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Ques: Mission SAKSHAM launched by RBI is primarily aimed at which sector?

- A) Commercial Banks
- B) Rural Banks
- C) Urban Co-operative Banks
- D) NBFCs
- E) Payment Banks

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra launched Mission SAKSHAM on April 28, 2026.
- Mission SAKSHAM (Sahkari Bank Kshamta Nirman) is a nationwide capacity-building initiative for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs).
- RBI will conduct training programmes (in-person and e-learning) covering around 1.40 lakh participants including board members, senior management, and IT staff.
- The programmes will also be delivered in regional languages to ensure wider accessibility.
- The mission was designed in consultation with UCB umbrella organisations and cooperative federations.
- It was first announced in the Monetary Policy Statement on February 6, 2026.
- The aim is to improve governance, compliance culture, and institutional strength in the UCB sector.
- There are over 1,400 UCBs in India serving urban and semi-urban populations and promoting financial inclusion.

Static Part:

- Mission — SAKSHAM (Sahkari Bank Kshamta Nirman)
- Meaning — “To make capable/competent”
- Launch Date — April 28, 2026
- Target Sector — Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)





- Total Participants — 1.40 lakh
- Training Mode — In-person + E-learning
- Total UCBs — 1,400+



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Ques: Flipkart, Axis Bank, and PayU have introduced biometric authentication for card payments, replacing which traditional system?

- A) PIN
- B) OTP (One-Time Password)
- C) CVV
- D) Net Banking Password
- E) UPI PIN

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Flipkart, Axis Bank, and PayU have jointly introduced biometric authentication for card payments.
- Axis Bank cardholders can now approve payments using fingerprint or Face ID.
- This system replaces the traditional OTP (One-Time Password) method.
- PayU manages the payment infrastructure for this system.
- Wibmo handles the authentication process.
- This move enhances security and improves user convenience in digital payments.

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Ques: RBI has set what time limit to classify a borrower as a wilful defaulter after NPA tagging?

- A) 3 months
- B) 6 months
- C) 9 months
- D) 12 months
- E) 18 months

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India has introduced a timeline for classifying wilful defaulters.
- Banks must complete the process within 6 months of an account being classified as NPA.
- The process begins if a wilful default is observed during internal preliminary screening.
- The rule ensures timely identification and action against wilful defaulters.
- The new guideline will come into effect from April 1, 2027.
- It aims to strengthen credit discipline and banking transparency.





Ques: India's factory output is measured by which index?

- A) Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- B) Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
- C) Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)
- D) GDP Deflator
- E) Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India's industrial output growth slowed to a five-month low of 4.1% in March 2026.
- Factory output in India is measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).
- The growth for February 2026 was revised to 5.1% from the earlier estimate of 5.2%.
- The data is released by the National Statistics Office.

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Ques: Vaibhav Suryavanshi became the fastest to reach 400 runs in an IPL season in how many balls?

- A) 150 balls
- B) 160 balls
- C) 167 balls
- D) 175 balls
- E) 188 balls

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Vaibhav Suryavanshi, opener of Rajasthan Royals, became the fastest to reach 400 runs in an IPL season.
- He achieved this milestone in just 167 balls.
- He broke the previous record held by Andre Russell (188 balls in 2019).
- He reached the milestone during a match against Punjab Kings in New Chandigarh.
- He scored a quick 43 runs off 16 balls in that match.
- This feat highlights his explosive batting performance in the IPL season.

Static Part:

- IPL Started – 2008
- Fastest 400 Runs (Balls) – Vaibhav Suryavanshi (167)
- Previous Record – Andre Russell (188 balls, 2019)
- Team – Rajasthan Royals





Ques: The Ganga Expressway inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi connects which two cities?

- A) Lucknow – Varanasi
- B) Meerut – Prayagraj
- C) Kanpur – Agra
- D) Delhi – Ayodhya
- E) Gorakhpur – Jhansi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the 594-km long Ganga Expressway in Uttar Pradesh.
- The expressway is one of the longest in India and aims to boost connectivity.
- It connects Meerut to Prayagraj, passing through multiple districts.
- The project is expected to significantly reduce travel time.
- It will enhance economic growth, employment, and industrial development in the state.
- The expressway will benefit farmers by enabling faster transport of agricultural produce.

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Ques: ISRO, in collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, completed nationwide Land Use Land Cover (LULC) mapping at what scale?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation

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- Indian Space Research Organisation collaborated with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- The aim is to strengthen decentralised planning using geospatial technology.
- The achievement was highlighted on National Panchayati Raj Day.
- ISRO completed high-resolution Land Use Land Cover (LULC) mapping across the country.
- The mapping was done at a scale of 1:10,000.
- The coverage includes the entire country.
- The data has been made available to government organisations.
- It supports Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP).
- The data is integrated into the Grammanchitra portal.

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Ques: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced its exit from which organization, effective May 1, 2026?

- A) OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries)
- B) International Energy Agency (IEA)
- C) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- D) BRICS
- E) G20

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced that it will exit OPEC and OPEC+ effective May 1, 2026. (**Xinhua News**)
- The move will reduce OPEC's membership to 11 countries.
- UAE is a major oil producer and one of the largest contributors to OPEC.
- The decision was taken due to long-standing concerns over production quotas. (**Hespress**)
- UAE felt that OPEC limits restricted its ability to fully utilize its production capacity and investments.
- The exit reflects UAE's strategy to focus on national interests and increase flexibility in oil production.

Static Part:

- OPEC – Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
- Founded – 1960
- Headquarters – Vienna, Austria
- Objective – Coordinate petroleum policies and stabilize global oil markets
- Current Members (after UAE exit) – Algeria, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela





Ques: Sun Pharma is acquiring Organon & Co. in a deal valued at how much?

- A) \$5 billion
- B) \$8 billion
- C) \$11.75 billion
- D) \$15 billion
- E) \$20 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sun Pharmaceutical Industries announced the acquisition of Organon & Co. in an all-cash deal worth \$11.75 billion.
- This is one of the largest overseas acquisitions by an Indian company.
- The deal will significantly boost Sun Pharma's global presence and innovation capabilities.
- Organon specializes in women's health, biosimilars, and established medicines.
- The combined entity is expected to have revenues of around \$12.4 billion.
- The deal is expected to be completed by early 2027, subject to regulatory approvals.
- The acquisition will help Sun Pharma enter the global biosimilars market and expand in the US and China.

Static Part:

- Sun Pharma Founded – 1983
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Founder – Dilip Shanghvi
- Sector – Pharmaceutical Industry





Ques: The F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026 is associated with which sport?

- A) Cricket
- B) Football
- C) Motorsports
- D) Tennis
- E) Hockey

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Formula One and Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited launched the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026.
- It is the first official F1-sanctioned sim racing competition in India.
- The championship aims to promote esports and virtual motorsports in India.
- Participants will compete through simulated racing platforms replicating real F1 tracks.
- The initiative will help identify and nurture Indian sim racing talent at a global level.
- It strengthens India's presence in the growing global esports ecosystem.

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Ques: India secured which position in the medal tally at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2026 held in Cairo, Egypt?

- A) 2nd
- B) 3rd
- C) 1st
- D) 4th
- E) 5th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India topped the medal tally at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2026.
- The event was held in Cairo, Egypt from 19–27 April 2026.
- India won a total of 16 medals.
- Medal tally includes 5 Gold, 6 Silver, and 5 Bronze medals.
- Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN) secured 2nd position with 11 medals.
- France finished 3rd with 6 medals.
- The next event is the ISSF Junior World Championship 2026.
- It will be held in Suhl, Germany in June 2026.





Ques: India's first UNESCO Chair on Gender Inclusion and Skill Development was launched at which university?

- A) Delhi University
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) Symbiosis Skills and Professional University
- D) JNU
- E) BHU

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Jayant Chaudhary inaugurated India's first UNESCO Chair on Gender Inclusion and Skill Development.
- The initiative was launched at Symbiosis Skills and Professional University.
- The initiative was part of an international conference on "Women Leading the Future of Work".
- The Chair aims to promote gender inclusion and skill development among women.
- It focuses on increasing women's participation in emerging sectors like AI, robotics, and semiconductors.
- The initiative emphasizes inclusive growth, empowerment, and employment opportunities for women.





Ques: Vasu Shroff, who recently passed away, was popularly known by which title?

- A) Steel King
- B) Textile King
- C) Diamond King
- D) Oil King
- E) Gold King

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Vasu Shroff was a veteran Indian-origin businessman who recently passed away.
- He was popularly known as Dubai's "Textile King".
- He served as the Chairman of the Regal Group.
- He was a pioneer in Dubai's textile industry and contributed significantly to its growth.

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Ques: World Intellectual Property Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) April 22
- B) April 24
- C) April 25
- D) April 26
- E) April 28

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- World Intellectual Property Day is observed every year on April 26.
- It aims to promote awareness about intellectual property (IP) rights.
- It highlights the role of IP in encouraging innovation and creativity.
- The day is organised by the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- Theme for 2026 is "IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate".

Static Part:

- WIPO is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
- Established – 1967
- Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- Intellectual Property includes patents, copyrights, trademarks, and industrial designs.





Ques: Which organization has been recognised as the PaRRVA agency by SEBI?

- A) National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)
- B) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- C) CARE Ratings Limited
- D) CRISIL Limited
- E) ICRA Limited

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has operationalised PaRRVA (Past Risk and Return Verification Agency).
- CARE Ratings Limited has been recognised as the PaRRVA agency.
- National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) will function as the PaRRVA Data Centre (PDC).
- The initiative aims to improve transparency, credibility, and investor protection in financial markets.
- The pilot phase began in December 2025, and full operations start from 4 May 2026.
- It enables investment advisors, research analysts, and algo trading firms to display verified performance records.

Static Part:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) – Regulator of securities market
- Established – 1988
- Statutory Status – 1992
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) – Established 1992





Ques: NITI Aayog's "Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) @2047" roadmap primarily focuses on which immediate phase of India's digital transformation?

- A) DPI 1.0 (2015–2025)
- B) DPI 2.0 (2025–2035)
- C) DPI 3.0 (2035–2047)
- D) AI 1.0 Phase
- E) BharatNet Phase III

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- NITI Aayog launched the "Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) @2047" roadmap to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- The roadmap was unveiled by Suman Bery and Ajay Kumar Sood.
- India aims to become a \$30 trillion economy with a per capita income of \$18,000 by 2047 under this vision.
- DPI initiatives currently contribute ~1% to GDP and may reach ~4% by 2030.
- The roadmap was developed by NITI Frontier Tech Hub in partnership with EkStep Foundation and Deloitte.
- **It outlines two key phases:**
 - DPI 2.0 (2025–2035): Focus on livelihood-led growth at scale
 - DPI 3.0 (2035–2047): Focus on broad-based prosperity
- The immediate focus is on DPI 2.0, which includes eight sectoral transformations.

Static Part:

- NITI Aayog – Established: 2015
- Chairperson – Prime Minister of India
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- DPI Full Form – Digital Public Infrastructure





Ques: Under RBI's revised calamity loan framework, banks must invoke resolution plans within how many days of disaster declaration?

- A) 30 Days
- B) 45 Days
- C) 60 Days
- D) 90 Days
- E) 135 Days

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India has revised its loan restructuring framework for borrowers affected by natural disasters.
- Banks must invoke the resolution plan within 45 days of disaster declaration.
- The restructuring plan must be implemented within 135 days.
- Banks can proactively initiate restructuring without waiting for borrower requests.
- Eligible borrowers must have standard accounts with no default exceeding 30 days at the time of disaster.
- Accounts turning NPA during the process can be upgraded back to standard after successful restructuring.
- Banks may also waive fees and charges for up to one year in eligible cases.

Static Part:

- Reserve Bank of India – Central Bank of India
- Established – 1935
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- NPA Full Form – Non-Performing Asset





Ques: EPFO's newly launched E-PRAAPTI portal is mainly designed for what purpose?

- A) To open new PF accounts
- B) To track and activate inoperative EPF accounts
- C) To issue pension cards
- D) To provide loans
- E) To issue debit cards

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has launched the E-PRAAPTI portal for members with old or inactive EPF accounts.
- The portal helps users identify, track, link UAN, and activate inoperative EPF accounts.
- Members can access accounts through Aadhaar-based authentication, even without a UAN.
- An EPF account becomes inoperative if no contribution is made for 36 months (3 years).
- For members above 55 years, accounts become inoperative 3 years after retirement or age 55, whichever is later.
- If below 55 years, the account continues earning interest till 58 years even without contributions.
- After 7 years, unclaimed balances are transferred to the Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund.
- EPFO settled a record 8.31 crore claims in FY 2025–26.

Static Part:

- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation – Established: 1952
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Parent Ministry – Ministry of Labour and Employment
- UAN Full Form – Universal Account Number
- Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund – Established: 2016





Ques: Under RBI's new Type-I NBFC framework, what is the maximum asset limit for exemption?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India has introduced a new Type-I NBFC framework for small NBFCs.
- NBFCs with total assets below ₹1,000 crore are eligible for exemption.
- Eligible NBFCs must not accept public funds and should have no direct customer interface.
- Such entities are exempted from registration and reserve fund requirements under the RBI Act, 1934.
- Existing NBFCs can apply for deregistration via the PRAVAAH portal by 31 December 2026.
- The board must pass an annual resolution confirming compliance.

Static Part:

- Reserve Bank of India – Established: 1935
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- NBFC Full Form – Non-Banking Financial Company
- RBI Act, 1934





Ques: Which city in Madhya Pradesh has been selected under the Safe Cities Project 2026?

- A) Bhopal
- B) Indore
- C) Dhar
- D) Gwalior
- E) Jabalpur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Dhar has been selected under the Safe Cities Project 2026.
- The initiative aims to improve women's safety and urban infrastructure.
- The project is being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development with a funding of ₹10 crore over five years.

• Key women-friendly facilities include:

- Construction of Pink Toilets in public areas
- Dedicated waiting spaces for women in hospitals
- Improved amenities at tourist destinations





Ques: According to the NSO Health Survey 2025, what was the PPRA in urban areas?

- A) 10.2%
- B) 11.5%
- C) 12.8%
- D) 14.9%
- E) 15.5%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- National Statistical Office released findings from the 80th round of the Household Consumption Health Survey.
- In urban areas, the Proportion of Population Reporting Ailment (PPRA) increased to 14.9% in 2025.
- In rural areas, PPRA rose from 6.8% (2017–18) to 12.2% (2025).
- The rise indicates improved health-seeking behaviour.
- Institutional deliveries reached 95.6% in rural and 97.8% in urban areas.
- Median out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) per hospitalization was ₹11,285 in 2025.

Static Part:

- National Statistical Office – Established: 2019
- Parent Ministry – Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- PPRA Full Form – Proportion of Population Reporting Ailment





Ques: Which team holds the record for the highest successful run chase in IPL history (as of 2026)?

- A) Mumbai Indians
- B) Chennai Super Kings
- C) Punjab Kings
- D) Royal Challengers Bengaluru
- E) Sunrisers Hyderabad\

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Punjab Kings holds the record for the highest successful run chase in Indian Premier League history.
- They chased 265 runs against Delhi Capitals at Arun Jaitley Stadium.
- This broke their previous record of 262 runs (2024) against Kolkata Knight Riders.
- KL Rahul scored 152 off 67 balls, becoming the third player to score 150+ in IPL history.
- He joined Chris Gayle and Brendon McCullum in this elite list.

Static Part:

- Highest Successful Chase – 265/4 (Punjab Kings vs Delhi Capitals, 2026)
- Other Top Chases:
 - 262/2 – Punjab Kings vs Kolkata Knight Riders (2024)
 - 247/2 – Sunrisers Hyderabad vs Punjab Kings (2024)
 - 230/4 – Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Gujarat Titans (2024)





Ques: The Indoor Cricket Academy at Sovima, recently inaugurated, is located in which state?

- A) Manipur
- B) Mizoram
- C) Nagaland
- D) Tripura
- E) Assam

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indoor Cricket Academy at Sovima is located in Nagaland.
- It was virtually inaugurated by Narendra Modi from Gangtok.
- The project is funded by the Board of Control for Cricket in India.
- The academy offers modern indoor training facilities including practice nets, pitches, and a swimming pool.
- It aims to boost cricket infrastructure and provide year-round training opportunities in the state.
- Abu Metha called it a game-changer for cricket development.

Static Part:

- Nagaland Capital – Kohima
- Governor – La. Ganesan
- Chief Minister – Neiphiu Rio





Ques: The 15th Delhi International Film Festival (DIFF) 2026 will be held at which of the following venues?

- A) Pragati Maidan only
- B) Siri Fort Auditorium only
- C) IGNCA and Ambedkar International Centre
- D) Red Fort
- E) Bharat Mandapam only

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 15th Delhi International Film Festival (DIFF) 2026 will be held from 4th to 8th May in New Delhi.
- The event will take place at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts and Ambedkar International Centre.
- The festival is organised with support from the Ministry of Culture.
- Focus countries for 2026 are China, Russia, and Africa.

Static Part:

- DIFF Edition – 15th
- Dates – 4th to 8th May 2026
- Host City – New Delhi
- Organising Support – Ministry of Culture





Ques: According to SIPRI, what rank did India hold in global military spending in 2025?

- A) 3rd
- B) 4th
- C) 5th
- D) 6th
- E) 7th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute reported that India ranked 5th in global military spending in 2025.
- It follows the United States, China, Russia, and Germany.
- India's military expenditure reached \$92.1 billion in 2025 (an 8.9% increase).
- India accounted for 3.2% of global military spending.
- Global military expenditure hit a record \$2,887 billion in 2025.
- The United States remained the top spender, followed by China and Russia.
- Germany ranked fourth with \$114 billion.
- Pakistan ranked 31st with spending around \$11.9 billion.
- India's spending increase was linked to regional tensions and defence modernization.

Static Part:

- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute – Established: 1966
- Headquarters – Stockholm, Sweden
- Focus – Global security, conflict, and military expenditure research





Ques: Which of the following Marathi films has been selected for the film market section of the Cannes Film Festival?

- A) Jeev – The Creature
- B) April May 99
- C) Both A and B
- D) Sairat
- E) Court

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Two Marathi films – Jeev – The Creature and April May 99 – have been selected for the film market section of the Cannes Film Festival.
- Jeev – The Creature is directed by Ravindra Jadhav.
- April May 99 is directed by Rohan Mapuskar.

Static Part:

- Cannes Film Festival – Established: 1946
- Location – Cannes
- One of the most prestigious film festivals globally





Ques: Rithika Sri, recently seen in news, is associated with which field?

- A) Athletics
- B) Cricket Umpiring
- C) Football Coaching
- D) Tennis खिलाड़ी
- E) Hockey

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Rithika Sri is associated with cricket umpiring.
- She became the first transgender cricket umpire from Tamil Nadu.
- She has been officiating matches in Salem and Coimbatore since 2021.
- She is linked with the umpire panel process of Tamil Nadu Cricket Association.
- TNCA introduced the 'Other' gender category in umpire applications for the first time.
- She transitioned in 2024 and continued her journey in cricket.
- She has officiated 15+ matches in the CDCA league, promoting inclusivity in sports.

Static Part:

- Tamil Nadu Cricket Association – Headquarters: Chennai
- Board of Control for Cricket in India – Established: 1928
- Indian Premier League – First season: 2008





-Ques: Recently, the number of districts in Ladakh has increased from 2 to 7. Which of the following is NOT one of the newly created districts?

- A) Nubra
- B) Sham
- C) Zaskar
- D) Drass
- E) Kargil

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Ladakh now has 7 districts after the creation of five new ones.
- Earlier, it had only two districts: Leh and Kargil.
- The five newly created districts are Nubra, Sham, Changthang, Zaskar, and Drass.
- Therefore, Kargil is not a newly created district, as it already existed earlier.
- The proposal was approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Ladakh became a Union Territory in 2019 after the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir.

Static Part:

- Ladakh Formation – 31 October 2019
- Earlier Districts – Leh, Kargil
- Total Districts Now – 7
- New Districts – Nubra, Sham, Changthang, Zaskar, Drass





Ques: SVAMITVA Scheme is implemented by which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D) Ministry of Agriculture
- E) Ministry of Finance

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The SVAMITVA Scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- It uses drone technology to create accurate land and property records in rural areas.
- SVAMITVA stands for Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas.
- It provides legal ownership records (property cards) to rural households.
- The scheme strengthens land governance, reduces disputes, and supports financial inclusion.
- It enables rural people to use property as collateral for loans.

Static Part:

- SVAMITVA Launch – 24 April 2020
- Ministry – Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- Technology Used – Drone Survey + GIS Mapping
- Objective – Provide legal property ownership in rural areas





Ques: Google is setting up its Cloud India AI Hub in which city, with a massive \$15 billion investment?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Google is setting up its Cloud India AI Hub in Visakhapatnam.
- The foundation stone was laid by N. Chandrababu Naidu and Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- The project involves an investment of \$15 billion, making it one of the largest FDIs in India.
- The data centre will have a capacity of 1 gigawatt.
- It will be developed over ~600 acres in Tharluwada, Adavivaram, and Rambilli regions.
- The project is expected to be completed by September 2028 with participation from AdaniConneX and Airtel Nxtra.

Static Part:

- Google – Founded: 1998
- Headquarters – Mountain View
- Andhra Pradesh Capital – Amaravati
- Visakhapatnam – Known as “City of Destiny”





Ques: India's first green methanol plant will use which invasive plant as raw material?

- A) Lantana
- B) Prosopis juliflora
- C) Water Hyacinth
- D) Parthenium
- E) Neem

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's first green methanol plant is being set up in Kutch.
- The plant will use Prosopis juliflora as feedstock.
- This invasive weed has threatened biodiversity in the Banni grasslands of Kutch.
- The project is located at Deendayal Port Authority.
- It is being developed by Thermax Energy and Ankur Scientific.
- The plant will produce around 5 tonnes of methanol per day.
- Green methanol can reduce CO₂ emissions by up to 95% and NO_x by 80%.
- It will be used as marine fuel, replacing bunker oil and supporting green port initiatives.

Static Part:

- Methanol – Alternative clean fuel used in shipping
- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- Deendayal Port
- Green Fuel – Produced from renewable or biomass sources





Ques: The Indian Army is set to host the first edition of multilateral military exercise “Pragati” at which location?

- A) Pune, Maharashtra
- B) Leh, Ladakh
- C) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- D) Umroi, Meghalaya
- E) Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Indian Army will host the first edition of the multilateral military exercise “Pragati”.
- The exercise will be conducted at the Foreign Training Node in Umroi.
- Military delegations from 11 friendly countries will participate.
- “Pragati” stands for Partnership of Regional Armies for Growth and Transformation in the Indian Ocean Region.

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Ques: Who became the first player to score 9,000 runs in IPL history?

- A) Rohit Sharma
- B) MS Dhoni
- C) Virat Kohli
- D) David Warner
- E) KL Rahul

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Virat Kohli became the first player to score 9,000 runs in Indian Premier League history.
- He also became the first player to hit 800 fours in the IPL.
- He achieved this milestone in his 275th match (267th innings).
- The feat came while playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru.
- The match was against Delhi Capitals at Arun Jaitley Stadium.
- His consistency makes him one of the greatest players in IPL history.

Static Part:

- Indian Premier League – Started: 2008
- Governing Body – Board of Control for Cricket in India
- Most Runs in IPL – Virat Kohli





Ques: The Jammu–Srinagar Vande Bharat Express is part of which major rail project?

- A) Dedicated Freight Corridor
- B) Golden Quadrilateral
- C) USBRL Project
- D) Sagarmala Project
- E) Bharatmala Project

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the first direct Vande Bharat Express between Jammu Tawi and Srinagar.
- The train has 20 coaches, improving passenger capacity and comfort.
- It strengthens connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir.
- The service extends the earlier Katra–Srinagar rail line.
- It is part of the Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL).
- The project ensures all-weather connectivity in the Kashmir Valley and boosts tourism and the regional economy.

Static Part:

- Vande Bharat Express – Launched: 2019
- Ministry – Ministry of Railways
- Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link – Connects Jammu region with Kashmir Valley





Ques: Which of the following statements is correct regarding veteran Indian golfer Vijay Kumar?

- A) He won the Indian Open in 2002
- B) He won the Order of Merit title four times
- C) He was among the nine Indian golfers to win the Indian Open
- D) All of the above
- E) None of the above

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Vijay Kumar won the Indian Open in 2002.
- He secured the Order of Merit title four times in his career.
- He was among only nine Indian golfers to have won the Indian Open.

Static Part:

- Sport – Golf
- Major Achievement – Indian Open Winner (2002)
- Order of Merit Titles – 4
- Category – Veteran Indian Golfer

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Ques: International Delegate's Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) 24 April
- B) 25 April
- C) 26 June
- D) 24 October
- E) 1 May

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- United Nations observes International Delegate's Day on 25 April.
- It recognises the role of delegates representing their countries at the UN.
- The day marks the anniversary of the San Francisco Conference.
- On 25 April 1945, delegates from 50 countries met to create a global peace organization.
- Later, on 26 June 1945, the UN Charter was signed, leading to the formation of the United Nations.

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Ques: What is the new FDI limit notified by the Government of India in the insurance sector under the automatic route, and what is the FDI cap for LIC?

- A. 74% insurance; 20% LIC
- B. 100% insurance; 49% LIC
- C. 100% insurance; 20% LIC
- D. 49% insurance; 20% LIC
- E. 100% insurance; 26% LIC

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has notified 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the insurance sector under the automatic route under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).
- This removes the requirement of an Indian joint venture partner for foreign insurers operating in India.
- The 100% FDI limit also applies to insurance intermediaries such as brokers, reinsurance brokers, corporate agents, TPAs, surveyors, loss assessors, MGAs, and insurance repositories — subject to IRDAI norms.
- Foreign investment in Life Insurance Corporation of India remains capped at 20% under a separate framework governed by the LIC Act, 1956 and Insurance Act, 1938.
- Insurance companies with foreign investment must appoint at least one resident Indian citizen as Chairperson, MD or CEO and comply with RBI pricing guidelines under FEMA.
- The policy aligns with the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025, which increased the FDI limit from 74% to 100%.

Static Part:

- Sector — Insurance
- FDI Limit (New) — 100% (Automatic Route)
- Previous FDI Limit — 74%
- Route — Automatic Route under FEMA
- Regulatory Body — Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India





(IRDAI)

- LIC FDI Cap — 20%
- Amendment Act — Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025



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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A. Swaminathan Janakiraman
- B. Rohit Jain
- C. Poonam Gupta
- D. Shirish Chandra Murmu
- E. T. Rabi Sankar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India appointed Rohit Jain as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for a period of 3 years.
- His appointment is effective from May 3.
- He was previously serving as an Executive Director at RBI.
- He succeeds T. Rabi Sankar, who recently retired after completing his tenure.
- After this appointment, RBI now has four Deputy Governors.
- The four Deputy Governors are: Rohit Jain, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Poonam Gupta, Shirish Chandra Murmu.

Static Part:

- Organization — Reserve Bank of India
- Post — Deputy Governor
- Tenure — 3 years
- Effective Date — May 3
- Total Deputy Governors in RBI — 4





Ques: Which UPI app became the first to cross 10 billion monthly transactions in March 2026?

- A) PhonePe
- B) Paytm
- C) Google Pay
- D) Amazon Pay
- E) BHIM

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- PhonePe became the first UPI app to cross 10 billion monthly transactions, recording 10.50 billion transactions in March 2026.
- This marks a major milestone in India's digital payments ecosystem.
- As per data from National Payments Corporation of India, PhonePe held a 46.4% share by volume and 49.1% share by value.
- It processed transactions worth ₹14.48 lakh crore during the period.
- The platform showed consistent growth, processing 8 billion transactions in December and 9.9 billion in January.

Static Part:

- PhonePe Founded – 2015
- Headquarters – Bengaluru
- UPI Regulator – National Payments Corporation of India
- Milestone – First app to cross 10 billion monthly transactions





Ques: MuleHunter.AI tool, recently in news, has been developed by which institution?

- A) SEBI
- B) NABARD
- C) Reserve Bank of India
- D) SIDBI
- E) NPCI

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance has instructed banks to adopt MuleHunter.AI, an AI-based tool developed by the Reserve Bank of India.
- The tool is designed to identify and prevent mule accounts used in cyber-enabled financial frauds.
- Financial Services Secretary M. Nagaraju advised banks to implement the tool at the earliest.
- State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs) have also been asked to coordinate with state police authorities for cyber fraud prevention.
- The initiative aims to strengthen digital banking security and fraud detection systems.

Static Part:

- Organization — Reserve Bank of India
- Established — 1935
- Headquarters — Mumbai
- Ministry — Ministry of Finance (Headquarters: New Delhi)
- Mule Account — A bank account used to transfer illegally obtained money





Ques: Which bank has launched a Self Help Group (SHG) Savings Account to promote financial inclusion among women-led SHGs?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) India Post Payments Bank
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Canara Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Post Payments Bank has launched a Self Help Group (SHG) Savings Account.
- The initiative aims to promote financial inclusion and empower women-led SHGs in rural areas.
- Key features of the account include:
 - Zero balance account
 - No minimum balance requirement
 - Maximum balance limit of ₹2 lakh
 - No charges on deposits and withdrawals
 - Quarterly interest payments
 - One free account statement per month
 - No account closure charges

Static Part:

- Bank — India Post Payments Bank
- Launched — 1 September 2018
- Ownership — 100% Government of India
- Parent Department — Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications
- Headquarters — New Delhi





Ques: Who among the following were recently appointed as full-time members of NITI Aayog?

- A) Joram Aniya and R. Balasubramaniam
- B) Sanjiv Khanna and Rajiv Gauba
- C) Ashok Lahiri and Amit Shah
- D) M. Srinivas and Abhay Karandikar
- E) Suman Bery and K.V. Raju

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Government of India has appointed Joram Aniya and R. Balasubramaniam as full-time members of NITI Aayog.
- The appointments were approved by Narendra Modi.
- With these appointments, the total number of full-time members in NITI Aayog has increased to seven, along with one Vice-Chairperson.
- R. Balasubramaniam has earlier served in the Capacity Building Commission and is known as a scholar, author, and public policy expert.
- Joram Aniya is an academician from Arunachal Pradesh with over 18 years of experience in teaching, research, and public policy.
- This is part of the major revamp of NITI Aayog announced in April 2026.

Static Part:

- Organization — NITI Aayog
- Established — 1 January 2015
- Headquarters — New Delhi
- Chairperson — Narendra Modi
- Vice-Chairperson — Ashok Lahiri
- Replaced — Planning Commission





Ques: Federal Bank is acquiring a credit card portfolio of around 4.5 lakh cards from which bank?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Standard Chartered Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) Citibank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Federal Bank will acquire a selected India credit card portfolio from Standard Chartered Bank.
- The portfolio includes around 4.5 lakh (450,000) credit cards.
- The acquisition will help Federal Bank expand its customer base in major cities.
- Federal Bank currently has around 8 lakh non co-branded cards and 13 lakh co-branded cards.
- After this deal, Federal Bank's non co-branded credit card receivables are expected to increase by around 90%.
- The deal is expected to be completed within calendar year 2026.

Static Part:

- Acquiring Bank — Federal Bank
- Selling Bank — Standard Chartered Bank
- Portfolio Size — ~4.5 lakh credit cards
- Expected Completion — 2026





Ques: The Cell Broadcast Alert System (CBAS) launched in India is primarily used for what purpose?

- A. Online payments
- B. Emergency alerts
- C. Social media communication
- D. Banking services
- E. Education services

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India launched an indigenous Cell Broadcast Alert System (CBAS).
- It was launched by Jyotiraditya Scindia.
- Developed by Centre for Development of Telematics in collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority.
- The system sends instant, geo-targeted emergency alerts to mobile phones.
- Alerts include disasters like floods, earthquakes, gas leaks, etc.
- It works across all telecom networks (2G to 5G).
- The system supports multiple regional languages.
- Messages are delivered instantly without internet.
- Based on Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) recommended by International Telecommunication Union.
- The aim is to enhance disaster preparedness and public safety.

Static Part:

- NDMA Established — 2005
- Headquarters — New Delhi
- Chairperson — Prime Minister of India
- C-DOT Established — 1984
- Headquarters — New Delhi





Ques: India has submitted its updated climate targets for the period 2031–2035 to which international body?

- A) World Bank
- B) IMF
- C) UNEP
- D) WTO
- E) UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India has submitted its updated climate targets for 2031–2035 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- These targets were approved by the Cabinet in March 2026.
- The targets reflect India's growing role in tackling climate change and its commitment towards achieving net zero emissions by 2070.

• **The roadmap is based on three key pillars:**

Emission reduction
Clean energy transition
Carbon sequestration

• **Key targets include:**

47% reduction in emissions intensity of GDP
60% installed power capacity from non-fossil sources
Creation of 3.5–4 billion tonnes carbon sink through forests and tree cover





Ques: The Sacred Holy Relics Exposition of Tathagata Buddha was inaugurated in which place?

- A) Srinagar
- B) Gangtok
- C) Leh
- D) Shimla
- E) Dharamshala

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Sacred Holy Relics Exposition of Gautama Buddha at Jivatsal, Leh.
- The exposition is being organised in Leh, Ladakh from 1 May to 14 May 2026.
- Nearly 20,000 people attended the inauguration ceremony.
- The holy relics are associated with Gautama Buddha and symbolize his teachings of peace and compassion.
- The relics will remain on public display in Leh and later be taken to Zaskar Valley.
- The exposition is being held on the occasion of Buddha Purnima.

Static Part:

- Union Territory — Ladakh
- Capital — Leh
- Religion — Buddhism
- Founder of Buddhism — Gautama Buddha
- Buddha Purnima 2026 — 2569th Buddha Jayanti





Ques: Which company has become India's first commercial seaplane operator after receiving the Air Operator Certificate (AOC)?

- A) SpiceJet
- B) IndiGo
- C) Alliance Air
- D) SkyHop Aviation
- E) Air India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- SkyHop Aviation has received the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.
- With this, SkyHop Aviation becomes India's first commercial seaplane operator.
- In the initial phase, the services will focus on the Lakshadweep islands.
- A seaplane is an aircraft that can take off and land on water bodies such as seas, rivers, and lakes.

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Ques: CINBAX-II 2026 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Thailand
- C. Cambodia
- D. Indonesia
- E. Malaysia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Army contingent departed for the 2nd edition of India–Cambodia joint military exercise CINBAX-II 2026.
- The exercise is being conducted in Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia.
- Venue: Techo Sen Phnom Thom Mreas Prov Royal Cambodian Air Force Training Centre (Camp Basil).
- The exercise is scheduled from 04 to 17 May 2026.
- The Indian contingent includes 120 personnel, mainly from the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment.
- The Cambodian contingent includes 160 personnel from the Royal Cambodian Army.
- The exercise focuses on counter-terrorism operations and UN peacekeeping scenarios.
- It includes training in drone operations, mortar handling, and sniper tactics.
- The objective is to enhance interoperability, coordination, and operational synergy between both armies.
- The exercise is conducted under the framework of Chapter VII of the UN Mandate.
- It will help in sharing best practices and strengthening bilateral defence cooperation.

Static Part:

- Country — Cambodia
- Capital — Phnom Penh
- Currency — Cambodian Riel





Ques: What major reform has the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) introduced from April 1, 2026, to boost e-commerce exports?

- A) Increased customs duty on exports
- B) Removed ₹10 lakh cap on courier export consignments
- C) Banned courier export system
- D) Introduced export tax on MSMEs
- E) Reduced GST on imports

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has removed the ₹10 lakh value cap on courier export consignments, effective from April 1, 2026.
- This move aims to boost India's e-commerce exports and improve ease of doing business.
- Earlier, exporters using courier mode were limited to ₹10 lakh per shipment, affecting scalability for MSMEs, start-ups, artisans, and online sellers.
- CBIC has also introduced a Return to Origin (RTO) mechanism for imports.
- Under this, uncleared or unclaimed imported goods (after 15 days) can be sent back to the origin country, reducing congestion at courier terminals.

Static Part:

- Organization — Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
- Established — 1964
- Headquarters — New Delhi
- Chairman — Vivek Chaturvedi





Ques: Which state became the largest marine fish producing state in India in 2025, overtaking Gujarat?

- A) Kerala
- B) Gujarat
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Maharashtra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Tamil Nadu has overtaken Gujarat to become the largest marine fish producing state in India in 2025.
- According to the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute report, Tamil Nadu recorded a production of 6.85 lakh tonnes.
- Kerala remained in the third position.

Static Part:

- State — Tamil Nadu
- Formation — 1 November 1956
- Capital — Chennai
- Chief Minister — M. K. Stalin
- Governor — Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar





Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Prasar Bharati in May 2026?

- A) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- B) Navneet Kumar Sehgal
- C) Prasoon Joshi
- D) Anurag Thakur
- E) Rajkumar Hirani

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Renowned lyricist, writer, and advertising expert Prasoon Joshi has been appointed as the Chairman of Prasar Bharati.
- The appointment was announced by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in May 2026.
- He succeeds Navneet Kumar Sehgal, whose tenure ended in December 2025.
- Prasoon Joshi is also serving as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification since 2017.
- This is considered a rare appointment, as he is holding leadership roles in both CBFC and Prasar Bharati.
- Prasar Bharati operates All India Radio (Akashvani) and Doordarshan, India's public broadcasting networks.

Static Part:

- Organization — Prasar Bharati
- Established — 1997
- Headquarters — New Delhi
- Parent Ministry — Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- CBFC Headquarters — Mumbai





Ques: The State Visit of Vietnam's President To Lam to India (May 2026) marks how many years of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries?

- A) 5 years
- B) 7 years
- C) 10 years
- D) 15 years
- E) 20 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- To Lam will pay a State Visit to India from 5th to 7th May 2026.
- This will be his first visit to India after becoming President in April 2026.
- The visit marks 10 years of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and Vietnam.

Static Part:

- Country — Vietnam
- Capital — Hanoi
- Currency — Vietnamese Dong
- Partnership — Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (10 Years)





Ques: Somnath Swabhimani Parv Yatra commemorates how many years since the first attack on Somnath Temple by Mahmud of Ghazni?

