) – Regulator under IBC
- IBBI Headquarters – New Delhi
- Loan becomes NPA after – 90 days of default
- Banking Regulation Act – 1949
- Narasimham Committee-I – 1991
- Narasimham Committee-II – 1998
- First Public Sector Bank of India – State Bank of India (1955)
- Banking Ombudsman Scheme – 1995





**Ques: RBI has announced a concessional USD-INR swap facility at 1.5% per annum for which category of borrowings?**

- A) Masala Bonds
- B) FCNR(B) Deposits
- C) External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs)
- D) Sovereign Gold Bonds
- E) Treasury Bills

**Answer: C) External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs)**

**Explanation:**

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- The Reserve Bank of India introduced two special USD-INR forex swap facilities to boost forex liquidity and support the rupee.
- Under the FCNR(B) Deposit Window, RBI will absorb the entire hedging cost on fresh FCNR(B) deposits mobilised between June 8 and September 30, 2026.
- Eligible FCNR(B) deposits must have a minimum tenure of 3 years and a maximum tenure of 5 years.
- Fresh FCNR(B) deposits mobilised under the scheme will be exempt from CRR and SLR requirements.
- The ECB/OFCB Swap Window provides a concessional USD-INR swap facility at 1.5% per annum for External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs).
- The facility is available for Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Authorised Dealer Category-I Banks raising overseas borrowings with a minimum maturity period of 3 years.

**Static GK**

- FCNR(B) = Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) Deposit
- ECB = External Commercial Borrowing
- CRR = Cash Reserve Ratio
- SLR = Statutory Liquidity Ratio
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Established – 1935





**Ques: Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was launched in which year?**

- A) 2012
- B) 2013
- C) 2014
- D) 2015
- E) 2016

**Answer: C) 2014**

**Explanation:**

- More than 58 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been opened, bringing millions of citizens into the formal banking system.
- Total deposits in Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana accounts have crossed nearly ₹3 lakh crore.
- The scheme has significantly strengthened financial inclusion, especially among rural and low-income households.
- Jan Dhan accounts have improved Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) delivery and enhanced financial security for beneficiaries.

**Static GK**

- PMJDY Launched – 28 August 2014
- Launch Announced By – Narendra Modi
- Ministry – Ministry of Finance
- Objective – Financial Inclusion for All
- Minimum Balance Requirement – Zero Balance Account
- RuPay Debit Card facility available
- PMJDY accounts are eligible for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)
- Accident Insurance Cover with RuPay Card – ₹2 Lakh
- Overdraft Facility – Up to ₹10,000 (for eligible account holders)
- Implementing Agency – Department of Financial Services
- Financial Inclusion Index Released By – Reserve Bank of India
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai





**Ques: According to the 3rd Synchronised Nilgiri Tahr Population Survey 2026, what is the estimated population of the Nilgiri Tahr, the State Animal of Tamil Nadu?**

- A) 1,203
- B) 1,264
- C) 1,303
- D) 1,364
- E) 1,450

**Answer: D) 1,364**

**Explanation:**

- According to the 3rd Synchronised Nilgiri Tahr Population Survey 2026, the population of the Nilgiri Tahr has increased to 1,364.
- The survey was conducted jointly by the Forest Departments of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
- The population increased by 4.68% compared to 1,303 individuals recorded in 2025.
- The Nilgiri Tahr is the State Animal of Tamil Nadu.
- It is endemic to the Western Ghats and is found only in this region.
- The largest continuous habitats of the Nilgiri Tahr are Grass Hills National Park and Mukurthi National Park.

**Static GK**

- Common Name – Nilgiri Tahr
- Scientific Name – *Nilgiritragus hylocrius*
- State Animal of – Tamil Nadu
- Endemic Region – Western Ghats
- IUCN Conservation Status – Endangered (संकटग्रस्त)





**Ques: Which state recently decided to join the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), becoming the 36th State/UT to implement the scheme?**

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Telangana
- D) Punjab
- E) West Bengal

**Answer: E) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of West Bengal has decided to join the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- With this decision, West Bengal becomes the 36th State/Union Territory to implement the scheme.
- The inclusion of West Bengal ensures nationwide coverage of the scheme.
- AB PM-JAY is the world's largest publicly funded health assurance scheme.
- The scheme provides health insurance coverage of ₹5 lakh per family per year to eligible beneficiary families.
- The coverage includes both Secondary Care Hospitalization and Tertiary Care Hospitalization.

**Static GK**

- Scheme Launch Year – 2018
- Launched By – Narendra Modi
- Implementing Agency – National Health Authority
- Nodal Ministry – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Health Coverage – ₹5 lakh per family per year
- Beneficiary Coverage – Economically vulnerable families across India
- Headquarters of NHA – New Delhi





**Ques: Which Indian city hosted the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting in May 2026?**

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

**Answer: C) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

- India assumed the BRICS Chairship on 1 January 2026 with the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
- The BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held in New Delhi on 14–15 May 2026.
- The meeting focused on global governance reforms, UN reforms, economic cooperation, regional security, and multilateralism.
- India hosted several sectoral BRICS meetings in June 2026, including those on Culture, Disaster Risk Reduction, Urbanisation, and Agriculture.
- India will host the 18th BRICS Summit in September 2026 under the leadership of Narendra Modi.
- The New Delhi Foreign Ministers' Meeting was one of the most significant events under India's BRICS Presidency 2026.

**Static GK**

- BRICS Members (2026): Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, United Arab Emirates, and Indonesia.
- BRICS First Summit – 2009
- BRICS Headquarters (New Development Bank) – Shanghai
- India's BRICS Chairship Year – 2026





## BRICS 2026 Meetings Held in India So Far

- New Delhi – BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting (14–15 May 2026)
- Varanasi – 2nd BRICS Culture Working Group Meeting (4–5 June 2026)
- Puri – BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (3–5 June 2026)
- Indore – BRICS Agriculture Working Group (9–11 June 2026) & Agriculture Ministers' Meeting (12–13 June 2026)
- New Delhi – 13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum (11–12 June 2026)

## Static GK

- BRICS Full Form – Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa
- BRICS Established – 2009
- First BRIC Summit – Yekaterinburg, Russia (2009)
- South Africa Joined – 2010
- BRICS Chairship 2026 – India
- BRICS 2026 Theme – Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- BRICS 2026 थीम – Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- BRICS Summit 2026 Host – India
- New Development Bank (NDB) Headquarters – Shanghai, China
- BRICS Members (2026) – Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Indonesia, UAE, Saudi Arabia





**Ques: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved a one-year extension for whom as Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

- A) Amit Khare
- B) Tarun Kapoor
- C) P. K. Mishra
- D) Shaktikanta Das
- E) Rajiv Gauba

**Answer: B) Tarun Kapoor**

**Explanation:**

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved a one-year extension for Tarun Kapoor as Advisor to Narendra Modi.
- Tarun Kapoor is a former IAS officer and has been associated with several key policy and administrative responsibilities.
- The extension ensures continuity in advisory support to the Prime Minister's Office.
- The ACC is the highest authority responsible for appointments to senior positions in the Government of India.
- Decisions regarding appointments, extensions, and tenure of top bureaucratic positions are taken through the ACC.