- A) 500 years
- B) 750 years
- C) 900 years
- D) 1000 years
- E) 1200 years

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the Somnath Swabhimani Parv Yatra.
- He described the Somnath Temple as a symbol of India's self-respect, resilience, and indomitable spirit.
- A special train carrying around 1,300 devotees was flagged off from Safdarjung Railway Station to Gujarat.
- The yatra commemorates 1,000 years since the first attack by Mahmud of Ghazni on the Somnath Temple in 1026.
- The temple is located at Prabhas Patan, Veraval in Gujarat.

Static Part:

- State — Gujarat
- Formation — 1 May 1960
- Capital — Gandhinagar
- Governor — Acharya Devvrat
- Chief Minister — Bhupendrabhai Patel





Ques: International Labour Day (May Day) is celebrated every year on which date?

- A) 30 April
- B) 1 May
- C) 2 May
- D) 15 May
- E) 1 June

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- International Labour Day, also known as May Day, is celebrated every year on 1 May across the world.
- Its origins trace back to the late 19th century labour movement in the United States.
- The date commemorates a nationwide strike in 1886 demanding an eight-hour workday.
- The movement led to the Haymarket Affair in Chicago, where a protest turned violent.
- A bomb explosion during the incident resulted in the deaths of seven police officers and at least four civilians.

Static Part:

- Date — 1 May
- Also Known As — May Day
- Origin — Labour Movement (USA, 19th Century)
- Key Demand — 8-hour Workday





Ques: What is the key change in FDI norms announced by the Government of India in May 2026?

- A) Ban on Chinese investments
- B) Allowing 10% Chinese stake firms via automatic route
- C) Increase in FDI limit to 100%
- D) Removal of FEMA regulations
- E) Mandatory approval for all foreign investments

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India eased FDI norms for companies with up to 10% Chinese shareholding.
- Such firms are now allowed to invest through the automatic route, subject to sectoral conditions.
- The change came into effect from May 1, 2026.
- It is based on amendments to Press Note 3 of 2020.
- The aim is to boost investment in sectors like electronics and manufacturing.
- The relaxation does not apply to entities registered in China, Hong Kong, or other land-bordering countries.
- Higher or controlling Chinese stakes will still require government approval.

Static Part:

- FEMA Full Form – Foreign Exchange Management Act
- Introduced – 1999
- Nodal Ministry – Ministry of Finance
- DPIIT Full Form – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- Press Note 3 Year – 2020





Ques: Under RBI's revised loan restructuring guidelines for disaster-hit areas, what is the mandatory provisioning requirement for banks and NBFCs?

- A) 2%
- B) 3%
- C) 5%
- D) 7%
- E) 10%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India introduced revised guidelines for loan restructuring in disaster-hit areas.
- The new framework will come into effect from 1 July 2026.
- Lenders can proactively restructure loans without waiting for borrower requests.
- A key feature is the mandatory 5% provisioning requirement on outstanding loan value.
- Borrowers get a 135-day opt-out window from the date of disaster declaration.
- RBI rejected the proposal to reduce provisioning to 2% to ensure better risk coverage.

Eligibility Conditions:

- Only standard accounts are eligible
- Loans should not be overdue by more than 30 days at the time of disaster
- Requests to extend eligibility up to 89 days overdue were rejected

Static Part:

- Effective Date – 1 July 2026
- Provisioning Requirement – 5%
- Opt-out Window – 135 days
- Eligibility – Standard Accounts (≤ 30 days overdue)





Ques: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced a \$70 billion plan for which sectors in the Asia-Pacific region?

- A) Agriculture & Health
- B) Education & Tourism
- C) Energy & Digital Infrastructure
- D) Defence & Space
- E) Banking & Finance

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Asian Development Bank announced a \$70 billion programme for energy and digital infrastructure.
- The announcement was made during the 59th Annual Meeting in Samarkand.
- The plan targets expansion of energy connectivity and digital networks by 2035.
- It includes \$50 billion for the Pan-Asia Power Grid and \$20 billion for digital connectivity.
- It aims to strengthen cross-border electricity trade and broadband access.
- ADB President Masato Kanda highlighted long-term economic growth.

Static Part:

- Established – 1966
- Headquarters – Manila
- President – Masato Kanda (2026)
- Members – 69 Countries
- Objective – Promote economic development and regional cooperation





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Festival Director for the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

- A) Karan Johar
- B) Sanjay Leela Bhansali
- C) Rajkumar Hirani
- D) Ashutosh Gowariker
- E) Anurag Kashyap

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has appointed Ashutosh Gowariker as the Festival Director for the 57th edition of International Film Festival of India.
- The festival will be held in Goa.
- IFFI is South Asia's oldest film festival, established in 1952.
- It is jointly organised by National Film Development Corporation and the Entertainment Society of Goa.

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Ques: Cabinet may approve ₹37,500 crore scheme related to which sector?

- A) Solar Energy
- B) Coal Gasification
- C) Wind Energy
- D) Nuclear Energy
- E) Hydropower

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet of India is likely to approve a ₹37,500 crore incentive scheme for coal gasification projects.
- The aim is to boost clean energy production and reduce import dependence.
- It targets reduction in imports of LNG, urea, methanol, and other fuels.
- Maximum financial assistance will be up to ₹3,000 crore per project.
- The initiative supports India's target of achieving 100 million tonnes coal gasification capacity by 2030.
- It promotes better utilisation of domestic coal resources.
- Coal gasification converts coal into syngas used for fuels and chemicals.

Static Part:

- Coal Gasification – Conversion of coal into gas (syngas)
- Target – 100 Million Tonnes by 2030
- Ministry – Ministry of Coal
- India Coal Reserves – Among the largest in the world
- Major Products – Methanol, Ammonia, Synthetic Fuels





Ques: PRASHAST 2.0, developed by NCERT, is primarily used for what purpose?

- A) Online examination system
- B) Teacher training platform
- C) Digital attendance system
- D) Scholarship distribution
- E) Early identification of children with disabilities

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- National Council of Educational Research and Training developed PRASHAST 2.0 (Pre-Assessment Holistic Screening Tool).
- It is a digital platform to identify children with disabilities at an early stage.
- It promotes inclusive education in schools.
- It is a mobile app-based screening tool used by teachers.
- It can identify 21 types of disabilities as defined under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of HAL?

- A) DK Sunil
- B) Ravi K
- C) Rakesh Sharma
- D) Ajay Kumar
- E) Arvind Saxena

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Ravi K has assumed charge as the 22nd Chairman & Managing Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- He succeeded DK Sunil, who retired on April 30.
- He has over 30 years of experience in aerospace and defence sectors.
- Earlier, he served as Director (Operations) at HAL.
- He played a key role in achieving HAL's 'Maharatna' status.
- He contributed to projects like HAL Tejas and HAL Prachand.
- His vision is to make HAL a globally competitive aerospace company.

Static Part:

- Headquarters – Bengaluru
- Founded – 1940
- Status – Maharatna PSU





Ques: Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Hardik Pandya
- D) KL Rahul
- E) Shreyas Iyer

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Shreyas Iyer has been appointed as the official brand ambassador for the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026.
- The initiative is backed by Formula 1.
- It is being organised by Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited.
- The company has received rights to host an official Formula 1-sanctioned sim racing competition in India.

Static Part:

- Event – F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026
- Organizer – Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited
- Backed By – Formula 1
- Brand Ambassador – Shreyas Iyer





Ques: Which state has become India's first paperless judiciary state?

- A) Assam
- B) Sikkim
- C) Kerala
- D) Gujarat
- E) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sikkim has been declared India's first paperless judiciary state.
- The announcement was made by Justice Surya Kant.
- The declaration took place during a conclave in Gangtok.
- Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang called it a historic step toward digital justice.
- The initiative promotes e-filing and digital case management systems.
- It aims to make justice delivery faster, transparent, and accessible.
- The move supports India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Static Part:

- Capital – Gangtok
- Chief Minister – Prem Singh Tamang
- High Court – Sikkim High Court





Ques: The Samarth Panchayat Portal is primarily used for what purpose?

- A) Agricultural Subsidy Distribution
- B) Digital Revenue Collection by Panchayats
- C) Rural Employment Generation
- D) Health Monitoring System
- E) Education Management

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Samarth Panchayat Portal is designed for digital, UPI-based collection of Own Source Revenue (OSR) by Gram Panchayats.
- It is being implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj across multiple states.
- It enables panchayats to collect tax and non-tax revenues digitally.
- The platform supports online payments, record maintenance, and revenue tracking.
- It has been piloted in Himachal Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, and expanded to Assam, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra.
- The initiative enhances financial autonomy, transparency, and efficiency in local governance.

Static Part:

- Ministry – Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- OSR – Own Source of Revenue
- UPI – Unified Payments Interface
- Objective – Digital Governance & Financial Empowerment





Ques: Under which initiative did India deploy the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare system in Jamaica?

- A) Ayushman Bharat Initiative
- B) BHISHM Initiative
- C) Digital India Mission
- D) Make in India
- E) National Health Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India deployed the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare system in Jamaica under the BHISHM Initiative.
- It is part of India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) efforts.
- BHISHM stands for Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri.
- It provides emergency medical aid through portable hospital systems during disasters.
- The BHISHM Cube includes medicines, ICU setup, and surgical equipment.
- It can treat around 200 patients.

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Ques: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) acquired a 51% stake in which company?

- A) Cochin Shipyard
- B) Colombo Dockyard PLC
- C) Hindustan Shipyard
- D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- E) Larsen & Toubro Shipbuilding

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited acquired a 51% controlling stake in Colombo Dockyard PLC.
- This is India's first international shipyard acquisition.
- The deal is valued at around ₹250 crore (\$53 million).
- It strengthens India's strategic presence in the Indian Ocean Region.
- The acquisition benefits both India and Sri Lanka.
- It expands CDPLC's access to global markets and Indian clients.
- MDL plans to expand into ship repair and high-margin maritime services.
- The deal also includes a \$40 million investment infusion.
- It will boost employment, skill development, and R&D capabilities.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)?

- A) Uday Kotak
- B) T. S. Tirumurti
- C) Rajnish Kumar
- D) Sanjiv Khanna
- E) Anupinder Singh Grewal

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Union Government has appointed Anupinder Singh Grewal as the President of the National Company Law Tribunal.
- He will serve a term of 5 years or until the age of 67, whichever is earlier.
- NCLT is a quasi-judicial body that handles company-related disputes in India.

Static Part:

- Formed – 1 June 2016
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Nature – Quasi-Judicial Body





Ques: The 'Missing Link' project is associated with which expressway?

- A) Yamuna Expressway
- B) Delhi–Mumbai Expressway
- C) Mumbai–Pune Expressway
- D) Purvanchal Expressway
- E) Agra–Lucknow Expressway

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of Maharashtra inaugurated the 13.3-km 'Missing Link' project.
- It is part of the Mumbai–Pune Expressway.
- The project bypasses the accident-prone Khandala Ghat to improve road safety.
- It will reduce travel time between Mumbai and Pune by 20–30 minutes.
- The project aims to reduce accidents and ease traffic congestion.
- It enhances connectivity and transport efficiency.

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Ques: With the addition of 12 new sites in 2026, what is the total number of UNESCO Global Geoparks worldwide?

- A) 200
- B) 215
- C) 230
- D) 241
- E) 260

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- UNESCO designated 12 new Global Geoparks in 2026.
- With this addition, the total number reached 241 geoparks across 51 countries.
- These geoparks cover over 882,000 sq km globally.
- They aim to protect geological heritage and promote sustainable development and education.
- The programme was established in 2015.
- Each geopark is designated for 4 years, after which revalidation is required.

Static Part:

- Total Geoparks (2026) – 241
- Total Countries – 51
- Established – 2015
- Duration – 4 Years (Revalidation required)





Ques: Rajasthan Royals is being acquired by which group for \$1.65 billion?

- A) Tata Group
- B) Mittal Family & Adar Poonawalla
- C) Reliance Group
- D) Adani Group
- E) Vedanta Group

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Mittal Family, in partnership with Adar Poonawalla, is set to acquire Rajasthan Royals.
- The deal is valued at approximately \$1.65 billion, one of the largest in Indian Premier League history.
- The Mittal family will hold around 75% stake, while Adar Poonawalla will hold about 18%.
- The remaining stake will be held by existing investors like Manoj Badale.
- The deal also includes associated teams such as Paarl Royals and Barbados Royals.
- It is expected to close in Q3 2026, subject to approvals from Board of Control for Cricket in India and Competition Commission of India.





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- It is expected to close in Q3 2026, subject to approvals from Board of Control for Cricket in India and Competition Commission of India.
- The deal boosts IPL's global investment appeal and franchise valuation.

Static Part:

- Founded – 2008
- Home Ground – Sawai Mansingh Stadium
- IPL Founded – 2008
- BCCI President – Mithun Manhas
- IPL Chairman (2026) – Arun Singh Dhumal





Ques: Indian scientist Parveen Shaikh was awarded the 2026 Whitley Award for conserving which endangered species?

- A) Great Indian Bustard
- B) Snow Leopard
- C) Red Panda
- D) Gangetic Dolphin
- E) Indian Skimmer

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Parveen Shaikh received the 2026 Whitley Award for protecting the Indian Skimmer.
- The award is given by the Whitley Fund for Nature.
- She is associated with the Bombay Natural History Society.
- She launched the “Guardians of the Skimmer” initiative involving local communities to protect nesting sites.
- Another Indian awardee, Barkha Subba, is working to protect the Himalayan salamander in the Darjeeling Himalaya.
- The award provides £50,000 funding for one year to support conservation projects.





Ques: Which state has launched India's first digital grievance redressal system for gig workers?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Karnataka has launched India's first digital grievance redressal system for gig workers.
- The portal is called Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System.
- It acts as a bridge between gig workers and platform aggregators.
- Workers can file complaints related to pay, working conditions, and disputes.
- The initiative is developed by the Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers Board.
- Platforms are required to form Internal Dispute Resolution Committees (IDRC).
- The system ensures time-bound resolution and transparency.
- It helps formalize the gig economy with a proper dispute resolution framework.





Ques: Where was the world's largest underwater national flag unfurled, setting a Guinness World Record?

- A) Marina Beach
- B) Juhu Beach
- C) Radhanagar Beach
- D) Kovalam Beach
- E) Puri Beach

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Andaman and Nicobar Islands administration set a Guinness World Record by unfurling the largest underwater national flag.
- The event took place at Radhanagar Beach.
- The tricolour measured approximately 60m × 40m.
- Over 200 divers, including personnel from the Indian Navy, Police, Forest Department, and Indian Coast Guard, participated.
- The initiative aimed to promote the islands as a global diving destination.
- School students were also among the youngest participants.





Ques: Pan-India Fire Safety Week 2026 is observed between which dates?

- A) 1–7 May
- B) 3–9 May
- C) 4–10 May
- D) 5–11 May
- E) 10–16 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is observing Pan-India 'Fire Safety Week' from 4–10 May 2026.
- The initiative aims to raise awareness about fire prevention in healthcare facilities.
- It is conducted in collaboration with all States/UTs and relevant departments.
- The week is inaugurated at Kartavya Bhawan under the leadership of Punya Salila Srivastava.
- Activities include awareness campaigns, mock drills, and training.
- It strengthens emergency preparedness, response, and evacuation systems.

Static Part:

- Ministry – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Union Health Secretary – Punya Salila Srivastava
- Objective – Fire Safety Awareness in Healthcare Facilities
- Duration – 4–10 May 2026





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

- A) 1 May
- B) 2 May
- C) 3 May
- D) 5 May
- E) 8 May

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Tuna Day is observed every year on 2 May.
- It promotes sustainable fishing and conservation of tuna species.
- Tuna is rich in Omega-3 fatty acids, protein, minerals, and Vitamin B12.
- It plays a vital role in global food security and marine ecosystems.

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Ques: The “Namo Stall Scheme” launched in Ranchi is associated with which central scheme?

- A) PM Awas Yojana
- B) PM SVANidhi Scheme
- C) PM Kisan Samman Nidhi
- D) Startup India
- E) Stand-Up India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The “Namo Stall Scheme” was launched by Sanjay Seth in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- It is implemented under the Prime Minister Street Vendor’s AtmaNirbhar Nidhi Scheme.
- The scheme targets street fruit and vegetable vendors by providing them free stalls.
- In the initial phase, five vendors were allotted stalls, each costing around ₹50,000.
- The objective is to empower local vendors by improving infrastructure, visibility, and promoting self-employment.

Static Part:

- PM SVANidhi Launch – 1 June 2020
- Implementing Ministry – Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

• Loan Structure (Revised):

- 1st Tranche – ₹15,000 from Rs 10,000
- 2nd Tranche – ₹25,000 from Rs 20,000
- 3rd Tranche – ₹50,000

- Scheme Extension – Till 31 March 2030 (Outlay ₹7,332 crore)





Ques: The “4Ts” awareness framework recently launched by the Health Ministry is related to which disease?

- A) Cancer
- B) Tuberculosis
- C) Diabetes
- D) Malaria
- E) Dengue

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has released the “Guidance Document on Diabetes Mellitus in Children”.
- The guidelines aim to strengthen public healthcare for children aged 0 to 18 years.
- It introduces universal diabetes screening for children across India.
- Suspected cases will undergo immediate blood glucose testing and referral to district-level hospitals.
- Public health facilities will provide free lifelong treatment including insulin, glucometers, test strips, monitoring, and emergency care.
- The 4Ts framework helps in early detection: Toilet, Thirsty, Tired, Thinner.
- It also includes family training, caregiver support, and long-term disease management.

Static Part:

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Established – 1976
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Union Health Minister – J. P. Nadda
- World Health Organization Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- Target Group – Children (0–18 years)





Ques: Which institution emerged as India's top university in the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2026?

- A) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru
- B) IIT Delhi
- C) IIT Bombay
- D) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- E) University of Delhi

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Times Higher Education published the Asia University Rankings 2026 (14th edition).
- Indian Institute of Science emerged as India's top university, ranked 43rd in Asia with a score of 65.1.
- Tsinghua University secured the first position for the 8th consecutive year with a score of 93.6.
- China dominated the rankings with top two positions and five universities in the top 10, while Singapore and Hong Kong had two universities each in the top 10.
- India had the highest representation with 128 universities, followed by Japan (115) and Turkey (109).
- A total of 929 universities from 36 countries/territories were ranked.

Top 5 Universities in Asia:

1. Tsinghua University – China – 93.6
2. Peking University – China – 93.1
3. National University of Singapore – Singapore – 91.1
4. Nanyang Technological University – Singapore – 85.1
5. University of Tokyo – Japan – 85.1

Top Indian Universities:

- 43 – Indian Institute of Science – 65.1
- 128 – Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences – 52.0





- 141 – Indian Institute of Technology Indore – 50.6
- 158 – Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences – 49.4
- 160 – Jamia Millia Islamia – 49.3



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Ques: 'Padma Doree', launched by NEHHDC in May 2026, is a cross-cultural textile initiative combining which two textile traditions?

- A) Muga Silk (Assam) + Banarasi Weaving (UP)
- B) Eri/Ahimsa Silk (Northeast) + Chanderi Weaving (MP)
- C) Kanchipuram Silk (TN) + Chanderi Weaving (MP)
- D) Eri Silk (Northeast) + Pochampally Weaving (Telangana)
- E) Tussar Silk (Jharkhand) + Chanderi Weaving (MP)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation launched 'Padma Doree' on May 1, 2026, as a cross-regional textile initiative.
- It combines Eri (Ahimsa) silk traditions of Northeast India with the Chanderi weaving heritage of Madhya Pradesh.
- The initiative was launched by Sanjay Jaju.
- Eri silk is produced mainly in Assam, Meghalaya, and Nagaland without killing silkworms, making it an ethical and sustainable textile.
- The project was formalised through an MoU signed in March 2026 between NEHHDC and the District Archaeology, Tourism and Culture Council in Chanderi.





- The product range includes sarees, suits, dupattas, and fabric materials.
- The initiative is expected to evolve into a permanent entity — NER-MP Handloom Fusion Private Limited — with 60% equity held by artisans.
- It ensures long-term financial independence of artisans and promotes sustainable luxury markets.
- The initiative reflects the vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and is supported by Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.
- Distribution will be done through North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation channels and the government's Poorvi stores scheme.

Static Part:

- Initiative – Padma Doree
- Launched By – North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation
- Ministry – Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
- NEHHDC Type – CPSE (Central Public Sector Enterprise)
- Launch Date – May 1, 2026, New Delhi
- Launched By (Officer) – Sanjay Jaju
- NEHHDC MD – Mara Kocho
- Union Minister – Jyotiraditya Scindia
- Textile 1 – Eri/Ahimsa Silk (Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland)
- Textile 2 – Chanderi Weaving (Madhya Pradesh)
- Chanderi GI Tag – 2005
- MoU Signed – March 2026





Ques: Which country won the Thomas Cup 2026 in men's team badminton?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- China retained the Thomas Cup 2026 title by defeating France in the final.
- This is China's 13th Thomas Cup title.
- China has achieved back-to-back victories in 2024 and 2026.
- India won the bronze medal after losing 0–3 to France in the semi-final.

Static Part:

- Event – Thomas Cup
- Winner (2026) – China
- Runner-up – France
- India's Position – Bronze Medal
- China Titles – 13





Ques: According to the “Women and Men in India 2025” report, women held what percentage of total demat accounts in India as of October 2025?

- A) 15.8%
- B) 17.6%
- C) 19.8%
- D) 21.5%
- E) 25.0%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to the “Women and Men in India 2025” report released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, women’s participation in India’s capital market remains relatively low.
- As of 31 October 2025, women held only 19.8% of total 167.5 million demat accounts.
- In absolute numbers, women held about 33.1 million accounts, while men held 134.4 million accounts.
- Between 2021–2025, male demat accounts increased by 405.14%, while female accounts grew by 397.24%.
- Despite strong growth, women’s participation in stock market investing remains below 20%.





Ques: Ishank Singh, who recently made history, became the youngest swimmer to cross which water body?

- A) Palk Strait
- B) English Channel
- C) Strait of Malacca
- D) Bering Strait
- E) Gibraltar Strait

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Ishank Singh, a 7-year-old boy from Jharkhand, became the youngest swimmer to cross the Palk Strait.
- He covered a 29-km stretch from Talaimannar to Dhanushkodi in 9 hours 50 minutes.
- The achievement has been officially recognised by the Universal Records Forum.
- The swim was undertaken as part of “Mission Samandar”.

Static Part:

- Distance Covered – 29 km
- Time Taken – 9 hours 50 minutes
- Route – Talaimannar to Dhanushkodi
- Water Body – Palk Strait

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for 2026–27?

- A) Sanjay Jaiswal
- B) Baijayant Panda
- C) K. C. Venugopal
- D) Faggan Singh Kulaste
- E) Om Birla

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Om Birla reconstituted four Parliamentary Committees for 2026–27.
- Sanjay Jaiswal was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Estimates (30 members, all from Lok Sabha).
- Baijayant Panda was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings (22 members: 15 Lok Sabha + 7 Rajya Sabha).
- K. C. Venugopal was appointed Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), which has 22 members (15 Lok Sabha + 7 Rajya Sabha).
- Faggan Singh Kulaste was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (30 members: 20 Lok Sabha + 10 Rajya Sabha).
- The tenure of these committees is from 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027.





Ques: Who won the men's singles title at the Mutua Madrid Open 2026?

- A) Jannik Sinner
- B) Carlos Alcaraz
- C) Novak Djokovic
- D) Alexander Zverev
- E) Daniil Medvedev

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Jannik Sinner, the World No. 1, won the Mutua Madrid Open 2026 men's singles title.
- He defeated Alexander Zverev in the final.
- With this victory, Sinner became the first player since 1990 to win five consecutive ATP Masters 1000 titles.
- This was his ninth ATP Masters 1000 title.

Static Part:

- Tournament – Mutua Madrid Open 2026
- Category – ATP Masters 1000
- Winner – Jannik Sinner
- Runner-up – Alexander Zverev
- Total Masters Titles (Sinner) – 9





Ques: Under the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, the number of Supreme Court judges (excluding CJI) will increase to?

- A) 34
- B) 35
- C) 36
- D) 37
- E) 38

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the introduction of the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026.
- The amendment will increase the number of judges in the Supreme Court of India from 33 to 37 (excluding the Chief Justice of India).
- It will amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956.
- The main objective is to reduce pending cases and ensure faster justice delivery.
- The expenses including salaries, allowances, and infrastructure will be borne by the Consolidated Fund of India.
- The last increase in judge strength was in 2019, from 30 to 33 (excluding CJI).





Ques: Which country won the Uber Cup 2026 by defeating China in the final?

- A) Japan
- B) Indonesia
- C) Thailand
- D) South Korea
- E) Malaysia

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- South Korea defeated China 3–1 to win the Uber Cup 2026.
- The Uber Cup is the world championship for women's team badminton.
- This victory marks South Korea's third title in the tournament.
- Their previous wins came in 2010 (Kuala Lumpur) and 2022 (Bangkok), both against China.

Static Part:

- Event – Uber Cup
- Winner (2026) – South Korea
- Runner-up – China
- Total Titles (South Korea) – 3 (2010, 2022, 2026)





Ques: Mission Drishti, recently in news, is associated with which startup?

- A) Skyroot Aerospace
- B) Pixxel
- C) Agnikul Cosmos
- D) GalaxEye
- E) Bellatrix Aerospace

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bengaluru-based space-tech startup GalaxEye launched its maiden satellite Mission Drishti on 3 May 2026.
- Mission Drishti is the world's first OptoSAR satellite, combining Optical sensors and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) on a single platform.
- The satellite weighs 190 kg and is India's largest privately developed Earth Observation Satellite.
- It was launched onboard SpaceX Falcon 9 from Vandenberg Space Force Base.
- The satellite can capture images in all weather, day and night.
- It will be useful for defence, agriculture, disaster management, maritime monitoring, and infrastructure planning.





Ques: Which country has recently returned 657 antiquities worth nearly \$14 million to India?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The United States has returned 657 antiquities worth nearly \$14 million to India.
- Among the returned items is a bronze figure of Avalokiteshvara valued at around \$2 million.
- This statue was originally discovered near the Lakshmana Temple in 1939 and later kept in the Mahant Ghasidas Memorial Museum.
- The artifacts also include a sandstone figure of a dancing Ganesha stolen from a temple in Madhya Pradesh in 2000.

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Ques: Alex Zanardi, who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?

- A) Tennis
- B) Motor Racing & Para-cycling
- C) Football
- D) Athletics
- E) Swimming

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Alex Zanardi was a former Formula 1 driver and a renowned para-cyclist.
- He won four Paralympic gold medals in para-cycling.
- He secured two gold medals at the 2012 Summer Paralympics and two at the 2016 Summer Paralympics.
- He was born in Bologna.

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Ques: World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) 1 May
- B) 2 May
- C) 3 May
- D) 5 May
- E) 8 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on 3 May to highlight the importance of a free, independent, and responsible press.
- The 2026 theme is “Shaping a Future of Peace”.
- The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993.

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Ques: Ayushman Bharat Diwas is observed every year on which date?

- A) 15 April
- B) 23 September
- C) 30 April
- D) 1 May
- E) 5 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ayushman Bharat Diwas is observed every year on 30 April.
- The Ayushman Bharat scheme was launched by Narendra Modi on 23 September 2018 in Ranchi.
- The scheme aims to provide affordable healthcare and financial protection to citizens.
- It comprises two main components: Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) and Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).

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Ques: National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL), often referred to as India's "Bad Bank", was established in which year?

- A) 2018
- B) 2019
- C) 2020
- D) 2021
- E) 2022

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) is known as India's "Bad Bank".
- It was established in the year 2021.
- A bad bank is a special institution created to deal with bad loans (NPAs) of banks.
- NARCL has accelerated its recovery efforts in FY 2025–26, recovering Rs. 4,364 crore during the year.
- This accounts for nearly 70% of its total recoveries to date.
- Total cumulative recoveries by NARCL have reached Rs. 6,345 crore.
- The government-backed institution has acquired 33 borrower entities.
- These accounts have a total debt exposure of Rs. 1.65 lakh crore.





Ques: Viability Plan 2.0 for RRBs focuses on how many key pillars?

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5
- E) 6

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) has approved Viability Plan 2.0 for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) for FY 2025–26 to 2027–28.
- The plan includes 30 performance parameters structured across four key pillars — operational excellence, asset quality, profitability, and growth.
- It aims to improve financial sustainability, strengthen recovery mechanisms, and enhance digital adoption in RRBs.
- The plan replaces the earlier Viability Plan (FY22–FY25) and targets better governance and efficiency across all 28 RRBs.
- This initiative supports financial inclusion and strengthens rural banking infrastructure in India.

Static Part:

- RRBs Established – 1975
- Regulated By – Reserve Bank of India (RBI) & NABARD
- Objective – Financial Inclusion in Rural Areas
- Total RRBs – 28





Ques: What was the total UPI transaction value in April after a slight dip from March highs?

- A) ₹28.50 trillion
- B) ₹29.03 trillion
- C) ₹29.53 trillion
- D) ₹30.10 trillion
- E) ₹27.90 trillion

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- UPI transaction value dipped by 1.7% in April to ₹29.03 trillion.
- In March, the transaction value was ₹29.53 trillion.
- UPI transaction volume declined by 1.3% to 22.35 billion in April.
- In March, the volume was 22.64 billion transactions.
- Year-on-year, April recorded a 25% rise in volume and a 21% increase in value.
- Despite the monthly dip, daily transaction volumes increased from 730 million in March to 745 million in April.
- The data is released by the National Payments Corporation of India, which operates UPI.





Ques: What was India's net direct tax collection in the financial year 2025–26, as per CBDT data?

- A) Rs. 21,40,406 crore
- B) Rs. 22,50,000 crore
- C) Rs. 23,40,406 crore
- D) Rs. 24,10,000 crore
- E) Rs. 25,00,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's net direct tax collections grew by 5.12% year-on-year in FY 2025–26.
- The total net direct tax collection stood at Rs. 23,40,406 crore.
- Gross direct tax collections reached Rs. 28,11,936 crore, showing a growth of 4.03% over FY 2024–25.
- Corporate tax collections increased to Rs. 13,81,606 crore.
- Non-corporate tax collections (including individuals, HUFs, firms, etc.) stood at Rs. 13,72,474 crore.
- Securities Transaction Tax (STT) collections rose to Rs. 57,522 crore.





Ques: What was the non-food credit growth rate recorded by SCBs in FY 2025-26?

- A) 10.9%
- B) 12.5%
- C) 15.9%
- D) 18.2%
- E) 20%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) recorded a strong 15.9% year-on-year non-food credit growth in FY 2025-26.
- Total outstanding credit reached ₹212.9 lakh crore, increasing by ₹29.2 lakh crore over the previous year.
- Growth was broad-based, led by services (19%), followed by personal loans (16.2%), industry (15%), and agriculture (15.7%).
- Strong credit growth reflects improving economic activity, rising demand, and increased lending across sectors.

Static Part:

- Regulator of Banks – Reserve Bank of India
- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai





Ques: What was the total Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection of India in April 2026?

- A) Rs. 2.10 lakh crore
- B) Rs. 2.25 lakh crore
- C) Rs. 2.33 lakh crore
- D) Rs. 2.42 lakh crore
- E) Rs. 2.50 lakh crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's GST collections reached an all-time high of Rs. 2.42 lakh crore in April 2026.
- This is the highest-ever monthly GST collection recorded in India.
- In April 2025, GST collection was Rs. 2.33 lakh crore.
- The Year-on-Year (YoY) growth in April 2026 is 8.7%.
- The increase reflects strong economic activity and improved compliance.

Static Part:

- GST Implemented – 1 July 2017
- GST is an indirect tax replacing multiple taxes like VAT, Service Tax, and Excise Duty
- GST Council Chairman – Union Finance Minister





Ques: Pixxel and Sarvam AI are collaborating to launch what kind of satellite?

- A) Communication Satellite
- B) Weather Satellite
- C) Orbital Data Centre Satellite
- D) Navigation Satellite
- E) Spy Satellite

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Pixxel and Sarvam AI have partnered to build “Pathfinder”, India’s first orbital data centre satellite.
- The satellite belongs to the 200 kg class and is expected to launch by Q4 2026.
- It will process Earth observation data directly in space using AI, reducing dependence on ground-based servers.
- The mission aims to enable real-time data analysis and strengthen India’s space-based AI infrastructure.

Static Part:

- Pixxel – Founded 2019
- Sarvam AI – Indian AI startup working on LLMs
- Satellite Type – Orbital Data Centre Satellite





Ques: Under ECLGS 5.0, what is the guarantee coverage for MSMEs?

- A) 50%
- B) 75%
- C) 90%
- D) 100%
- E) 80%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved ECLGS 5.0 (Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme).
- The scheme aims to address liquidity issues arising due to the West Asia crisis.
- The total credit support under the scheme is ₹2.55 lakh crore.
- Under ECLGS 5.0, MSMEs will receive 100% government guarantee coverage, while non-MSMEs and airlines will receive 90% coverage.
- The scheme allows loans up to 20% of peak working capital (Q4 FY26), with caps of ₹100 crore for general sectors and ₹1,500 crore for airlines.
- Loan tenure is 5 years for MSMEs and non-MSMEs, and 7 years for airlines.
- Interest rate is capped at 9% for banks and 13% for NBFCs, with zero guarantee fee.
- The scheme is implemented by National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited.
- It is applicable to standard accounts as of 31 March 2026.

Static Part:

- Scheme – ECLGS 5.0
- Full Form – Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme
- Outlay – ₹2.55 Lakh Crore
- Guarantee – 100% (MSMEs), 90% (Others)
- Implementing Agency – National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited
- Eligibility – Standard Accounts (as of 31 March 2026)





Ques: What is the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane approved by CCEA for Sugar Season 2026–27, and by what percentage is it higher than the production cost?

- A) ₹355/qlt — 105.2% above production cost
- B) ₹365/qlt — 100.5% above production cost
- C) ₹375/qlt — 95% above production cost
- D) ₹365/qlt — 85% above production cost
- E) ₹340/qlt — 100.5% above production cost

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the FRP of sugarcane at ₹365 per quintal for Sugar Season 2026–27 (October–September), effective from October 1, 2026.
- This FRP is based on a basic recovery rate of 10.25% and is ₹10 higher than the previous season (₹355/qlt), marking a 2.81% increase — the lowest hike in the last three years.
- The production cost (A2+FL) is ₹182 per quintal, making the FRP 100.5% higher than the cost of production.
- A premium of ₹3.56/qlt is given for every 0.1% increase in recovery above 10.25%, and a reduction of ₹3.56/qlt applies for every 0.1% decrease.
- For mills with recovery below 9.5%, no deduction is applied — farmers will still receive a minimum of ₹338.3/qlt.
- The decision is expected to benefit around 5 crore sugarcane farmers and about 5 lakh workers in sugar mills and allied sectors.
- FRP was fixed based on recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices after consultation with states.
- Cane dues clearance has improved significantly — 99.5% dues cleared in 2024–25 and 88.6% cleared in 2025–26 (as of April 2026).





Static Part:

- Body — Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- Chairman — Prime Minister
- FRP Full Form — Fair and Remunerative Price
- New FRP (2026–27) — ₹365/ql
- Previous FRP (2025–26) — ₹355/ql
- Previous FRP (2024–25) — ₹340/ql
- Hike — ₹10/ql (2.81%)
- Basic Recovery Rate — 10.25%
- Premium/Reduction — ₹3.56/ql per 0.1% change
- Minimum Price (<9.5% recovery) — ₹338.3/ql
- Production Cost (A2+FL) — ₹182/ql
- Beneficiaries — 5 crore farmers + 5 lakh workers
- Recommending Body — Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices

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Ques: India and Canada aim to increase bilateral trade to how much by 2030?

- A) \$20 billion
- B) \$30 billion
- C) \$40 billion
- D) \$50 billion
- E) \$60 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India and Canada have resumed the second round of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- The agreement is being negotiated under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- Both countries aim to increase bilateral trade to \$50 billion by 2030.
- Current trade stands at around \$9 billion in 2024–25.
- The talks are expected to conclude by the end of 2026.
- Key focus areas include critical minerals, energy security, and manufacturing.
- The negotiations resumed after a pause due to diplomatic tensions in 2023.
- The discussions will boost exports, investments, and economic cooperation.

Static Part:

- Canada Capital – Ottawa
- Prime Minister (Canada) – Mark Carney





Ques: Mayon Volcano, which recently erupted, is located in which country?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Japan
- C) Philippines
- D) Malaysia
- E) Thailand

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Mayon Volcano erupted in Albay province in the Philippines.
- It is located on Luzon island, about 330 km southeast of Manila.
- The volcano is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire, a region known for frequent earthquakes and volcanic activity.

Static Part:

- Philippines Capital – Manila
- Currency – Peso

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Ques: INS Mahendragiri belongs to which project?

- A) Project 15B
- B) Project 17A
- C) Project 75
- D) Project 28
- E) Project 75I

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- INS Mahendragiri is the 6th Nilgiri-class stealth frigate delivered to the Indian Navy.
- It is built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai, and is the 4th ship constructed by MDL under this project.
- It is part of Project 17A, which includes 7 advanced guided-missile stealth frigates.
- The project aims to enhance India's naval power and promote defence self-reliance under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- These ships are capable of anti-air, anti-ship, and anti-submarine warfare with low radar visibility (stealth technology).

Static Part:

- Project – 17A (Nilgiri-class)
- Total Ships – 7
- Builders:
 - Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (Mumbai) – 4 ships
 - Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (Kolkata) – 3 ships
- First Ship – INS Nilgiri (Launched 2019)
- INS – Indian Naval Ship
- Frigate – Medium multi-role warship
- Stealth – Low radar visibility
- Capability – Anti-air, Anti-ship, Anti-submarine warfare





Ques: World Portuguese Language Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) May 1
- B) May 3
- C) May 5
- D) May 7
- E) May 10

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Portuguese Language Day is observed on May 5 every year.
- It celebrates the Portuguese language and Lusophone culture.
- In 2019, UNESCO officially proclaimed 5 May as World Portuguese Language Day.
- The declaration was made during the UNESCO General Conference.

Static Part:

- UNESCO Full Form – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Headquarters – Paris, France
- Established – 1945





Ques: Gujarat Day (Gujarat Sthapana Divas) and Maharashtra Day are celebrated on which date every year?

- A) April 30
- B) May 1
- C) May 2
- D) June 1
- E) March 1

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Gujarat Day is celebrated on May 1 every year.
- On this day in 1960, the state of Bombay was divided under the Bombay Reorganization Act.
- Maharashtra was created for Marathi-speaking people and Gujarat for Gujarati-speaking people.
- Thus, Gujarat became a separate state on May 1, 1960.
- Maharashtra Day is also celebrated on May 1 every year.
- It marks the formation of a separate Marathi-speaking state in 1960.





Ques: International Firefighters' Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) May 1
- B) May 3
- C) May 4
- D) May 5
- E) May 7

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- International Firefighters' Day is observed on May 4 every year.
- The 2026 theme is: "Safe School, Safe Hospital & Fire Safety Aware Society – Together for Fire Prevention".
- The day honours firefighters for their bravery and service in protecting lives and property.
- The symbol of the day is the Red and Blue Ribbon.

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Ques: What are Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) launched by the National Stock Exchange (NSE)?

- A) Digital currency backed by RBI
- B) Electronic records representing ownership of physical gold
- C) Gold mining licences
- D) Cryptocurrency linked with gold
- E) Gold loan certificates

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- National Stock Exchange (NSE) has launched Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) as a new instrument for gold trading in India.
- EGRs are electronic records representing ownership of physical gold stored in approved vaults.
- NSE demonstrated the dematerialisation of a 1000-gram gold bar into an Electronic Gold Receipt.
- EGRs are dematerialised securities and are held electronically in demat accounts.
- The gold backing EGRs is stored in SEBI-accredited vaults.
- Each EGR is fully backed by real physical gold.

Static Part:

- National Stock Exchange of India Limited Founded – 27 November 1992
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD and CEO – Ashish Kumar Chauhan





Ques: Under the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) updated regulatory framework, after how many days from the due date will a credit card account be marked as “past due”?

- A) 1 day
- B) 2 days
- C) 3 days
- D) 5 days
- E) 7 days

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced a 3-day grace period for credit card payments.
- A credit card account will be marked as “past due” only after 3 days from the due date.
- Earlier, accounts could be classified as overdue immediately after the due date.
- Banks can impose late payment charges and report to credit bureaus only after the 3-day grace period.
- The new rule will come into effect from 1 April 2027.
- If payment is made within the grace period, there will be no immediate penalty or negative credit reporting impact.
- Under revised norms, penalties will apply only on the outstanding amount and not on the total billed amount.





Ques: Anand RK and Suparna Sharma won the Pulitzer Prize in which category?

- A) Public Service
- B) Investigative Reporting
- C) Illustrated Reporting and Commentary
- D) International Reporting
- E) Breaking News Reporting

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Anand RK and Suparna Sharma won the Pulitzer Prize in the Illustrated Reporting and Commentary category.
- They shared the award with Natalie Obiko Pearson of Bloomberg.
- Their award-winning project “trAPPED” focused on digital surveillance and cyber fraud.
- The project also highlighted cases of “digital arrest”.
- Hanoi-based reporter Aniruddha Ghosal won in the International Reporting category.
- His investigation exposed the secret use of mass-surveillance tools by the US Border Patrol.
- The Washington Post won the Pulitzer Prize in the Public Service category.

Static Part:

- Pulitzer Prize Established – 1917
- Founder – Joseph Pulitzer
- Presented by – Columbia University
- Country – United States
- Total Categories – 23
- Prize Money – \$15,000 and certificate (except Public Service category, which receives a gold medal)





Ques: What is India's rank in the 2026 World Press Freedom Index published by Reporters Without Borders?

- A) 151st
- B) 154th
- C) 157th
- D) 160th
- E) 165th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India ranked 157th out of 180 countries in the 2026 World Press Freedom Index.
- The index is published by Reporters Without Borders, based in Paris.
- India was placed in the “very serious” category for press freedom.
- India dropped six places from its 2025 rank of 151.
- In 2026, more than half of the world's countries were classified as “difficult” or “very serious”.
- This was the first time in the 25-year history of the index that such a situation occurred.

Ranking of Top 5 and Last Country:

1. Norway
2. Netherlands
3. Estonia
4. Denmark
5. Sweden
6. Eritrea

Ranking of India and Neighboring Countries:

- Nepal
- Sri Lanka
- Bhutan





- Bangladesh
- Pakistan
- India
- Myanmar
- Afghanistan
- China



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Ques: Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram is launched under which mission?

- A) Ayushman Bharat
- B) National Health Mission
- C) Poshan Abhiyaan
- D) Mission Indradhanush
- E) Swachh Bharat Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the updated Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram 2.0 Guidelines.
- RBSK is a child health screening and early intervention programme.
- The scheme was launched under the National Health Mission.
- The programme covers children in the age group of 0–18 years.
- The scheme is based on the “4Ds Framework”.
- The 4Ds include Defects at Birth, Diseases, Deficiencies, and Developmental Delays including disabilities.
- The updated guidelines now include Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), mental health conditions, and behavioural issues.





Ques: Which district has been notified as India's first pearl farming cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana?

- A) Hazaribag
- B) Dhanbad
- C) Ranchi
- D) Bokaro
- E) Gumla

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Hazaribag in Jharkhand has been notified as India's first pearl farming cluster under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- The cluster received an investment of ₹22 crore through a joint initiative of the Central and Jharkhand governments.
- Hazaribag was officially notified as the Pearl Cluster on 30 August 2024 by the Department of Fisheries.
- The pearl farming initiative started as a pilot project in 2019–20 under a Jharkhand state plan.
- According to the National Fisheries Development Board, more than 1.02 lakh pearls have been produced in Hazaribag.





Ques: Which Indian space-tech startup has secured a contract from the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office for advanced remote sensing capabilities?

- A) Skyroot Aerospace
- B) Agnikul Cosmos
- C) Dhruva Space
- D) Bellatrix Aerospace
- E) Pixxel

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indian space-tech startup Pixxel secured a contract from the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office.
- Pixxel will provide hyperspectral satellite imagery under the contract.
- The imagery will help the U.S. government evaluate advanced commercial space-based data sources.
- The National Reconnaissance Office is a U.S. intelligence agency.
- NRO is responsible for designing and operating spy satellites.
- It also provides space-based intelligence support to the U.S. government.

Static Part:

- Pixxel – Indian space-tech startup focused on hyperspectral imaging satellites
- NRO Full Form – National Reconnaissance Office
- Headquarters of National Reconnaissance Office – Virginia, United States





Ques: Which city will serve as the headquarters of the newly announced South Coast Railway Zone (SCOR), India's 18th railway zone?

- A) Visakhapatnam
- B) Guntur
- C) Vijayawada
- D) Tirupati
- E) Amaravati

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Union Government will notify the South Coast Railway Zone (SCOR) on 1 June 2026.
- SCOR will become India's 18th railway zone.
- The headquarters of the new railway zone will be located in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the headquarters in January 2025.
- The project received an allocation of Rs. 184 crore and 52.2 acres of land at Mudasarlova.
- The new zone will include Guntakal, Guntur, and Vijayawada divisions from South Central Railway.





Ques: The Mission for Cotton Productivity approved by the Union Cabinet aligns with which vision of the Government of India?

- A) Digital India Vision
- B) Green Revolution Vision
- C) 5F Vision
- D) Make in India Vision
- E) Atmanirbhar Krishi Vision

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Narendra Modi approved Rs. 5,659.22 crore for the Mission for Cotton Productivity.
- The mission period is from 2026–27 to 2030–31.
- The mission aims to address bottlenecks, declining growth, and quality concerns in India's cotton sector.
- It aligns with the Government of India's 5F vision — “Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign”.
- The mission will be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the Ministry of Textiles.
- It will involve 10 ICAR institutes, one CSIR institute, and 10 AICRP cotton centres in State Agricultural Universities.
- The mission targets cotton production of 498 lakh bales by 2031.
- It also aims to increase lint productivity from 440 kg/ha to 755 kg/ha.
- Kasturi Cotton Bharat is a premium Indian cotton branding, traceability, and certification initiative launched by the Government of India.

Static Part:

- ICAR Full Form – Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- CSIR Full Form – Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
- Cotton is also known as “White Gold”





Ques: Who is the 80th President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) who recently visited India?

- A) Ursula von der Leyen
- B) Annalena Baerbock
- C) Christine Lagarde
- D) Giorgia Meloni
- E) Kaja Kallas

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Annalena Baerbock, the 80th President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), visited India.
- She visited India at the invitation of S. Jaishankar.
- Annalena Baerbock is a former Foreign Minister of Germany.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) is one of the principal organs of the United Nations.

Static Part:

- UNGA Formation – 1945
- Headquarters – New York City, USA
- Parent Organization – United Nations
- Current President – Annalena Baerbock





Ques: What is the name of the disaster management app launched by the Mizoram Government?

- A) Suraksha
- B) Khuarel
- C) Disaster Mitra
- D) Rakshak
- E) Alert Mizoram

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mizoram launched a disaster management app named “Khuarel”.
- The app was launched by Lalnilawma.
- The launch event took place in Aizawl.
- Khuarel is a Disaster Incident & Reporting Management System.
- The app was developed by the Mizoram State e-Governance Society.
- The main objective is to enable real-time disaster response and coordination.
- It will improve communication during emergencies.
- The app will also ensure systematic disaster data recording.

Static Part :

- Mizoram Capital – Aizawl
- Chief Minister of Mizoram – Lalduhoma
- Governor of Mizoram – Vijay Kumar Singh





Ques: Which company secured a Rs. 2,500–5,000 crore contract for a coal-to-ammonium nitrate project in Odisha?

- A) BHEL
- B) NTPC
- C) Larsen and Toubro
- D) Tata Projects
- E) Reliance Industries

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Larsen and Toubro (L&T), secured a Rs. 2,500–5,000 crore contract for a coal-to-ammonium nitrate project in Odisha.
- The project has been awarded by Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited.
- Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited is a joint venture of Coal India Limited and BHEL.
- The project will have a planned production capacity of 2,000 tonnes per day.
- Coal gasification technology will be used to convert coal into chemical products.
- The final product of the project will be Ammonium Nitrate.

Static Part:

- Larsen and Toubro (L&T), Headquarters – Mumbai
- Coal India Limited Headquarters – Kolkata
- BHEL Full Form – Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- Odisha Capital – Bhubaneswar





Ques: Which company handed over the first electric freight locomotive to Indian Railways under the €3-billion contract signed in 2023?

- A) Alstom
- B) Siemens Mobility
- C) Hitachi Rail
- D) Bombardier
- E) BHEL

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Siemens Mobility handed over the first of 1,200 electric freight locomotives to Indian Railways.
- The project is part of a massive €3-billion contract signed in 2023.
- The company also jointly inaugurated the first maintenance depot at Visakhapatnam.
- The D9 locomotives are the first Indian Railways rolling stock tested successfully under the European standard EN 14363.
- These locomotives are designed for freight operations at speeds up to 120 km/h.
- With 9,000 horsepower, they are India's most powerful six-axle electric freight locomotives.

Static Part

- Indian Railways Founded – 1853
- Visakhapatnam – Andhra Pradesh
- EN 14363 – European standard for railway vehicle testing





Ques: Which institution introduced India's first portable bedside MRI system for routine use?

- A) PGIMER Chandigarh
- B) AIIMS Delhi
- C) JIPMER Puducherry
- D) CMC Vellore
- E) NIMHANS Bengaluru

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- AIIMS Delhi introduced India's first portable bedside MRI system for routine use.
- The innovation allows the MRI machine to be wheeled directly to the patient.
- It can be used inside ICUs and emergency wards.
- The system removes the need to transfer critically ill patients to MRI rooms.
- It also eliminates the requirement for dedicated MRI suites.
- The device is an ultra-low-field MRI designed for point-of-care imaging.
- The technology is considered safe for critically ill patients.
- The system is currently deployed at the Centre for Neurological Conditions, AIIMS Delhi.
- The project is supported by Radiosurgery Global as a technology partner.

Static Part:

- AIIMS Full Form – All India Institute of Medical Sciences
- AIIMS Delhi Established – 1956
- MRI Full Form – Magnetic Resonance Imaging





Ques: Under which mission have the semiconductor projects of Crystal Matrix Ltd and Suchi Semicon been approved?

- A) Digital India Mission
- B) Make in India Mission
- C) India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)
- D) Startup India Mission
- E) National Electronics Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet approved two new semiconductor manufacturing projects with a total investment of Rs. 3,936 crore.
- The projects aim to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem and generate employment opportunities.
- The projects of Crystal Matrix Ltd and Suchi Semicon were approved under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).
- Crystal Matrix Limited will establish an integrated facility in Dholera for compound semiconductor fabrication and ATMP.
- The facility will manufacture Mini/Micro-LED display modules.
- Suchi Semicon will establish an OSAT facility in Surat.
- With these approvals, the total number of approved projects under ISM has increased to 12.
- The cumulative investment under the mission has reached around Rs. 1.64 lakh crore.





Ques: S&P Global has reduced India's GDP growth forecast for Financial Year 2026–27 to what percentage?

- A) 5.8%
- B) 6.2%
- C) 6.6%
- D) 7.0%
- E) 7.5%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- S&P Global lowered India's GDP growth forecast for Financial Year 2026–27 by 50 basis points to 6.6%.
- The findings were published in a report titled "India Forward".
- The report was jointly prepared by S&P Global and Crisil.
- According to the report, India is facing external economic shocks.
- These challenges include energy supply disruptions, rising oil and gas prices, and currency volatility.

Static Part:

- S&P Global is a leading American financial analytics and credit rating company.
- Headquarters of S&P Global: New York, USA.
- Crisil is India's first credit rating agency.
- Headquarters of Crisil: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- A basis point is equal to one-hundredth of a percentage point (0.01%).

Static Part:

- S&P Global Headquarters – New York, United States
- CRISIL Full Form – Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited
- Crisil Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra





Ques: What percentage of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) total gold holdings is now stored within India as of March 2026?

- A) 65%
- B) 70%
- C) 77%
- D) 82%
- E) 85%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Around 77% of RBI's total gold holdings is now stored within India.
- RBI moved 104.23 metric tonnes (MT) of gold reserves domestically in the six months ended March 2026.
- The move reflects a continued shift toward domestic gold custody.
- RBI's total gold holdings increased slightly to 880.52 MT in March 2026.
- According to RBI data, 197.67 MT of gold is kept with the Bank of England and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).
- Another 2.80 MT is maintained as gold deposits.
- In FY 2025–26, RBI brought 168.06 MT of gold back to India.
- This is higher than 107.21 MT in 2023–24 and 103.68 MT in 2024–25.

Static Part:

- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- Bank for International Settlements (BIS) Headquarters – Basel, Switzerland
- Bank of England Headquarters – London, United Kingdom





Ques: Under the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026, what major restriction has been imposed on minor children?

- A) They cannot apply for OCI cards
- B) They cannot hold dual citizenship
- C) They cannot hold both Indian and foreign passports simultaneously
- D) They cannot travel abroad without parental approval
- E) They cannot apply for Indian citizenship before 18 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs notified the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to modernise citizenship and OCI-related processes.
- The new rules introduce a fully digital framework for Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) services.
- OCI applications, registration, renunciation, acknowledgements, and record maintenance will now be conducted online through the official OCI portal.
- The rules introduced electronic OCI (e-OCI) cards along with digital records of OCI holders.
- A new provision states that a minor child cannot simultaneously hold an Indian passport and a foreign passport.
- The amendment applies to provisions under the Citizenship Rules, 2009 and came into force after Gazette notification on 30 April 2026.
- The rules also introduce provisions related to OCI cancellation, renunciation, appeals, review mechanism, and biometric consent.
- The objective is to improve transparency, efficiency, digital governance, and compliance in citizenship administration.

Static Part:

- Ministry – Ministry of Home Affairs
- Union Home Minister – Amit Shah
- Parent Act – Citizenship Act, 1955
- Portal – OCI Services Portal
- Amended Rules – Citizenship Rules, 2009





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)?

- A) Praseon Joshi
- B) Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- C) Aamir Khan
- D) Anurag Basu
- E) Shekhar Kapur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Shashi Shekhar Vempati has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).
- He replaced Praseon Joshi in the position.
- Praseon Joshi was recently appointed as the Chairman of Prasar Bharati.
- Shashi Shekhar Vempati served as the CEO of Prasar Bharati from 2017 to 2022.
- CBFC is a statutory film-certification body under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Static Part:

- CBFC Full Form – Central Board of Film Certification
- CBFC Formed – 15 January 1951
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Ministry – Ministry of Information and Broadcasting





Ques: The newly approved ship repair facility worth ₹1,570 crore will be developed at which place in India?

- A) Paradip
- B) Vadinar
- C) Tuticorin
- D) Mormugao
- E) Visakhapatnam

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved a ₹1,570 crore ship repair facility at Vadinar, Gujarat.
- The project will be jointly developed by Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).
- It is a brownfield project that will include a 650-meter jetty, two floating dry docks, workshops, and marine infrastructure.
- The facility will be capable of repairing ships up to 300 meters in length.
- India currently lacks sufficient infrastructure for repairing vessels longer than 230 meters, and the project will reduce dependence on foreign shipyards.
- The project is expected to create around 290 direct jobs and nearly 1,100 indirect jobs.
- The facility supports the goals of Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

Static Part:

- Chairman of CCEA – Prime Minister of India
- Headquarters of Cochin Shipyard Limited – Kochi, Kerala
- Deendayal Port Authority is located at Kandla, Gujarat
- Maritime India Vision Target Year – 2030
- Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision Target Year – 2047





Ques: The Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Critical Mineral Recycling was launched under which mission?

- A) National Green Hydrogen Mission
- B) National Mineral Exploration Mission
- C) National Critical Mineral Mission
- D) National Circular Economy Mission
- E) National Clean Energy Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Mines completed the eligibility assessment under the Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Critical Mineral Recycling.
- A total of 58 companies were approved as eligible participants under the scheme.
- The scheme was launched under the National Critical Mineral Mission with a total outlay of ₹1,500 crore.
- The scheme was officially notified on 2 October 2025.
- It aims to build domestic recycling capacity for critical minerals obtained from lithium-ion batteries, e-waste, and industrial scrap.
- The initiative will help reduce import dependence and support clean energy and advanced manufacturing sectors in India.
- The application window for the scheme remained open from 2 October 2025 to 1 April 2026.
- The selected companies proposed around 850 KTPA recycling capacity with investments worth nearly ₹5,000 crore.
- The next phase of the scheme will focus on project execution and commencement of production.

Static Part:

- Ministry – Ministry of Mines
- Union Minister – G. Kishan Reddy
- Mission – National Critical Mineral Mission
- Scheme Outlay – ₹1,500 crore
- Focus Areas – Battery Recycling, E-Waste Processing, Critical Minerals Recovery





Ques: Which organisation opened the CBRN Field Training and Demonstration Centre at Burari Plains in New Delhi?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) NDRF
- D) Indian Army
- E) CSIR

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) opened the CBRN Field Training and Demonstration Centre at Burari Plains in New Delhi.
- The centre was inaugurated by Samir V. Kamat.
- The facility aims to strengthen preparedness for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) emergencies.
- It will also improve disaster response capabilities.
- The centre will provide field training and demonstrations related to CBRN threats and safety measures.

Static Part:

- DRDO Full Form – Defence Research and Development Organisation
- DRDO Established – 1958
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chairman of DRDO – Samir V. Kamat





Ques: Under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, which state recorded the highest rooftop solar installations in FY26?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Tamil Nadu
- E) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, rooftop solar installations doubled in FY26.
- Around 21.2 lakh households benefited under the scheme in FY26 ending March 2026.
- In FY25, installations were recorded in 10.8 lakh households, showing nearly two times growth in FY26.
- Maharashtra recorded the highest rooftop solar installations with 5,15,009 households.
- Uttar Pradesh recorded 4,34,082 installations, while Gujarat recorded 3,19,391 installations.
- Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat together accounted for nearly 60% of total installations in FY26.
- The scheme was launched in February 2024 with the target of covering 1 crore households.
- If the target is achieved, India may generate 1 trillion units of renewable electricity and reduce 720 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions.

Static Part:

- Scheme Name – PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana
- Launch Year – 2024
- Implementing Ministry – Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- FY26 Beneficiaries – 21.2 lakh households
- Target – 1 Crore Households
- India's Non-Fossil Energy Target by 2030 – 500 GW





Ques: In which city was the 100th N-Gen Post Office inaugurated by Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia?

- A) Guwahati
- B) Aizawl
- C) Shillong
- D) Imphal
- E) Agartala

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia virtually inaugurated the 100th N-Gen Post Office.
- The post office was inaugurated at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- The upgraded facility is designed as a modern and youth-centric postal centre.
- It will cater to students, faculty members, and campus residents.

Static Part:

- Meghalaya Capital – Shillong
- NEHU Full Form – North-Eastern Hill University
- Meghalaya Governor – C. H. Vijayashankar
- Meghalaya Chief Minister – Conrad K. Sangma





Ques: UIDAI recently signed a 5-year MoU with which institution for digital forensics and cybersecurity?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi)
- B) National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)
- C) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- D) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- E) National Informatics Centre (NIC)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) signed a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU).
- This partnership will focus on digital forensics, cybersecurity, and advanced technology research.
- The collaboration aims to strengthen cyber resilience and digital identity security in India's Aadhaar ecosystem.
- The MoU was exchanged between Vivek Chandra Verma (CEO, UIDAI) and Prof. S.O. Junare (Director, NFSU Gujarat Campus).
- The partnership will work on 6 strategic pillars including academic development, cybersecurity support, forensic infrastructure, AI research, blockchain, deepfake detection, and cryptography.
- It will also provide placement opportunities, outreach support, and strengthen India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- The initiative is expected to improve future cyber defense capabilities and digital governance in India.

Static Part:

- UIDAI Established – 2009
- UIDAI Headquarters – New Delhi
- National Forensic Sciences University Established – 2020
- NFSU Headquarters – Gandhinagar
- Aadhaar – 12-digit unique identity number
- Focus Areas – Digital Forensics, Cybersecurity, AI & Blockchain





Ques: Which city will host the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2026?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India's capital New Delhi will host the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2026.
- The championship will be held from 27 July to 2 August 2026.
- The announcement was made by Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.
- The event will be organised jointly by the Delhi Government and the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).

Static Part:

- Commonwealth of Nations Founded – 11 December 1931
- Headquarters – London, United Kingdom
- Total Member Countries – 56
- Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: India was retained on which list by the United States over Intellectual Property (IP) concerns in the USTR Special 301 Report?

- A) Grey List
- B) Watch List
- C) Priority Watch List
- D) Sensitive Country List
- E) Strategic Trade List

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United States once again placed India on the 'Priority Watch List' in the USTR Special 301 Report due to concerns related to intellectual property (IP) protection and enforcement.
- India was listed along with countries such as China, Russia, Chile, Venezuela, and Indonesia.
- The report highlighted concerns regarding patent revocations, patentability criteria under Section 3(d), and procedural issues in India's patent regime.
- The US criticised India's restrictions on "evergreening" in the pharmaceutical sector, where minor modifications to drugs do not easily qualify for fresh patents.
- India defended its IP regime as WTO-compliant and important for ensuring affordable medicines and promoting access to technology.
- The report acknowledged that India made progress in 2024 through the Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2024 aimed at improving patent efficiency.
- India remains under enhanced bilateral engagement rather than immediate trade sanctions under the USTR framework.

Static Part:

- Report – USTR Special 301 Report
- Issued By – United States Trade Representative (USTR)
- Concern Area – Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)
- Indian Patent Provision Highlighted – Section 3(d) of Indian Patents Act
- WTO Full Form – World Trade Organization
- Focus Area – Patent Protection & Enforcement





Ques: What is the theme of the inaugural summit of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) to be hosted by India in New Delhi?

- A) Protect Wildlife, Protect Nature
- B) Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem
- C) Global Alliance for Wildlife
- D) Conservation for Future
- E) Big Cats for Biodiversity

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India will host the inaugural summit of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in New Delhi on June 1 and 2.
- The summit will bring together global leaders, conservationists, and policymakers.
- The objective is to strengthen international efforts for the conservation of the world's seven big cat species.
- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched the summit logo.
- The theme of the summit is "Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem."
- IBCA was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2023.
- The alliance focuses on the conservation of Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.

Static Part:

- IBCA Full Form – International Big Cat Alliance
- Launch Year – 2023
- Launch Announced By – Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Host City of First Summit – New Delhi
- Ministry Involved – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Total Big Cats Covered – 7 Species





Ques: Tata Power's Bhutan SPV DHPL recently received \$515 million financing from which organization?

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C) World Bank Group
- D) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- E) New Development Bank (NDB)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Tata Power's Bhutan-based SPV Dorjilung Hydro Power Ltd (DHPL) received \$515 million financing from the World Bank Group.
- The financing is for the development of a 1,125 MW hydropower project.
- The project will be developed on the Kurichhu River in Bhutan.
- In the joint venture, Druk Green Power Corporation holds a 60% stake, while Tata Power holds 40%.
- The hydropower project is expected to generate around 4,500 GWh of clean electricity annually.
- Around 80% of the generated electricity will be exported to India.
- The total project cost is estimated at around \$1.7 billion and will be developed under PPP (Public-Private Partnership) mode.
- The initiative will further strengthen India-Bhutan cooperation in the clean energy sector.

Static Part:

- Tata Power Headquarters – Mumbai
- Tata Power Founded – 1919
- World Bank Group Headquarters – Washington, D.C.
- Bhutan Capital – Thimphu
- Bhutan Currency – Ngultrum
- Hydropower Project Capacity – 1,125 MW
- River – Kurichhu River





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Biocon, replacing Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw?

- A) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- B) Claire Mazumdar
- C) Rohini Nilekani
- D) Naina Lal Kidwai
- E) Soma Mondal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Claire Mazumdar has been appointed as the Chairperson of Biocon.
- She replaced Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in the position.
- Claire Mazumdar is the niece of Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw.
- Biocon is one of India's leading biopharmaceutical companies.
- The company was founded in the year 1978.

Static Part:

- Biocon Founded – 1978
- Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Founder – Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw





Ques: R. B. Choudary, who recently passed away, was associated with which field?

- A) Politics
- B) Sports
- C) Film Production
- D) Literature
- E) Journalism

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- R. B. Choudary was a veteran Indian film producer.
- He was well known in the Indian film industry for his contributions as a producer.
- He worked across various regional cinema industries in India.
- R. B. Choudary recently passed away.

Static Part:

- R. B. Choudary was the founder of Super Good Films.
- Super Good Films is a well-known Indian film production company.
- He contributed mainly to Tamil and Telugu cinema industries.





Ques: Ted Turner, who recently passed away, was the founder of which global news network?

- A) CNN
- B) Fox News
- C) BBC
- D) Al Jazeera
- E) CNBC

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Ted Turner was the founder of CNN (Cable News Network).
- He was an American media entrepreneur.
- Ted Turner recently passed away.
- CNN was launched in 1980.
- CNN became the world's first 24-hour news channel.

Static Part:

- CNN Full Form – Cable News Network
- CNN Founded – 1980
- Headquarters – Atlanta, Georgia, United States
- Founder – Ted Turner





Ques: Kotak Mahindra Bank has received RBI approval to acquire up to 9.99% stake in which two banks?

- A) HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank
- B) AU Small Finance Bank and Federal Bank
- C) Punjab National Bank and Bank of Baroda
- D) Axis Bank and IndusInd Bank
- E) Canara Bank and Indian Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to acquire up to 9.99% stake each in AU Small Finance Bank and Federal Bank.
- The approval includes acquisition of paid-up share capital or voting rights.
- The investment can be made by Kotak Mahindra Bank along with its subsidiaries, mutual funds, or other group entities.
- Such investments help diversify portfolio holdings and strengthen strategic presence in the banking sector.

Static Part:

- Headquarters of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai
- Founder of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Uday Kotak
- Headquarters of AU Small Finance Bank – Jaipur
- Headquarters of Federal Bank – Aluva, Kochi, Kerala





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB)?

- A) N. Kamakodi
- B) R. Vijay Anandh
- C) Vishwavir Ahuja
- D) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- E) Rajesh Magow

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- R. Vijay Anandh has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB).
- His term will be for three years.
- He replaced N. Kamakodi in the position.
- Before joining City Union Bank, R. Vijay Anandh worked at RBL Bank.

Static Part:

- City Union Bank Founded – 1904
- Headquarters – Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu





Ques: India will take a loan of 500 million U.S. dollars from which organisation to develop integrated urban economic regions?

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund
- C) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- D) New Development Bank
- E) World Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India will take a loan of 500 million U.S. dollars from the World Bank.
- The loan will support the development of integrated urban economic regions.
- The initiative aims to promote planned urbanisation.
- It will also support infrastructure expansion across cities.
- The project is expected to create economic growth hubs in urban areas.

Static Part:

- World Bank Established – 1944
- Headquarters – Washington, D.C., United States
- President of the World Bank – Ajay Banga





Ques: What is the name of the new financing facility launched by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to strengthen critical minerals supply chains?

- A) Green Minerals Initiative
- B) Asia Mineral Security Facility
- C) Critical Minerals-to-Manufacturing Financing Partnership Facility
- D) Indo-Pacific Mining Fund
- E) Sustainable Minerals Partnership

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) launched a new financing facility titled “Critical Minerals-to-Manufacturing Financing Partnership Facility”.
- The initiative aims to strengthen critical minerals supply chains across Asia and the Pacific region.
- The facility was launched during ADB’s 59th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- The facility will function through two windows — Grant Window and Catalytic Finance Window.
- The Grant Window will support feasibility studies, environmental and social assessments, technical assistance, and knowledge-sharing activities.
- Japan committed \$20 million and the United Kingdom committed \$1.6 million to the Grant Window.
- The Catalytic Finance Window is designed to mobilise co-financing and risk-sharing support.
- Korea Eximbank and K-SURE each signed a \$500 million memorandum as the facility’s first partners.

Static Part:

- ADB Headquarters – Manila, Philippines
- ADB Established – 1966
- Member Countries – 69
- K-SURE Full Form – Korea Trade Insurance Corporation





Ques: Which bank recently received PFRDA approval to sponsor and set up its own pension fund?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has received a Letter of Appointment (LoA) from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- This approval allows the bank to act as a Sponsor for a Pension Fund.
- With this approval, Bank of Baroda can establish its own Pension Fund Management Company (PFMC), subject to other regulatory approvals.
- The move will help BoB expand its presence in India's retirement and pension sector.
- Pension funds mainly manage investments under the National Pension System (NPS).

Static Part:

- Headquarters of Bank of Baroda – Vadodara, Gujarat
- Established Year of Bank of Baroda – 1908
- Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Established – 2003
- Headquarters of PFRDA – New Delhi
- National Pension System (NPS) Regulator – PFRDA





Ques: Jio Payments Bank has partnered with which fintech company to expand banking services in semi-urban and underserved areas?

- A) Paytm
- B) BharatPe
- C) MobiKwik
- D) Razorpay
- E) Ezeepay

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Jio Payments Bank partnered with fintech company Ezeepay.
- The partnership aims to provide essential banking services across more than 12,000 semi-urban and underserved PIN codes.
- The alliance uses Ezeepay's merchant network as Business Correspondents.
- The initiative is expected to improve financial inclusion in remote and underserved areas.
- Jio Payments Bank is currently a subsidiary of Jio Financial Services.

Static Part:

- Jio Payments Bank Founded – 3 April 2018
- Headquarters – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra



Ques: According to the World Migration Report 2026 by IOM, which country remained the world's top remittance receiver in 2024 and what was the remittance amount received?

- A) Mexico — \$100 billion
- B) India — \$137.67 billion
- C) Philippines — \$83.15 billion
- D) France — \$68.91 billion
- E) USA — \$137.67 billion

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- According to the World Migration Report 2026 released by IOM, India received more than \$137.67 billion in remittances in 2024.
- India remained the world's top remittance receiving country and became the only country to cross the \$100 billion mark.
- India has held the No.1 position since 2010, when remittance inflows were \$53.48 billion.
- India's remittance inflows increased from \$68.91 billion in 2015 to \$83.15 billion in 2020 and \$137.67 billion in 2024.
- The top remittance recipient countries in 2024 were India, Mexico, Philippines, and France.
- The United States remained the largest remittance-sending country globally.
- The India–UAE migration corridor ranked 5th globally, while the India–US corridor ranked 6th.
- South Asia recorded the highest estimated remittance growth in 2024 at 11.8%.
- The report also noted that Asia accounts for the largest share of global mobile students, with China and India as leading origin countries.

Static Part:

- Report – World Migration Report 2026
- Released By – IOM (International Organization for Migration)
- IOM Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland



Ques: Which technology is being used by NHAI in the new AI-powered barrier-free tolling system?

- A) Blockchain Technology
- B) Quantum Computing
- C) LiDAR and ANPR Cameras
- D) Satellite Navigation
- E) Optical Fibre Network

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is piloting AI-powered Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling systems at selected toll plazas.
- Pilot projects are currently underway at Manoharpur in Rajasthan, Hyderabad in Telangana, and Choryasi toll plaza in Gujarat.
- The MLFF system allows vehicles to pass through toll plazas without stopping.
- The technology uses LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and ANPR cameras for real-time vehicle tracking and identification.
- NHAI has partnered with Cron AI to deploy its senseEdge platform for the project.
- The system can identify vehicle details, classify vehicles, and automatically collect toll fees using FASTag-linked RFID technology.
- The AI-powered tolling system aims to reduce traffic congestion, fuel consumption, and carbon emissions.
- The government plans nationwide implementation of MLFF tolling systems by the end of 2026.

Static Part:

- NHAI Established – 1988
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chairperson – Santosh Kumar Yadav
- Ministry – Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- MLFF Full Form – Multi-Lane Free Flow
- FASTag Technology – RFID-based Electronic Toll Collection





Ques: Who is set to become the first BJP Chief Minister of West Bengal?

- A) Dilip Ghosh
- B) Suwendu Adhikari
- C) Locket Chatterjee
- D) Tapas Roy
- E) Sukanta Majumdar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari has been elected as the leader of the BJP Legislature Party in West Bengal. ([Awaz The Voice](#))
- He is set to become the first BJP Chief Minister of West Bengal. ([The News Mill](#))
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended the BJP Legislature Party meeting in Kolkata. ([Onmanorama](#))
- BJP won 207 seats in the Assembly elections, while Trinamool Congress (TMC) secured 80 seats. ([Onmanorama](#))
- Suwendu Adhikari earlier served as Leader of Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly. ([Wikipedia](#))
- His appointment marks the first time BJP has formed a government in West Bengal. ([The Economic Times](#))

Static Part:

- West Bengal Formation – 26 January 1950
- Capital – Kolkata
- Governor – R. N. Ravi
- Legislative Assembly Seats – 294





Ques: Which ministry developed the Swasth Bharat Portal launched by Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda?

- A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C) Ministry of AYUSH
- D) Ministry of Rural Development
- E) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the Swasth Bharat Portal.
- The portal is a unified digital platform for integrating multiple health programme systems across India.
- It was developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- The portal was unveiled during the 10th National Summit on Innovation and Inclusivity: Best Practices Shaping India's Health Future.
- The platform aims to improve coordination, accessibility, and efficiency in healthcare programme delivery.

Static Part:

- MoHFW Full Form – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Union Health Minister – Jagat Prakash Nadda
- Swasth Bharat Portal focuses on digital integration of health services





Ques: According to NCRB's Crime in India 2024 report, by what percentage did cybercrime cases increase in 2024, and what was the primary motive behind most cybercrime cases?

- A) 10% increase — Sexual Exploitation
- B) 17% increase — Fraud
- C) 17% increase — Extortion
- D) 6% increase — Fraud
- E) 25% increase — Fraud

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- According to NCRB's Crime in India 2024 report, cybercrime cases increased by more than 17% in 2024, rising from 86,420 cases in 2023 to 1,01,928 cases in 2024.
- Around 72.6% of cybercrime cases were motivated by fraud, accounting for 73,987 cases.
- Sexual exploitation accounted for 3.1% cases, while extortion accounted for 2.5% of cybercrime cases.
- Overall cognisable crimes in India declined by 6% to 58.86 lakh cases in 2024 compared to 2023.
- Cases against Scheduled Castes (SCs) declined by 3.6% to 55,698, while cases against Scheduled Tribes (STs) dropped by 23.1% to 9,966.
- Drug overdose deaths increased by 50% in 2024, rising from 650 deaths in 2023 to 978 deaths in 2024.
- Tamil Nadu recorded the highest drug overdose deaths with 313 cases, followed by Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Mizoram.
- NCRB's ADSI 2024 report recorded 1,70,746 suicides in 2024, with daily wage earners accounting for 31% of total suicide victims.
- The farming sector accounted for 6.2% of total suicides, including farmers and agricultural labourers.
- At least 7 out of every 10 suicide victims were men.
- Exam Trick — Overall crime dropped by 6%, but cybercrime increased by 17%, and





drug overdose deaths jumped by 50%.

Static Part:

- Report Name – Crime in India 2024
- Released By – NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau)
- NCRB Headquarters – New Delhi
- Ministry – Ministry of Home Affairs
- ADSI Full Form – Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India
- Highest Drug Overdose Deaths State – Tamil Nadu



EXAM
Genius





Ques: Where has the Indian Institute of Technology Madras Global Research Foundation established its first United States centre?

- A) New York
- B) Boston
- C) Menlo Park, California
- D) Chicago
- E) Seattle

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras Global Research Foundation established its first United States centre in Menlo Park, California.
- The centre became operational on 24 April 2026.
- It is located near Silicon Valley to support startup incubation, technology commercialisation, and deep-tech research.
- The project has a planned investment of USD 7.5 million.
- Out of this, USD 4.5 million is a greenfield investment from IITM Global.
- IITM Global has also planned to establish a second centre on the United States East Coast.