**Static GK**

- ACC Full Form – Appointments Committee of the Cabinet
- Chairperson of ACC – Prime Minister of India
- Member of ACC – Minister of Home Affairs
- PMO Headquarters – New Delhi
- Current Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Cabinet Secretariat – New Delhi





**Ques: Who won the Princess of Asturias Award for Sports 2026 and became the first individual football player to receive this honour?**

- A) Lionel Messi
- B) Kylian Mbappe
- C) Cristiano Ronaldo
- D) Neymar Jr.
- E) Luka Modric

**Answer: A) Lionel Messi**

**Explanation:**

- Lionel Messi of Argentina has been awarded the Princess of Asturias Award for Sports 2026.
- The award is presented by the Princess of Asturias Foundation.
- The award ceremony is held in Oviedo.
- The award carries a cash prize of €50,000.
- Lionel Messi became the first-ever individual football player to receive the Princess of Asturias Award for Sports.
- The honour recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions in sports at the international level.

**Static GK**

- Nationality – Argentina
- FIFA World Cup Winner – 2022
- Current Club – Inter Miami CF
- Former Clubs – FC Barcelona, Paris Saint-Germain
- Record Ballon d'Or Titles – 8
- Princess of Asturias Awards Country – Spain
- Award Categories include Arts, Literature, Social Sciences, Sports, and International Cooperation.





**Ques: The MERCOSUR trade bloc consists of which of the following countries?**

- A) Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay
- B) Brazil, Chile, Peru and Uruguay
- C) Argentina, Chile, Bolivia and Paraguay
- D) Brazil, Mexico, Argentina and Uruguay
- E) Brazil, Colombia, Peru and Paraguay

**Answer: A) Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay**

**Explanation:**

- India and the four-member MERCOSUR bloc are working towards expanding their existing Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) by mid-2027.
- The upgraded pact aims to increase tariff concession coverage from around 450 products to 1,500–3,000 products.
- India is seeking greater market access for engineering goods, automobiles, pharmaceuticals, and electronics in Latin America.
- The expanded agreement is expected to boost exports, reduce trade barriers, and strengthen economic cooperation.

**MERCOSUR Members**

- Brazil
- Argentina
- Paraguay
- Uruguay

**Static GK**

- MERCOSUR Full Form – Southern Common Market (Spanish: Mercado Común del Sur)
- Established – 1991
- Founding Treaty – Treaty of Asunción
- Headquarters – Montevideo
- Associate Members include Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Colombia, and Ecuador.





## Static GK – MERCOSUR

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- Founding Members – Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
- Headquarters – Montevideo
- India–MERCOSUR PTA Operationalised – 2009
- Commerce & Industry Minister – Piyush Goyal
- Capital of Brazil – Brasília
- Capital of Argentina – Buenos Aires
- Capital of Paraguay – Asunción
- Capital of Uruguay – Montevideo
- Currency of Brazil – Brazilian Real
- Currency of Argentina – Argentine Peso
- Currency of Paraguay – Paraguayan Guaraní
- Currency of Uruguay – Uruguayan Peso

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**Ques: South Korean President Lee Jae Myung has nominated whom as the country's next Prime Minister, who is set to become the second female Prime Minister in South Korea's history?**

- A) Kim Min-seok
- B) Han Myeong-sook
- C) Choo Mi-ae
- D) Kim Boo-kyum
- E) Han Seong-sook

**Answer: E) Han Seong-sook**

**Explanation:**

- Lee Jae Myung has nominated Han Seong-sook as South Korea's next Prime Minister.
- She is set to replace Kim Min-seok.
- Han Seong-sook will become the second female Prime Minister in South Korea's history.
- The first female Prime Minister of South Korea was Han Myeong-sook, who served from 2006 to 2007.
- The nomination is considered a significant step for women's representation in South Korean politics.

**Static GK**

- Country – South Korea
- Capital – Seoul
- Currency – South Korean Won (KRW)
- President – Lee Jae Myung
- National Language – Korean
- Legislature – National Assembly of South Korea





**Ques: Which Russian tennis player won her first Grand Slam title by defeating Poland's Maja Chwalinska in the women's singles final of the French Open?**

- A) Aryna Sabalenka
- B) Coco Gauff
- C) Mirra Andreeva
- D) Iga Swiatek
- E) Elena Rybakina

**Answer: C) Mirra Andreeva**

**Explanation:**

- Mirra Andreeva won her first Grand Slam title at the French Open.
- She defeated Maja Chwalinska in the women's singles final.
- This victory marked the first Grand Slam title of Mirra Andreeva's career.
- With this achievement, she became the first Russian woman to win a Grand Slam singles title since Maria Sharapova won the French Open in 2014.
- The win is considered a major milestone in her rapidly rising tennis career.

**Static GK**

- Sport – Tennis
- Nationality – Russia
- French Open Venue – Stade Roland Garros
- French Open Surface – Clay Court
- **Grand Slam Tournaments:**
  - Australian Open
  - French Open
  - Wimbledon Championships
  - US Open
- First Russian woman to win the French Open – Maria Sharapova





**Ques: When is World Oceans Day observed every year?**

- A) 5 June
- B) 7 June
- C) 8 June
- D) 9 June
- E) 10 June

**Answer: C) 8 June**

**Explanation:**

- World Oceans Day is observed every year on 8 June to raise awareness about the importance of oceans and marine ecosystems.
- Oceans produce at least 50% of the Earth's oxygen and support a large share of global biodiversity.
- More than one billion people depend on oceans as a primary source of protein and livelihood.
- The 2026 Action Theme is "Strong Marine Protected Areas for Our Blue Planet", led by the World Ocean Day Network.
- The United Nations World Oceans Day Core Theme 2026 is "Reimagine: Beyond the world we know, a new relationship with our ocean."

**Static GK**

- Observed On – 8 June
- First Official UN Observance – 2009
- Proposed At – Earth Summit
- Organized By – United Nations
- Headquarters of UN – New York City
- Purpose – Ocean conservation, sustainable use of marine resources, and awareness about marine ecosystems.





**Ques: According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), what was India's Current Account Surplus (CAS) during the January–March (Q4) quarter of FY 2025-26?**

- A) \$5.2 billion (0.5% of GDP)
- B) \$6.4 billion (0.6% of GDP)
- C) \$7.1 billion (0.7% of GDP)
- D) \$8.3 billion (0.8% of GDP)
- E) \$9.5 billion (0.9% of GDP)

**Answer: C) \$7.1 billion (0.7% of GDP)**

**Explanation:**

- According to the Reserve Bank of India, India recorded a Current Account Surplus (CAS) of \$7.1 billion, equivalent to 0.7% of GDP, during the January–March (Q4) quarter of FY 2025-26.
- A Current Account Surplus occurs when a country's earnings from exports, services, and remittances exceed its payments for imports and other external obligations.
- Despite the surplus in Q4, India recorded a Current Account Deficit (CAD) of \$25.2 billion for the full FY 2025-26.
- The annual CAD amounted to 0.6% of GDP.
- In comparison, India's Current Account Deficit in FY 2024-25 stood at \$22.9 billion.
- The current account is a key component of the Balance of Payments (BoP) and reflects a country's transactions with the rest of the world.

**Static GK**

- CAS – Current Account Surplus
- CAD – Current Account Deficit
- BoP – Balance of Payments
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Established – 1935
- India's Central Bank – Reserve Bank of India





**Ques: According to recent economic indicators, India is currently the world's largest market in which of the following sectors?**

- A) Automobile Exports
- B) Real-Time Digital Payments
- C) Semiconductor Manufacturing
- D) Aircraft Manufacturing
- E) Crude Oil Production

**Answer: B) Real-Time Digital Payments**

**Explanation:**

- India continues to be one of the world's fastest-growing major economies.
- India has become the world's largest real-time digital payments market, driven by Unified Payments Interface and digital financial inclusion.
- India is the world's largest recipient of remittances and the second-largest contributor to global GDP growth.
- India is the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer.
- On the basis of Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), India is the third-largest economy in the world.
- India is also the world's third-largest pharmaceutical manufacturer.