Static Part:

- IIT Madras Established – 1959
- IIT Madras Location – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Silicon Valley is a major global technology and startup hub in California, USA





Ques: India and the European Union jointly launched a €15.2 million initiative related to which sector?

- A) Space Technology
- B) EV Battery Recycling
- C) Defence Manufacturing
- D) Semiconductor Production
- E) Nuclear Energy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and the European Union jointly launched a €15.2 million initiative for EV battery recycling.
- The initiative aims to strengthen electric vehicle (EV) battery recycling and promote a circular economy.
- The programme was launched under the framework of the India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC).
- The initiative is part of the TTC Working Group on Green and Clean Energy Technologies.
- Funding will be provided through the EU's Horizon Europe Programme, while India's Ministry of Heavy Industries will support domestic participation.
- The initiative focuses on developing advanced battery recycling technologies and improving recovery systems for critical minerals.
- It will support recycling and reuse of critical minerals such as lithium, graphite, and cobalt.
- A joint India-EU pilot line will be established in India for industrial deployment and testing of recycling technologies.
- The programme will bring together researchers, startups, industries, and stakeholders from both regions.
- The initiative will also focus on safe and digitalised battery collection systems and second-life applications of batteries.
- Ajay Kumar Sood described the initiative as a "pivotal moment" in India-EU strategic partnership.
- EU Ambassador to India Hervé Delphin highlighted the importance of batteries in the

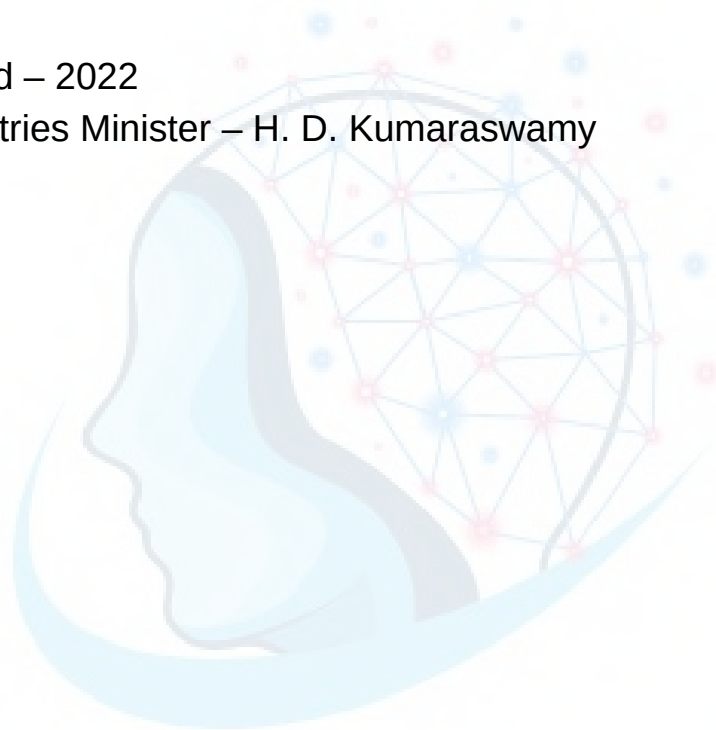




green transition.

Static Part:

- European Union Established – 1993
- Headquarters – Brussels, Belgium
- Total Member Countries – 27
- Currency – Euro (€)
- India-EU TTC Launched – 2022
- Ministry of Heavy Industries Minister – H. D. Kumaraswamy



EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which company became India's first space-tech unicorn after raising nearly USD 60 million in funding?

- A) Pixxel
- B) Agnikul Cosmos
- C) Skyroot Aerospace
- D) Bellatrix Aerospace
- E) Dhruva Space

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace became India's first space-tech unicorn.
- The company achieved this status after raising nearly USD 60 million in fresh funding.
- Following the funding round, the company's valuation reached 1.1 billion U.S. dollars.
- Skyroot Aerospace is preparing to launch Vikram-1.
- Vikram-1 will be India's first privately developed orbital rocket.

Static Part:

- Skyroot Aerospace Headquarters – Hyderabad, Telangana
- Unicorn Company – A startup valued at over USD 1 billion





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Vodafone Idea?

- A) Sunil Bharti Mittal
- B) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- C) Akshaya Moondra
- D) Ravinder Takkar
- E) N Chandrasekaran

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Kumar Mangalam Birla has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Vodafone Idea with immediate effect.
- He replaced Ravinder Takkar, who stepped down from the chairman position.
- Ravinder Takkar will continue as a Non-Executive Director on the company's board.
- Kumar Mangalam Birla had earlier served as Chairman of Vodafone Idea from August 2018 to August 2021.
- The Central Government reduced Vodafone Idea's AGR dues by 27% to ₹64,046 crore.
- Vodafone Idea plans to raise ₹25,000 crore through bank funding and ₹10,000 crore through non-funded facilities.
- The company aims to support a ₹45,000 crore capital expenditure programme over the next three years.

Static Part:

- Vodafone Idea Founded – 31 August 2018
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Parent Groups – Aditya Birla Group & Vodafone Group
- AGR Full Form – Adjusted Gross Revenue





Ques: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) recently lifted restrictions on athletes from which country?

- A) Russia
- B) Ukraine
- C) Kazakhstan
- D) Belarus
- E) Poland

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) lifted restrictions on athletes from Belarus.
- Belarusian athletes will now be allowed to compete again in the Olympic Games.
- However, restrictions on Russian athletes still remain in place.
- The IOC is responsible for organising and overseeing the Olympic Games.

Static Part:

- IOC Full Form – International Olympic Committee
- IOC Formation – 23 June 1894
- Headquarters – Lausanne, Switzerland
- President – Kirsty Coventry





Ques: Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff?

- A) Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- B) Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh
- C) Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
- D) Admiral Karambir Singh
- E) Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has appointed Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan as the next Chief of the Naval Staff.
- He is currently serving as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command.
- He will succeed Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, who will retire on 31 May 2026.
- Vice Admiral Swaminathan has nearly four decades of operational and strategic experience in the Indian Navy.
- He has held several important operational and leadership roles during his naval career.

Static Part:

- Indian Navy Founded – 1612
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Motto – “Sham No Varunah”





Ques: What was the theme of World Asthma Day 2026?

- A) Healthy Lungs for All
- B) Stop Asthma Attacks
- C) Access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma – still an urgent need
- D) Breath Better, Live Better
- E) Clean Air, Healthy Life

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Asthma Day is observed every year on the first Tuesday of May.
- In 2026, World Asthma Day was observed on 5 May.
- The theme for 2026 was “Access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma – still an urgent need.”
- The day spreads awareness about asthma care, prevention, and treatment accessibility.
- It also highlights the importance of equal access to essential inhaler medicines worldwide.

Static Part:

- World Asthma Day is organised by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA)
- GINA Full Form – Global Initiative for Asthma
- Asthma is a chronic disease affecting the airways of the lungs





Ques: What is the theme of World Hand Hygiene Day 2026?

- A) Clean Hands for Healthy Life
- B) Hygiene for All
- C) Action saves lives – Safer care starts with clean hands
- D) Prevent Infection, Save Lives
- E) Safe Healthcare for Everyone

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Hand Hygiene Day is observed every year on 5 May.
- The 2026 edition marks the 18th observance of the day.
- The theme for 2026 is “Action saves lives – Safer care starts with clean hands.”
- The day promotes the importance of hand hygiene in healthcare settings.
- It also raises awareness about infection prevention and patient safety.

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Ques: What restriction has RBI removed while easing capital adequacy norms for banks effective May 8, 2026?

- A) Banks cannot include annual profits in CRAR
- B) NPA provisioning must not deviate more than 25% from 4-quarter average
- C) Banks must maintain minimum CRAR of 12%
- D) Quarterly profits can only be included after annual audit
- E) NPA provisioning must not exceed 10% of total assets

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI eased capital adequacy norms effective May 8, 2026, allowing banks to include current-year profits in CRAR calculations on a quarterly basis.
- Earlier, banks could include quarterly net profits in CRAR only if NPA provisioning did not deviate by more than 25% from the four-quarter average.
- RBI has now completely removed this restrictive condition.
- Banks can now more freely include current-year profits in CRAR calculations, provided financial statements are audited or reviewed.
- The move aligns with Basel III norms and will help banks better reflect their capital strength.

Static Part:

- Regulator — Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- RBI Governor — Sanjay Malhotra | HQ — Mumbai
- Effective Date — May 8, 2026
- Change — Removal of 25% NPA deviation condition for CRAR profit inclusion
- CRAR Full Form — Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio
- Old Condition — NPA provisioning must not deviate >25% from 4-quarter average
- New Rule — Quarterly profits includable in CRAR without NPA condition
- Condition Retained — Financial statements must be audited/reviewed
- Framework — Basel III Capital Adequacy Framework
- Minimum CRAR (India) — 9% (vs Basel III requirement of 8%)
- Minimum Tier 1 Capital — 7%
- Capital Conservation Buffer — 2.5%



Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs. 31.80 lakh on which bank for non-compliance with KYC provisions?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) YES Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) IndusInd Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs. 31.80 lakh on YES Bank.
- The penalty was imposed for non-compliance with certain provisions related to “Know Your Customer” (KYC) norms.
- RBI also imposed a penalty of Rs. 1.8 lakh on Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd.
- The penalty on Hinduja Housing Finance was related to non-compliance with RBI directions regarding governance.
- RBI regulates banks and financial institutions in India to ensure compliance with banking and financial norms.

EXAM
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Ques: What is the name of the task force constituted by SEBI to evaluate cybersecurity risks arising from advanced AI tools?

- A) Cyber Shield India
- B) AI Secure Task Force
- C) Secure Market Initiative
- D) Digital Defence Group
- E) Cyber-suraksha.ai

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) constituted a dedicated task force named “Cyber-suraksha.ai”.
- The task force will evaluate cybersecurity risks arising from advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools.
- Its objective is to strengthen cyber resilience in the securities market ecosystem.
- The group will examine cybersecurity risks linked to AI-based systems.
- It will also develop uniform mitigation strategies and share threat intelligence.
- The task force will review vulnerabilities and cyber incidents across the securities market ecosystem.

Static Part:

- SEBI Established – 1988
- SEBI Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- SEBI Chairman – Tuhin Kanta Pandey





Ques: What was the standalone net profit reported by SBI in Financial Year 2025–26?

- A) Rs. 70,901 crore
- B) Rs. 75,450 crore
- C) Rs. 80,032 crore
- D) Rs. 82,500 crore
- E) Rs. 85,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) reported a 13% year-on-year increase in standalone net profit in Financial Year 2025–26.
- SBI's standalone net profit stood at Rs. 80,032 crore in FY 2025–26.
- In Financial Year 2024–25, the standalone net profit was Rs. 70,901 crore.
- In the fourth quarter of FY 2025–26, SBI reported a standalone net profit of Rs. 19,684 crore.
- The net profit in the year-ago quarter was Rs. 18,643 crore.
- The Q4 profit showed a modest 6% year-on-year increase.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India?

- A) Anil Chauhan
- B) Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- C) Krishna Swaminathan
- D) N. S. Raja Subramani
- E) Manoj Pande

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- N. S. Raja Subramani has been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India.
- He will succeed Anil Chauhan, whose tenure ends on 30 May.
- Along with serving as CDS, he will also head the Department of Military Affairs.
- Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan has also been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff.
- He will replace Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, who retires on 31 May.

Static Part:

- CDS Full Form – Chief of Defence Staff
- Department of Military Affairs Formed – 2020
- Indian Navy Headquarters – New Delhi
- Current Defence Minister – Rajnath Singh





Ques: Who secured another term as the Chief Minister of Puducherry after the 2026 Assembly elections?

- A) V. Narayanasamy
- B) A. Namassivayam
- C) N. Rangasamy
- D) K. Kailashnathan
- E) C. Joseph Vijay

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- N. Rangasamy was re-elected as the leader of the NDA legislature party after the NDA's victory in the 2026 Puducherry Assembly elections.
- The NDA retained power in Puducherry, with NR Congress winning 12 seats and BJP securing 4 seats in the 30-member Assembly.
- Rangasamy won the Thattanchavady Assembly constituency by a margin of 4,441 votes.
- A. Namassivayam was elected as the deputy leader of the NDA legislature party.
- N. Rangasamy is also the founder of NR Congress.

Static Part:

- Puducherry Capital – Puducherry
- Lieutenant Governor – K. Kailashnathan
- Legislative Assembly Seats – 30
- Founder of NR Congress – N. Rangasamy





Ques: Who won the South Asia Regional Winner title at the Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards 2026?

- A) Aisha Kiran
- B) Soma Mandal
- C) Corina Corpas
- D) Joanne Newman
- E) Elizabeth Seemann

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Soma Mandal from GD Goenka Public School, Delhi, won the South Asia Regional Winner title at the Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards 2026.
- She was honoured for her outstanding contribution to environmental and climate change education.
- The awards are presented by Cambridge University Press & Assessment.
- A total of nine regional winners from different countries were selected in 2026.

The nine regional winners selected this year are:

- Abigail Agyeiwaa : Ghana
- Muhammet Aydin : Turkiye
- Corina Corpas : Colombia
- Shingang Ding : China
- Aisha Kiran : Pakistan





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- Soma Mandal : India
- Joanne Newman : Saudi Arabia
- Elizabeth Seemann : USA
- Velerie Wheelervon Primus : Malaysia





Ques: Which organisation developed the Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA) weapon system?

- A) ISRO
- B) HAL
- C) Research Centre Imarat (RCI)
- D) Bharat Electronics Limited
- E) BDL

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- DRDO and the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully conducted the maiden flight trial of the Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA) weapon system.
- The trial was carried out off the coast of Odisha.
- TARA was developed by Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad.
- Research Centre Imarat is a laboratory under DRDO.
- The successful trial marked an important step in strengthening India's indigenous defence capabilities.

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Ques: In which wildlife sanctuary was the Royal Bengal Tiger photographed after nearly two decades?

- A) Kaziranga National Park
- B) Namdapha National Park
- C) D'Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary
- D) Manas National Park
- E) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A Royal Bengal Tiger was photographed in D'Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary after nearly 20 years through a camera trap survey.
- The tiger sighting confirmed the return of the species to the sanctuary.
- The sanctuary is located near Pasighat in the East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- The sanctuary spreads across nearly 190 square kilometres.
- Earlier, forest officials had noticed indirect signs of tiger presence but lacked photographic evidence.
- Multiple rounds of systematic monitoring and camera trapping were carried out to verify tiger presence.
- The survey was conducted with technical support from Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE).
- Other endangered species such as the Chinese pangolin and Hispid hare were also recorded during the survey.
- Forest officials stated that the tiger's return reflects successful conservation efforts and ecosystem resilience.
- The development is expected to boost eco-tourism and employment opportunities in nearby villages.

Static Part:

- Arunachal Pradesh Capital – Itanagar





- Chief Minister – Pema Khandu
- Governor – Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik
- National Park in Arunachal Pradesh – Namdapha National Park
- Project Tiger Launched – 1973
- National Animal of India – Royal Bengal Tiger



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Ques: Which ministry released the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 Report for 2023–24?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- E) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj released the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 Report for 2023–24 on National Panchayati Raj Day (24 April).
- The index acts as a localized report card for Panchayats.
- It evaluates each Panchayat on 150 indicators and 230 data points across nine thematic areas.
- The objective is to achieve Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).
- The report categories are Achiever (90 and above), Front Runner (75 to below 90), Performer (60 to below 75), Aspirant (40 to below 60), and Beginner (Below 40).
- Achiever category requires a score of 90 and above.
- Nationally, no Gram Panchayat achieved the Achiever category.
- A total of 3,635 Gram Panchayats were placed in the Front Runner category.
- The Performer category had the highest number of Gram Panchayats with 1,18,824 GPs.
- The report recorded a national participation rate of 97.30%, with 2,59,867 Gram Panchayats submitting validated data.
- Uttar Pradesh recorded the maximum participation with all 57,678 Gram Panchayats participating.
- A total of 33 States and Union Territories participated in the index.
- West Bengal did not participate, while Delhi and Chandigarh were excluded because they do not have Gram Panchayats.
- The nine thematic areas include Poverty Free, Healthy Village, Child-Friendly, Water Sufficient, Clean and Green, Self-Sufficient Infrastructure, Socially Just and Secured, Good Governance, and Women-Friendly Panchayats.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chief Minister-designate of Tamil Nadu after securing support from 120 MLAs?

- A) M. K. Stalin
- B) Edappadi K. Palaniswami
- C) C. Joseph Vijay
- D) K. Annamalai
- E) T. T. V. Dhinakaran

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- C. Joseph Vijay, president of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), will be sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar appointed Vijay as the Chief Minister-designate after he secured support from 120 MLAs in the 234-member Assembly.
- The development ends nearly six decades of alternating rule between Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK).
- Vijay has been directed to prove majority in the Assembly by 13 May.
- The political development is considered a major shift in Tamil Nadu politics.

Static Part:

- Tamil Nadu Capital – Chennai
- Tamil Nadu Formation Day – 1 November 1956
- Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- Legislative Assembly Seats – 234
- Chief Minister-designate Party – Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK)





Ques: Which company launched the 5th edition of the “Solve for Tomorrow” innovation programme in India?

- A) LG
- B) Xiaomi
- C) Sony
- D) Panasonic
- E) Samsung

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- South Korean consumer electronics company Samsung launched the 5th edition of its flagship innovation and education programme “Samsung Solve for Tomorrow” in India.
- The 2026 edition will provide incubation grants worth Rs. 2 crore.
- The grants will be awarded to the top four winning teams.
- The programme aims to help teams further develop and scale their innovative ideas.
- Incubation support for the selected teams will be provided at IIT Delhi.
- Samsung Solve for Tomorrow focuses on innovation, education, and problem-solving among youth.

Static Part:

- Samsung Headquarters – Suwon, South Korea
- Programme Name – Samsung Solve for Tomorrow
- Incubation Support Partner – IIT Delhi
- IIT Delhi Established – 1961





Ques: India and Vietnam have set a bilateral trade target of how much by 2030?

- A) US\$ 25 billion
- B) US\$ 20 billion
- C) US\$ 15 billion
- D) US\$ 30 billion
- E) US\$ 35 billion

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India and Vietnam have set a bilateral trade target of US\$25 billion by 2030.
- The decision was announced after talks held in New Delhi between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vietnamese President To Lam.
- President To Lam visited India on a three-day state visit.
- India and Vietnam signed 13 agreements during the visit.
- The agreements covered areas such as digital payments, rare earths, and defence cooperation.
- The leaders also discussed regional security issues amid China's growing assertiveness.
- Bilateral trade between India and Vietnam stood at around US\$16.46 billion in 2025–26.
- Vietnam was India's first comprehensive strategic partner in ASEAN.

Static Part | :

- ASEAN Full Form – Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- Vietnam Capital – Hanoi
- Vietnam Currency – Vietnamese Dong
- ASEAN Headquarters – Jakarta, Indonesia





Ques: What is the name of the digital platform launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to strengthen maternal and child healthcare services?

- A) JANANI
- B) POSHAN Care
- C) Surakshit Maa Portal
- D) MatriRaksha
- E) Aarogya Shishu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched JANANI (Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care).
- JANANI is a digital platform aimed at strengthening maternal and child healthcare services across India.
- The platform was launched during the National Summit on Innovation and Inclusivity.
- It has been developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- The platform enables digital tracking of pregnancy, childbirth, and newborn care.
- JANANI is an upgraded version of the existing Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) portal.
- A major feature of the platform is QR-enabled digital Mother and Child Health (MCH) cards.





Ques: Amanpreet Singh Gill, who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?

- A) Hockey
- B) Football
- C) Wrestling
- D) Cricket
- E) Kabaddi

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Amanpreet Singh Gill was a former pace bowler in domestic cricket for Punjab.
- He represented Punjab in the Ranji Trophy.
- Gill was also part of the India Under-19 cricket team.
- He played for Punjab Kings (formerly Kings XI Punjab) in the inaugural IPL season in 2008.
- Amanpreet Singh Gill recently passed away.

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Ques: Rabindranath Tagore became the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature for which work?

- A) Gora
- B) Ghare-Baire
- C) Chokher Bali
- D) Gitanjali
- E) Kabuliwala

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- May 7, 2026 marked the 165th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore.
- Rabindranath Tagore was born on 7 May 1861.
- In 1913, he became the first non-European and first Asian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.
- He received the Nobel Prize for his famous work “Gitanjali”.
- Tagore was awarded knighthood by the British Crown in 1915.
- He wrote “Jana Gana Mana” in 1911.
- The song was first sung publicly during the Calcutta Session of the Indian National Congress on 27 December 1911.
- “Jana Gana Mana” was officially adopted as the National Anthem of India on 24 January 1950.

Static Part:

- Rabindranath Tagore Born – 7 May 1861
- Nobel Prize in Literature – 1913
- National Anthem of India – Jana Gana Mana
- India adopted the National Anthem on – 24 January 1950





Ques: What was the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2026?

- A) Protect Birds, Protect Nature
- B) Flyways for a Better Future
- C) Every Bird Counts – Observations Matter!
- D) Birds Connect Our World
- E) Save Wetlands, Save Birds

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Migratory Bird Day is observed on the second Saturday in May and the second Saturday in October every year.
- In 2026, World Migratory Bird Day was observed on 9 May.
- The theme for 2026 was “Every Bird Counts – Observations Matter!”
- The day aims to raise awareness about migratory birds and the need for their conservation.
- It also highlights the importance of bird observations and citizen participation in conservation efforts.

Static Part:

- World Migratory Bird Day is observed twice every year
- Observed in – May and October
- Purpose – Conservation of migratory birds and their habitats
- Coordinated by – CMS and AEWA





Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) signed an MoU on mutual cooperation in central banking with which institution?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) Bank of England
- D) International Monetary Fund
- E) European Central Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the European Central Bank (ECB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on mutual cooperation in the field of central banking.
- The MoU was signed by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra and ECB President Christine Lagarde.
- The signing took place on the sidelines of the meetings of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Basel.
- The new MoU updates the earlier agreement signed between RBI and ECB in 2015.
- The agreement aims to strengthen cooperation and exchange of information in central banking matters.

Static Part :

- European Central Bank (ECB) Established – 1 June 1998
- ECB Headquarters – Frankfurt, Germany
- ECB President – Christine Lagarde
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- BIS Headquarters – Basel, Switzerland





Ques: Which state has the highest number of registered investors on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) as of April 2026?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Karnataka
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) crossed 13 crore unique registered investors.
- The latest 1 crore investors were added in just 7 months since September 2025.
- NSE took 14 years to reach its first 1 crore investors after commencement of operations.
- It took another 11 years to add the next 3 crore investors, reflecting rapid retail participation in recent years.
- The total number of client codes reached 25.7 crore as of 25 April 2026.
- Investor participation expanded to 99.85% of India's PIN codes, showing deep geographical penetration.
- Maharashtra leads with 2 crore investors, followed by Uttar Pradesh with 1.5 crore and Gujarat with 1.1 crore investors.

Static Part:

- NSE Full Form – National Stock Exchange
- NSE Founded – 27 November 1992
- NSE Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- NSE MD & CEO – Ashish Kumar Chauhan





Ques: What is the annual premium for PMSBY and what is the maximum accidental death cover provided under the scheme?

- A) ₹436/year — ₹4 lakh cover
- B) ₹20/year — ₹1 lakh cover
- C) ₹436/year — ₹2 lakh cover
- D) ₹20/year — ₹2 lakh cover
- E) ₹20/year — ₹4 lakh cover

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The three Jan Suraksha Schemes — PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY — completed 11 years on May 9, 2026.
- These schemes were launched on May 9, 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide affordable financial security to vulnerable and underserved sections of society.
- PMJJBY recorded 27.43 crore cumulative enrolments as on 29 April 2026.
- Under PMJJBY, ₹21,512.50 crore was paid for 10,75,625 claims.
- PMJJBY offers life insurance coverage for death due to any cause with a premium of ₹436 per year.
- The scheme covers individuals aged 18–50 years and provides a benefit of ₹2 lakh.
- PMSBY recorded the highest enrolments among the three schemes with 58.09 crore cumulative enrolments.
- PMSBY paid ₹3,667.52 crore for 1,84,662 claims.
- PMSBY provides accidental death and disability insurance with an annual premium of ₹20.
- The scheme covers individuals aged 18–70 years and offers accidental death cover up to ₹2 lakh.
- APY recorded 9.04 crore enrolments as on 30 April 2026.
- APY provides a guaranteed monthly pension ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 after the age of 60 years.
- APY is administered by PFRDA under the National Pension System (NPS).
- The schemes have significantly expanded financial inclusion and social security





coverage in India over the last 11 years.

Static Part:

- Launch Date – 9 May 2015
- 11th Anniversary – 9 May 2026
- Launched By – Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- PMJJBY Full Form – Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
- PMSBY Full Form – Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
- APY Full Form – Atal Pension Yojana
- PMJJBY Premium – ₹436 per year
- PMSBY Premium – ₹20 per year
- PMJJBY Coverage – ₹2 lakh
- PMSBY Coverage – ₹2 lakh accidental death cover
- APY Pension Range – ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 per month
- Administered By APY – PFRDA under NPS

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Ques: Which Indian private sector bank recently signed a \$500 million offshore loan with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.?

- A) Axis Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- E) IndusInd Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Axis Bank Ltd signed a \$500 million offshore loan agreement with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.
- Axis Bank is India's third-largest private sector lender.
- The offshore loan facility has a tenure of three years.
- The loan pricing will be based on SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate).
- An offshore loan is borrowed from a bank or financial institution located outside the borrower's home country.
- If an Indian bank or company takes a loan from a foreign bank located abroad, it is called an offshore loan.
- SOFR is a benchmark interest rate used in global financial markets.
- It reflects the cost at which banks and financial institutions borrow money overnight.

Static Part:

- Axis Bank Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Axis Bank Established – 1993
- SOFR Full Form – Secured Overnight Financing Rate
- Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Headquarters – Tokyo, Japan





Ques: Which city will host the inaugural edition of the World Yogasana Championship in June 2026?

- A) Ahmedabad
- B) Bengaluru
- C) New Delhi
- D) Jaipur
- E) Lucknow

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India is set to host the inaugural edition of the World Yogasana Championship.
- The championship will be held from June 4 to 8, 2026.
- The event will take place in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- More than 40 countries are expected to participate in the championship.
- The event is being organised by Yogasana Bharat under the aegis of World Yogasana.
- The championship aims to promote Yogasana as a global competitive sport.

Static Part:

- Host City – Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Event Duration – 4 to 8 June 2026
- Organiser – Yogasana Bharat





Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2026 Norway visit will be the first by an Indian PM in how many years?

- A) 25 Years
- B) 30 Years
- C) 35 Years
- D) 43 Years
- E) 50 Years

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Norway on 18–19 May 2026.
- This will be the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Norway in 43 years.
- The previous visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Norway took place in 1983.
- Discussions during the visit will focus on long-term LPG agreements between India and Norway.
- The two countries will also discuss maritime partnerships and cooperation.
- Climate action and energy transition are expected to be key areas of discussion during the visit.
- The visit is expected to strengthen bilateral relations between India and Norway.
- Norway is an important Nordic country with strong expertise in clean energy and maritime sectors.

Static Part:

- Norway Capital – Oslo
- Currency – Norwegian Krone
- Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Last Indian PM Visit to Norway – 1983
- Region – Nordic Europe





Ques: Who has been nominated as the Co-Chair of the Saudi-India Business Council (SIBC) by FICCI?

- A) Nita Ambani
- B) Priyanka Mittal
- C) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- D) Soma Mondal
- E) Roshni Nadar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- FICCI nominated Priyanka Mittal as the Co-Chair of the Saudi-India Business Council (SIBC).
- Priyanka Mittal is the Director of KRBL Limited.
- KRBL stands for Khushi Ram & Behari Lal Limited.
- Dr. Siddeek Ahmed, Chairman of Eram Holdings, was appointed as the Chair of the Indian side of the Council.
- The Saudi-India Business Council aims to strengthen trade and economic cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia.

Static Part:

- FICCI Full Form – Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- KRBL Headquarters – Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- Saudi Arabia Capital – Riyadh
- Saudi Arabia Currency – Saudi Riyal





Ques: Under which mission was India's advanced Agni missile with MIRV technology successfully tested?

- A) Mission Shakti
- B) Mission Suraksha
- C) Mission Divyastra
- D) Mission Agneepath
- E) Mission Rakshak

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India successfully conducted the test-firing of an advanced Agni missile equipped with MIRV technology.
- The test was carried out from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- The missile was tested under Mission Divyastra.
- MIRV stands for Multiple Independently Targeted Re-Entry Vehicle.
- MIRV technology allows a single missile to carry multiple warheads and strike different targets simultaneously.
- The missile has a strike range of nearly 5,000 kilometres.
- The missile system was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Agni-1 to Agni-4 missiles have strike ranges from 700 km to 3,500 km.





Ques: According to the NITI Aayog report “School Education System in India”, how many students drop out before completing higher secondary education?

- A) 1 out of 10
- B) 2 out of 10
- C) 3 out of 10
- D) 4 out of 10
- E) 5 out of 10

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- NITI Aayog released a report titled “School Education System in India” highlighting major challenges in India’s education sector.
- The report stated that although India has achieved near-universal enrolment at the primary level, student retention remains weak at higher levels.
- According to the report, 4 out of 10 students drop out before completing higher secondary education.
- India currently has around 14.71 lakh schools and 24.69 crore students.
- Only 5.4% schools provide continuous education from Grade 1 to 12, which the report described as a “pyramid structure”.
- The number of schools declines sharply at the higher secondary level, with only 1.64 lakh schools available.
- Nearly 7,993 schools reported zero student enrolment, with the highest numbers in West Bengal and Telangana.
- The report recommended replacing “cylindrical schooling” with composite schools covering Grades 1–12 under one roof.
- Reading proficiency among Grade 8 students declined from 74.7% in 2014 to 71.1% in 2024.
- According to PARAKH 2024, less than 30% of Grade 6 students were competent in fractions.
- The report highlighted overdependence on rote learning and weak conceptual understanding among students.

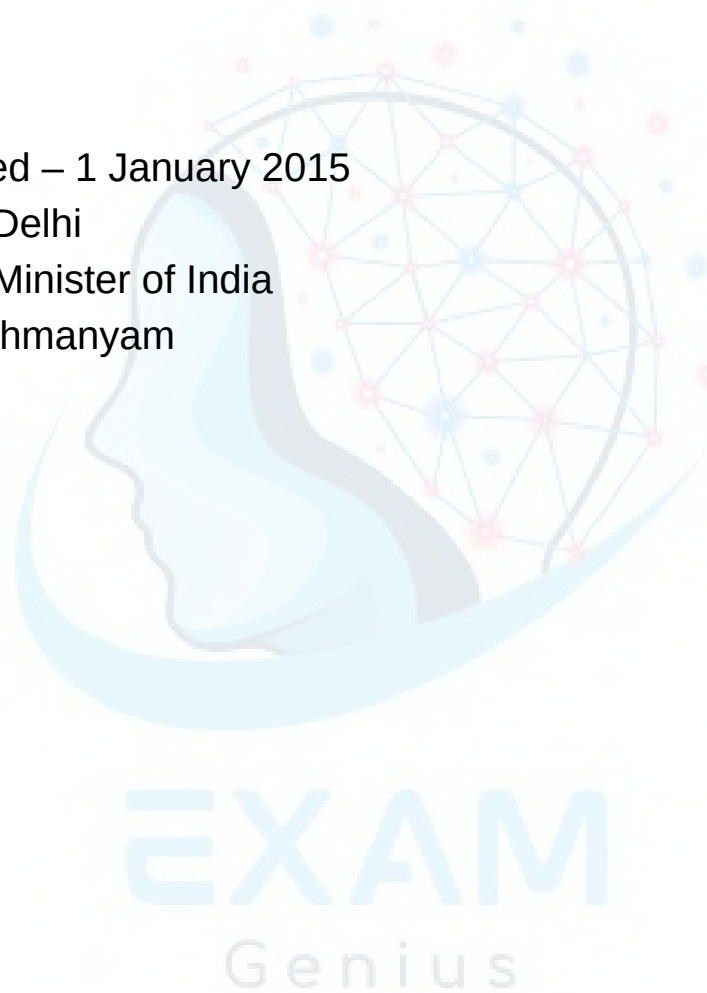




- It also raised concerns regarding teacher quality and competency levels.
- Studies cited in the report showed that only 2% of teachers scored above 70% in mathematics assessments.
- The report warned that introducing AI and Computational Thinking without proper teacher training may affect students' independent thinking.

Static Part:

- NITI Aayog Established – 1 January 2015
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Chairperson – Prime Minister of India
- CEO – B. V. R. Subrahmanyam





Ques: Deepak Bhatia recently received the prestigious Erth Dubai Award under which category?

- A) Best Entrepreneur
- B) Best Export Company
- C) Best Private Sector Entity
- D) Best Innovation Award
- E) Best Community Leader

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Deepak Bhatia, Managing Director of Uncle's Shop Building Material Trading, received the prestigious Erth Dubai Award.
- He received the award under the category of "Best Private Sector Entity."
- The achievement is considered a landmark moment for Dubai's Indian business community.
- The award was presented by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.
- Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum is the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and the Ruler of Dubai.

Static Part:

- UAE Capital – Abu Dhabi
- Dubai is one of the seven emirates of the UAE
- UAE Currency – UAE Dirham





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- D) Goa
- E) Visakhapatnam

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Explanation:

- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) commissioned the Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) 'Achal'.
- The vessel was commissioned in Goa.
- 'Achal' is the fifth vessel in the series of eight Adanya-class Fast Patrol Vessels.
- The vessels are being built by Goa Shipyard Limited.
- The newly commissioned vessel will be stationed at Vadinar, Gujarat.
- It will operate under the operational control of Coast Guard Region (North West).
- The vessel will strengthen maritime security and coastal surveillance.

Static Part:

- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Formed – 18 August 1978
- ICG Headquarters – New Delhi
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- The initiative aims to simplify the EV charging process by making station discovery, booking, and digital payments easier.
- The project is expected to strengthen India's EV ecosystem and improve nationwide charging accessibility.
- PM E-DRIVE Scheme Outlay – ₹10,900 Crore
- Implementing Agency for Super App – BHEL





- Target Charging Points under Scheme – 72,300
- Ministry Involved – Ministry of Heavy Industries



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Ques: India signed 8 MoUs with Trinidad and Tobago in which of the following sectors?

- A) Tourism and Healthcare only
- B) Defence and Space only
- C) Tourism, Healthcare, Infrastructure and Ayurveda
- D) Agriculture and Mining only
- E) Banking and Insurance only

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Trinidad and Tobago signed 8 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to strengthen bilateral cooperation.
- The agreements covered sectors such as tourism, healthcare, infrastructure, and Ayurveda.
- The MoUs were signed during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's two-day visit to the Caribbean nation.
- S. Jaishankar held discussions with Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar on expanding bilateral cooperation.
- The talks also reviewed the progress of announcements made during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's earlier visit to the country.
- During the visit, Jaishankar inaugurated an agro-processing facility in the presence of Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar.
- India had provided machinery worth \$1 million for the agro-processing project last year.
- The agreements are aimed at strengthening India's diplomatic, economic, and cultural engagement with Caribbean nations.
- The visit highlighted India's growing strategic outreach in the Caribbean region.

Static Part:

- Trinidad and Tobago Capital – Port of Spain
- Currency – Trinidad and Tobago Dollar





- External Affairs Minister of India – S. Jaishankar
- Ministry of External Affairs Headquarters – New Delhi
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago – Kamla Persad-Bissessar



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Ques: D. Sudhakar, who recently passed away, was the Planning and Statistics Minister of which state?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Karnataka Minister D. Sudhakar passed away recently.
- He served as Karnataka's Planning and Statistics Minister.
- D. Sudhakar was also a senior Congress leader.
- He was elected as MLA from the Hiriya constituency in Chitradurga district.
- He was known for his contribution to state politics and public welfare.

Static Part:

- Capital – Bengaluru
- Karnataka Chief Minister – Siddaramaiah
- Karnataka Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot





Ques: National Technology Day in India is observed every year on which date?

- A) 5 May
- B) 9 May
- C) 20 May
- D) 15 May
- E) 11 May

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India observes National Technology Day every year on 11 May.
- The day commemorates the successful nuclear tests conducted under Operation Shakti at Pokhran, Rajasthan, on 11 May 1998.
- In 2026, India marked the 28th anniversary of the Pokhran-II nuclear tests.
- The day also marks the maiden flight of the indigenously developed Hansa-3 aircraft.
- India also successfully tested the Trishul missile on the same day.
- National Technology Day highlights India's achievements in science, defence, and technological innovation.

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Ques: SBI Cards sold a stressed credit card receivables pool worth around how much to Integro Finserv?

- A) ₹500 crore
- B) ₹1,000 crore
- C) ₹1,800 crore
- D) ₹2,500 crore
- E) ₹5,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- SBI Cards and Payment Services sold a stressed credit card receivables pool worth around ₹1,800 crore to Integro Finserv.
- Integro Finserv is a Mumbai-based Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
- SBI Cards and Payment Services had earlier executed a similar sale worth ₹200 crore in 2022.
- The move reflects a growing trend of portfolio clean-up measures among financial institutions.
- SBI Cards and Payment Services manages a credit card receivables book of around ₹60,000 crore.
- The company holds nearly 18% market share, making it one of the top three credit card issuers in India.
- SBI Cards and Payment Services has more than 20 million active credit cards.





Ques: Why did Securities and Exchange Board of India discontinue the Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform?

- A) Due to low internet connectivity
- B) Because brokers opposed the platform
- C) Due to redundancy after improvements in technological and cyber resilience systems
- D) Because the platform was merged with RBI systems
- E) Due to lack of government approval

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India discontinued the Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform with immediate effect.
- The IRRA platform was launched on 1 October 2023.
- It was designed to provide stock brokers with an alternative trading access point during disruptions in trading services.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India stated that the platform became structurally redundant because of major improvements in business continuity systems and cyber resilience mechanisms.
- The securities market has also witnessed significant advancements in technological infrastructure.





Ques: Which international organisation approved a USD 500 million loan for the Bihar Urban Transformation Programme?

- A) World Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund
- C) Asian Development Bank
- D) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- E) New Development Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The World Bank approved a USD 500 million (approximately ₹4,750 crore) loan for Bihar.
- The financial assistance has been provided for the Bihar Urban Transformation Programme.
- The programme aims to improve urban infrastructure and planned urban development in Bihar.
- The Cabinet also approved the transfer of 1.85 acres of land for developmental purposes related to the expansion of Patna Airport.
- Additionally, ₹15,967.03 crore was sanctioned for road monitoring and maintenance projects using Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based technologies.
- The AI-based system is expected to improve road quality monitoring and maintenance efficiency.

Static Part:

- World Bank Established – 1944
- World Bank Headquarters – Washington, D.C.
- Ajay Banga – President of the World Bank
- Bihar Capital – Patna





Ques: Which Indian space technology company secured a contract from the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office for hyperspectral remote sensing capabilities?

- A) Skyroot Aerospace
- B) Agnikul Cosmos
- C) Pixxel
- D) Bellatrix Aerospace
- E) Dhruva Space

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Pixxel secured a contract from the National Reconnaissance Office, United States.
- The contract was awarded under the Commercial Systems Program Office (CSPO).
- The project focuses on developing advanced hyperspectral remote sensing capabilities.
- Pixxel utilised its Firefly satellite constellation for the project.
- The Firefly constellation consists of six hyperspectral satellites launched in 2025.
- The satellites demonstrated high-resolution global Hyperspectral Imaging (HSI) capabilities.
- The project is being executed by Pixxel Federal under the leadership of Allyson Jenkins, Vice President of Pixxel.





Ques: Which framework evaluates ministries and departments on the effectiveness and timeliness of grievance redressal through CPGRAMS?

- A) PRAGATI Framework
- B) GRAI Framework
- C) Digital India Index
- D) Sevottam Model
- E) SAMARTH Framework

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Financial Services receives more than 2.5 lakh grievances annually.
- Since November 2025, Department of Financial Services has consistently ranked among the top 10 ministries/departments in the Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index (GRAI).
- In March 2026, the Insurance Division secured the top position in Group A category of GRAI.
- The Banking Division retained the 5th position for the second consecutive month.
- The GRAI framework was developed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.
- It evaluates ministries on the effectiveness and timeliness of grievance redressal through the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS).





Ques: Where was India's first functional PM MITRA Park inaugurated by Narendra Modi?

- A) Navsari
- B) Lucknow
- C) Amravati
- D) Dhar
- E) Warangal

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the country's first functional PM MITRA Park at Warangal.
- The park is being developed at a cost of ₹1,695.54 crore.
- The park is spread across 1,327 acres.
- It is strategically located near the proposed Nagpur–Vijayawada Greenfield Expressway (NH-163G).
- PM MITRA stands for PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Parks.
- The Ministry of Textiles is the nodal ministry for the PM MITRA Scheme.
- National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited is serving as the Project Management Agency (PMA).
- The Government of India has approved seven PM MITRA Parks across different states.





Ques: Which institution, in collaboration with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, developed 'Phoenix Geocell', India's first technical textile geocell made entirely from end-of-life mixed plastic waste?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- B) CSIR-Central Road Research Institute
- C) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- D) National Highways Authority of India
- E) Indian Space Research Organisation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- CSIR-Central Road Research Institute, in collaboration with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, developed and demonstrated 'Phoenix Geocell'.
- It is India's first technical textile geocell made entirely from end-of-life mixed plastic waste.
- The innovation received recognition from the India Book of Records and Asia Book of Records.
- The recognition ceremony was held at the Auditorium of CSIR-Central Road Research Institute in New Delhi.
- Phoenix Geocell is a three-dimensional honeycomb-like structure.
- The geocell is filled with soil, gravel or sand to improve structural integrity, road durability and soil stability.





Ques: Who became the 50th President of Costa Rica and the country's second woman President?

- A) Xiomara Castro
- B) Laura Fernandez
- C) Dina Boluarte
- D) Sandra Mason
- E) Christine Lagarde

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Pabitra Margherita attended the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected President of Costa Rica, Laura Fernandez.
- Laura Fernandez became the 50th President of Costa Rica.
- She also became the country's second woman President.
- Laura Fernandez replaced former President Rodrigo Chaves.
- Pabitra Margherita is serving as Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister of State for the Ministry of Textiles.
- The event highlighted diplomatic engagement between India and Costa Rica.

Static Part:

- Costa Rica Capital – San José
- Costa Rica Currency – Costa Rican Colón





Ques: Under which initiative was the first-ever export consignment of honey from Baksa district sent to the United States?

- A) Make in India
- B) Startup India
- C) PM Gati Shakti
- D) Digital India
- E) One District One Product (ODOP)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The first-ever export consignment of honey from Baksa district was sent to the United States under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative.
- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority facilitated the export.
- A total of 20 metric tons of honey was exported.
- The ODOP initiative is spearheaded by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- The initiative aims to unlock the unique economic potential of every district in India.
- The export marks an important step in promoting Assam's agricultural products in global markets.





Ques: Which city will host the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships, marking India's first hosting of the event in 44 years?

- A) Gandhinagar
- B) Mumbai
- C) New Delhi
- D) Ahmedabad
- E) Hyderabad

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India is set to host the prestigious 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships in Gandhinagar.
- The country is hosting the event for the first time in 44 years.
- Earlier, New Delhi hosted the Asian Weightlifting Championships in 1982.
- The event is expected to strengthen India's position in international weightlifting and sports hosting.
- Hosting the championship will also help promote sports infrastructure and athlete development in the country.

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Ques: What is the name of the AI-powered assistance chatbot launched by the Supreme Court of India?

- A) Su Sahay
- B) Nyaya Mitra
- C) e-Court AI
- D) Nyaya Saathi
- E) Bharat Justice Bot

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Supreme Court of India launched two major digital initiatives to strengthen judicial digital infrastructure.
- The initiatives are “One Case One Data” and “Su Sahay” AI chatbot.
- “Su Sahay” is an AI-powered assistance chatbot integrated with the Supreme Court of India website.
- The chatbot is aimed at improving accessibility and providing assistance to court users digitally.
- “One Case One Data” is a digital mechanism designed to integrate judicial administration across all courts.
- The system will connect Taluk Courts, District Courts, High Courts and the Supreme Court of India into one unified digital network.





Ques: Under the new Labour Codes, free annual health check-ups have been launched for workers above which age?

- A) 30 years
- B) 35 years
- C) 40 years
- D) 45 years
- E) 50 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Mansukh Mandaviya launched a nationwide free annual health check-up initiative under the new Labour Codes.
- The initiative is aimed at workers aged 40 years and above.
- The programme was launched at the Employees' State Insurance Corporation Medical College and Hospital.
- Eligible workers will receive free annual health screenings through Employees' State Insurance Corporation hospitals and healthcare facilities.
- The Code on Social Security, 2020 includes provisions for gig and platform workers under the social security framework.





Ques: Which body has been empowered to act as the National Appellate Authority for Advance Rulings (NAAAR) under GST?

- A) GST Council
- B) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
- C) Principal Bench of GST Appellate Tribunal
- D) Supreme Court of India
- E) Finance Commission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance empowered the Principal Bench of GST Appellate Tribunal to act as the National Appellate Authority for Advance Rulings (NAAAR).
- The notification will come into force from 1 April 2026.
- The President of the Principal Bench of GST Appellate Tribunal will serve as the Presiding Officer of the NAAAR.
- The notification was issued under sub-section (1A) of Section 101A of the Central GST (CGST) Act, 2017.
- The decision was taken on the recommendations of the GST Council.
- The Principal Bench of GSTAT was constituted under sub-section (3) of Section 109 of the CGST Act, 2017.





Ques: Under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, how many days of wage employment are guaranteed to eligible rural households in a financial year?

- A) 90 days
- B) 100 days
- C) 110 days
- D) 125 days
- E) 150 days

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Centre notified the implementation of the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 (VB-G RAM G).
- The Act will be implemented across all rural areas from 1 July 2026.
- The new Act replaces the 20-year-old Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.
- Under the Act, every eligible rural household will be guaranteed 125 days of wage employment in a financial year.
- Earlier, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act guaranteed 100 days of employment.
- Employment must be provided within 15 days from the date of application.
- The scheme is aimed at improving livelihood opportunities and strengthening rural employment security.

Static Part:

- Full Form of VB-G RAM G – Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)
- Implementation Date – 1 July 2026
- Replaced Act – Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- MGNREGA Full Form – Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- Earlier Employment Guarantee – 100 days
- New Employment Guarantee – 125 days





Ques: Which wildlife conservation initiative aims to reintroduce cheetahs into India after they were declared extinct in 1952?

- A) Project Tiger
- B) Project Elephant
- C) Project Snow Leopard
- D) Project Cheetah
- E) Green India Mission

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Two female cheetahs brought from Botswana were released into the open forest area of Kuno National Park after completing their quarantine period.
- The release was carried out by Mohan Yadav.
- The cheetahs are part of Project Cheetah, a flagship wildlife conservation initiative of the Government of India.
- The objective of Project Cheetah is to reintroduce cheetahs into India, where they were declared extinct in 1952.
- Under the project, cheetahs have been brought from Namibia, South Africa and Botswana.
- Project Cheetah is the world's first inter-continental reintroduction programme of a large carnivore.





- On 17 September 2022, eight African cheetahs from Namibia were released at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
- South Africa became the second source country for bringing cheetahs to India.
- Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary will serve as the second habitat for cheetahs in India.
- Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve in the Nauradehi region of Madhya Pradesh is planned as the third habitat.

Static Part:

- Project Cheetah Launch Year – 2022
- Kuno National Park Location – Madhya Pradesh
- First Source Country – Namibia
- Second Source Country – South Africa
- Third Source Country – Botswana
- India Declared Cheetah Extinct – 1952

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Ques: World Athletics Day 2026 was celebrated on which date?

- A) May 1
- B) May 5
- C) May 7
- D) May 9
- E) May 11

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Athletics Day 2026 was celebrated on May 7.
- The day is organized under the global governing body for athletics, World Athletics.
- World Athletics was formerly known as the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).
- The organization is responsible for governing international athletics events and competitions.
- The headquarters of World Athletics is located in Monaco.
- The day promotes awareness about athletics and encourages youth participation in sports.

Static Part:

- b•** World Athletics Former Name – IAAF
- Headquarters – Monaco





Ques: The Government has revised the release date of annual GDP and Q4 estimates to which date every year?

- A) 31 May
- B) 1 June
- C) 5 June
- D) 7 June
- E) 10 June

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India has revised the release date of the Provisional Estimates of Annual GDP and Q4 GDP estimates.
- The data will now be released on 7 June every year.
- Earlier, the estimates were released on the last working day of May.
- If 7 June falls on a holiday, the data will be released on the previous working day.
- The revision aims to improve the accuracy and quality of GDP estimation.
- GDP data is released by the National Statistical Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- The revised schedule is expected to improve the compilation and analysis process of economic data.

Static Part:

- GDP Full Form – Gross Domestic Product
- NSO Full Form – National Statistical Office
- MoSPI Full Form – Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- New GDP Release Date – 7 June





Ques: What was India's retail inflation rate in April 2026, according to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation?

- A) 2.98%
- B) 3.12%
- C) 3.48%
- D) 4.05%
- E) 5.10%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's retail inflation increased to 3.48% in April 2026 on an annual basis.
- The data was released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- This was the fourth consecutive monthly rise under the new inflation series.
- Retail inflation in India is measured using the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Retail inflation reflects the increase in prices of goods and services commonly used by consumers.

Static Part:

- CPI Full Form – Consumer Price Index
- MoSPI Full Form – Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- Retail Inflation Measure – Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- April 2026 Retail Inflation Rate – 3.48%





Ques: Sarvodaya Co-operative Bank depositors will receive insurance claim up to how much amount from DICGC?

- A) ₹1 Lakh
- B) ₹2 Lakh
- C) ₹3 Lakh
- D) ₹5 Lakh
- E) ₹10 Lakh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India cancelled the licence of Sarvodaya Co-operative Bank Ltd. on 12 May 2026.
- RBI cited inadequate capital, weak earning prospects, and non-compliance with provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 as the main reasons.
- The bank ceased all banking operations from the close of business on 12 May 2026, including acceptance and repayment of deposits.
- RBI directed the Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra to initiate the winding-up process and appoint a liquidator.
- Depositors will get deposit insurance of up to ₹5 lakh from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation.
- About 98.36% depositors are eligible to receive the full amount of their insured deposits.
- As of 31 March 2026, DICGC had already paid ₹26.72 crore toward insured deposits.
- The cancellation reflects RBI's focus on protecting depositors and maintaining stability in the banking sector.

Static Part:

- RBI Establishment – 1 April 1935
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai





- DICGC Establishment – 15 July 1978
- DICGC Headquarters – Mumbai
- Deposit Insurance Limit – ₹5 Lakh



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Ques: How much does the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) plan to raise in fiscal year 2026–27 through domestic and overseas borrowing?

- A) ₹99,500 crore
- B) ₹82,500 crore
- C) ₹75,000 crore
- D) ₹1,25,000 crore
- E) ₹66,000 crore

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Export-Import Bank of India plans to raise about ₹99,500 crore (995 billion rupees or USD 10.5 billion) during fiscal year 2026–27.
- Around ₹66,000 crore will be raised from the domestic market.
- Domestic borrowing sources include bonds, Certificates of Deposit (CDs), and loans.
- The bank also plans to raise around USD 3.5 billion from overseas markets.
- Overseas borrowing will be done through bilateral loans and syndicated loans.
- EXIM Bank plays an important role in supporting India's international trade and export financing.

Static Part:

- EXIM Bank Full Form – Export-Import Bank of India
- EXIM Bank Established – 1982
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Fiscal Year Target Borrowing – ₹99,500 crore
- Domestic Borrowing Target – Around ₹66,000 crore
- Overseas Borrowing Target – Around USD 3.5 billion





Ques: SBI plans to raise up to US\$ 2 billion in FY27 through which financial instrument?

- A) Equity Shares
- B) Mutual Funds
- C) Foreign Currency Bonds
- D) Treasury Bills
- E) Commercial Papers

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Executive Committee of the Central Board of State Bank of India approved a proposal to raise up to US\$ 2 billion during FY 2026–27.
- The fund will be raised through long-term foreign currency bonds in one or more tranches.
- The approximate value of this fundraising in Indian currency is around ₹16,700 crore.
- SBI may issue these bonds through public offer or private placement.
- The bonds may be issued in US Dollars or other major foreign currencies.
- The bonds may carry either fixed interest rate or floating interest rate.
- The move will help SBI strengthen its global funding base and long-term capital resources.
- The fundraising plan reflects SBI's strategy to expand its international financial presence.

Static Part:

- SBI Full Form – State Bank of India
- SBI Established – 1 July 1955
- SBI Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Fundraising Target – US\$ 2 Billion
- Fundraising Instrument – Foreign Currency Bonds
- Approximate Indian Value – ₹16,700 crore





Ques: Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) signed an MoU with which organisation to fight cyber frauds and stop mule accounts?

- A) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- B) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- C) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- D) State Bank of India (SBI)
- E) National Informatics Centre (NIC)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre signed an MoU with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub to combat cyber frauds and stop mule accounts in banking and digital payment systems.
- A mule account is a bank account used to receive and transfer illegal money on behalf of others to hide the original source of funds.
- Under the partnership, information related to suspicious accounts will be shared between the organisations.
- AI-based systems will be used to detect fraud quickly and identify hidden mule accounts.
- Hidden mule accounts will be blocked faster through the collaboration.
- RBIH has developed platforms such as Unified Lending Interface (ULI), MuleHunter.AI, Digital Payments Intelligence Platform (DPIP), and RBI Fintech Repository.
- I4C is a government initiative operating under the Ministry of Home Affairs to deal with cybercrime in India.

Static Part:

- RBIH Full Form – Reserve Bank Innovation Hub
- RBIH Established – 2022
- RBIH Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka





- I4C Full Form – Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre
- I4C Launched – January 2018
- I4C Ministry – Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- I4C Location – New Delhi



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Ques: Under IMD's new pilot weather forecasting system, what is the resolution of rainfall forecasting in Uttar Pradesh?

- A) 5 km
- B) 10 km
- C) 1 km
- D) 20 km
- E) 50 km

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The India Meteorological Department launched two new AI-enabled weather forecasting products for highly accurate and localized weather predictions.
- One major pilot project has been launched in Uttar Pradesh, offering 1-km resolution rainfall forecasts.
- The forecast system can provide weather predictions up to 10 days in advance.
- The initiative focuses on hyperlocal weather forecasting for agriculture, disaster management, and public safety.
- The project has been jointly developed by India Meteorological Department, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, and National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting.
- The forecasting system is part of Mission Mausam aimed at improving India's weather prediction infrastructure.
- Initially, the pilot covers 16 states, especially rain-fed agricultural zones.
- IMD plans to expand this hyperlocal forecasting system across India in the next 2–3 years.
- Uttar Pradesh currently has over 500 weather stations and around 2,400 Automatic Rain Gauges (ARGs) supporting the project.

Static Part:





- IMD Establishment – 1875
- IMD Headquarters – New Delhi
- IITM Headquarters – Pune, Maharashtra
- NCMRWF Headquarters – Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- Mission Mausam Launch Year – 2024



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Ques: What is the theme of India's BRICS Chairship for 2026?

- A) One Earth, One Future
- B) Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- C) Inclusive Growth and Global Peace
- D) Digital Future for Emerging Economies
- E) Strengthening South-South Cooperation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India will host the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, under its BRICS chairship.
- The meeting will be chaired by S. Jaishankar.
- India assumed the BRICS Presidency for 2026 on 1 January 2026, taking over from Brazil.
- This marks India's fourth term as BRICS chair.
- The theme of India's BRICS Chairship 2026 is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
- India previously hosted the BRICS Summits in 2012, 2016, and 2021, and will host the 18th BRICS Summit in 2026.
- BRICS was founded at the first BRIC Summit held in Yekaterinburg, Russia, on 16 June 2009.

Static Part:

- BRICS Formation – 16 June 2009
- First BRIC Summit Venue – Yekaterinburg, Russia
- India's BRICS Presidency Year – 2026
- Theme of India's BRICS Chairship 2026 – "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"
- Current BRICS Members – Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia





Ques: What is the primary objective of OpenAI's newly launched 'Daybreak' initiative?

- A) Online Education
- B) Digital Payments
- C) Cybersecurity Support
- D) Space Research
- E) Healthcare Automation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- OpenAI has announced a new cybersecurity-focused initiative named Daybreak.
- The initiative is designed to help software developers and security teams.
- Daybreak uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to identify vulnerabilities in systems.
- It helps organisations detect vulnerabilities, validate fixes, and patch systems faster.
- The initiative aims to improve overall cybersecurity resilience and software protection.
- AI-driven cybersecurity tools are becoming increasingly important due to rising cyber threats globally.
- Daybreak reflects the growing use of artificial intelligence in strengthening digital security infrastructure.

Static Part:

- OpenAI Founded – 2015
- OpenAI Headquarters – San Francisco, California, USA
- CEO of OpenAI – Sam Altman
- Daybreak Focus – AI-based Cybersecurity Assistance





Ques: Which state was recognised as a “Digital Rising State” for DigiLocker integration initiatives?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Karnataka
- C) Kerala
- D) Nagaland
- E) Rajasthan

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

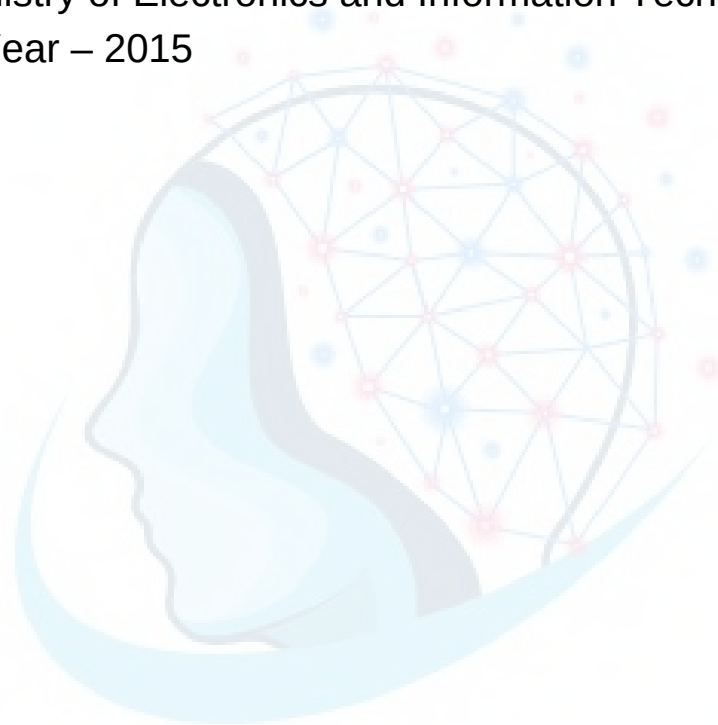
- National e-Governance Division felicitated five states for their exceptional contribution towards large-scale DigiLocker integration.
- The recognised states were Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Nagaland, and Rajasthan.
- The felicitation took place during the National Consultative Workshop on Strengthening Cybersecurity Frameworks for State Data held on 11 May 2026.
- NeGD has been working to integrate DigiLocker with citizen services across India for seamless digital governance.
- Gujarat onboarded 65% government services and extended the digital ecosystem to more than 1.92 crore citizens.
- Karnataka onboarded 73% government e-services and recorded over 2.7 crore DigiLocker users.
- Kerala integrated more than 117 services in less than seven days and serves over 1.15 crore registered users.
- Nagaland integrated more than 32 services within one month and was recognised as a “Digital Rising State.”
- Rajasthan integrated DigiLocker with Family Register Jan Aadhaar and extended services to over 7.5 crore citizens.
- The initiative simplified document access, reduced physical verification requirements, and improved ease of living through Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).





Static Part:

- DigiLocker Launched – 2015
- Launched Under – Digital India Programme
- NeGD Full Form – National e-Governance Division
- MeitY Full Form – Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- Digital India Launch Year – 2015



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Ques: Who was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Assam for the second consecutive term?

- A) Sarbananda Sonowal
- B) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- C) Ranjeet Kumar Dass
- D) Bhupen Kumar Borah
- E) Pijush Hazarika

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Himanta Biswa Sarma was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Assam for the second consecutive term.
- The oath of office was administered by Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya.
- Himanta Biswa Sarma is the 15th Chief Minister of Assam.
- He first became the Chief Minister of Assam in 2021.
- Assam is an important northeastern state known for tea production, biodiversity, and the Brahmaputra River.

Static Part:

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





Ques: Under which law has the Government notified the 1% construction welfare cess?

- A) Industrial Relations Code, 2020
- B) Code on Social Security, 2020
- C) Factories Act, 1948
- D) Minimum Wages Act, 1948
- E) Labour Welfare Act, 1965

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Government notified a 1% construction welfare cess under the Code on Social Security, 2020.
- The cess aims to improve welfare benefits for construction workers.
- The notification replaces the earlier framework under the Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996.
- The cess will be levied on total construction cost excluding land and compensation costs.
- The collected amount will support schemes related to health, education, insurance, and welfare of construction workers.
- Individuals constructing houses with an estimated cost below ₹50 lakh will be exempt from the cess from November 2025.
- Around ₹49,800 crore collected as welfare cess under the previous system reportedly remained unutilised.
- The new framework aims to ensure better utilisation of welfare funds for labourers in the construction sector.

Static Part:

- Code on Social Security Implemented – 2020
- Previous Law – Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996
- Cess Rate – 1% of Construction Cost
- Exemption Limit – Houses Below ₹50 Lakh Estimated Cost
- Purpose of Cess – Welfare of Construction Workers





Ques: National Florence Nightingale Award was instituted in which year?

- A) 1965
- B) 1970
- C) 1973
- D) 1980
- E) 1985

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Florence Nightingale Award 2026 to 15 nursing professionals at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 12 May 2026.
- The ceremony was organized on the occasion of International Nurses Day.
- The awardees included Registered Nurses, Midwives, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM), and Lady Health Visitors.
- Each awardee received a Medal, Certificate of Merit, and cash prize of ₹1 lakh.
- Jagat Prakash Nadda and other senior officials were also present during the ceremony.
- The award recognizes outstanding contribution and dedicated service in nursing and healthcare.
- The theme of International Nurses Day 2026 is “Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives.”

Static Part:

- National Florence Nightingale Award Instituted – 1973
- Award Purpose – Excellence in Nursing and Healthcare Service
- Cash Prize – ₹1 Lakh
- International Nurses Day – 12 May
- International Nurses Day 2026 Theme – “Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives.”





Ques: Which company appointed Akash Ambani as Managing Director for a five-year term?

- A) Airtel
- B) Vodafone Idea
- C) Reliance Jio Infocomm
- D) Jio Platforms
- E) Reliance Retail

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Reliance Industries Limited appointed Akash Ambani as the Managing Director (MD) of Jio Platforms for a five-year term.
- The appointment became effective from April 9, 2026.
- The appointment was approved by the board and filed with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Akash Ambani earlier served as Executive Director on the board of Jio Platforms.
- He is currently serving as Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm, the telecom arm of the group.
- The move comes as Jio Platforms prepares for a mega Initial Public Offering (IPO).
- The proposed IPO is expected to raise around ₹50,000 crore.
- Jio Platforms is targeting listing in the first half of the calendar year.

Static Part:

- Jio Platforms Parent Company – Reliance Industries Limited
- Managing Director Appointed – Akash Ambani
- Appointment Effective Date – 9 April 2026
- Expected IPO Size – Around ₹50,000 crore
- MCA Full Form – Ministry of Corporate Affairs





Ques: Faustino Oro, who recently became the second-youngest Grandmaster in history, belongs to which country?

- A) Spain
- B) Argentina
- C) Brazil
- D) USA
- E) France

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Argentine chess prodigy Faustino Oro became the second-youngest Grandmaster (GM) in history.
- He secured his final GM norm at the Sardinia World Chess Festival.
- Faustino Oro achieved the feat at the age of 12 years, 6 months, and 26 days.
- He is popularly known as the “Messi of Chess.”
- Oro is behind only Abhimanyu Mishra of the United States, who became GM at 12 years and 4 months.
- The Grandmaster title is awarded by FIDE, the international governing body of chess.
- Faustino Oro's achievement is considered a major milestone in modern chess history.

Static Part:

- Country of Faustino Oro – Argentina
- Chess Governing Body – FIDE
- Full Form of FIDE – Fédération Internationale des Échecs (International Chess Federation)
- Youngest Grandmaster in History – Abhimanyu Mishra
- Faustino Oro Nickname – “Messi of Chess”





Ques: What is the name of the new marketplace launched by DigiHaat to promote authentic Made-in-Bharat products?

- A) Swadeshi
- B) BharatKart
- C) VocalMart
- D) Local India Hub
- E) Atmanirbhar Store

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Government-backed e-commerce platform DigiHaat launched a new marketplace called “Swadeshi”.
- The marketplace aims to promote authentic Made-in-Bharat products and support local producers.
- The initiative was launched under the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- DigiHaat operates within the ecosystem of the Open Network for Digital Commerce.
- DigiHaat is a wholly-owned subsidiary functioning under Nirmat Bharat, a Section 8 not-for-profit entity.
- ONDC is a state-backed technology initiative launched by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

Static Part:

- Marketplace Name – Swadeshi
- ONDC Full Form – Open Network for Digital Commerce
- DPIIT Full Form – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- Initiative Vision – Atmanirbhar Bharat
- DigiHaat Type – Government-backed e-commerce platform





Ques: Who has been granted another one-year extension as Director of the CBI?

- A) Tapan Kumar Deka
- B) Rajiv Kumar
- C) Praveen Sood
- D) Sanjay Arora
- E) Ajay Bhatnagar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Praveen Sood received another one-year extension as Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation.
- The extension was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee.
- His tenure has now been extended beyond 24 May 2026.
- Praveen Sood is a 1986-batch IPS officer.
- He was earlier granted a one-year extension in May 2025 after completing his original two-year term as CBI Director.
- A high-powered committee chaired by Narendra Modi met to discuss the appointment of the next CBI Director.
- During the meeting, Rahul Gandhi submitted a dissent note regarding the extension decision.
- Rahul Gandhi alleged “institutional capture” and raised concerns regarding the selection process.
- The government stated that the extension decision was taken following proper recommendations and procedures.

Static Part:

- CBI Full Form – Central Bureau of Investigation
- CBI Headquarters – New Delhi
- CBI Established – 1963
- Founded Under – Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946
- Current CBI Director – Praveen Sood





Ques: Which organisation will act as the administrator of the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMIP)?

- A) Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- B) New India Assurance
- C) General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)
- D) IRDAI
- E) Shipping Corporation of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

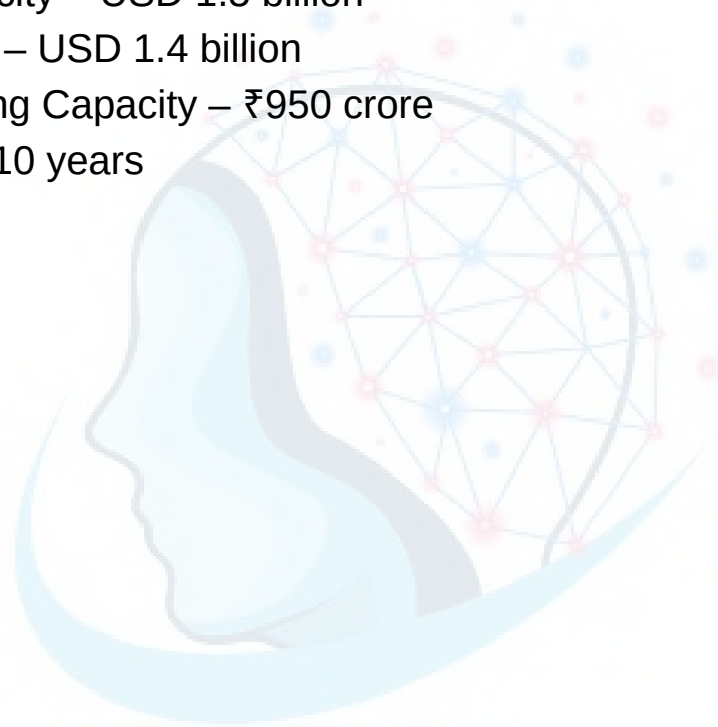
- The Department of Financial Services under the Ministry of Finance launched the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool.
- The initiative aims to ensure uninterrupted maritime insurance coverage amid rising global geopolitical tensions, especially in the Middle East.
- General Insurance Corporation of India will act as the Pool administrator.
- The launch event was chaired by M. Nagaraju.
- During the event, the first Marine Hull & Machinery War Policy was handed over.
- The policy was issued by New India Assurance to Hoger Offshore and Marine Private Limited.
- BMIP has a total insurance capacity of USD 1.5 billion and a sovereign guarantee of USD 1.4 billion (around ₹12,980 crore).
- Claims up to USD 100 million will be settled through the pooled insurance capacity.
- Claims above this amount will receive support through the government's sovereign guarantee mechanism after pool reserves and reinsurance arrangements are exhausted.
- The combined underwriting capacity of the pool is around ₹950 crore.
- BMIP will remain operational for 10 years with a provision for extension of five more years.





Static Part:

- BMIP Full Form – Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool
- Launching Ministry – Ministry of Finance
- Pool Administrator – General Insurance Corporation of India
- Total Insurance Capacity – USD 1.5 billion
- Sovereign Guarantee – USD 1.4 billion
- Combined Underwriting Capacity – ₹950 crore
- Operational Period – 10 years



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Ques: PM SHRI scheme was launched in which year?

- A) 2020
- B) 2021
- C) 2022
- D) 2023
- E) 2024

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Education has made a fresh push for the implementation of the PM SHRI Scheme in West Bengal, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.
- PM SHRI stands for Prime Minister Schools for Rising India.
- The scheme was launched on 7 September 2022.
- The initiative aims to transform over 14,500 government schools into model institutions aligned with the National Education Policy 2020.
- The scheme focuses on providing modern infrastructure, smart classrooms, quality education, and holistic development.
- PM SHRI schools are also being developed as Green Schools with features like solar energy, waste management, and nutrition gardens.
- The scheme has a total budget outlay of ₹27,360 crore for the period 2022–23 to 2026–27.

Static Part:

- PM SHRI Full Form – Prime Minister Schools for Rising India
- PM SHRI Launch Date – 7 September 2022
- Total Schools Targeted – Over 14,500
- Related Policy – National Education Policy (NEP) 2020
- Total Budget Outlay – ₹27,360 crore





Ques: What new feature has India introduced for Census enumerators in Census 2027 to improve identity verification and data collection?

- A) Biometric passports
- B) Smart tablets only
- C) QR-code-enabled identity cards
- D) Facial recognition badges
- E) Digital voting cards

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India introduced QR-code-enabled identity cards for Census enumerators for the upcoming Census 2027.
- The initiative aims to improve identity verification and data collection during the Census process.
- The first phase of Census 2027 started on 1 April 2026 and will continue till 30 September 2026.
- Around 30 lakh enumerators are participating in the nationwide Census exercise.
- Under the QR-code system, residents can scan the code on the enumerator's identity card to verify their identity and official assignment details.
- The system is especially useful in urban areas, gated communities, and high-security residential zones.
- In selected areas such as Noida and Ghaziabad, the self-enumeration facility was available from 7 May to 21 May 2026.

Static Part:

- Census 2027 First Phase – 1 April 2026 to 30 September 2026
- Total Enumerators Involved – Around 30 lakh
- Self-Enumeration Areas – Noida and Ghaziabad
- Purpose of QR-code System – Identity verification and official authentication





Ques: India-Oman CEPA is expected to come into force from which date?

- A) 1 January 2026
- B) 1 March 2026
- C) 1 June 2026
- D) 1 July 2026
- E) 15 August 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Oman signed the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement on 18 December 2025 in Muscat.
- Piyush Goyal stated that the agreement is expected to become operational from 1 June 2026 after discussions with the Oman negotiating team.
- The agreement was signed with Oman's Commerce Minister Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef.
- Under this CEPA, Oman has offered zero-duty access on 98.08% tariff lines, covering 99.38% of India's exports by value.
- The agreement will benefit sectors like textiles, leather, gems & jewellery, engineering goods, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, and automobiles.
- Oman has also provided market access in 127 service sub-sectors, including IT, finance, healthcare, education, and professional services.

Static Part:

- CEPA Full Form – Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement
- Agreement Signing Date – 18 December 2025
- Signing Venue – Muscat, Oman
- Expected Operational Date – 1 June 2026
- Key Beneficiary Sectors – Textiles, Pharma, Engineering Goods, Agriculture, Automobiles





Ques: What is observed on May 8–9 every year to honour the victims of the Second World War (1939–1945)?

- A) International Peace Day
- B) World War Heroes Day
- C) Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War
- D) Victory in Europe Day
- E) Global Memorial Day

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- May 8 to May 9 is observed as the Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War.
- The observance honours all victims of the Second World War.
- It serves as a reminder of the suffering caused by war and the importance of peace, reconciliation, and international cooperation.
- The year 2026 marks the 81st anniversary of the end of the Second World War.
- World War II lasted from 1939 to 1945 and involved most of the world's nations.
- The observance was established by the United Nations to promote remembrance and global peace.

Static Part:

- Observance Dates – 8–9 May
- Purpose – Honour victims of World War II
- World War II Duration – 1939 to 1945
- Organising Body – United Nations
- 2026 Anniversary – 81st Anniversary of the end of World War II





Ques: ICICI Bank launched India's first dollar-denominated debit card in partnership with which company?

- A) Mastercard
- B) RuPay
- C) Visa
- D) American Express
- E) PayPal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ICICI Bank, in partnership with Visa, launched India's first dollar-denominated debit card.
- The debit card has been launched from ICICI Bank's IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City.
- The initiative aims to provide innovative global banking solutions to NRI customers.
- Dollar-denominated cards help customers make international transactions directly in US dollars.
- The card is specially designed to facilitate seamless overseas payments and banking convenience.
- GIFT City serves as India's international financial services hub.

Static Part:

- ICICI Bank Founded – 1994
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi
- Visa Headquarters – California, USA
- GIFT Full Form – Gujarat International Finance Tec-City
- GIFT City Location – Gandhinagar, Gujarat





Ques: What was the all-time high net profit recorded by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) during Financial Year 2025–26?