**Static GK**

- UPI Launched – 2016
- Developed By – National Payments Corporation of India
- Regulated By – Reserve Bank of India
- NPCI Headquarters – Mumbai
- PPP Full Form – Purchasing Power Parity
- India's Currency – Indian Rupee (INR)
- India's Central Bank – Reserve Bank of India
- India is also among the world's leading countries in digital public infrastructure.





**Ques: According to the S&P Global Market Intelligence report, which Indian bank recorded the highest leverage ratio among Asia-Pacific lenders with assets exceeding \$100 billion?**

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- E) Union Bank of India

**Answer: D) Kotak Mahindra Bank**

**Explanation:**

- According to the S&P Global Market Intelligence report, Kotak Mahindra Bank recorded the highest leverage ratio among Asia-Pacific lenders with assets exceeding \$100 billion.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank reported a leverage ratio of 16.56%, making it the best-capitalised lender in the region.
- **Other Indian private sector banks also performed strongly in the rankings:**
  - HDFC Bank – 11.14%
  - ICICI Bank – 10.84%
  - Axis Bank – 9.28%
- Among public sector banks, Union Bank of India registered the largest year-on-year increase in leverage ratio.

**Static GK**

- Kotak Mahindra Bank Founded – 1985 (banking operations began in 2003)
- Founder – Uday Kotak
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- HDFC Bank Headquarters – Mumbai
- ICICI Bank Headquarters – Mumbai
- Axis Bank Headquarters – Mumbai

Banking Regulator in India – Reserve Bank of India





**Ques: SoftBank Group recently sold a 3.25% stake in which company through an open market transaction worth ₹2,873.3 crore?**

- A) Nykaa
- B) Lenskart Solutions
- C) Zomato
- D) Policybazaar
- E) Paytm

**Answer: B) Lenskart Solutions**

**Explanation:**

- SoftBank Group sold a 3.25% stake in Lenskart Solutions through an open market transaction worth ₹2,873.3 crore.
- The stake sale was carried out by SoftBank's affiliate SVF II Lightbulb (Cayman) Ltd.
- Following the transaction, SoftBank's shareholding in Lenskart declined from 13.13% to 9.88%.
- The transaction was executed through the open market route.
- Lenskart is one of India's leading eyewear companies, offering eyeglasses, sunglasses, contact lenses, and other vision-care products.
- SoftBank has been a major investor in several Indian technology-driven startups.

**Static GK**

- Lenskart Founded – 2010
- Founders – Peyush Bansal, Amit Chaudhary, Sumeet Kapahi
- Lenskart Headquarters – Gurugram
- SoftBank Group Headquarters – Tokyo
- SoftBank Founder & CEO – Masayoshi Son
- Country of SoftBank – Japan





**Ques: India's startup ecosystem has grown to more than how many DPIIT-recognised startups?**

- A) 1.23 Lakh
- B) 1.75 Lakh
- C) 2.23 Lakh
- D) 3.23 Lakh
- E) 4.23 Lakh

**Answer: C) 2.23 Lakh**

**Explanation:**

- India's startup ecosystem has grown from around 500 startups in 2016 to more than 2.23 lakh DPIIT-recognised startups.
- India now has 100+ unicorn startups, compared to just 4 unicorns in 2014.
- India has become the world's third-largest tech startup ecosystem.
- Startups have generated more than 23.36 lakh jobs across the country.
- More than 45% of startups have women in leadership roles, reflecting increasing inclusivity and entrepreneurship opportunities.

**Static GK**

- Startup India Launch Date – 16 January 2016
- Launched By – Narendra Modi
- Nodal Department – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- Ministry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- DPIIT Headquarters – New Delhi
- India's Position in Global Startup Ecosystem – 3rd Largest
- Unicorn – A startup valued at \$1 billion or more.





**Ques: The Union Government recently sanctioned a ₹50-crore Zero-Solid-Waste Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) in which state?**

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

**Answer: C) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Government has sanctioned a ₹50-crore Zero-Solid-Waste Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) in Ranipet, Tamil Nadu.
- The project aims to scientifically treat industrial effluents and reduce environmental pollution.
- Ranipet is one of India's major leather and tannery industry clusters.
- The Zero-Solid-Waste model will ensure maximum resource recovery and environmentally sustainable waste management.
- The CETP will help industries comply with environmental standards while promoting cleaner production practices.

**Static GK**

- Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu – C. Joseph Vijay
- Capital of Tamil Nadu – Chennai
- Governor of Tamil Nadu – R. N. Ravi
- Major Industries in Ranipet – Leather, Tannery, and Chemical Industries
- CETP Full Form – Central Effluent Treatment Plant
- Objective of CETP – Treatment of industrial wastewater and reduction of environmental pollution.





**Ques: Who won the Birrer-Brookes Award for Outstanding Master of Military Arts and Science (MMAS) Thesis and the General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Award at the USA Army Command and General Staff College graduation ceremony?**

- A) Major Prabhat Mishra
- B) Major Rohit Sharma
- C) Colonel Rajesh Singh
- D) Brigadier Anil Kumar
- E) Major Vivek Sharma

**Answer: A) Major Prabhat Mishra**

**Explanation:**

- Major Prabhat Mishra of the Indian Army won the Birrer-Brookes Award for Outstanding Master of Military Arts and Science (MMAS) Thesis and the General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Award.
- He received these awards during the graduation ceremony of the Command and General Staff Officer Course (CGSOC) at the United States Army Command and General Staff College.
- The ceremony was held at Fort Leavenworth.
- Major Mishra was recognized for excellence in military research and leadership writing.
- The achievement highlights the professional competence and academic excellence of Indian Army officers at international military institutions.

**Static GK**

- USA Army Command and General Staff College Location – Fort Leavenworth
- State – Kansas
- MMAS Full Form – Master of Military Arts and Science
- CGSOC Full Form – Command and General Staff Officer Course
- General Douglas MacArthur – Douglas MacArthur

Indian Army Chief – Upendra Dwivedi





**Ques: How many Padma Awards were approved for the year 2026?**

- A) 101
- B) 113
- C) 118
- D) 131
- E) 145

**Answer: D) 131**

**Explanation:**

- The Droupadi Murmu approved 131 Padma Awards for the year 2026.
- These include:
  - 5 Padma Vibhushan
  - 13 Padma Bhushan
  - 113 Padma Shri
- The awards were announced on the eve of Republic Day 2026.
- The awards recognize excellence in fields such as Art, Sports, Public Affairs, Science, Literature, Medicine, and Social Work.
- The award list includes 19 women awardees, 6 Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI recipients, and 16 posthumous awardees.
- Padma Awards are conferred by the President of India at Civil Investiture Ceremonies held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

**Major Padma Vibhushan Awardee 2026**

- Dharmendra Singh Deol (Posthumous) – Art

**Static GK**

- Padma Awards Instituted – 1954
- Highest Civilian Award of India – Bharat Ratna
- Padma Awards Order of Precedence:
  - a. Padma Vibhushan
  - b. Padma Bhushan
  - c. Padma Shri

**President of India – Droupadi Murmu**





## Major Padma Vibhushan Awardees 2026

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- K. T. Thomas – Public Affairs
- N. Rajam – Art
- P. Narayanan – Literature & Education
- V. S. Achuthanandan (Posthumous) – Public Affairs

## Major Padma Bhushan Awardees 2026

- Mammooty – Art
- Alka Yagnik – Art
- Uday Kotak – Trade & Industry
- Vijay Amritraj – Sports
- Shibu Soren (Posthumous) – Public Affairs

## Major Padma Shri Awardees 2026

- Rohit Sharma – Sports
- Harmanpreet Kaur – Sports
- R. Madhavan – Art
- Savita Punia – Sports
- Anke Gowda M. – Social Work

## Static GK

- Padma Awards Started – 1954
- Announced On – Republic Day
- Conferred By – Droupadi Murmu
- Highest Civilian Award – Bharat Ratna
- Second Highest Civilian Award – Padma Vibhushan
- Third Highest Civilian Award – Padma Bhushan
- Fourth Highest Civilian Award – Padma Shri





**Ques: India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in 1961 to mark the Silver Jubilee of which organization?**

- A) Doordarshan
- B) Press Information Bureau (PIB)
- C) All India Radio (Akashvani)
- D) Prasar Bharati
- E) DD News

**Answer: C) All India Radio (Akashvani)**

**Explanation:**

- On 8 June 1961, India Post released a commemorative postage stamp to mark the Silver Jubilee of All India Radio.
- The stamp commemorated 25 years of broadcasting services provided by All India Radio.
- AIR played a crucial role in disseminating news, education, culture, and entertainment across India.
- It emerged as a powerful medium for communication and public awareness in the country.
- The commemorative stamp recognized AIR's significant contribution to India's broadcasting history.
- Akashvani remains one of the world's largest radio broadcasting networks.

**Static GK**

- All India Radio (AIR) Established – 1936
- Original Name – Indian State Broadcasting Service (ISBS)
- "Akashvani" Name Adopted – 1956
- Headquarters – Akashvani Bhawan
- Parent Organization – Prasar Bharati
- Prasar Bharati Established – 23 November 1997
- India's First Radio Broadcast – 1923
- World Radio Day – 13 February





**Ques: Who became the youngest driver in history to win the Monaco Grand Prix after winning the Monaco Grand Prix 2026?**

- A) Max Verstappen
- B) Charles Leclerc
- C) Lewis Hamilton
- D) Kimi Antonelli
- E) George Russell

**Answer: D) Kimi Antonelli**

**Explanation:**

- Kimi Antonelli won the Monaco Grand Prix 2026.
- Driving for Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team, Antonelli became the youngest driver ever to win the Monaco Grand Prix.
- He achieved this feat at the age of 19 years, 9 months and 13 days.
- Antonelli broke the previous record held by Lewis Hamilton, who won the race at the age of 23 years, 4 months and 18 days.
- Antonelli has won five consecutive races in the 2026 Formula One season.
- His winning streak includes the:
  - Chinese Grand Prix
  - Japanese Grand Prix
  - Miami Grand Prix
  - Canadian Grand Prix
  - Monaco Grand Prix

**Static GK**

- Sport – Formula One (F1)
- Monaco Grand Prix Venue – Circuit de Monaco
- Country – Monaco
- Formula One Governing Body – Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile
- Mercedes Team Base – Brackley
- Defending Formula One Team – Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team





**Ques: According to SIPRI, what was India's estimated military expenditure in 2025?**

- A) \$82.1 Billion
- B) \$87.5 Billion
- C) \$92.1 Billion
- D) \$95.4 Billion
- E) \$101.2 Billion

**Answer: C) \$92.1 Billion**

**Explanation:**

- According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, India's nuclear warhead inventory increased from 180 in 2024 to an estimated 190 in 2025.
- India continued to modernize its nuclear capabilities and modestly expanded its nuclear arsenal during 2025.
- India retained its position as the world's fifth-largest military spender in 2025.
- SIPRI estimated India's military expenditure at \$92.1 billion in 2025, an increase of 8.9% over the previous year.
- Only United States, China, Russia, and Germany spent more on defence than India in 2025.
- India also remained the world's second-largest importer of major arms during 2021–25, accounting for 8.2% of global arms imports.

**Static GK**

- SIPRI Full Form – Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- SIPRI Established – 1966
- SIPRI Headquarters – Stockholm
- India's Estimated Nuclear Warheads (2025) – 190
- India's Rank in Military Expenditure (2025) – 5th
- Largest Military Spender – United States
- India's Defence Minister – Rajnath Singh
- Ministry Responsible – Ministry of Defence





**Ques: Which company has become the first to receive approval for a Strategic Investment Plan under the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded Industrial Training Institutes (PM-SETU) Scheme?**

- A) Tata Steel
- B) JSW Steel
- C) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- D) ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India
- E) Jindal Steel and Power

**Answer: D) ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India**

**Explanation:**

- ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India has become the first company to receive approval for a Strategic Investment Plan under the PM-SETU Scheme.
- The approval was granted by the National Steering Committee chaired by Debashree Mukherjee.
- The approved Strategic Investment Plan covers the Visakhapatnam ITI Cluster in Andhra Pradesh.
- With this approval, Andhra Pradesh has become the first state to operationalise an industry partnership under the PM-SETU Scheme.
- The initiative aims to strengthen industry-linked skill development and improve youth employability.

**Static GK**

- PM-SETU Full Form – Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded Industrial Training Institutes
- Objective – Modernisation of ITIs and industry-aligned skill development
- First State to Operationalise Industry Partnership under PM-SETU – Andhra Pradesh
- ITI Cluster Covered – Visakhapatnam ITI Cluster
- Andhra Pradesh Capital – Amaravati
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister – N. Chandrababu Naidu
- Sector – Skill Development & Employability





**Ques: The Zojila Tunnel, which recently achieved its final excavation breakthrough, will connect which two regions?**

- A) Jammu and Srinagar
- B) Srinagar and Leh
- C) Kashmir Valley and Ladakh
- D) Kargil and Leh
- E) Jammu and Kargil

**Answer: C) Kashmir Valley and Ladakh**

**Explanation:**

- The strategic Zojila Tunnel has achieved its final excavation breakthrough, marking a major milestone in India's infrastructure development.
- The tunnel will provide all-weather connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and Ladakh by bypassing the avalanche-prone Zojila Pass.
- At 13.153 km, it will be the world's longest single-tube bi-directional road tunnel at such a high altitude.
- The tunnel connects Baltal in the Kashmir Valley with Meenamarg in Ladakh.
- The project is being executed by Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited using the New Austrian Tunnelling Method (NATM).
- The tunnel will significantly improve civilian transportation, tourism, and strategic military logistics in the region.

**Static GK**

- Tunnel Name – Zojila Tunnel
- Length – 13.153 km
- Connects – Kashmir Valley and Ladakh
- Located On – Srinagar–Leh National Highway
- Highest Mountain Pass Bypassed – Zojila Pass
- Union Territory of Ladakh Formed – 31 October 2019
- Capital of Ladakh – Leh
- Capital of Jammu & Kashmir (Summer) – Srinagar





**Ques:** Under the revised provisions of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), how many subsidised LPG refills are now available per year?