- A) ₹1.25 lakh crore
- B) ₹1.50 lakh crore
- C) ₹1.75 lakh crore
- D) ₹1.98 lakh crore
- E) ₹2.25 lakh crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

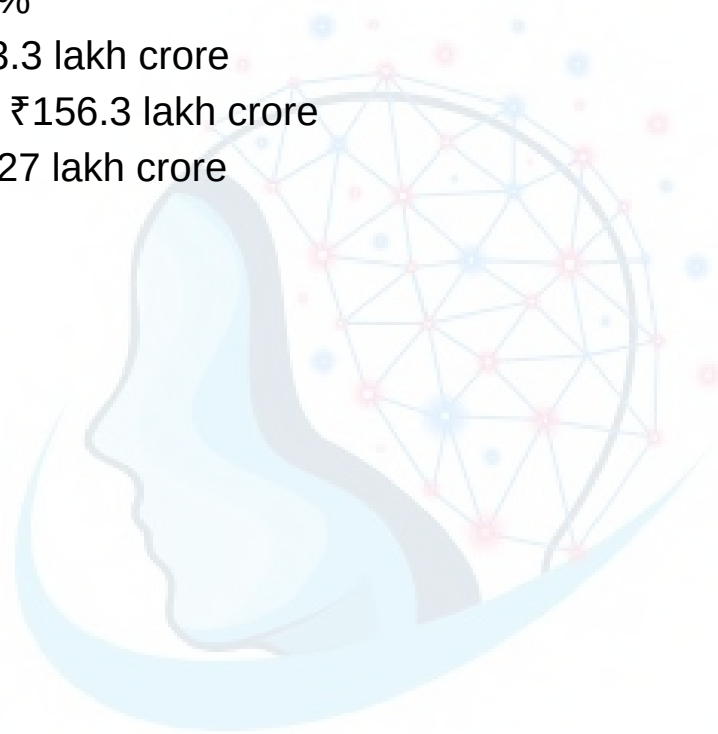
- According to the Ministry of Finance, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) recorded an all-time high net profit of ₹1.98 lakh crore during Financial Year 2025–26.
- This marked the fourth consecutive year of profitability for PSBs.
- Asset quality improved significantly, with Gross NPA ratio declining to 1.93% and Net NPA ratio dropping to 0.39% as of 31 March 2026.
- PSBs registered their lowest-ever NPA levels.
- Total business of PSBs reached ₹283.3 lakh crore in FY 2025–26, showing a robust year-on-year growth of 12.8%.
- Aggregate deposits increased by 10.6% year-on-year to ₹156.3 lakh crore.
- Gross advances grew by 15.7% to ₹127 lakh crore with strong performance in Retail, Agriculture, and MSME sectors.
- Retail advances grew by 18.1%, Agriculture advances by 15.5%, and MSME advances by 18.2%.
- The aggregate Capital to Risk (Weighted) Assets Ratio (CRAR) improved to 16.6%.
- PSBs raised ₹50,551 crore capital during FY 2025–26.
- Operational efficiency also improved, with the cost-to-income ratio improving to 49.67%.
- Aggregate operating profit reached ₹3.21 lakh crore.





Static Part:

- Sector – Public Sector Banks (PSBs)
- Net Profit (FY 2025–26) – ₹1.98 lakh crore
- Gross NPA Ratio – 1.93%
- Net NPA Ratio – 0.39%
- Total Business – ₹283.3 lakh crore
- Aggregate Deposits – ₹156.3 lakh crore
- Gross Advances – ₹127 lakh crore
- CRAR – 16.6%



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Ques: What is the name of SEBI's proposed green-channel framework for fast-tracking AIF scheme approvals?

- A) VAYU
- B) GARUDA
- C) PRAGATI
- D) UDAAN
- E) SHAKTI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India has proposed a new “green-channel” framework named GARUDA for quicker launch of AIF schemes.
- GARUDA stands for Green-Channel: AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement.
- Under the new framework, AIF schemes can be launched within 10 working days after filing documents with SEBI.
- Earlier, the approval timeline for launching such schemes was 30 days.
- The proposal aims to enable faster capital deployment and ease compliance requirements.
- SEBI also proposed a lighter compliance regime for accredited investor-only schemes and angel funds.
- Managers of such funds may directly file placement memorandums with SEBI without merchant bankers.
- The initiative is aimed at simplifying procedures and accelerating fund launches in India's investment ecosystem.

Static Part:

- SEBI Establishment Year – 12 April 1988
- SEBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- SEBI Chairman – Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- AIF Full Form – Alternative Investment Fund
- Earlier Approval Timeline – 30 Days
- New Proposed Timeline Under GARUDA – 10 Working Days





Ques: How much total financial commitment did the Asian Development Bank (ADB) make to India in 2025?

- A) USD 2 billion
- B) USD 3.5 billion
- C) USD 4 billion
- D) More than USD 5 billion
- E) USD 7 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank strengthened its partnership with India in 2025 by committing more than USD 5 billion.
- The commitment included both sovereign financing and private sector financing.
- According to ADB, USD 4.238 billion was committed for sovereign lending operations.
- An additional USD 1.06 billion was committed for private sector operations.
- The funding aims to support India's infrastructure, development, and economic growth initiatives.
- India and ADB will complete 40 years of partnership in 2026.

Static Part:

- ADB Full Form – Asian Development Bank
- Total Commitment to India in 2025 – More than USD 5 billion
- Sovereign Financing Commitment – USD 4.238 billion
- Private Sector Financing Commitment – USD 1.06 billion
- India–ADB Partnership Completion – 40 Years in 2026





Ques: Who is the author of the book “Apnapan: My Experiences with Narendra Modi”?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Nitin Gadkari

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has authored a new book titled Apnapan: My Experiences with Narendra Modi.
- The book chronicles Chouhan’s 35-year association with Narendra Modi.
- The book highlights Modi’s early vision of building a digitally empowered political organisation.
- It also discusses important events such as the Ekta Yatra and governance-related experiences.
- The book is scheduled to be launched at the NASC Complex.
- Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu and former Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda are expected to attend the launch event.
- The book reflects Shivraj Singh Chouhan’s political journey and his experiences working closely with Narendra Modi.

Static Part:

- Author of “Apnapan” – Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Current Portfolio – Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Minister of Rural Development
- Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Ekta Yatra Year – 1991
- Launch Venue – NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi





Ques: With which group will Uber set up its first data centre in India?

- A) Tata Group
- B) Reliance Group
- C) Vedanta Group
- D) Infosys Group
- E) Adani Group

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Uber will set up its first data centre in India in partnership with the Adani Group.
- The initiative reflects Uber's expansion and growing digital infrastructure presence in India.
- Earlier, in January 2026, Adani Enterprises Limited announced plans to invest more than ₹5,000 crore in a renewable energy-powered data centre project.
- The project will have a capacity of 100 MW.
- The investment will be made over the next five to seven years.
- The collaboration highlights the increasing focus on sustainable and energy-efficient digital infrastructure in India.

Static Part:

- Uber Headquarters – San Francisco, California, USA
- Adani Group Founder – Gautam Adani
- Adani Enterprises Headquarters – Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Proposed Data Centre Capacity – 100 MW
- Investment Amount – More than ₹5,000 crore





Ques: Under the revised DGFT norms, what is the maximum gold import authorisation limit per licence for exporters?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) introduced stricter rules for duty-free gold imports by the gems and jewellery export sector.
- Under the revised norms, exporters can import a maximum of 100 kg of gold per licence.
- First-time applicants must undergo mandatory physical inspection of manufacturing facilities.
- Existing exporters must complete at least 50% of previous export obligations before getting fresh authorisation.
- Exporters are also required to submit fortnightly performance reports certified by an independent Chartered Accountant.
- DGFT regional offices will send monthly consolidated reports to headquarters for centralised monitoring.
- These measures were introduced after the government increased gold import duty from 6% to 15% to reduce imports and control trade deficit pressure.

Static Part:

- DGFT Full Form – Directorate General of Foreign Trade
- Ministry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Commerce & Industry Minister – Piyush Goyal
- DGFT Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: Which Indian team won the gold medal at the 20th edition of the Shanghai Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 2?

- A) Men's Compound Team
- B) Men's Recurve Team
- C) Women's Recurve Team
- D) Mixed Recurve Team
- E) Women's Compound Team

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 20th edition of the Shanghai Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 2 was held in Shanghai, People's Republic of China.
- India won two medals in the tournament, including one gold and one bronze medal.
- India's women's recurve team won the gold medal in the event.
- The team comprised Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Kumkum Mohod.
- The Indian team defeated China 5-4 in the shoot-off final after making a comeback from 2-4 behind.
- The final shoot-off score was 28-26 in favour of India.
- This was India's first women's recurve team gold medal at the Archery World Cup since 2021.





Ques: Which country has officially confirmed its membership in the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?

- A) China
- B) Brazil
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Russia
- E) South Africa

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- China is unlikely to become part of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), a global initiative spearheaded by India for big cat conservation.
- The alliance focuses on conserving big cats such as tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, puma and snow leopard.
- Saudi Arabia has officially confirmed its membership in the IBCA.
- Brazil has shown interest in joining the alliance, but its membership process is still underway.
- India will host the first-ever IBCA summit from 1–3 June, with participation expected from around 95 countries.
- At present, IBCA has 24 member countries and 3 observer countries.
- India had around 3,167 wild tigers in 2022, the highest population in the world.
- The alliance aims to strengthen international cooperation for the protection and conservation of big cat species worldwide.

Static Part:

- IBCA Full Form – International Big Cat Alliance
- IBCA Launched By – India
- Focus Species – Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma
- First IBCA Summit Venue – India
- Tiger Population in India (2022) – 3,167





Ques: Who has been chosen as the next Chief Minister of Kerala in 2026?

- A) Pinarayi Vijayan
- B) K. Sudhakaran
- C) V. D. Satheesan
- D) Shashi Tharoor
- E) Oommen Chandy

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Senior Congress leader V. D. Satheesan has been chosen as the next Chief Minister of Kerala.
- He was elected as the leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) after the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) won the Assembly elections.
- Satheesan met Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar and staked claim to form the government.
- The swearing-in ceremony is scheduled to be held at Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Congress-led UDF returned to power after securing a majority in the Kerala Assembly elections.
- Satheesan stated that his government would focus on improving living standards and fulfilling election promises.

Static Part:

- State – Kerala
- Capital of Kerala – Thiruvananthapuram
- Governor of Kerala – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- Legislative Assembly Seats – 140
- Classical Dance of Kerala – Kathakali & Mohiniyattam





Ques: Which state emerged as the top-performing state in house completions under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0)?

- A) Odisha
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Gujarat
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Odisha emerged as the top-performing state in house completions under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0).
- The state maintained the first position from March 2025 to March 2026 in terms of housing completion performance.
- The Housing and Urban Development Department of Odisha along with urban local bodies is responsible for implementation and monitoring of the scheme.
- PMAY-U 2.0 was launched in September 2024 to provide affordable pucca houses to urban poor, economically weaker sections and middle-income groups.
- Odisha sanctioned 24,625 houses under the scheme.
- Around 23,464 sites were geo-tagged for monitoring and transparency.





Ques: What does SEHAT stand for under the newly launched national mission?

- A) Scientific Education for Health and Technology
- B) Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation
- C) Sustainable Health and Agriculture Transformation
- D) Scientific Health Advancement through Technology
- E) Smart Health and Agro Transformation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India launched the SEHAT Mission to integrate agriculture with human health and nutrition.
- SEHAT stands for Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation.
- The mission was jointly launched by Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Health Minister JP Nadda.
- The initiative is being implemented by ICAR and ICMR.
- The mission aims to fight malnutrition, obesity, diabetes, hypertension and micronutrient deficiencies.
- SEHAT will promote biofortified crops, healthy livestock and nutrient-rich fish products.
- The mission focuses on sustainable farming and evidence-based dietary strategies for better health outcomes.
- The initiative aims to reduce malnutrition and lifestyle diseases through scientific agriculture and nutrition-based solutions.

Static Part:

- ICAR Established – 16 July 1929
- ICAR Headquarters – New Delhi
- ICMR Established – 1911
- ICMR Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: What is the theme of the Kimberley Process (KP) Intersessional Meeting 2026 hosted by India?

- A) 3Cs – Credibility, Compliance, Consumer Confidence
- B) Responsible Global Trade
- C) Sustainable Diamond Future
- D) Conflict-Free Diamond Trade
- E) Transparency and Trust

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India inaugurated the Kimberley Process (KP) Intersessional Meeting 2026 in Mumbai under its Chairship.
- The purpose of the meeting is to promote responsible and sustainable diamond trade.
- India assumed the Chairmanship of the Kimberley Process from 1 January 2026.
- This is the third time India is leading the international mechanism regulating global rough diamond trade.
- The theme of KP Intersessional Meeting 2026 is “3Cs” – Credibility, Compliance, Consumer Confidence.
- Suchindra Misra is serving as the KP Chair for 2026.





Ques: Who has been appointed as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom?

- A) Vikram Doraiswami
- B) P. Kumaran
- C) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- D) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- E) Sanjay Verma

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Senior diplomat P. Kumaran formally assumed charge as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom in London.
- He presented his credentials to Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, Scott Fursessedonn-Wood.
- P. Kumaran paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Tavistock Square and Parliament Square in London.
- He also paid respects to B. R. Ambedkar at Ambedkar House in London.
- Before this appointment, he served as Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- He had earlier served as India's High Commissioner to Singapore.
- P. Kumaran succeeded Vikram Doraiswami, who has now been appointed as India's Ambassador to China.

Static Part:

- Country – United Kingdom
- Capital of UK – London
- Currency – Pound Sterling
- Prime Minister of UK – Keir Starmer
- President of India – Droupadi Murmu
- External Affairs Minister of India – S. Jaishankar





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)?

- A) Krishna Kumar Singh
- B) Ashok Kumar Panda
- C) Amarendu Prakash
- D) Soma Mondal
- E) T. V. Narendran

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Ashok Kumar Panda has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).
- He replaced Krishna Kumar Singh in the position.
- SAIL is one of India's largest steel-producing public sector companies.
- The company is working towards increasing its production capacity significantly.
- SAIL aims to achieve a production capacity of 35 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum).
- Currently, the company's production capacity stands at around 20 MTPA.

Static Part:

- SAIL Full Form – Steel Authority of India Limited
- Established – 1973
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Ministry – Ministry of Steel
- Current CMD – Ashok Kumar Panda
- Target Production Capacity – 35 MTPA
- Current Production Capacity – Around 20 MTPA





Ques: Till which date has the Government of India prohibited exports of raw, white, and refined sugar?

- A) 31 March 2026
- B) 30 June 2026
- C) 31 July 2026
- D) 30 September 2026
- E) 31 December 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Department of Commerce shifted sugar exports from the “restricted” category to the “prohibited” category with immediate effect.
- The ban applies to exports of raw sugar, white sugar, and refined sugar till 30 September 2026.
- Exports to the United States and European Union under CXL and TRQ quota systems are exempted from the restriction.
- Exports under the Advance Authorisation Scheme and government-to-government exports are also exempted.
- The government imposed the ban to ensure domestic sugar availability and maintain price stability in the local market.
- ISMA estimated sugar production for the 2025–26 season at around 324 lakh tonnes, with nearly 31 lakh tonnes likely to be diverted for ethanol production.
- Production in major sugar-producing states such as Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh was affected, resulting in lower actual output.

Static Part:

- Department – Department of Commerce
- Ministry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Commerce & Industry Minister – Piyush Goyal
- ISMA Full Form – Indian Sugar & Bio-energy Manufacturers Association





- Major Sugar Producing States – Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka
- Related Fuel Programme – Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP)
- Target under EBP – 20% Ethanol Blending



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Ques: In which year did Mal Anderson win the U.S. Open men's singles title as the first unseeded player?

- A) 1955
- B) 1965
- C) 1960
- D) 1962
- E) 1957

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Mal Anderson, former Australian tennis player, has passed away.
- He became the first unseeded player to win the U.S. Open men's singles title in 1957.
- Mal Anderson was known for his strong performances in international tennis during the 1950s and 1960s.
- He also won three Grand Slam doubles titles during his career.
- Anderson represented Australia and helped the country win the Davis Cup twice.
- His achievements made him one of Australia's notable tennis players of his era.

Static Part:

- Country – Australia
- Sport – Tennis
- Historic Achievement – First unseeded player to win U.S. Open men's singles title
- U.S. Open Winning Year – 1957
- Additional Achievement – Three Grand Slam doubles titles
- Davis Cup Titles with Australia – 2





Ques: When is the International Day of Plant Health observed every year?

- A) 5 May
- B) 8 May
- C) 10 May
- D) 12 May
- E) 15 May

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The United Nations designated 12 May as the International Day of Plant Health.
- The day aims to raise global awareness about the importance of protecting plant health.
- Healthy plants help in ending hunger, reducing poverty and improving food security.
- Protecting plant health also supports biodiversity, environmental protection and economic development.
- The theme for the observance is “Plant Biosecurity for Food Security.”
- The observance highlights the importance of preventing the spread of pests and plant diseases.

Static Part:

- Observed On – 12 May
- Declared By – United Nations
- Theme – “Plant Biosecurity for Food Security”
- Focus Areas – Plant protection, food security, biodiversity, environmental sustainability
- Objective – Prevent spread of pests and plant diseases





Ques: When is World Lupus Day observed every year?

- A) May 5
- B) May 7
- C) May 10
- D) May 12
- E) May 15

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Lupus Day is observed every year on May 10.
- The day is observed to spread awareness about Lupus, a serious autoimmune disease.
- Lupus affects millions of people worldwide and can damage various organs and body systems.
- The observance highlights the importance of early diagnosis, treatment and support for patients.
- The theme for World Lupus Day 2026 is “Make Lupus Visible.”
- The campaign encourages better understanding of the invisible challenges faced by lupus patients.

Static Part:

- Observed On – 10 May
- Disease Type – Lupus
- Theme (2026) – “Make Lupus Visible”
- Purpose – Awareness, early diagnosis, treatment, and patient support
- Affected System – Multiple organs and body systems





Ques: When is World Thalassaemia Day observed every year?

- A) 5 May
- B) 7 May
- C) 8 May
- D) 10 May
- E) 12 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Thalassaemia Day is observed every year on 8th May.
- The day is observed to raise awareness about thalassaemia and related blood disorders.
- Thalassaemia is a genetic blood disorder that affects millions of people worldwide.
- The disease affects the body's ability to produce healthy haemoglobin and red blood cells.
- The theme for World Thalassaemia Day 2026 is "Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen".
- The observance emphasizes early diagnosis, treatment support and improved healthcare access for patients.

Static Part:

- Observed On – 8 May
- Disease Type – Thalassaemia
- Theme (2026) – "Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen"
- Main Focus – Awareness, early diagnosis, treatment support, healthcare access
- Affected Component – Haemoglobin and red blood cells





Ques: What delay has RBI proposed for digital payments above ₹10,000 to curb fraud?

- A) 15 Minutes
- B) 30 Minutes
- C) 1 Hour
- D) 2 Hours
- E) 24 Hours

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indian banks broadly supported RBI's proposal to introduce a one-hour delay for UPI/IMPS account-to-account transfers above ₹10,000 to reduce rising digital payment frauds.
- Banks have requested RBI to increase the threshold limit from ₹10,000 to ₹25,000 for smoother implementation and reduced operational burden.
- The proposal aims to provide customers a one-hour window to identify and cancel potentially fraudulent person-to-person (P2P) transactions.
- RBI's discussion paper also suggested stronger authentication checks and enhanced safeguards for high-risk transactions.
- The proposal mainly targets UPI and IMPS-based account-to-account digital transfers.

Static Part:

- RBI Governor: Sanjay Malhotra
- RBI Headquarters: Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai
- Established: 1 April 1935





Ques: How much amount was raised by the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) through 10-year bonds?

- A) ₹2,000 crore
- B) ₹3,500 crore
- C) ₹4,000 crore
- D) ₹5,000 crore
- E) ₹7,740 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) raised ₹4,000 crore through 10-year bonds.
- The bonds were issued at a cutoff yield of 7.74%.
- Bonds are debt instruments through which organisations borrow money from investors.
- When investors buy bonds, they lend money to the issuer and receive fixed interest in return.
- NaBFID is a government-backed Development Finance Institution (DFI).
- It focuses on financing infrastructure projects in India.

Static Part:

- Institution – National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
- Amount Raised – ₹4,000 crore
- Bond Tenure – 10 years
- Yield – 7.74%





Ques: Which committee chaired by the RBI Governor reviewed global trade and financial stability developments in 2026?

- A) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)
- B) Financial Stability and Development Council – Sub Committee (FSDC-SC)
- C) Board for Financial Supervision (BFS)
- D) Central Board of RBI
- E) Economic Advisory Council

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 33rd meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council – Sub Committee (FSDC-SC) was held in Mumbai.
- The meeting was chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.
- The committee reviewed global and domestic macroeconomic and financial sector developments.
- Members discussed emerging risks affecting financial stability, including geopolitical tensions and global trade uncertainties.
- The FSDC-SC decided to closely monitor evolving global trade conditions and their impact on India's financial system.
- The meeting also reviewed progress in inter-regulatory coordination and simplification of KYC processes.
- The committee emphasized strengthening financial sector resilience through better regulatory coordination.
- Senior officials from SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA and IFSCA participated in the meeting.
- The meeting highlighted concerns over supply-chain disruptions, commodity price volatility and global spillover risks.
- The discussion focused on maintaining financial stability amid uncertain international economic conditions.





Static Part:

- Full Form – Financial Stability and Development Council – Sub Committee (FSDC-SC)
- Chairperson – RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
- Meeting Number – 33rd Meeting
- Venue – Mumbai
- Main Objective – Maintain financial stability and strengthen inter-regulatory coordination
- Key Focus Areas – Global trade risks, macroeconomic conditions, KYC reforms, financial resilience
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Established – 1 April



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Ques: Which credit card launched by AU Small Finance Bank is specially designed for first-time credit users?

- A) AU Ananta
- B) AU Lakshya
- C) AU Tejas
- D) AU Prathama
- E) AU Aspire

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- AU Small Finance Bank launched a new portfolio of four credit cards to strengthen its retail credit card business.
- The four newly launched credit cards are AU Ananta, AU Lakshya, AU Tejas and AU Prathama.
- AU Prathama is specially designed for first-time credit users.
- It provides reward points, milestone incentives, fuel surcharge waivers and responsible credit usage benefits.
- AU Ananta is targeted at affluent achievers and offers premium travel and lifestyle benefits.
- AU Lakshya is designed for Gen Z and mid-career professionals with grocery, food delivery and movie benefits.
- AU Tejas targets young salaried customers and offers cashback on daily spending categories.
- The cards are aimed at customers across different income and lifestyle segments in Tier-1 and Tier-2 cities.

Static Part:

- Bank Name – AU Small Finance Bank
- Established – 2017
- Headquarters – Jaipur, Rajasthan
- CEO & MD – Sanjay Agarwal
- Tagline – “Badlaav Humse Hai”
- Credit Cards Launched – AU Ananta, AU Lakshya, AU Tejas, AU Prathama
- Card for First-Time Users – AU Prathama





Ques: The Government recently increased customs duty on gold and silver imports from 5% to what percentage?

- A) 6%
- B) 8%
- C) 10%
- D) 12%
- E) 15%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Central Government increased the customs duty on imports of gold and silver from 5% to 10%.
- The Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) was also increased from 1% to 5%.
- With the hike, the total effective import duty on gold and silver increased to around 18.4% including IGST.
- Earlier, the effective import tax was around 9.2%.
- The decision was taken to protect India's foreign exchange reserves amid rising global geopolitical tensions.
- The government also expressed concerns about the impact of the West Asia crisis on India's Current Account Deficit (CAD).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had earlier appealed to citizens to reduce gold purchases to conserve foreign exchange.
- Experts believe the move may encourage gold smuggling and affect employment in related sectors.
- The revised duty structure came into effect through two separate government notifications.

Static Part:

- CAD Full Form – Current Account Deficit
- AIDC Full Form – Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess





- IGST Full Form – Integrated Goods and Services Tax
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman
- Ministry – Ministry of Finance



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Ques: In which state was the Bhimmandali Eco Heritage Site inaugurated?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Telangana
- D) West Bengal
- E) Odisha

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Bhimmandali Eco Heritage Site was inaugurated at Naktideul Block of Sambalpur district in Odisha.
- The site was inaugurated by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan from the Ministry of Education.
- The project was developed at a cost of ₹8.30 crore.
- During the event, Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated and laid foundation stones for 304 projects.
- These projects involved an investment of ₹580 crore.
- A new Nursing College at Bhima Bhoi Medical College and Hospital was also announced during the event.
- The Union Minister also launched the Panchayati Raj Samikshya Portal.
- The portal is designed to improve transparency in rural governance.





Ques: Which kharif crop received the highest MSP increase for the 2026-27 marketing season?

- A) Cotton
- B) Sesamum
- C) Sunflower Seed
- D) Paddy
- E) Tur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

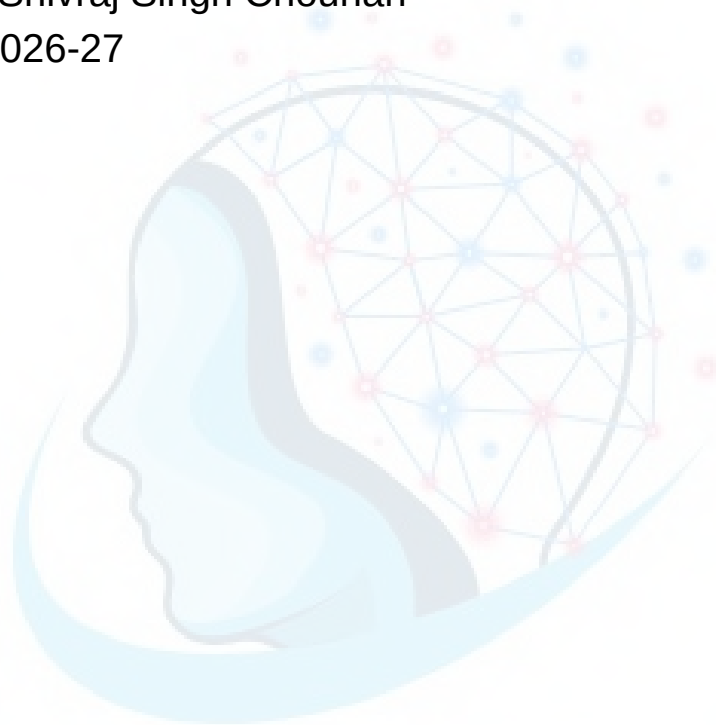
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved revised MSPs for all 14 kharif crops for the 2026-27 marketing season.
- The MSP of common paddy was increased by ₹72 to ₹2,441 per quintal.
- The MSP for Grade-A paddy was fixed at ₹2,461 per quintal.
- Sunflower Seed received the highest MSP hike of ₹622, taking it to ₹8,343 per quintal.
- Cotton (long staple) MSP increased by ₹557 to ₹8,667 per quintal.
- Nigerseed MSP increased by ₹515, while Sesamum MSP rose by ₹500 per quintal.
- MSP for Tur/Arhar was increased by ₹450 to ₹8,450 per quintal.
- Urad MSP increased by ₹400 to ₹8,200 per quintal.
- The government fixed MSPs at least 1.5 times the cost of production to ensure remunerative prices to farmers.
- The estimated total payout to farmers after the MSP revision is around ₹2.6 lakh crore.
- The highest projected margins over production cost are for Moong (61%), Bajra (56%) and Maize (56%).
- The MSP hike aims to encourage cultivation of oilseeds, pulses and cotton to reduce import dependence and promote crop diversification.





Static Part:

- MSP Full Form – Minimum Support Price
- CCEA Full Form – Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- Commission recommending MSP – Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACCP)
- Agriculture Minister – Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Marketing Season – 2026-27



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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2026–27?

- A) R Mukundan
- B) Suchitra Ella
- C) Rajiv Memani
- D) N Chandrasekaran
- E) Kumar Mangalam Birla

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- R Mukundan, CEO of Tata Chemicals, has been appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2026–27.
- He replaced Rajiv Memani in the position.
- Suchitra Ella has been appointed as the President-Designate of CII.
- Confederation of Indian Industry is one of India's leading business and industry associations.
- CII works closely with industry and government to promote economic growth, industrial development and policy advocacy.





Ques: Under which model will the modernisation of Nagpur International Airport be carried out?

- A) BOT Model
- B) EPC Model
- C) Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model
- D) Hybrid Annuity Model
- E) Cooperative Model

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet approved the extension of lease period of Airports Authority of India (AAI) land leased to MIHAN India Limited (MIL).
- The approval will enable MIL to license Nagpur Airport to GMR Nagpur International Airport Limited (GNIAL) for 30 years from the Commercial Operation Date (COD).
- The airport modernisation project will be implemented under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- The move is part of the MIHAN project.
- GNIAL will transform Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport into a world-class aviation hub.
- The phased development aims to increase the airport's handling capacity to 30 million passengers annually.
- The project will improve passenger services, cargo handling capacity and regional connectivity in Central India.
- GMR Airports Ltd emerged as the highest bidder in the global tender floated in 2016.
- The initiative is expected to strengthen the economic infrastructure of the Vidarbha region.

Static Part:

- AAI Full Form – Airports Authority of India
- AAI Headquarters – New Delhi





- MIHAN Full Form – Multi-modal International Cargo Hub and Airport at Nagpur
- Nagpur Airport – Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport
- PPP Full Form – Public-Private Partnership
- State – Maharashtra



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Ques: Who has been appointed for the seventh term as the President of Uganda?

- A) Yoweri Museveni
- B) William Ruto
- C) Paul Kagame
- D) Cyril Ramaphosa
- E) Samia Suluhu Hassan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Yoweri Museveni has been appointed for the seventh term as the President of Uganda.
- The presidential term in Uganda is of 5 years.
- Museveni is 81 years old and first came to power in 1986.
- He is one of Africa's longest-serving leaders.
- Uganda is a landlocked country located in East Africa.

Static Part:

- President of Uganda – Yoweri Museveni
- Term – Seventh Term
- Presidential Term Duration – 5 years
- First Came to Power – 1986
- Uganda Capital – Kampala
- Currency of Uganda – Ugandan Shilling





Ques: “BHASHINI Rajyam – A BHASHINI Sahayogi Program” is associated with which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C) Ministry of Ayush
- D) Ministry of Rural Development
- E) Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Ayush signed an MoU with the Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The initiative is titled “BHASHINI Rajyam – A BHASHINI Sahayogi Program.”
- The partnership aims to integrate the BHASHINI Platform across various Ayush digital services and platforms.
- The collaboration will enable faster AI-powered transcription and translation of Ayush knowledge systems into multiple Indian languages.
- Under the Ayush Grid initiative, several portals, applications and AI-enabled services will be made available in all 22 scheduled languages.
- The initiative will strengthen multilingual accessibility in Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy.
- The MoU was signed by Subodh Kumar and Amitabh Nag, CEO of DIBD.
- The initiative aims to improve digital healthcare accessibility through multilingual AI-driven platforms.

Static Part:

- Ministry of Ayush Established – 2014
- MeitY – Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- BHASHINI – National Language Digital Public Infrastructure
- Languages Covered – 22 Scheduled Languages





- Ayush Grid – Digital Healthcare & Wellness Platform
- CEO, Digital India BHASHINI Division – Amitabh Nag



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Ques: What is the total number of post offices in India after the recent expansion by India Post?

- A) 1,25,000
- B) 1,45,500
- C) 1,54,250
- D) 1,64,999
- E) 1,75,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India Post added more than 11,000 post offices in the last four years.
- With this expansion, its reach now covers nearly 90% of rural geography in India.
- The expansion has strengthened India Post's role as a last-mile logistics partner.
- The total postal network has reached 1,64,999 post offices.
- India Post is now one of the largest postal networks in the world.
- The department achieved a record revenue of ₹15,296 crore in FY26.
- Revenue registered a strong 16% year-on-year growth.
- This was the first time in several years that India Post recorded revenue growth above 15%.
- The performance reflects a shift toward a revenue-driven business model.





Ques: IEPFA signed an MoU with which organisation to strengthen investor awareness initiatives?

- A) RBI
- B) SEBI
- C) Prasar Bharati
- D) NSE
- E) NABARD

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) signed an MoU with Prasar Bharati to strengthen nationwide investor awareness initiatives.
- The initiative will disseminate informative scroll messages through Doordarshan National and Regional channels.
- The MoU signing event was presided over by Anita Shah Akella, CEO of IEPFA and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- The agreement aims to promote financial literacy, investor protection and safe investing practices.
- The campaign will spread awareness regarding unclaimed dividends and shares transferred to IEPFA.
- Investors will also be informed about filing claims through Form IEPF-5 and using the Search Facility.
- The initiative aims to reach people in remote and underserved regions through Doordarshan's extensive network.
- The MoU was formally signed by Aditya Sinha and Sanjay Prasad.
- The collaboration focuses on fraud prevention and encouraging informed investment decisions.

Static Part:

- IEPFA Full Form – Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority
- Ministry – Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- Prasar Bharati Established – 23 November 1997
- CEO of IEPFA – Anita Shah Akella
- Prasar Bharati Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: Which state was named as an “Exemplar” among Coastal States in the LEADS 2025 Report?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Kerala
- E) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, released the LEADS 2025 Report.
- LEADS stands for Logistics Ease Across Different States.
- The report assesses the efficiency of logistics services across states and Union Territories.
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal released the report.
- LEADS 2025 is the 7th edition of the report.
- This edition introduced a new four-tier performance framework.
- The four tiers are Exemplars, High Performers, Accelerators and Growth Seekers.
- Tamil Nadu was declared an “Exemplar” among Coastal States.

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Ques: Under which scheme will the Grih Pravesh of 5 lakh houses be launched in Maharashtra?

- A) PMAY-Urban
- B) PMGSY
- C) PMAY-Gramin
- D) Smart Cities Mission
- E) DAY-NRLM

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will attend the PMAY-G Beneficiary Conference and Maha Awaas Abhiyan Award Ceremony in Satara.
- During the programme, he will launch the Grih Pravesh of 5 lakh completed houses under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).
- The Union Minister will also hand over house keys to beneficiaries, including the beneficiary associated with completion of the 3 croreth PMAY-G house.
- A PMAY-G Mother Sanction worth ₹8,368.50 crore for Maharashtra for FY 2026–27 will also be issued.
- Approval for 35 road projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-IV) worth ₹122.98 crore will also be announced.
- The approved road projects will cover 95.99 km and benefit 35 rural habitations in Maharashtra.
- PMAY-G aims to provide pucca houses with basic amenities to eligible rural households across India.
- The programme highlights the government's focus on rural housing and infrastructure development.

Static Part:

- PMAY-G Launch Year – 2016
- Ministry – Ministry of Rural Development





- Union Minister – Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- PMGSY Launch Year – 2000
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra – Devendra Fadnavis
- Deputy Chief Ministers – Eknath Shinde & Ajit Pawar



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Ques: In which state will India's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard be developed?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop the country's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard.
- The proposed shipyard will be developed at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu.
- The shipyard will have an annual shipbuilding capacity of 2.5 Million Gross Tonnage (GT).
- The MoU was signed between HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering (HD KSOE), National Shipbuilding & Heavy Industries Park Tamil Nadu Limited (NSHIP-TN), and Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL).
- Under Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, India aims to become one of the top five shipbuilding nations globally.
- India has targeted a shipbuilding output of 4.5 Million Gross Tonnage (GT) annually by 2047.





Ques: On which date is International Nurses Day observed every year?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- International Nurses Day is observed annually on May 12.
- The day marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, who is regarded as the founder of modern nursing.
- The observance honours the dedication, expertise and valuable contributions of nurses worldwide.
- Nurses play a vital role in healthcare systems by providing patient care, emergency support and medical assistance.
- The theme for International Nurses Day 2026 is “Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives”.
- The theme highlights the importance of empowering nurses to strengthen healthcare services globally.





Ques: Which foreign bank received approval for a proposed strategic investment in RBL Bank?

- A) HSBC
- B) DBS Bank
- C) Emirates NBD
- D) Standard Chartered
- E) Barclays

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBL Bank received regulatory and government approvals for a proposed strategic investment by Emirates NBD.
- The proposed investment is valued at nearly 3 billion US dollars.
- In Indian currency, the investment is estimated at around ₹26,850 crore.
- Following the transaction, Emirates NBD's final shareholding is expected to range between 51% and 74%.
- The deal reflects growing foreign investment interest in India's banking sector.
- Emirates NBD is one of the leading banking groups in the Middle East region.
- RBL Bank is a prominent private sector bank in India offering retail and corporate banking services.





Ques: Which institution issued a Master Direction on incentives for currency distribution and exchange, along with penalties for deficiencies in customer service and reporting?

- A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- B) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- C) Reserve Bank of India
- D) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- E) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India issued a Master Direction on incentives for currency distribution and exchange.
- The direction also includes penalties for deficiencies in customer service and reporting by bank branches and Currency Chests (CCs).
- A scheme of penal interest and penalties has been introduced to ensure accurate and timely reporting of Currency Chest transactions.
- The scheme also aims to improve customer service delivery through banks, branches and ATMs.
- These provisions apply to all banks, while Currency Chest-related penalties apply to banks operating Currency Chests.
- Currency Chests are authorised facilities set up by selected scheduled banks to support the distribution of banknotes and coins.
- Banks opening Currency Chests in North-Eastern states and remote or hilly regions of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are eligible for 100% capital expenditure reimbursement up to ₹50 lakh.
- Such Currency Chests are also eligible for 50% reimbursement of revenue expenditure for the first five years.
- RBI announced ₹2 per packet incentive for exchange of soiled notes of ₹50 and below denomination.
- An incentive of ₹2 per piece has been fixed for mutilated note adjudication.
- Banks will receive ₹65 per coin bag for coin distribution.





- An additional ₹10 per bag incentive is allowed in rural and semi-urban areas certified by auditors.
- Under the Linkage Scheme with Currency Chests, incentives are ₹11 per 100 pieces for large CCs and ₹8 per 100 pieces for other CCs.
- RBI imposed a penalty of ₹10,000 for any deficiency in exchange-related customer service.
- Examples of deficiency include non-issue of coins over the counter and refusal to accept lower denomination notes.
- Refusal to exchange soiled, mutilated or imperfect notes also attracts penalties.
- A penalty of ₹5 lakh will be imposed if more than five service deficiencies are found in a branch during a calendar year.
- Reserve Bank of India also imposed a penalty of ₹10,000 per instance for counterfeit notes detected in ATM dispensations or over-the-counter disbursement.
- Non-replenishment of ATMs leading to cash-out for more than ten hours in a month will attract a flat penalty of ₹10,000 per ATM.
- Currency Chests must report all transactions through the CyM-CC portal on the same day by 7 PM.

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Ques: According to the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), what was India's overall unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above in April 2026?

- A) 4.2%
- B) 4.8%
- C) 5.2%
- D) 5.8%
- E) 6.6%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's overall unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above remained broadly stable at 5.2% in April 2026.
- The data was released through the Periodic Labour Force Survey.
- The survey data was published by the National Statistical Office.
- National Statistical Office functions under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- In rural areas, the unemployment rate increased to 4.6%.
- In urban areas, unemployment eased marginally to 6.6%.
- The Periodic Labour Force Survey provides key labour market indicators such as employment and unemployment trends across India.