- A) 4 Cylinders
- B) 2 Cylinders
- C) 6 Cylinders
- D) 9 Cylinders
- E) 12 Cylinders

**Answer:** A) 4 Cylinders

**Explanation:**

- The Central Government has reduced the number of subsidised LPG refills under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana from 9 cylinders to 4 cylinders per year.
- Despite the reduction in the number of subsidised refills, the subsidy amount remains unchanged.
- Beneficiaries will continue to receive a subsidy of ₹300 per 14.2-kg LPG cylinder.
- PMUY aims to provide clean cooking fuel to poor households and reduce dependence on traditional fuels such as firewood and coal.
- Under the scheme, the LPG connection is issued in the name of an adult woman of the eligible household.
- The scheme has significantly improved women's health, reduced indoor air pollution, and promoted clean energy usage.

**Static GK**

- PMUY Launch Date – 1 May 2016
- Launched By – Narendra Modi
- Ministry – Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- Objective – Provide clean cooking fuel to poor households
- LPG Connection Issued In The Name Of – Adult Woman of the Household
- Subsidy Amount – ₹300 per 14.2-kg LPG Cylinder
- Beneficiary Category – Eligible Poor Households





**Ques: The first international export shipment of Assam's GI-tagged Tezpur litchi was sent to which city?**

- A) Singapore
- B) London
- C) Dubai
- D) Doha
- E) Kuala Lumpur

**Answer: C) Dubai**

**Explanation:**

- Assam's GI-tagged Tezpur litchi has entered international markets with its first export shipment sent to Dubai.
- The export was facilitated with the support of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority.
- Piyush Goyal highlighted that the initiative will provide global recognition to Tezpur litchi.
- The export is expected to help farmers receive better prices and boost agricultural exports from Northeast India.
- The initiative marks an important step in promoting India's GI-tagged agricultural products in global markets.

**Static GK**

- Product – Tezpur Litchi
- State – Assam
- GI Tag – Geographical Indication (GI)
- Export Destination – Dubai
- APEDA Full Form – Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority
- APEDA Established – 1986
- APEDA Headquarters – New Delhi
- Capital of Assam – Dispur





**Ques: What was the slogan of the 18th International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) 2026 observed on 9 June?**

- A) Alert Today, Safe Tomorrow
- B) Stop, Look and Listen
- C) Safety First, Safety Always
- D) Crossing Safely Saves Lives
- E) Be Aware, Stay Secure

**Answer: A) Alert Today, Safe Tomorrow**

**Explanation:**

- The 18th International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) 2026 was observed on 9 June 2026.
- The slogan for ILCAD 2026 was "Alert Today, Safe Tomorrow".
- The day is observed to raise awareness about safety at railway level crossings and to reduce accidents.
- ILCAD brings together railway organizations, road authorities, police agencies, and safety stakeholders from different countries.
- The ILCAD 2026 conferences are scheduled to be held in Paris.

**Static GK**

- ILCAD Full Form – International Level Crossing Awareness Day
- Observed On – 9 June 2026
- Slogan (2026) – "Alert Today, Safe Tomorrow"
- Conference Venue (2026) – Paris
- Purpose – Promote safety at railway level crossings and reduce accidents
- Country of Paris – France
- Capital of France – Paris
- Currency of France – Euro (€)





**Ques: Under RBI's new lending norms, banks can lend only to which type of REITs and InvITs?**

- A) All registered trusts
- B) Government-owned trusts
- C) SEBI-registered and listed trusts
- D) Foreign investment trusts
- E) Unlisted trusts

**Answer: C) SEBI-registered and listed trusts**

**Explanation:**

- Under RBI's new regulations, banks can lend only to SEBI-registered and listed REITs and InvITs.
- A REIT/InvIT must have at least 80% of its underlying assets generating positive operational cash flows for a minimum of one year.
- Such lending cannot be used for non-permitted or speculative purposes, such as land acquisition.
- A bank's aggregate exposure to a REIT/InvIT, together with its SPVs/Holding Companies, cannot exceed 49% of the trust's total asset value.
- These guidelines will come into effect from 1 October 2026.
- Exposure to REITs will attract a 100% risk weight, while capital market exposures will continue to be governed by the existing RBI prudential norms.





**Ques: Which company has received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for Sanlam Group's acquisition of a stake through a preferential issue of shares?**

- A) HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd.
- B) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Ltd.
- C) SBI Life Insurance Company Ltd.
- D) Shriram Life Insurance Company Ltd.
- E) Max Life Insurance Company Ltd.

**Answer: D) Shriram Life Insurance Company Ltd.**

**Explanation:**

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved South Africa-based Sanlam Group's proposal to acquire a stake in Shriram Life Insurance Company Ltd.
- Sanlam Emerging Markets (Mauritius) Ltd. (SEMM) will acquire a 2.80% stake in the expanded equity capital of Shriram Life Insurance Company Ltd.
- The acquisition will be carried out through a Preferential Issue of Shares.
- The approval highlights CCI's role in examining mergers, acquisitions, and combinations to ensure fair competition in the market.





- Sanlam Group is one of the leading financial services groups headquartered in South Africa.

### Static Part:

- Competition Commission of India (CCI)
  - Formed – 14 October 2003
  - Headquarters – New Delhi
  - Chairperson – Ravneet Kaur
  - Parent Ministry – Ministry of Corporate Affairs
  - Competition Act – 2002
- Sanlam Group
  - Headquarters – Cape Town, South Africa
- Shriram Life Insurance Company Ltd.
  - Headquarters – Hyderabad, Telangana
- Approved Acquisition
  - 2.80% stake in the expanded equity capital through a Preferential Issue of Shares.

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**Ques: The Central Government is set to launch the Modified UDAN Scheme on which date?**

- A) 20 June 2026
- B) 18 June 2026
- C) 15 June 2026
- D) 25 June 2026
- E) 1 July 2026

**Answer: A) 20 June 2026**

**Explanation:**

- The Central Government is set to launch the Modified UDAN Scheme on 20 June 2026.
- The revamped scheme aims to improve regional air connectivity by developing 100 new airports across the country.
- The scheme will be implemented for 10 years, from 2026–27 to 2035–36.
- The total financial outlay of the scheme is ₹28,840 crore.

**Key Components:**

1. Development of Aerodromes (CAPEX)
  - 100 new airports will be developed under the scheme.
  - Total Outlay: ₹12,159 crore.
  - Implementation Period: 8 years.





**Ques: How many Panchayats will receive the National Panchayat Awards 2025 from the Ministry of Panchayati Raj?**

- A) 34 Panchayats
- B) 38 Panchayats
- C) 40 Panchayats
- D) 42 Panchayats
- E) 50 Panchayats

**Answer: D) 42 Panchayats**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj will confer the National Panchayat Awards 2025 to 42 outstanding Panchayats at a ceremony in New Delhi.
- The award-winning Panchayats will receive financial incentives ranging from ₹50 lakh to ₹5 crore.
- The awards are presented under two categories.

**Award Categories:**

1. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP)
2. • Awarded to 34 Gram Panchayats across 17 States and Union Territories.
3. • Based on their performance under Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) themes.
4. Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (NDSPSVP)
5. • Awarded to 8 Panchayats for overall excellence at the District, Block, and Gram Panchayat levels.





**Ques: The Centre is considering extending approximately how much loan support to Pawan Hans Ltd.?**

- A) ₹250 Crore
- B) ₹500 Crore
- C) ₹750 Crore
- D) ₹1,000 Crore
- E) ₹2,141 Crore

**Answer: B) ₹500 Crore**

**Explanation:**

- State-owned helicopter operator Pawan Hans Ltd. is likely to receive a Centre-backed loan of approximately ₹500 crore.
- The proposed loan will have a tenure of 10 years.
- The loan is expected to support fleet expansion and modernization initiatives.
- The funds may be used to acquire new helicopters and expand offshore operations.
- Pawan Hans plans to re-enter the seaplane segment after a gap of more than a decade.
- The company is also exploring opportunities in Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) and other specialised aviation services.





**Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the G7 Summit 2026 in which country as a Guest Country/Outreach Partner?**

- A) Germany
- B) Italy
- C) Canada
- D) France
- E) Japan

**Answer: D) France**

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit France and Slovakia from 13 to 18 June 2026.
- During the visit, he will hold bilateral talks with Emmanuel Macron and Robert Fico.
- Prime Minister Modi will attend the G7 Summit 2026 in Evian, France.
- India has been invited to the summit as a Guest Country/Outreach Partner.
- During his visit to France, Prime Minister Modi will also participate in the VivaTech 2026 in Paris.
- The G7 Summit is an annual forum of leading advanced economies that discusses global economic, political, and security issues.





**Ques: Italian luxury fashion brand Prada has developed a specialized Liquid Cooling and Ventilation Garment (LCVG) for future lunar missions in collaboration with which company?**

- A) SpaceX
- B) Blue Origin
- C) Axiom Space
- D) Boeing Space
- E) Lockheed Martin

**Answer: C) Axiom Space**

**Explanation:**

- Italian luxury fashion brand Prada has unveiled a specialized Liquid Cooling and Ventilation Garment (LCVG) designed for astronauts participating in future NASA lunar missions.
- The garment was developed in collaboration with Axiom Space, a Houston-based space technology company.
- The LCVG is designed to regulate astronauts' body temperature and improve comfort during lunar exploration activities.
- This development follows Prada's earlier collaboration with Axiom Space in 2024.
- In 2024, Prada and Axiom Space unveiled a lunar spacesuit intended for use in NASA's Artemis IV mission, scheduled for 2028.





**Ques: According to the NISE report, which Indian state has the highest floating solar power potential?**

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Karnataka
- C) Odisha
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Telangana

**Answer: D) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

- India's reservoirs can host approximately 102 GW of floating solar power capacity.
- The findings are based on the report "Solar PV Potential of India (Floating Solar)" prepared by the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE).
- This is India's first comprehensive national assessment of floating solar potential.
- The study identified 102.18 GW of feasible floating solar potential across reservoirs and inland water bodies.
- Maharashtra has the highest floating solar power potential among all Indian states.
- NISE used six geospatial filters to estimate the potential.
- Only water bodies larger than 10 hectares with water availability for at least 11 months a year were considered.
- Other criteria included water depth of 3–30 metres, solar irradiance above 4.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day, and proximity within 10 km of roads and substations.





**Ques: The Blue Valley Cluster Initiative, launched in Guwahati, aims to strengthen cooperation between Assam and the European Union in which sector?**

- A) Renewable Energy
- B) Bioeconomy
- C) Tourism
- D) Information Technology
- E) Textile Industry

**Answer: B) Bioeconomy**

**Explanation:**

- The Assam Government and the European Union (EU) launched the Blue Valley Cluster Initiative in Guwahati.
- The initiative aims to strengthen cooperation in the bioeconomy sector.
- The Blue Valley Cluster will serve as a collaborative platform connecting stakeholders from India and Europe.
- It will connect businesses, startups, research institutions, entrepreneurs, farmers, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and communities.
- The initiative seeks to promote sustainable economic growth and industrial development through innovation and collaboration.





**Ques: Which Indian women's football player announced her international retirement after India's victory over Bangladesh in the SAFF Women's Championship 2026?**

- A) Bala Devi
- B) Manisha Kalyan
- C) Grace Dangmei
- D) Soumya Guguloth
- E) Indumathi Kathiresan

**Answer: C) Grace Dangmei**

**Explanation:**

- Indian women's football team star Grace Dangmei announced her retirement from international football following India's victory over Bangladesh in the SAFF Women's Championship 2026.
- With this triumph, she secured her third SAFF Women's Championship title.
- Grace Dangmei has been one of the key players of the Indian women's football team and has made significant contributions to its success over the years.
- Her retirement marks the end of a distinguished international career.
- Grace Dangmei belongs to Manipur, a state that has produced several renowned sportspersons for India.





**Ques: Which university will establish its Indian campus in Bengaluru?**

- A) University of Bristol
- B) University of York
- C) University of New South Wales
- D) University of Oxford
- E) University of Melbourne

**Answer: C) University of New South Wales**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Education issued Letters of Approval (LoAs) to three foreign higher education institutions to establish campuses in India.
- The approved institutions are the University of Bristol, University of York, and the University of New South Wales (UNSW).
- The Letters of Approval were handed over by Dr. Vineet Joshi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education and Chairman of the UGC.
- The initiative is part of the internationalisation agenda of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- The University of Bristol will establish its Mumbai Enterprise Campus in Mumbai.
- The University of York will set up its first overseas campus in Mumbai.
- The University of New South Wales (UNSW) will establish its Indian campus in Bengaluru.





**Ques: Who has recently assumed charge as the Director of ICAR–National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (ICAR-NAARM), Hyderabad?**

- A) Dr. Himanshu Pathak
- B) Dr. Mangi Lal Jat
- C) S. Ayyappan
- D) Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra
- E) Raman Meenakshi Sundaram

**Answer: E) Raman Meenakshi Sundaram**

**Explanation:**

- Raman Meenakshi Sundaram has assumed charge as the Director of the ICAR–National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (ICAR-NAARM), Hyderabad.
- ICAR-NAARM is a premier institution dedicated to agricultural research management, policy, innovation, and capacity building.
- Prior to this appointment, Raman Meenakshi Sundaram served as the Director of ICAR–Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), Hyderabad.
- His appointment is expected to strengthen agricultural research management and innovation ecosystems in India.
- ICAR plays a key role in coordinating, guiding, and managing agricultural research and education across the country.





**Ques: How many additional land ports has India proposed to build along its international borders?**

- A) 54
- B) 64
- C) 74
- D) 84
- E) 94

**Answer: C) 74**

**Explanation:**

- India has proposed setting up 74 additional land ports along its international borders.
- The announcement was made by LPAI Chairperson Jayant Singh.
- These land ports are aimed at strengthening cross-border trade and ensuring the seamless movement of people and goods.
- Three new land ports have been proposed along the India–China border.
- The proposed locations are Namgia (Himachal Pradesh), Gunji (Uttarakhand), and Nathu La (Sikkim).
- At present, there is no other operational land port along the 3,488-km India–China border.
- **Existing India–China border trade points include:**
  - Lipulekh Pass – 1992
  - Shipki La Pass – 1995
  - Nathu La Pass – 2006





**Ques: APEDA recently facilitated India's first-ever export of botanical-infused ready-to-cook millet functional foods to which country?**

- A) Australia
- B) Canada
- C) Japan
- D) Singapore
- E) New Zealand

**Answer: E) New Zealand**

**Explanation:**

- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated India's first-ever export of botanical-infused ready-to-cook millet functional foods to New Zealand.
- The shipment was dispatched from Karnataka, marking a significant milestone in India's millet export journey.
- The consignment consisted of one metric tonne of value-added millet products.
- The products were exported by M/s Infini Agrotek LLP, Bengaluru.
- This export highlights the growing global demand for Indian millet-based health and functional food products.
- The initiative supports the government's efforts to promote millets as nutritious and sustainable food grains in international markets.





**Ques: Who has been appointed for a third consecutive term as the Prime Minister of Denmark?**

- A) Lars Løkke Rasmussen
- B) Mette Frederiksen
- C) Helle Thorning-Schmidt
- D) Morten Bødskov
- E) Jakob Ellemann-Jensen

**Answer: B) Mette Frederiksen**

**Explanation:**

- Mette Frederiksen has been appointed for a third consecutive term as the Prime Minister of Denmark.
- She is the second woman in Denmark's history to serve as Prime Minister.
- She also holds the distinction of being the youngest person ever to become Prime Minister of Denmark.
- Her reappointment reflects continued political support and leadership in the country.

**About Denmark:**

- Capital – Copenhagen
- Currency – Danish Krone (DKK)
- Official Language – Danish
- Government – Constitutional Monarchy and Parliamentary Democracy





**Ques: What was the theme of the 11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog?**

- A) Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas
- B) Digital India for New India
- C) Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047
- D) Atmanirbhar Bharat through Innovation
- E) Green Growth for Sustainable Future

**Answer: C) Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047**

**Explanation:**

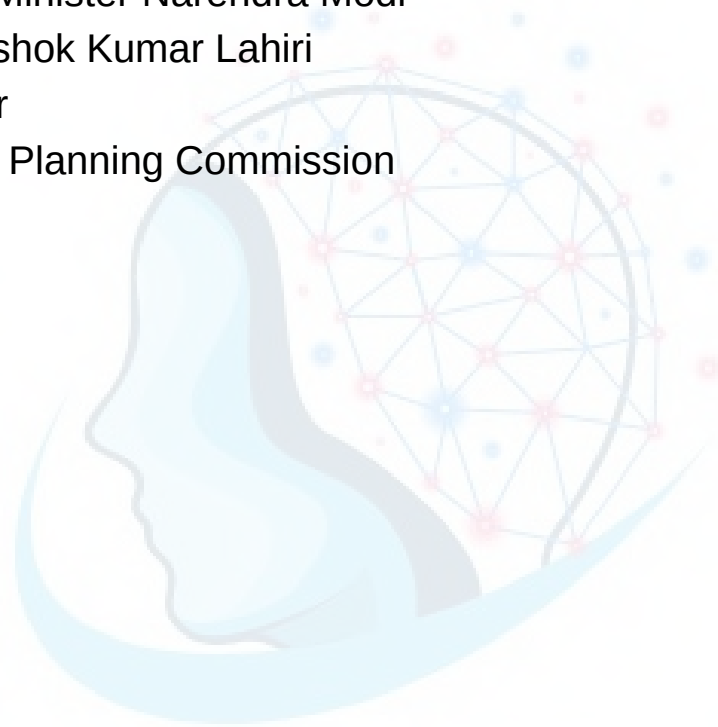
- The 11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog was held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi.
- The theme of the meeting was “Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047.”
- The meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors, and Administrators representing 28 States and 5 Union Territories participated.
- The Prime Minister emphasized cooperative federalism for achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.
- He also called for increasing the number of Lakhpati Didis from 3 crore to 6 crore. He also called for increasing the number of Lakhpati Didis from 3 crore to 6 crore.
- The Prime Minister stressed the importance of One District One Product (ODOP) and export-oriented development strategies.
- States were advised to tackle challenges such as drug abuse and cyber fraud through awareness and preventive measures.
- He highlighted the need for district-level monitoring and focused 100-day and 5-year targets for achieving Viksit Bharat@2047.





## Static Facts:

- NITI Aayog Established – 1 January 2015
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chairperson – Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Vice Chairperson – Ashok Kumar Lahiri
- CEO – Nidhi Chhibber
- Replaced Institution – Planning Commission



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**Ques: Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) recently raised JPY 91.9 billion (approximately USD 625 million) through which type of loan?**

- A) Samurai Loan
- B) Syndicated Loan
- C) Masala Loan
- D) Green Bond
- E) External Commercial Borrowing

**Answer: A) Samurai Loan**

**Explanation:**

- Reliance Industries Limited (Reliance Industries Limited) raised JPY 91.9 billion ( $\approx$  USD 625 million) through a Samurai Loan.
- This is the largest Samurai Loan ever raised by an Indian corporate.
- It is also the third-largest Samurai borrowing by an Asian corporate.
- A Samurai Loan is a Japanese Yen-denominated cross-border syndicated loan provided by Japanese lenders to a non-Japanese borrower.
- The transaction involved participation from 10 Japanese and Taiwanese banks.
- RIL also secured USD 600 million equivalent financing backed by Japan's export credit agency NEXI (Nippon Export and Investment Insurance).





**Ques:** The newly launched cross-border remittance mechanism links India's UPI with which country's payment interface?

- A) Bhutan
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Nepal
- E) Maldives

**Answer:** D) Nepal

**Explanation:**

- India and Nepal have launched a peer-to-peer (P2P) cross-border remittance mechanism.
- The initiative connects India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with Nepal's National Payments Interface (NPI).
- It enables seamless, secure, and real-time money transfers between citizens of both countries.
- Users can send and receive money directly via mobile banking apps and digital wallets.
- The UPI–NPI integration strengthens bilateral digital financial connectivity between India and Nepal.





**Ques: To what percentage has Axis Bank increased its stake in Axis Max Life Insurance after making an additional investment of up to ₹380 crore?**

- A) 18.99%
- B) 19.02%
- C) 19.50%
- D) 19.99%
- E) 20.50%

**Answer: D) 19.99%**

**Explanation:**

- Axis Bank has increased its stake in Axis Max Life Insurance to 19.99%.
- The bank made an additional investment of up to ₹380 crore for this stake enhancement.
- Earlier, Axis Bank's shareholding stood at 19.02%.
- The shareholding includes Axis Bank along with its subsidiaries Axis Securities Ltd. and Axis Capital Ltd.
- This investment strengthens Axis Bank's strategic presence in the life insurance sector.

**Static Fact:**

- Axis Bank Founded – 3 December 1993





**Ques: What is the objective of the newly released BIS standard IS 20201:2026?**

- A) To promote export of hybrid seeds
- B) To regulate fertilizer pricing
- C) To provide a management framework for Community Seed Banks and conserve indigenous crop varieties
- D) To increase pesticide production
- E) To promote genetically modified crops

**Answer: C) To provide a management framework for Community Seed Banks and conserve indigenous crop varieties**

**Explanation:**

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (Bureau of Indian Standards) released the standard IS 20201:2026 – Community Seed Bank Management: Requirements.
- It provides a comprehensive management framework for Community Seed Banks (CSBs) across India.
- The main objective is to conserve indigenous crop varieties and strengthen agricultural resilience to climate change.
- Traditional seed varieties support traits like drought tolerance, disease resistance, and high nutritional value.
- The standard also promotes agricultural biodiversity conservation in India.
- It aligns with SDG 2 (Zero Hunger).





**Ques: What amount of dividend cheque for FY 2025-26 was handed over by State Bank of India (SBI) to the Government of India?**

- A) ₹7,813 crore
- B) ₹8,813 crore
- C) ₹9,813 crore
- D) ₹10,813 crore
- E) ₹11,813 crore

**Answer: B) ₹8,813 crore**

**Explanation:**

- The State Bank of India (State Bank of India) handed over a dividend cheque of ₹8,813 crore for FY 2025–26 to the Government of India.
- The cheque was presented to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- It was handed over by SBI Chairman C. S. Setty.
- Earlier, SBI declared a dividend of ₹17.35 per equity share for the year ended March 31, 2026.
- The Government of India holds around 55% stake in SBI, making it the largest shareholder.
- SBI reported a net profit of ₹80,032 crore in FY26, showing a 12.88% year-on-year growth.
- The bank's overall business crossed ₹109 trillion during FY26.