Ques: India is planning to construct a subsea gas pipeline from Oman to which Indian state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Kerala
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Gujarat
- E) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India is planning to construct a massive subsea gas pipeline from Oman to Gujarat.
- The estimated cost of the project is around ₹40,000 crore or about USD 4.7 billion.
- The proposed pipeline will have a total length of nearly 2,000 km.
- The route of the pipeline will pass from Oman through the Arabian Sea to Gujarat.
- The project gained importance during the Strait of Hormuz crisis that disrupted global energy flows in 2026.
- If approved, construction of the project is expected to take 5 to 7 years.
- The expected completion timeline of the project is around 2033–2035.
- The pipeline is planned through a deepwater route at depths exceeding 3,000 metres.
- GAIL has been assigned the role of lead operator and feasibility planner for the project.
- Engineers India Limited will handle technical feasibility studies.
- Indian Oil Corporation will act as an end-user and participant in the project.





Ques: Under which ministry does the Government e-Marketplace function as a Section 8 company?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Commerce
- C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- E) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Government e-Marketplace celebrated its Incorporation Day 2026.
- GeM SPV is a Section 8 non-profit company under the Ministry of Commerce.
- It was incorporated on 17 May 2017 under the Companies Act, 2013.
- The purpose of GeM SPV is to develop, manage and maintain the GeM platform.
- GeM serves as an online procurement platform for government departments and public sector units.
- On the occasion of Incorporation Day, GeM hosted “GeM Manthan.”
- The theme of GeM Manthan was “Enriching the GeM Marketplace.”
- The platform promotes transparency, efficiency and ease in public procurement.





Ques: The Madhya Pradesh High Court ruled that the disputed Bhojshala complex in Dhar district is dedicated to which goddess?

- A) Goddess Lakshmi
- B) Goddess Durga
- C) Goddess Kali
- D) Goddess Vagdevi
- E) Goddess Parvati

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Madhya Pradesh High Court ruled that the disputed Bhojshala complex and Kamal Maula Mosque site in Dhar district is a temple dedicated to Goddess Vagdevi.
- The court allowed the Hindu community to worship at the site.
- The Muslim community's claim regarding the site was dismissed by the court.
- The High Court quashed a 2003 order issued by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- The 2003 ASI order had allowed the Muslim community to offer Friday prayers at the disputed site.
- Bhojshala is considered a historically and culturally significant site in Madhya Pradesh.





Ques: Which franchise in the European T20 Premier League is owned by former Indian cricketer Rahul Dravid?

- A) Amsterdam Titans
- B) Glasgow Warriors
- C) Dublin Guardians
- D) Belfast Kings
- E) Rotterdam Royals

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Former Indian cricketer Rahul Dravid became the owner of the Dublin franchise in the European T20 Premier League.
- The franchise owned by Rahul Dravid is named Dublin Guardians.
- ETPL is Europe's first ICC-sanctioned multi-country franchise T20 league.
- The tournament involves the cricket boards of Ireland, Scotland and the Netherlands.
- Dublin Guardians is one of the six inaugural franchises of the league.
- Other franchises in the league are based in Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Amsterdam and Rotterdam.
- The launch event was attended by Abhishek Bachchan, Saurav Banerjee, Priyanka Kaul and Dhiraj Malhotra.





Ques: Which Nepali mountaineer created history by climbing Mount Everest for a record 32nd time?

- A) Nirmal Purja
- B) Mingma Sherpa
- C) Kami Rita Sherpa
- D) Pasang Dawa Sherpa
- E) Ang Rita Sherpa

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Nepali mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa climbed Mount Everest for a record 32nd time.
- The 56-year-old climber broke his own record for the highest number of ascents of Mount Everest.
- Kami Rita Sherpa started his mountaineering career in 1992.
- He first climbed Mount Everest in 1994.
- Lhakpa Sherpa, known as the “Mountain Queen,” also extended her own record with her 11th successful Everest ascent.
- Lhakpa Sherpa is the first Nepali woman to summit Mount Everest multiple times.
- Mount Everest is the highest peak on Earth with a height of 8,849 metres (29,032 feet).
- Mount Everest is located in the Himalayas on the border between Nepal and China.





Ques: Which company launched India's first SME commercial semiconductor chip production facility at Bhiwadi, Rajasthan?

- A) Vedanta Semiconductors
- B) Tata Electronics
- C) Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt. Ltd.
- D) Dixon Technologies
- E) HCL Technologies

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, virtually inaugurated the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) and semiconductor facility in Rajasthan.
- The Electronics Manufacturing Cluster was developed by ELCINA at Salarpur, Khushkhera, Bhiwadi in Rajasthan.
- Along with the EMC, the Semiconductor ATMP/OSAT facility of Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt. Ltd. was also inaugurated.
- The Electronics Manufacturing Cluster has been developed over 50.3 acres.
- The project cost of the EMC is ₹46.09 crore.
- The Semiconductor ATMP/OSAT facility has been developed with an investment of more than ₹150 crore.
- Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt. Ltd. became India's first Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) to begin commercial production of semiconductor chips.
- ATMP stands for Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging, while OSAT means Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test.





Ques: What was the theme of the 10th edition of the Indian Ocean Dialogue hosted by India in New Delhi?

- A) Blue Economy and Maritime Security
- B) Indo-Pacific Strategic Cooperation
- C) Indian Ocean Region in a Transforming World
- D) Sustainable Oceans for Future Generations
- E) Maritime Connectivity and Global Trade

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India hosted the 10th edition of the Indian Ocean Dialogue in New Delhi.
- The theme of the dialogue was “Indian Ocean Region in a Transforming World.”
- The event was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The dialogue was organised in collaboration with the Indian Council of World Affairs.
- The Indian Ocean Rim Association Secretariat also collaborated in organising the event.
- India has assumed the Chairship of IORA for the period 2025–27.
- The Indian Ocean Dialogue serves as an important platform for discussing strategic, economic and maritime issues in the Indian Ocean Region.
- The dialogue promotes regional cooperation among countries of the Indian Ocean Region.





Ques: What is the name of the mission launched by National Institute of Open Schooling to reconnect out-of-school children with the education system?

- A) Shiksha Setu
- B) Mission Vidya
- C) To Reach the Unreached
- D) Education for All
- E) Back to School Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Institute of Open Schooling launched a major initiative to reconnect out-of-school children with the formal education system.
- The mission is named “To Reach the Unreached.”
- Through this initiative, NIOS aims to bring nearly two crore out-of-school children back into education.
- National Institute of Open Schooling is a premier national board functioning under the Ministry of Education.
- It provides flexible distance learning opportunities for Secondary, Senior Secondary and vocational courses.
- The initiative focuses on inclusive and accessible education for children who have dropped out or never attended school.





Ques: Which state government launched the Annapurna Bhandaar Scheme providing ₹3,000 monthly assistance to eligible women?

- A) Odisha
- B) Bihar
- C) West Bengal
- D) Assam
- E) Jharkhand

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of West Bengal approved the launch of the Annapurna Bhandaar Scheme in its first Cabinet meeting.
- The scheme will provide ₹3,000 per month as financial assistance to eligible women.
- The scheme will be implemented from 1 June 2026.
- Annapurna Bhandaar Scheme will replace the existing Lakshmir Bhandar Scheme.
- Under the earlier Lakshmir Bhandar Scheme, General Category women received ₹1,500 per month.
- Women belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes received ₹1,700 per month under the previous scheme.
- The scheme is expected to benefit more than 2.11 crore women in West Bengal.





Ques: International Day of Families is observed annually on which date?

- A) 10 May
- B) 12 May
- C) 15 May
- D) 18 May
- E) 20 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- International Day of Families is observed every year on 15 May.
- The day highlights the fundamental role families play in society.
- It also raises awareness about social, economic, and demographic processes affecting families.
- The 2026 theme of the day is “Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing.”
- The observance encourages governments and organisations to support family-oriented policies and child welfare initiatives.
- The United Nations promotes the importance of families as the basic unit of society through this observance.

Static Part:

- International Day of Families Observed On – 15 May
- Theme 2026 – “Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing”
- Declared By – United Nations
- First Observed – 1994
- Objective – Promote awareness about issues relating to families





Ques: Sikkim became the 22nd state of India in which year?

- A) 1971
- B) 1973
- C) 1975
- D) 1977
- E) 1980

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sikkim celebrated its 51st Statehood Day on 16 May 2026.
- The day marks the anniversary of Sikkim's integration as the 22nd state of India in 1975.
- The main celebration was held at Manan Kendra in Gangtok.
- C. P. Radhakrishnan attended the event as the chief guest.
- Sikkim officially became a part of India after a constitutional amendment in 1975.
- Statehood Day is celebrated every year to honour Sikkim's democratic integration with India.

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- The highest single-day FPI selling was recorded on 7 May 2026 with outflows of ₹5,697.61 crore.
- Total weekly FPI outflows stood at ₹14,207.20 crore.
- Only one trading session witnessed net inflows of ₹2,969.02 crore, indicating weak foreign investor sentiment overall.
- According to JM Financial (April 2026), FPI ownership in Indian equities fell to 14.7%, the lowest since June 2012.
- A decade ago, FPI ownership in Indian equities was around 19.9%.





Ques: Why did Reserve Bank of India impose a penalty on IIFL Finance?

- A) Fraudulent transactions
- B) Cyber security breach
- C) Deficiencies in regulatory compliance
- D) Tax evasion
- E) Loan default

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India imposed a penalty of ₹3.1 lakh on IIFL Finance.
- The penalty was imposed due to deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
- IIFL Finance failed to comply with certain provisions under the RBI Master Direction for NBFCs.
- The action was related to the Scale Based Regulation (SBR) framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies.
- RBI conducted a statutory inspection with reference to the company's financial position as of 31 March 2025.
- RBI clarified that the penalty is based on regulatory deficiencies and does not question the validity of customer transactions.
- NBFCs are financial institutions that provide banking services without holding a banking license.

Static Part:

- RBI Full Form – Reserve Bank of India
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- IIFL Full Form – India Infoline Finance Limited
- Type of Institution – NBFC
- Penalty Amount – ₹3.1 lakh





Ques: Which bank became the first Taiwanese bank to establish a branch in GIFT City, Gujarat?

- A) CTBC Bank
- B) Taipei Fubon Bank
- C) Mega International Commercial Bank
- D) Bank of Taiwan
- E) Taiwan Cooperative Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- CTBC Bank announced the opening of its new branch at GIFT City, Gujarat.
- The opening marks a significant milestone in the bank's three-decade commitment to the Indian market.
- CTBC Bank became the first Taiwanese bank to establish a presence in GIFT City.
- It is also the only bank from Taiwan with a branch presence anywhere in India.
- The branch was established after obtaining approvals from the International Financial Services Centres Authority.
- GIFT City is emerging as a major international financial and fintech hub in India.
- The new branch is expected to strengthen financial cooperation between India and Taiwan.





Ques: What incentive has Andhra Pradesh announced for the birth of a third child?

- A) ₹10,000
- B) ₹20,000
- C) ₹30,000
- D) ₹40,000
- E) ₹50,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- N. Chandrababu Naidu announced cash incentives to encourage population growth.
- Families will receive a one-time incentive of ₹30,000 for the birth of the third child.
- A one-time incentive of ₹40,000 will be provided for the fourth child.
- The initiative is part of the State government's new population management policy.
- The Chief Minister stated that human resources are essential for the State's long-term development.
- The announcement was made during the Swarna Andhra – Swachh Andhra programme in Srikakulam district.
- The government also plans to strengthen the Thalliki Vandanam Scheme for education support.
- The policy aims to address demographic challenges and promote balanced population growth in the state.

Static Part:

- Andhra Pradesh Capital – Amaravati
- Andhra Pradesh Governor – S. Abdul Nazeer
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister – N. Chandrababu Naidu





Ques: What is the name of the AI-powered verification system launched by the Central Bureau of Investigation to verify notices and prevent digital arrest scams?

- A) Rakshak
- B) Suraksha
- C) Abhay
- D) Kavach
- E) Satark

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Central Bureau of Investigation launched an AI-based helpbot named “Abhay”.
- The system has been developed for the authentication and verification of CBI notices.
- The initiative aims to protect citizens from the growing threat of digital arrest scams.
- Fraudsters use fake notices and impersonation tactics to trap victims in digital arrest scams.
- CBI clarified that the concept of “digital arrest” has no legal existence in Indian law.
- Citizens can access the “Abhay” verification system through the official CBI website anytime.
- The AI system is expected to strengthen cyber awareness and prevent online fraud.
- The initiative is part of broader efforts to improve cyber safety and digital trust in India.

Static Part:

- CBI Established – 1 April 1963
- CBI Headquarters – New Delhi
- Parent Ministry – Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- CBI Motto – “Industry, Impartiality, Integrity”





Ques: India's first satellite-tagged Ganges Softshell Turtle was released in which National Park?

- A) Jim Corbett National Park
- B) Ranthambore National Park
- C) Kaziranga National Park
- D) Sundarbans National Park
- E) Manas National Park

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's first satellite-tagged Ganges Softshell Turtle was released in Kaziranga National Park.
- The turtle belongs to the endangered species *Nilssonia gangetica*.
- The initiative was launched to study the movement, habitat and breeding behaviour of freshwater turtles.
- The satellite-tagging exercise was conducted under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- The project was carried out in collaboration with Kaziranga National Park authorities and the Assam Forest Department.
- National Geographic Society funded the satellite-tagging project.
- The turtle was fitted with a transmitter and released into the Brahmaputra River ecosystem.
- The project aims to strengthen conservation efforts for freshwater turtles in India.

Static Part:

- Kaziranga National Park – Assam
- Kaziranga declared UNESCO World Heritage Site – 1985
- Assam Chief Minister – Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Assam Governor – Lakshman Prasad Acharya
- River associated – Brahmaputra River





Ques: Which rare Ebola virus strain caused the recent outbreak declared a global health emergency by World Health Organization?

- A) Zaire strain
- B) Sudan strain
- C) Reston strain
- D) Bundibugyo strain
- E) Tai Forest strain

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The World Health Organization declared the Ebola outbreak in Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).
- The outbreak is caused by the rare Bundibugyo strain of the Ebola virus.
- More than 300 suspected cases and over 80 deaths have been reported.
- WHO stated that the outbreak poses a risk of international spread and requires a coordinated global response.
- No approved vaccine or specific treatment is currently available for the Bundibugyo strain.
- Cases were mainly reported from the eastern Ituri province of DR Congo, while Uganda confirmed imported cases.
- WHO clarified that the outbreak does not yet meet the criteria of a pandemic like COVID-19.
- Ebola spreads through direct contact with infected bodily fluids such as blood, vomit and semen.
- WHO warned that the disease could spread internationally and emphasized the need for coordinated international surveillance and response measures.





Static Part:

- Organization – World Health Organization
- Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- WHO Director-General – Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- Disease – Ebola Virus Disease
- Affected Countries – Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda
- Virus Strain – Bundibugyo strain
- Emergency Status – Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)



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Ques: During his visit to the Netherlands, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was presented with the historic Leiden Copper Plates associated with which Chola king?

- A) Raja Raja Chola I
- B) Kulothunga Chola
- C) Vijayalaya Chola
- D) Aditya Chola
- E) Rajendra Chola I

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was presented with the historic 11th-century Chola Copper Plates during his official visit to the Netherlands.
- The copper plates are known as the Leiden Copper Plates.
- The plates had been preserved for over a century at Leiden University's Asian Library.
- The collection consists of 21 large and 3 small copper plates.
- The plates are bound together by a bronze ring carrying the seal of Rajendra Chola I.
- The Leiden Copper Plates are considered an important source of South Indian medieval history and Chola administration.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Committee on Empowerment of Women constituted by Om Birla?

- A) Smriti Irani
- B) Hema Malini
- C) Daggubati Purandeswari
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Aparajita Sarangi

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Om Birla constituted the Committee on Empowerment of Women.
- BJP MP Daggubati Purandeswari has been appointed as the Chairperson of the committee.
- The committee has been formed to examine and review issues related to women empowerment and welfare.
- The panel consists of 18 members from the Lok Sabha.
- It also includes 10 members from the Rajya Sabha.
- Parliamentary committees play an important role in detailed examination of policies and governance issues.
- The Committee on Empowerment of Women focuses on measures for improving the status and rights of women in India.





Ques: Under the new Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal framework, which bench will initially scrutinise all pending and future GST appeals?

- A) Single Bench
- B) Circuit Bench
- C) Division Bench
- D) Principal Authority
- E) High Court Bench

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal has constituted benches across India for handling GST disputes.
- GSTAT has issued a detailed framework for categorisation, scrutiny and listing of appeals.
- Under the new system, all pending and future appeals will first be reviewed by a Division Bench before allocation to a Single Bench.
- Cases involving tax liability below ₹50 lakh and not involving any substantial question of law may be heard by a Single Bench.
- GSTAT introduced a three-tier classification system for GST disputes.
- Disputes related to classification, valuation, Input Tax Credit (ITC), refunds, penalties and registrations have been categorised separately.
- Experts believe the new framework will reduce GST litigation burden and improve consistency in tax dispute resolution.
- GSTAT benches are becoming operational in phases across the country during 2026.

Static Part:

- GST Launch Date – 1 July 2017
- GSTAT Principal Bench – New Delhi
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman
- CGST Act – 2017





Ques: During whose visit was the “Framework for Strategic Defence Partnership” signed between India and the United Arab Emirates?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) S. Jaishankar
- E) Piyush Goyal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and the United Arab Emirates signed a comprehensive “Framework for Strategic Defence Partnership.”
- The agreement was signed during the official visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the UAE.
- The partnership aims to strengthen cooperation in defence, maritime security, cyber security and advanced technologies.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi.
- Both countries agreed to expand collaboration in industrial innovation and secure communication systems.
- India and UAE are working towards building a broader and stronger regional security architecture.
- The two nations have regularly conducted defence exercises and strategic dialogues.
- An MoU was also signed for establishing a Ship Repair Cluster at Vadinar, Gujarat.
- The project will be jointly developed by Cochin Shipyard Limited and Drydocks World.

Static Part:

- UAE Capital – Abu Dhabi
- UAE Currency – UAE Dirham
- UAE President – Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan





Ques: Which country conferred the “Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander Grand Cross” upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A) Norway
- B) Denmark
- C) Sweden
- D) Finland
- E) Iceland

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the “Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander Grand Cross” by Sweden.
- The honour was presented during PM Modi’s official visit to Gothenburg, Sweden.
- The award was conferred by Victoria.
- It is the highest honour awarded by Sweden to a foreign Head of Government.
- PM Modi received the honour for strengthening India–Sweden bilateral relations and strategic cooperation.
- This became the 31st international honour received by PM Narendra Modi.
- During the visit, India and Sweden discussed cooperation in trade, AI, green transition, defence, startups, climate action and emerging technologies.
- The Royal Order of the Polar Star was instituted in 1748.
- The honour reflects India’s growing global influence and diplomatic engagement.

Static Part:

- Country – Sweden
- Capital of Sweden – Stockholm
- Currency of Sweden – Swedish Krona
- Prime Minister of Sweden – Ulf Kristersson
- Royal Order of the Polar Star Instituted – 1748
- Crown Princess of Sweden – Victoria





Ques: In which state were three Amur Falcon satellite-tagged under a conservation initiative?

- A) Assam
- B) Nagaland
- C) Manipur
- D) Mizoram
- E) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said that satellite-tagged Amur Falcons have begun their return migration from Southern Africa to Far-East Asia via India.
- Three Amur Falcons were satellite-tagged in Chiuluan village of Tamenglong district in Manipur in November 2025.
- The three tagged falcons were named Ahu, Alang and Apapang.
- The birds undertook a non-stop flight of nearly 6,000 kilometres from Somalia to Northeast India.
- The tagging exercise was conducted under a community-led conservation initiative.
- The initiative was supported by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Wildlife Institute of India.
- A young female falcon named “Alang” was reported crossing the Arabian Sea towards India’s west coast.
- Scientists said the project generated important insights into migration routes and conservation of the species.

Static Part:

- Bird Species – Amur Falcon
- Tagging Location – Chiuluan, Tamenglong district, Manipur
- Tagged Falcons – Ahu, Alang, Apapang





- Supporting Organisation – Wildlife Institute of India
- Ministry – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Capital of Manipur – Imphal
- Governor of Manipur – Ajay Kumar Bhalla



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Ques: Which Indian badminton player won the silver medal in women's singles at the Baoji China Masters?

- A) Shriyanshi Valishetty
- B) Unnati Hooda
- C) Anupama Upadhyaya
- D) Aakarshi Kashyap
- E) Malvika Bansod

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's Shriyanshi Valishetty won the silver medal in women's singles at the Baoji China Masters in China.
- She lost to local favourite An Qi Yuan in the final match.
- The summit clash was played at the Baoji City Gymnasium.
- The tournament was part of the Super 100 badminton event category.
- Shriyanshi Valishetty's performance highlighted the growing strength of Indian badminton at international events.
- The Baoji China Masters is an important tournament in the Badminton World Federation circuit.





Ques: Tata Electronics' upcoming semiconductor fabrication plant supported by ASML will be established in which state?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Tata Electronics and ASML signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

- The partnership aims to strengthen India's semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem.
- ASML will support Tata Electronics' upcoming 300 mm semiconductor fabrication plant in Dholera, Gujarat.
- The fabrication plant project involves an investment of around ₹91,000 crore.
- ASML will provide advanced lithography tools and semiconductor solutions for the facility.
- The collaboration will help in developing local talent, technology capabilities and supply chain resilience in India.
- The initiative supports India's goal of becoming a global hub for chip manufacturing and electronics production.
- Semiconductor fabrication plants are highly advanced facilities used for manufacturing integrated circuits and chips.

Static Part:

- ASML Headquarters – Veldhoven, Netherlands
- Tata Electronics Parent Group – Tata Group
- Project Location – Dholera, Gujarat
- Investment Amount – ₹91,000 crore
- Semiconductor Fab Size – 300 mm
- Gujarat Capital – Gandhinagar





Ques: Who became the first Italian man since Adriano Panatta in 1976 to win the Italian Open title in Rome?

- A) Lorenzo Musetti
- B) Matteo Berrettini
- C) Fabio Fognini
- D) Jannik Sinner
- E) Casper Ruud

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- World No. 1 Jannik Sinner won the men's singles title at the Italian Open.
- He defeated Norway's Casper Ruud in the final match.
- Jannik Sinner became the first Italian man since Adriano Panatta in 1976 to lift the Italian Open title in Rome.
- In the women's singles event, Elina Svitolina defeated World No. 4 Coco Gauff of the United States.
- Elina Svitolina won the women's title at the Italian Open.
- The Italian Open is one of the major clay-court tournaments in professional tennis.
- The tournament is held annually in Rome, Italy.





Ques: India upgraded bilateral ties to a Strategic Partnership with which country during PM Narendra Modi's visit?

- A) Germany
- B) France
- C) Netherlands
- D) Sweden
- E) Norway

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and the Netherlands upgraded their bilateral ties to a “Strategic Partnership” during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit.
- Both countries signed 17 agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs).
- The agreements covered areas such as Water, Agriculture and Health (WAH), renewable energy, critical minerals and semiconductors.
- A major semiconductor fabrication project was announced between Tata Electronics and Dutch company ASML.
- The partnership aims to strengthen cooperation in innovation, sustainability, mobility and defence technology.
- Dutch Prime Minister Rob Jetten held bilateral talks with PM Narendra Modi during the visit.
- The two nations also discussed global trade, supply chains and technological cooperation.
- The visit marked a new phase in India–Netherlands diplomatic and economic relations.

Static Part:

- Country Partner – Netherlands
- Capital of Netherlands – Amsterdam
- Prime Minister of Netherlands – Rob Jetten





- Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Indian Company Involved – Tata Electronics
- Dutch Semiconductor Company – ASML



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Ques: World Hypertension Day is observed globally on which date?

- A) 12 May
- B) 15 May
- C) 17 May
- D) 20 May
- E) 22 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Hypertension Day is observed globally on 17 May every year.
- The day aims to raise awareness about high blood pressure or Hypertension.
- It is observed as part of Hypertension Awareness Month.
- Hypertension is often called the “Silent Killer” because it may not show symptoms but can lead to serious health problems.
- The 2026 theme is “Controlling Hypertension Together: Check Your Blood Pressure Regularly, Defeat the Silent Killer.”
- The campaign encourages people to monitor their blood pressure regularly and adopt healthy lifestyles.
- Awareness activities are conducted worldwide to reduce the risks of heart disease and stroke caused by hypertension.





Ques: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) 12 May
- B) 15 May
- C) 17 May
- D) 20 May
- E) 21 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed every year on 17 May.
- The 2026 theme was “Digital lifelines: Strengthening resilience in a connected world.”
- The day commemorates the founding of the International Telecommunication Union in 1865 in Paris.
- International Telecommunication Union is the United Nations agency for digital technologies.
- It is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for matters related to information and communication technologies (ICTs).
- The observance highlights the importance of digital connectivity and resilient communication systems worldwide.





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

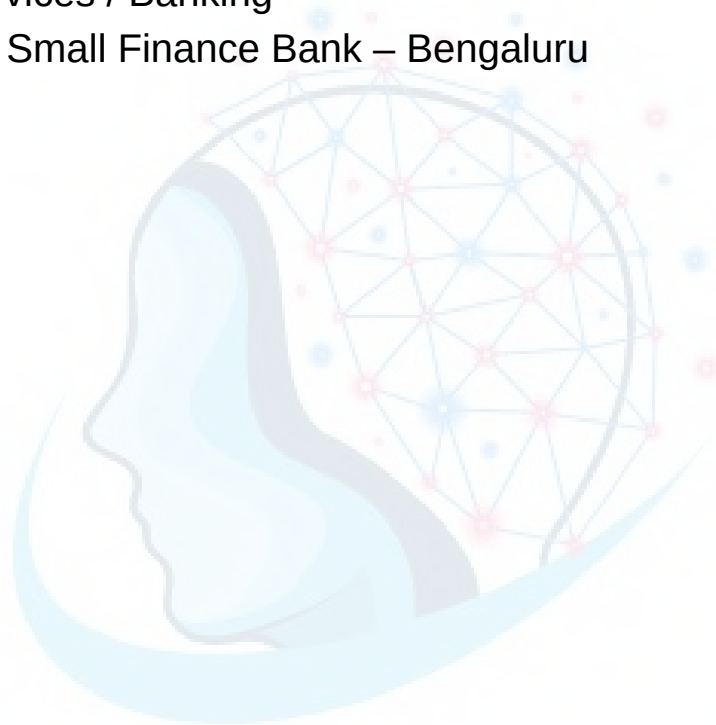
- TVS Venu Group will acquire a 9.9% stake in Jana Small Finance Bank for around ₹193 crore.
- The acquisition will be done through a mix of primary warrant subscription and secondary share purchase.
- Around 4.9% stake will be directly held by TVS Motor Company.
- The transaction is expected to be completed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





Static Part:

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



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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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



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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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

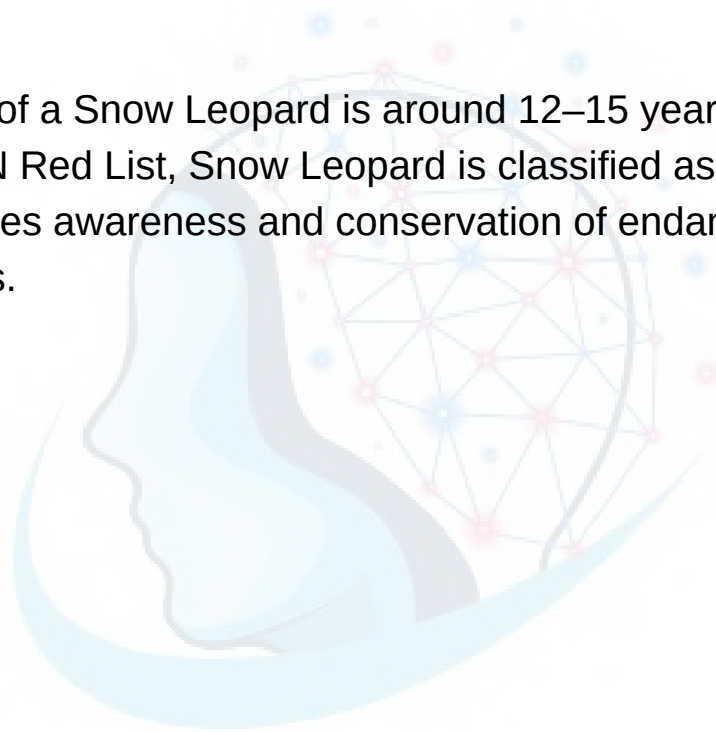




- Estimated Global Population (2023) – 5,574
- Lifespan – 12–15 Years
- Summit Name – IBCA Summit 2026
- IBCA Full Form – International Big Cat Alliance

Additional Points:

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



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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Top Countries Ranking with Access:

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





India & Neighboring Countries Ranking with Access:

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



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Bangladesh Top Trading Partners (February):

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

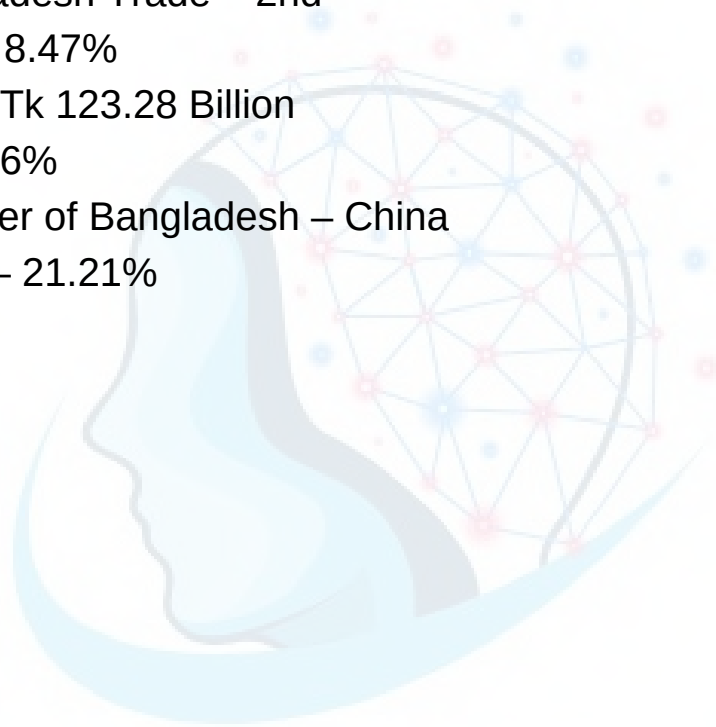




- 5. Brazil – 3.96% (Tk 57.69 Billion)

Static Part:

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



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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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



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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





Ques: Under RBI's revised draft norms, lenders can restrict a borrower's mobile phone functions only if which condition is fulfilled?

- A) If the borrower misses one EMI
- B) If the borrower changes SIM card
- C) If the mobile device itself was financed through a loan
- D) If the borrower has multiple loans
- E) If the bank issues a single notice

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India issued revised draft norms on loan recovery practices.
- Lenders will not be allowed to disable or restrict a borrower's mobile phone as a recovery tool.
- An exception is allowed only when the mobile device itself was purchased through a loan.
- In such cases, the restriction can be applied only after the loan account becomes 90 days overdue.
- Lenders must first issue multiple notices, including a 21-day cure period and an additional 7-day notice.
- Banks and lenders must restore mobile functions within one hour after the borrower clears dues.
- If the delay continues, lenders will have to pay compensation of ₹250 per hour to the borrower.
- RBI also proposed stricter governance standards for recovery agents and borrower protection measures.
- Recovery agents will be allowed to contact borrowers only between 8 AM and 7 PM unless authorised otherwise.

Static Part:

- RBI Full Form – Reserve Bank of India
- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- RBI Nationalised – 1 January 1949





Ques: Greece's Eurobank inaugurated its representative office in which Indian city?

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

Answer: Option C

Explantation:

- Greece's Eurobank has established a representative office in India.
- This is the bank's first expansion outside Europe.
- The office has been opened to tap trade and investment opportunities in India.
- The office was inaugurated in Mumbai by Nikos Christodoulides.
- Eurobank has total assets of around €110 billion.
- The bank already operates in countries such as Cyprus, Bulgaria and Luxembourg.
- Eurobank has started offering cross-border remittance services through UPI for Indians in Greece.
- Initially, the India office will provide advisory services and financing options for trade and investments.
- The move is significant in the context of the proposed India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

Static Part:

- Bank Name – Eurobank
- Eurobank Country – Greece
- Headquarters – Athens
- India Office Location – Mumbai
- Cyprus President – Nikos Christodoulides
- Cyprus Capital – Nicosia
- Currency of Greece – Euro (€)
- India Financial Capital – Mumbai





Ques: What is the value of the USD/INR Buy/Sell swap auction announced by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) USD 1 Billion
- B) USD 3 Billion
- C) USD 5 Billion
- D) USD 7 Billion
- E) USD 10 Billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India announced a USD/INR Buy/Sell swap auction worth USD 5 billion.
- The swap auction will have a tenor of three years.
- The auction is scheduled to be held on May 26.
- The move comes amid significant depreciation of the Indian Rupee against the US Dollar due to global uncertainties.
- Authorized Dealers Category-I (AD Category-I) banks are eligible to participate in the auction.
- Under the arrangement, RBI will buy US dollars from banks and simultaneously agree to sell the same amount back at the end of the swap period.
- The minimum bid size for the auction is USD 10 million, and bids can thereafter be placed in multiples of USD 1 million.

Static Part:

- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- Currency of India – Indian Rupee (INR)
- USD stands for United States Dollar.





Ques: Which Indian FinTech company launched “Atlas”, an AI-native lending infrastructure platform aimed at reducing loan processing timelines?

- A) FinBox
- B) Razorpay
- C) Paytm
- D) CRED
- E) PhonePe

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Indian FinTech company FinBox launched “Atlas”, an AI-native lending infrastructure platform.
- The platform is designed to significantly reduce loan processing timelines and improve borrower completion rates.
- According to the company, Atlas can reduce loan processing timelines from nearly three weeks to just 24 hours.
- FinBox stated that nearly 70% of loan applications drop off before completion in many cases.
- The AI-driven system aims to streamline digital lending and enhance customer experience in the financial sector.





Ques: Which payments app recorded a 301% growth in transaction volumes during Financial Year 2025–26?

- A) PhonePe
- B) Google Pay
- C) Paytm
- D) BHIM
- E) Amazon Pay

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The BHIM Payments App recorded a massive 301% growth in transaction volumes during Financial Year 2025–26.
- The data was released by NPCI BHIM Services Limited.
- Monthly transactions on the BHIM app increased from 5.93 crore in April 2025 to 21.6 crore in March 2026.
- In April 2026 alone, the app recorded 22.49 crore transactions worth ₹26,040 crore.
- BHIM stands for Bharat Interface for Money and is a UPI-based digital payment application.
- The app is managed by NPCI BHIM Services Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India.

Static Part:

- BHIM Full Form – Bharat Interface for Money
- NPCI Full Form – National Payments Corporation of India
- NPCI Headquarters – Mumbai
- NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL) Established – 2024
- NBSL Headquarters – Mumbai
- UPI Full Form – Unified Payments Interface





Ques: Which prestigious honour of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) was conferred upon Narendra Modi?

- A) World Food Prize
- B) Agricola Medal
- C) Global Farmer Award
- D) FAO Excellence Award
- E) Green Agriculture Medal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the prestigious Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- The award ceremony was held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy.
- The medal was presented by Qu Dongyu.
- PM Modi dedicated the honour to India's farmers, livestock rearers, fish farmers, agricultural scientists and workers.
- He stated that the award reflects India's commitment towards food security, sustainable development and human welfare.
- PM Modi highlighted that India is promoting climate-resilient and future-ready agriculture with the help of technology.
- The Agricola Medal is the highest honour conferred by the Director-General of FAO.

Static Part:

- FAO Full Form – Food and Agriculture Organization
- FAO Established – 1945
- FAO Headquarters – Rome, Italy
- FAO Director-General – Qu Dongyu
- Prime Minister of India – Narendra Modi
- Award Name – Agricola Medal
- Award Presented At – Rome, Italy





Ques: Who became the first woman officer in the Indian Air Force (IAF) to earn the Category-A Qualified Flying Instructor (QFI) qualification?

- A) Squadron Leader Avani Chaturvedi
- B) Squadron Leader Mohana Singh
- C) Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth
- D) Wing Commander Deepika Misra
- E) Squadron Leader Saanya

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- A milestone was achieved in the Indian Air Force when Squadron Leader Saanya became the first woman officer to earn the Category-A Qualified Flying Instructor (QFI) qualification.
- The Category-A QFI is the highest instructional rating awarded to military aviators.
- Officers with this qualification are certified to train and evaluate other military pilots and instructors.
- The training includes a 22-week course conducted at the Flying Instructors School (FIS), Tambaram Air Force Station.
- Squadron Leader Saanya was commissioned in 2015 and promoted to Squadron Leader in 2021.

Static Part:

- Indian Air Force (IAF) Established – 8 October 1932
- IAF Headquarters – New Delhi
- Flying Instructors School (FIS) Location – Tambaram Air Force Station
- Motto of Indian Air Force – “Touch the Sky with Glory”





Ques: Which organization was recently ruled by the Central Information Commission (CIC) as not being a “public authority” under the RTI Act, 2005?

- A) Hockey India
- B) Sports Authority of India
- C) Indian Olympic Association
- D) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- E) National Cricket Academy

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Central Information Commission (CIC) ruled that the Board of Control for Cricket in India is not a “public authority” under the RTI Act, 2005.
- The decision was delivered by Information Commissioner P.R. Ramesh.
- This ruling exempts the Board of Control for Cricket in India from mandatory disclosure requirements under the RTI framework.
- The case was part of a long-standing jurisdictional dispute that began in 2018.
- BCCI is regarded as one of the richest cricket governing bodies in the world.
- The RTI Act, 2005 aims to promote transparency and accountability in public institutions.