**Ques: What was the theme of the SAPLING (South Asian Policy Leadership for Improved Nutrition and Growth) Dialogue 2026 held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat?**

- A) Food Security and Climate Resilience in South Asia
- B) Sustainable Agriculture for a Healthy Future
- C) Unlocking Value: Advancing Food Processing for Employment Generation and Sustainable Growth in South Asia
- D) Digital Transformation of Agriculture and Food Systems
- E) Nutrition for All: Strengthening Regional Food Networks

**Answer: C) Unlocking Value: Advancing Food Processing for Employment Generation and Sustainable Growth in South Asia**

**Explanation:**

- The SAPLING (SAPLING Dialogue 2026) concluded successfully in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- The event was addressed by Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Chirag Paswan.
- It was jointly organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) and the World Bank Group.
- The theme of the dialogue was “Unlocking Value: Advancing Food Processing for Employment Generation and Sustainable Growth in South Asia.”
- The event focused on strengthening food processing, employment generation, and sustainable growth across South Asia.





**Ques: What is the estimated horticulture production in India for 2025–26 as per the Second Advance Estimates?**

- A) 3,307 lakh tonnes
- B) 3,508 lakh tonnes
- C) 3,778 lakh tonnes
- D) 3,901 lakh tonnes
- E) 4,120 lakh tonnes

**Answer: C) 3,778 lakh tonnes**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has projected India's horticulture production at 3,778 lakh tonnes for 2025–26.
- This shows an increase of 70.39 lakh tonnes compared to 2024–25.
- According to the Second Advance Estimates (2025–26), horticulture cultivation area is expected to reach 301.51 lakh hectares.
- Fruit production is estimated to exceed 1,214 lakh tonnes.
- Onion production is expected to cross 307 lakh tonnes.
- Flower production is estimated to be over 45 lakh tonnes.
- Growth is also expected in vegetables, spices, aromatic, and medicinal crops.





**Ques: Who led the Indian delegation at the 114th International Labour Conference (ILC) held in Geneva, Switzerland?**

- A) Mansukh Mandaviya
- B) Nirmala Sitharaman
- C) Bhupender Yadav
- D) Chirag Paswan
- E) Shobha Karandlaje

**Answer: E) Shobha Karandlaje**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment and MSME Shobha Karandlaje led the Indian delegation at the 114th International Labour Conference (ILC) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The International Labour Conference (International Labour Conference) is the supreme decision-making body of the International Labour Organization (ILO).
- It is often referred to as the “International Parliament of Labour.”
- The conference brings together representatives of governments, employers, and workers to discuss global labour issues and set international labour standards.
- India’s participation reflects its commitment to decent work, social justice, and inclusive labour policies.





**Ques: Which company will implement India's first large-scale solar power project with an integrated Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on defence land?**

- A) NHPC Limited
- B) SJVN Limited
- C) REC Limited
- D) Power Grid Corporation
- E) NTPC Limited

**Answer: E) NTPC Limited**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Defence has approved a 250 MW Solar Power Project with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh.
- The project will be developed on around 850 acres of vacant defence land.
- It is India's first large-scale solar project with integrated BESS on defence land.
- The project will be implemented by NTPC Limited.
- The initiative aims to promote clean energy generation, efficient land use, and energy security.

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**Ques: What was the value of India's agricultural exports recorded in FY 2024–25?**

- A) USD 41.9 Billion
- B) USD 45.5 Billion
- C) USD 48.2 Billion
- D) USD 51.9 Billion
- E) USD 55.0 Billion

**Answer: D) USD 51.9 Billion**

**Explanation:**

- India recorded agricultural exports worth USD 51.9 billion in FY 2024–25.
- Agricultural exports increased by 37% compared to 2013–14.
- Processed food exports crossed USD 10 billion in FY25.
- Seafood exports grew by 139% over the last decade.
- India is currently the world's second-largest tea exporter.
- The growth reflects rising global demand for Indian agricultural and food products and improved farmer income initiatives.

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**Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new terminal building of which airport during his visit to Daman?**

- A) Diu Airport
- B) Veer Savarkar Airport
- C) Surat Airport
- D) NAMO Airport
- E) Rajkot Airport

**Answer: D) NAMO Airport**

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new terminal building of NAMO Airport during his visit to Daman.
- He also dedicated the NAMO Hospital to the nation in Daman.
- The projects aim to strengthen healthcare infrastructure and improve air connectivity in the Union Territory.
- These developments are expected to boost tourism, trade, and regional development.
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu were merged into a single Union Territory on 26 January 2020.





**Ques: In which city did EY launch India's first AI Experience Centre?**

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

**Answer: C) Bengaluru**

**Explanation:**

- Ernst & Young (EY) launched India's first AI Experience Centre through its Global Delivery Services (GDS).
- The centre, named ey.ai Centre for Reimagination (CFR), is located in Bengaluru.
- It is designed to provide an immersive client experience using Artificial Intelligence technologies.
- The centre helps organizations navigate AI adoption and digital transformation journeys.
- It showcases how emerging technologies can reshape industries, workforces, and business decisions.
- EY has also announced a USD 1.4 billion investment in AI initiatives and set up an AI Factory (Centre of Excellence) in India.





**Ques: Meta and Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) have partnered to develop a 168 MW AI-enabled data centre in which city of Gujarat?**

- A) Ahmedabad
- B) Surat
- C) Vadodara
- D) Rajkot
- E) Jamnagar

**Answer: E) Jamnagar**

**Explanation:**

- Meta and Reliance Industries Limited (Reliance Industries Limited) have partnered to develop a 168 MW AI-enabled data centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- The project is expected to be completed within two years.
- It will be India's first Built-to-Suit (BTS) data centre for Meta.
- A BTS data centre is designed specifically to meet the requirements of a single client.
- The facility will support advanced AI infrastructure and large-scale computing needs, including generative AI workloads.

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**Ques: 'Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra' has been developed by which institution?**

- A) ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
- B) ICAR-NDRI, Karnal
- C) ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (ICAR-IIOR), Hyderabad
- D) ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar
- E) ICAR-IISR, Lucknow

**Answer: C) ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (ICAR-IIOR), Hyderabad**

**Explanation:**

- 'Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra' is India's first nationwide WhatsApp-based AI advisory service for oilseed farmers.
- It has been developed by the ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (ICAR-IIOR), Hyderabad.
- The service provides free, instant, and research-based advisory support to farmers.
- It covers crops like groundnut, mustard, sesame, sunflower, soybean, niger, and other oilseeds.
- It was launched during the National Oilseeds Conference 2026 held in New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to improve productivity, crop management, and farmer income using AI-based digital tools.





**Ques: Which veteran Tamil filmmaker, popularly known as the "Father of Rural Cinema in Tamil Nadu," recently passed away?**

- A) K. Balachander
- B) Mani Ratnam
- C) Bharathiraja
- D) Shankar
- E) Bala

**Answer: C) Bharathiraja**

**Explanation:**

- Veteran Tamil filmmaker Bharathiraja passed away recently.
- He is widely known as the “Father of Rural Cinema in Tamil Nadu.”
- He brought rural life, village culture, and realistic storytelling into mainstream Tamil cinema.
- His films focused on village-based narratives and ordinary people’s lives, giving Tamil cinema a new direction.
- In 2004, he was honoured with the Padma Shri, India’s fourth-highest civilian award.
- His contribution is considered highly significant in introducing realism and rural themes to Indian cinema.