Ques: India and Italy have set a target to increase bilateral trade to how much by 2029?

- A) €10 Billion
- B) €15 Billion
- C) €18 Billion
- D) €20 Billion
- E) €25 Billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India and Italy elevated their ties to a “Special Strategic Partnership.”
- Both countries set a target to increase annual bilateral trade to €20 billion by 2029.
- The announcement was made after talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni in Rome.
- India–Italy bilateral trade stood at around €14.25 billion in 2025.
- Both nations agreed to deepen cooperation in defence manufacturing, critical minerals, clean energy, and maritime sectors.
- India invited Italy to cooperate in civil nuclear energy, port modernisation, and shipbuilding.
- Italy is India’s fourth-largest trading partner in the European Union.

Static Part:

- Countries Involved – India & Italy
- Partnership Level – Special Strategic Partnership
- Target Trade Value – €20 Billion by 2029
- Currency of Italy – Euro (€)
- Capital of Italy – Rome





Ques: In which district of Bihar will the country's third National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) be established?

- A) Patna
- B) Gaya
- C) Muzaffarpur
- D) Vaishali
- E) Bhagalpur

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The government of Bihar approved the transfer of land in Hajipur, which lies in Vaishali district, for establishing the country's third NIFTEM.
- National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) focuses on food technology, entrepreneurship, research, and management education.
- India currently has two major NIFTEM institutions located in Haryana and Tamil Nadu.
- The new institute in Bihar is expected to strengthen food processing education and boost employment opportunities in the region.

Static Part:

- NIFTEM-Kundli Established – 2012
- NIFTEM-Kundli Location – Haryana
- NIFTEM-Thanjavur Established – 2017
- NIFTEM-Thanjavur Location – Tamil Nadu
- Bihar Capital – Patna
- Hajipur is the headquarters of Vaishali district.





Ques: India and Italy will celebrate which year as the “Year of Culture and Tourism”?

- A) 2025
- B) 2026
- C) 2027
- D) 2028
- E) 2029

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Italy announced that 2027 will be celebrated as the “Year of Culture and Tourism.”
- The initiative aims to promote cultural exchange and strengthen dialogue between the two ancient civilizations.
- The announcement was made during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni in Rome.
- Both countries also agreed to deepen cooperation through the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).
- IMEC aims to improve trade, investment, and supply-chain resilience between India, the Middle East, and Europe.
- The initiative reflects the growing strategic and cultural partnership between India and Italy.

Static Part:

- Special Initiative – Year of Culture and Tourism 2027
- Countries Involved – India & Italy
- IMEC Full Form – India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor
- Capital of Italy – Rome
- Italian Prime Minister – Giorgia Meloni





Ques: Which country has formally joined India's Shukrayaan Mission to Venus?

- A) Sweden
- B) Germany
- C) France
- D) Japan
- E) Russia

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's Venus mission, Shukrayaan Mission, received international collaboration with Sweden formally joining the project.
- The agreement was signed between the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Swedish National Space Agency.
- Sweden's Swedish Institute of Space Physics will develop the Venusian Neutrals Analyser (VNA) instrument for the mission.
- The VNA instrument will study interactions between solar charged particles and Venus' atmosphere.
- Shukrayaan Mission will be India's first mission to Venus.
- The Venus Orbiter Mission is scheduled for launch in 2028 using the LVM-3 rocket.

Static Part:

- ISRO Full Form – Indian Space Research Organisation
- ISRO Headquarters – Bengaluru
- Sweden Capital – Stockholm
- LVM-3 Full Form – Launch Vehicle Mark-3
- Venus is known as the "Earth's Twin" due to similarities in size and structure.





Ques: Who has emerged as the highest earner in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL)?

- A) Rohit Sharma
- B) MS Dhoni
- C) Jasprit Bumrah
- D) Virat Kohli
- E) Suresh Raina

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Virat Kohli has emerged as the highest earner in IPL history with total earnings of around ₹230 crore.
- His earnings come from his long-term association with Royal Challengers Bengaluru.
- According to reports, Rohit Sharma ranks second with around ₹227.2 crore in IPL earnings.
- MS Dhoni stands third with total earnings of about ₹200 crore.
- The IPL is considered one of the richest and most valuable cricket leagues globally.

Static Part:

- Indian Premier League (IPL) Started – 2008
- Governing Body – Board of Control for Cricket in India
- BCCI Headquarters – Mumbai
- Virat Kohli IPL Team – Royal Challengers Bengaluru
- Rohit Sharma IPL Team – Mumbai Indians
- MS Dhoni IPL Team – Chennai Super Kings





Ques: Which state received the WHO World No Tobacco Day Award 2026 for outstanding work in tobacco control initiatives?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Gujarat
- D) Kerala
- E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Rajasthan received the World Health Organization (WHO) World No Tobacco Day Award 2026.
- The award was given for outstanding work in tobacco control initiatives.
- The recognition was awarded to the Department of Medical and Health, Government of Rajasthan in the WHO South-East Asia Region.
- Rajasthan was recognised for remarkable achievements in tobacco control during 2025–26.
- The World Health Organization presents World No Tobacco Day Awards across six global regions.
- The award promotes awareness and encourages governments to strengthen anti-tobacco measures.





Ques: Bhuvan Chandra Khanduri, who recently passed away, served as the Chief Minister of which Indian state?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Haryana
- E) Uttarakhand

Answer: Option E

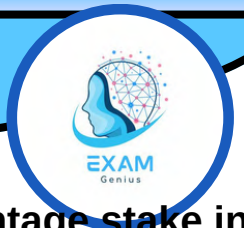
Explanation:

- Bhuvan Chandra Khanduri served as the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.
- He was a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and a former Indian Army officer who retired as a Major General.
- He served twice as the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.
- He also served as Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways in the government of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- He was known for his administrative discipline, clean image, and contributions to infrastructure development.

Static Part:

- Political Party – Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- Uttarakhand Capital – Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)
- Uttarakhand Formation Day – 9 November 2000





Ques: Emirates NBD launched an open offer to acquire what percentage stake in RBL Bank?

- A) 15%
- B) 20%
- C) 26%
- D) 30%
- E) 49%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Emirates NBD announced an open offer to acquire up to 26% stake in RBL Bank.
- The bank plans to acquire 415.59 million equity shares of RBL Bank.
- The offer price has been fixed at ₹282.38 per equity share.
- The total acquisition value is estimated at around ₹11,735 crore.
- The acquisition will be completed entirely through cash payment.
- Emirates NBD has received all necessary regulatory and government approvals for the deal.
- The investment of around \$3 billion is considered one of the largest equity fund raises in the Indian banking sector.
- It is also the first acquisition of a majority stake in a profitable Indian bank by a foreign banking institution.

Static Part:

- Emirates NBD Foundation Year – 1963
- Headquarters – Dubai, UAE
- CEO – Shayne Nelson
- RBL Bank Foundation Year – 1943
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- MD & CEO – R. Subramaniakumar
- Tagline – Apno Ka Bank





Ques: RAINMUMBAI, India's first exchange-traded weather derivatives contract, has been launched by which organization?

- A) NSE
- B) BSE
- C) NCDEX
- D) RBI
- E) NABARD

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange will launch RAINMUMBAI on May 29, 2026.
- RAINMUMBAI is India's first exchange-traded weather derivatives contract.
- The contract has received approval from Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- The product has been developed in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology Bombay.
- Rainfall data from India Meteorological Department will be used for the contract.
- The instrument aims to help businesses and farmers hedge against monsoon variability and weather-related losses.
- IMD weather stations at Santacruz and Colaba in Mumbai will provide rainfall observations.

Static Part:

- Organization – NCDEX (National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange)
- NCDEX Established – 2003
- NCDEX Headquarters – Mumbai
- Managing Director & CEO – Arun Raste





Ques: The Government of India increased stake dilution in which bank up to 8% through OFS?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India increased stake dilution in Central Bank of India up to 8% through Offer for Sale (OFS).
- The OFS received strong institutional investor demand and was oversubscribed 2.35 times on Day 1.
- The Centre exercised the entire greenshoe option due to high investor response.
- The government aims to raise around ₹2,456 crore through the stake sale.
- The OFS is intended to help the bank comply with Securities and Exchange Board of India minimum public shareholding norm of 25%.
- After the stake sale, the government's holding in Central Bank of India will reduce from 89.27% to around 81.27%.
- The floor price for the OFS was fixed at ₹31 per share.

Static Part:

- Central Bank of India Foundation Year – 1911
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- MD & CEO – Kalyan Kumar
- Tagline – Central to you since 1911





Ques: What was the growth rate recorded by India's eight core infrastructure sectors in April 2026?

- A) 1.7%
- B) 2.5%
- C) 3.2%
- D) 4.1%
- E) 5.0%

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's eight core infrastructure sectors recorded 1.7% growth in April 2026.
- The data was released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Among the core sectors, Cement, Steel, and Electricity registered positive growth.
- The eight core industries include Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement, and Electricity.
- These industries are considered crucial indicators of industrial and economic activity in India.
- The eight core industries together account for 40.27% weight in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).





Ques: For which financial year did RBI approve a record surplus transfer of Rs. 2.87 lakh crore to the Central Government?

- A) FY 2023-24
- B) FY 2024-25
- C) FY 2025-26
- D) FY 2026-27
- E) FY 2022-23

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India approved a surplus transfer of Rs. 2.87 lakh crore to the Central Government for FY 2025-26.
- The total surplus transferred amounts to Rs. 2,86,588.46 crore.
- The dividend amount is around 6.7% higher than the Rs. 2.69 lakh crore transferred in FY25.
- RBI's gross income increased by 26.42% year-on-year to Rs. 3.96 lakh crore.
- The balance sheet of RBI expanded by 20.61% to Rs. 91.97 lakh crore.
- The surplus transfer strengthens the government's fiscal position and supports public expenditure.

Static Part:

- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- Nationalised – 1 January 1949





Ques: According to the latest UN report, India's revised GDP growth forecast for 2026 is what percentage?

- A) 5.8%
- B) 6.0%
- C) 6.4%
- D) 6.6%
- E) 7.0%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United Nations revised India's 2026 economic growth forecast downward to 6.4% from 6.6%.
- The downgrade was announced in a report released by United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
- The revision was due to global uncertainties and economic shocks arising from the ongoing West Asia crisis.
- Despite the cut, India remains one of the fastest-growing major economies in the world.
- The report stated that the West Asia crisis has slowed global growth and increased inflationary pressures.

Static Part:

- UN Full Form – United Nations
- UN Founded Day – 24 October 1945
- UN Headquarters – New York, USA
- UN Secretary-General – António Guterres





Ques: Which country topped the overall medal tally at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026?

- A) India
- B) North Korea
- C) Uzbekistan
- D) China
- E) Chinese Taipei

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 was held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- India secured third position in the women's team standings and fifth position in the men's team standings.
- The championship was organised by the Indian Weightlifting Federation.
- China topped the overall medal tally with 21 gold, 12 silver, and 8 bronze medals.
- India finished the championship with a total of 10 medals, including one silver and nine bronze medals.
- India's only silver medal was won by Gyaneshwari Yadav in the women's 53 kg snatch event.
- Komal Kohar won bronze medals in the women's 48 kg category and opened India's medal account.





Ques: Who was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society for contributions to theoretical computer science, including the AKS primality test?

- A) Raghunath Mashelkar
- B) Manindra Agrawal
- C) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan
- D) C. N. R. Rao
- E) Ashoke Sen

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Manindra Agrawal, Director of Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society.
- He was recognised for his contributions to theoretical computer science.
- His notable work includes the AKS primality test developed in 2000.
- The AKS primality test is an important algorithm used to determine whether a number is prime.
- The Royal Society is one of the oldest and most prestigious scientific academies in the world.
- It was founded in the United Kingdom in 1660.

Static Part:

- IIT Kanpur Established – 1959
- IIT Kanpur Location – Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- Royal Society Founded – 1660
- Royal Society Headquarters – London, United Kingdom
- AKS Full Form – Agrawal–Kayal–Saxena





Ques: Taiwan Travelogue, winner of the International Booker Prize 2026, was originally written in which language?

- A) Japanese
- B) Korean
- C) Mandarin Chinese
- D) French
- E) Spanish

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Yáng Shuāng-zǐ won the International Booker Prize 2026 for the novel Taiwan Travelogue.
- The book was translated into English by Lin King.
- The award was announced on May 19, 2026 at Tate Modern.
- Taiwan Travelogue became the first Mandarin Chinese novel to win the International Booker Prize.
- It is also the first book by a Taiwanese author to receive the prestigious award.
- The novel is set in Japanese-occupied Taiwan during the 1930s.
- The winners will share the £50,000 prize money equally.

Static Part:

- International Booker Prize Started – 2005
- Awarded For – Fiction translated into English
- Prize Money – £50,000 (£25,000 for the author and £25,000 for the translator)
- 2026 Ceremony Venue – Tate Modern, London
- Winning Novel – Taiwan Travelogue
- Original Language – Mandarin Chinese
- Author – Yáng Shuāng-zǐ
- Translator – Lin King





Ques: What is the full form of the UMMID Programme launched for improving diagnosis and management of rare and inherited genetic disorders?

- A) Unified Model for Medical Innovation and Development
- B) Unique Methods of Management of Inherited Disorders
- C) Universal Mission for Monitoring Inherited Diseases
- D) United Mechanism for Medical Inherited Diagnosis
- E) Unique Medical Management of Infectious Diseases

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Jitendra Singh dedicated the UMMID Programme to the nation.
- UMMID stands for “Unique Methods of Management of Inherited Disorders.”
- The programme aims to improve diagnosis and management of rare and inherited genetic disorders.
- The event was organised by the Department of Biotechnology at Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- During the event, the UMMED Compendium was released and the UMEED Dashboard was launched.

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Ques: Which Indian water utility was ranked among the world's top five water utilities at the Global Water Summit 2026?

- A) Delhi Jal Board
- B) Chennai Metro Water
- C) BWSSB
- D) Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply Board
- E) Kerala Water Authority

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board was ranked among the world's top five water utilities at the Global Water Summit 2026.
- The recognition was given in the "Utility of the Year" category.
- BWSSB became the only Indian water utility to secure a place among the global top five across three major award categories.
- The board was recognised for its contribution toward achieving United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG-6).
- SDG-6 focuses on ensuring clean water and sanitation for all.
- The achievement highlights India's growing role in sustainable urban water management.





Ques: The First International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit was scheduled to be held in which city?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The first International Big Cat Alliance Summit 2026 was scheduled to be held in New Delhi on June 1, 2026.
- The summit has been postponed to a later date.
- The summit focuses on the conservation of seven big cat species and their ecosystems.
- The seven species include Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma.
- The summit was being organized along with the Fourth India-Africa Forum Summit.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change said the new dates will be announced later.
- India reaffirmed its commitment towards biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

Static Part:

- IBCA Launched – April 2023
- Headquarters – India
- Ministry Concerned – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Objective – Conservation of Big Cats and Biodiversity
- Scheduled Venue – New Delhi
- Summit Date – 1 June 2026





Ques: What is the name of the talent promotion scheme launched by Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta to identify and nurture young talent?

- A) Hauslon Ki Udaan 2026–27
- B) Kala Ratna Yojana
- C) Yuva Kala Mission
- D) Delhi Talent Mission
- E) Udaan Kala Scheme

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Rekha Gupta launched the Rs.10-crore “Hauslon Ki Udaan 2026–27” Talent Hunt Scheme.
- The scheme aims to identify and nurture young talent in Delhi.
- Participants will compete in various cultural and artistic fields.
- These include Classical music, Folk music, Classical dance, Folk dance, Contemporary dance, Fine arts, Sculpture, Pottery, and Theatre.
- The initiative aims to encourage creativity and provide a platform for emerging artists.
- Cultural talent schemes help preserve traditional arts while promoting modern artistic expression.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Commonwealth Chess Association (CCA)?

- A) Viswanathan Anand
- B) R. Praggnanandhaa
- C) Koneru Humpy
- D) D. Gukesh
- E) Bharat Singh Chauhan

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Veteran Indian sports administrator Bharat Singh Chauhan has been appointed as the Chairman of the Commonwealth Chess Association.
- He was elected during the Annual General Body Meeting of the Commonwealth Chess Association held in Wasakaduwa, Sri Lanka.
- Bharat Singh Chauhan will serve a four-year term as Chairman of the CCA.
- The CCA also announced the launch of the Commonwealth School Chess Championship.
- The first edition of the championship will be hosted in Malaysia in October 2026.
- The Commonwealth Chess Association promotes chess activities among Commonwealth nations.

Static Part:

- Commonwealth Chess Association (CCA) is affiliated with the International Chess Federation.
- FIDE Full Form – Fédération Internationale des Échecs (International Chess Federation)
- FIDE Headquarters – Lausanne, Switzerland
- Sri Lanka Capital – Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (official and legislative capital), Colombo (commercial capital)
- Malaysia Capital – Kuala Lumpur





Ques: PRAGATI 2026 multinational military exercise is being conducted in which state?

- A) Assam
- B) Manipur
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Mizoram
- E) Nagaland

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The PRAGATI 2026 multinational military exercise commenced on May 20, 2026 at Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya.
- India is hosting the 13-nation military exercise.
- Troops from 12 friendly nations are participating along with India.
- Participating countries include Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.
- The exercise aims to provide a common platform for professional military exchange and defence cooperation.
- The exercise will strengthen military-to-military ties among participating nations.





Ques: Which Indian defence company announced that its AI-powered UCAV “Kaal Bhairava” will be manufactured in Portugal?

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited
- B) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- C) Adani Defence Systems
- D) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- E) Flying Wedge Defence & Aerospace

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Flying Wedge Defence & Aerospace announced that its AI-powered Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV) “Kaal Bhairava” will be manufactured in Portugal.
- The production will take place at the company’s first international manufacturing facility.
- The initiative is part of “Operation 777”, aimed at establishing 7 global headquarters across 77 countries.
- The project is being developed in collaboration with SKETCHPIXEL, a European company known for advanced fighter jet simulation systems.
- SKETCHPIXEL has worked on simulation systems used for F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft.





Ques: Which Indian digital platform is being adapted by UNDP Zambia for Zambia's Essential Medicines "Track and Trace" system?

- A) CoWIN
- B) Aarogya Setu
- C) DigiLocker
- D) eVIN
- E) eSanjeevani

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- United Nations Development Programme Zambia and United Nations Development Programme India launched a joint initiative in Lusaka, Zambia, to adapt India's Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) platform.
- The platform will support Zambia's Essential Medicines "Track and Trace" system.
- India's eVIN platform was originally developed to improve vaccine logistics and stock visibility.
- The system enables real-time inventory management and temperature monitoring.
- It also helps in efficient distribution of medicines and vaccines.
- The initiative reflects growing India-Africa cooperation in digital health and healthcare management.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change?

- A) Sudha Murty
- B) Medha Vishram Kulkarni
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) Smriti Irani
- E) Rekha Sharma

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Medha Vishram Kulkarni has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- The appointment was approved by C. P. Radhakrishnan, who is also the Chairman of Rajya Sabha.
- The committee consists of a total of 31 members.
- Out of these, 10 members are from Rajya Sabha and 21 members are from Lok Sabha.
- The tenure of the committee is one year.
- Parliamentary Standing Committees examine policies, bills, and issues related to specific ministries and departments.





Ques: Anti-Terrorism Day is observed every year in India on which date?

- A) 15 August
- B) 21 May
- C) 26 January
- D) 2 October
- E) 30 January

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Anti-Terrorism Day is observed across India every year on 21 May.
- The day marks the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in a terrorist attack in 1991.
- The observance aims to spread awareness about the dangers of terrorism and violence.
- Special focus is given to educating the youth about peace, unity, and non-violence.
- Various institutions and government offices organise pledge-taking ceremonies and awareness programmes on this day.
- Terrorism poses a threat to national unity, security, and social harmony.





Ques: Which two institutions signed an MoU to strengthen corporate governance, ESG, and capital market development in India?

- A) RBI and SEBI
- B) NISM and IICA
- C) NABARD and SIDBI
- D) NSE and BSE
- E) IIM Ahmedabad and NITI Aayog

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) and Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- The partnership aims to strengthen corporate governance, ESG, and capital market development in India.
- NISM was established by SEBI, while IICA functions under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Under the collaboration, both institutions will jointly conduct capacity building programmes and certification courses.
- They will also develop executive education modules and training programmes.
- The programmes are aimed at SEBI officers, regulatory officials, and financial sector professionals.
- ESG refers to Environmental, Social, and Governance standards used to evaluate sustainable business practices.

Static Part:

- NISM Full Form – National Institute of Securities Markets
- NISM Established – 2006
- NISM Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- IICA Full Form – Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs
- IICA Formed – 2008
- IICA Headquarters – Gurugram, Haryana





Ques: Net FDI into India increased to how much in FY26 according to RBI data?

- A) \$3.40 billion
- B) \$5.20 billion
- C) \$7.65 billion
- D) \$10.12 billion
- E) \$40.95 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Net foreign direct investment (FDI) into India rose sharply to \$7.65 billion in FY26.
- Net FDI had stood at \$959 million in FY25.
- March marked the second consecutive month of positive net inflows at \$1.57 billion.
- Net FDI had turned positive in February after remaining negative for six consecutive months.
- Net inflows stood at \$4.44 billion in February.
- Gross inward FDI into India increased to \$40.95 billion in FY26.
- Equity inflows rose to \$62.28 billion during the year.
- Reinvested earnings increased to \$25.56 billion.
- Direct investment abroad by Indian firms rose to \$33.29 billion.

Static Part:

- FDI Full Form – Foreign Direct Investment
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman





Ques: Why did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) impose a monetary penalty on City Union Bank?

- A) Failure to maintain CRR
- B) Violation of foreign exchange rules
- C) Levying charges on certain agricultural loans and failure to report SHG data
- D) Cybersecurity breach
- E) Delay in ATM services

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed monetary penalties on City Union Bank, Mintifi Finserve, and Newa Investments for regulatory violations.
- City Union Bank was fined ₹10.10 lakh.
- The bank levied loan-related charges on certain agricultural loans up to ₹25,000 that qualified under Priority Sector Lending (PSL).
- The bank also failed to report Self-Help Group (SHG) member-level data to credit information companies.
- RBI imposed a penalty of ₹3.10 lakh on Mintifi Finserve for not uploading KYC records to the Central KYC Records Registry within the prescribed timeline.
- Newa Investments was fined ₹2.70 lakh for appointing directors without prior written approval from RBI.

Static Part:

- RBI Full Form – Reserve Bank of India
- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- PSL Full Form – Priority Sector Lending
- SHG Full Form – Self-Help Group
- KYC Full Form – Know Your Customer





Ques: How much final dividend per equity share was declared by LIC for FY26?

- A) ₹5
- B) ₹8
- C) ₹10
- D) ₹12
- E) ₹15

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) reported over 23% year-on-year growth in Q4 net profit.
- LIC's consolidated net profit rose to ₹23,467 crore in Q4 FY26.
- The net profit stood at ₹19,039 crore in the same quarter of the previous year.
- LIC's standalone net profit climbed to ₹23,420.43 crore in the March-ended quarter.
- Total income increased by over 14% to ₹2,76,827.17 crore.
- Net premium income stood at ₹1,64,691.21 crore during the quarter.
- Income from investments increased to ₹1,09,022.04 crore.
- LIC declared a final dividend of ₹10 per equity share.

Static Part:

- LIC Established – 1 September 1956
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Chairperson & MD – R. Doraiswamy
- Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”





Ques: Which organisation has been selected as the fund manager for the ₹20,000-crore Maritime Investment Fund (MIF)?

- A) LIC Housing Finance
- B) SBI Ventures
- C) NABARD
- D) SIDBI
- E) IFCI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India selected SBI Ventures as the fund manager for the ₹20,000-crore Maritime Investment Fund (MIF).
- The fund aims to promote investment in India's maritime sector.
- The Maritime Investment Fund is a major component of the ₹25,000-crore Maritime Development Fund approved by the Union Cabinet.
- The Central Government will contribute ₹9,800 crore, which is 49% of the total corpus.
- The remaining 51% will be mobilised from private investors, sovereign wealth funds, institutional investors, CPSEs, PSUs, and major port authorities.
- The fund will follow a blended finance model.

Static Part:

- MIF Full Form – Maritime Investment Fund
- SBI Full Form – State Bank of India
- SBI Chairman – C. S. Setty
- SBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- SIDBI Full Form – Small Industries Development Bank of India
- NABARD Full Form – National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development





Ques: Where was the Indian War Memorial commemorating India's contribution to the Korean War inaugurated?

- A) Imjingak Park near Seoul
- B) Tokyo
- C) Busan
- D) New Delhi
- E) Incheon

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Indian War Memorial at Imjingak Park near Seoul.
- The memorial marks the 75th anniversary of the Korean War.
- It commemorates the service of the 60 Para Field Ambulance and the Custodian Force of India.
- The memorial honours Indian personnel who served during the Korean War period from 1950 to 1953.
- The 60 Para Field Ambulance of the Indian Army played a major humanitarian and medical role during the war.
- The Custodian Force of India was involved in handling prisoners of war after the conflict.

Static Part:

- Korean War Period – 1950 to 1953
- South Korea Capital – Seoul
- Defence Minister of India – Rajnath Singh
- Indian Army Headquarters – New Delhi
- The Korean War was fought between North Korea and South Korea with support from international forces.





Ques: Who became only the second Indian woman scientist to be elected Fellow of the Royal Society after Prof. Gagandeep Kang?

- A) Soumya Swaminathan
- B) Tessy Thomas
- C) Indira Hinduja
- D) Sunetra Gupta
- E) Rohini Godbole

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Dr. Soumya Swaminathan was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society, one of the world's highest honours in science.
- She is the former Chief Scientist at the World Health Organization.
- She also served as the former Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research.
- Dr. Soumya Swaminathan became only the second Indian woman scientist to receive this honour after Gagandeep Kang.
- This achievement created history as she and her father, Bharat Ratna M. S. Swaminathan, became the first daughter-father duo from India to be elected Fellows of the Royal Society.
- Prof. M. S. Swaminathan was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1973.

Static Part:

- Royal Society Founded – 1660
- Royal Society Headquarters – London
- WHO Full Form – World Health Organization
- ICMR Full Form – Indian Council of Medical Research
- ICMR Headquarters – New Delhi





Ques: Which Indian company became the first to surpass the \$120 billion revenue mark in FY 2025–26?

- A) Tata Consultancy Services
- B) Infosys
- C) Reliance Industries Limited
- D) Adani Enterprises
- E) HDFC Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reliance Industries Limited became the first Indian company to surpass the \$120 billion revenue mark in the financial year 2025–26.
- The milestone highlights the company's strong growth across multiple business sectors.
- The announcement came nearly a month after RIL became the first Indian company to cross \$10 billion in annual net profit.
- Reliance Industries operates in sectors such as energy, petrochemicals, retail, telecommunications, and digital services.
- The achievement reflects the growing global presence of Indian corporations.
- Large-scale revenue growth strengthens India's corporate and economic standing globally.

Static Part:

- RIL Full Form – Reliance Industries Limited
- Reliance Industries Chairman & MD – Mukesh Ambani
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- Founded – 1966
- Founder – Dhirubhai Ambani





Ques: Which airport is set to launch India's first automated airport air train system by 2029?

- A) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- B) Kempegowda International Airport
- C) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- D) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- E) Chennai International Airport

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Indira Gandhi International Airport is set to launch India's first automated airport air train system by 2029.
- The project aims to improve passenger movement across the airport.
- The air train will connect Terminal 1, Terminal 2, Terminal 3, Aerocity, and Cargo City.
- The project will be developed by Delhi International Airport Limited.
- The estimated investment for the project is around ₹3,000 crore to ₹4,000 crore.
- The complete corridor will cover approximately 7.7 kilometres.
- The system is designed to provide faster, smoother, and seamless terminal transfers for passengers.
- DIAL studied international airport transit systems from countries such as South Korea and the United States before planning the project.

Static Part:

- IGI Full Form – Indira Gandhi International Airport
- DIAL Full Form – Delhi International Airport Limited
- Airport Location – New Delhi
- India's Largest Airport – Indira Gandhi International Airport
- Civil Aviation Minister – Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu





Ques: Who became the first Indian test pilot to be elected as a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP)?

- A) Rakesh Sharma
- B) K. K. Venugopal
- C) Abhinandan Varthaman
- D) Ajay Ahuja
- E) Prashant Balakrishnan Nair

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Group Captain K. K. Venugopal became the first Indian test pilot to be elected as a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP).
- He is currently serving at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- The Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP) is a prestigious international organisation of test pilots and aerospace professionals.
- The fellowship recognises exceptional contributions and expertise in experimental flight testing and aerospace development.
- Test pilots play a crucial role in evaluating aircraft performance, safety, and advanced aviation technologies.

Static Part:

- SETP Full Form – Society of Experimental Test Pilots
- HAL Full Form – Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- HAL Headquarters – Bengaluru
- HAL Founded – 1940
- Chairman & Managing Director of HAL – D. K. Sunil





Ques: Who has been appointed as the head foreign coach for India's compound archery team?

- A) Kim Hyung Tak
- B) Lim Chae Woong
- C) Mike Schloesser
- D) Reo Wilde
- E) Dave Cousins

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Former World No. 1 American archer Dave Cousins has been appointed as the head foreign coach for India's compound archery team.
- Compound archery will make its Olympic debut at the Los Angeles Olympics 2028.
- The mixed team compound event will be contested for the first time at LA 2028.
- Dave Cousins is expected to join the national camp at the Sports Authority of India centre in Sonapat.
- His contract with the Indian team will continue until the Los Angeles Olympics 2028.
- His reported monthly salary is 12,000 US dollars.
- The appointment is aimed at strengthening India's preparation for the Olympic debut of compound archery.

Static Part:

- SAI Full Form – Sports Authority of India
- SAI Headquarters – New Delhi
- Los Angeles Olympics 2028 Host City – Los Angeles
- Compound Archery Olympic Debut – 2028
- World Archery Headquarters – Lausanne





Ques: Tata Power signed an MoU with which Bhutanese company to develop a skill development framework for clean energy capacity in Bhutan?

- A) Bhutan Power Corporation
- B) Druk Green Power Corporation
- C) Bhutan Energy Limited
- D) Himalayan Hydro Corporation
- E) Bhutan Renewable Authority

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Tata Power signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bhutan's Druk Green Power Corporation.
- The agreement aims to develop a skill development framework for supporting 5,000 MW clean energy capacity in Bhutan.
- The initiative will help strengthen Bhutan's clean energy and hydropower workforce.
- Training programmes under the partnership will be conducted through the Tata Power Skill Development Institute (TPSDI).
- The collaboration reflects growing India–Bhutan cooperation in the renewable energy sector.
- Clean energy initiatives contribute to sustainable development and reduction of carbon emissions.

Static Part:

- DGPC Full Form – Druk Green Power Corporation
- TPSDI Full Form – Tata Power Skill Development Institute
- Bhutan Capital – Thimphu
- Tata Power Headquarters – Mumbai
- Clean Energy Capacity Target – 5,000 MW





Ques: India signed a \$5.43 billion agreement with which country for the procurement of S-400 Triumf air defence systems?

- A) Russia
- B) France
- C) United States
- D) Israel
- E) Germany

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India is set to receive the fourth squadron of the Russian-origin S-400 Triumf air defence system.
- India and Russia signed a \$5.43 billion agreement in 2018 for the procurement of five S-400 squadrons.
- The delivery schedule was initially planned to be completed by 2023.
- However, deliveries were delayed due to the Russia–Ukraine conflict and global supply chain disruptions.
- The fourth S-400 unit will be strategically deployed in the Rajasthan sector.
- The deployment will strengthen long-range missile and drone defence along India's western border.
- In March 2026, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved five additional S-400 systems.

Static Part:

- S-400 Origin Country – Russia
- S-400 Manufacturer – Almaz-Antey
- Agreement Signed Year – 2018
- DAC Full Form – Defence Acquisition Council
- Defence Minister of India – Rajnath Singh





Ques: Which company will set up India's first private-sector Marine Gas Turbine (MGT) repair and overhaul complex in Visakhapatnam?

- A) HAL
- B) Bharat Electronics Limited
- C) Bharat Forge
- D) Larsen & Toubro
- E) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bharat Forge will establish India's first private-sector Marine Gas Turbine (MGT) repair, overhaul, and indigenous development complex in Visakhapatnam.
- Bharat Forge signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Andhra Pradesh through its aerospace business division.
- The project will be developed over nearly 80 acres of land.
- The facility will come up in the Andhra Pradesh Defence Manufacturing Corridor.
- The project aims to strengthen India's defence manufacturing and self-reliance in marine turbine technology.
- Marine Gas Turbines are widely used in naval ships for propulsion and power generation.

Static Part:

- MGT Full Form – Marine Gas Turbine
- Bharat Forge Headquarters – Pune
- Bharat Forge Chairman & MD – Baba Kalyani
- Andhra Pradesh Capital – Amaravati
- Visakhapatnam is known as the "City of Destiny".





Ques: Which former Indian all-rounder announced his retirement from Domestic cricket and the Indian Premier League (IPL)?

- A) Yusuf Pathan
- B) Stuart Binny
- C) Kedar Jadhav
- D) Irfan Pathan
- E) Vijay Shankar

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Former Indian all-rounder Vijay Shankar announced his retirement from Domestic cricket and the Indian Premier League (IPL).
- Vijay Shankar represented India in 12 ODIs and T20 Internationals.
- He represented Tamil Nadu in domestic cricket for over 17 years.
- Vijay Shankar was known for his contributions as a batting all-rounder.
- He also played for multiple franchises in the Indian Premier League.
- His retirement marks the end of a long domestic cricket career.

Static Part:

- IPL Full Form – Indian Premier League
- ODI Full Form – One Day International
- BCCI Full Form – Board of Control for Cricket in India
- BCCI Headquarters – Mumbai
- IPL Started – 2008





Ques: The successful test-launch of Agni-1 ballistic missile was conducted from which place?

- A) Pokhran, Rajasthan
- B) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- C) Chandipur, Odisha
- D) Balasore, Odisha
- E) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India successfully test-fired the short-range ballistic missile 'Agni-1'.
- The missile was launched from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur.
- The Defence Ministry stated that the launch validated all operational and technical parameters.
- The test was conducted under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command.
- Agni-1 is a short-range ballistic missile developed by India.
- The Agni-1 to Agni-4 missile series has ranges from 700 km to 3,500 km.
- These missiles have already been deployed for strategic defence purposes.

Static Part:

- Agni Missile Developed By – Defence Research and Development Organisation
- DRDO Full Form – Defence Research and Development Organisation
- Chandipur Located In – Odisha
- Defence Minister of India – Rajnath Singh
- Agni-1 Type – Short-Range Ballistic Missile





Ques: Where was the 52nd G7 Summit 2026 held?

- A) Rome, Italy
- B) Berlin, Germany
- C) Tokyo, Japan
- D) Évian-les-Bains, Haute-Savoie, France
- E) Ottawa, Canada

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 52nd G7 Summit 2026 was held at Évian-les-Bains in France.
- France held the G7 presidency in 2026.
- India is not a permanent member of the G7 but was invited as a special guest to the summit.
- The G7 Summit is an annual meeting of leading advanced economies to discuss global economic and political issues.
- The next edition, the 53rd G7 Summit in 2027, will be hosted by the United States.
- G7 discussions generally focus on economic growth, global security, climate change, and international cooperation.

Static Part:

- G7 Full Form – Group of Seven
- G7 Members – Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States
- France Capital – Paris
- G7 is an informal grouping of advanced economies.
- First G7 Summit Held – 1975





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

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

Answer: C) Nayana Ovalekar

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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





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

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

Answer: B) Sanjay Malhotra

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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





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

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

Answer: D) 2022-23

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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





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

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

Answer: C) Skydo

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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

Chairperson: K. Rajaraman





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

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

Answer: D) Canara HSBC Life Insurance

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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





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

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

Answer: C) SBI Mutual Fund

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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

Key Term:

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





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

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

Answer: C) \$14.41 billion

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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

Important Full Forms:

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





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

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

Answer: B) Fuel, Fertiliser, Foreign Exchange

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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

Key Term:

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





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

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

Answer: B) 2 years

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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





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

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

Answer: B) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

- **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**
 - Launched: 27 September 2021
 - Implementing Agency: National Health Authority
- ABHA Full Form: Ayushman Bharat Health Account
- **National Health Authority**
 - Established: 2019
 - Headquarters: New Delhi
 -

Key Point: More than 100 crore health records have been linked to ABHA under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). ✓





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

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

Answer: C) July 2027

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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

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





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

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

Answer: C) Third

Explanation:

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

Static Facts:

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

Key Term:

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

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





Ques : RBI and NPCI are considering linking ATM interchange fees with which index?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Static Part:

- Rafale Manufacturer – Dassault Aviation
- Country – France





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

EXAM
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Ques: The Government of India plans to sell up to 2% stake in which company through OFS?

- A) SBI
- B) GIC
- C) LIC
- D) New India Assurance
- E) NABARD

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India plans to divest around 2% stake in Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) through an Offer for Sale (OFS).
- The proposed stake sale may take place in late June or early July.
- The OFS is mainly aimed at institutional investors.
- The government expects to raise nearly ₹10,000 crore through this divestment.
- The government currently holds around 96.5% stake in LIC.
- LIC has been given time till May 2032 to meet SEBI's 25% minimum public shareholding norms.
- The proposed OFS is part of the government's broader disinvestment and market compliance strategy.





Ques: What is the name of the new USD 10 billion financing facility launched by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)?

- A) Energy, Food Security and Economic Resilience Facility (EFSERF)
- B) Economic Stability Initiative
- C) Global Recovery Fund
- D) Sustainable Growth Facility
- E) Crisis Support Mechanism

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) launched a new USD 10 billion financing facility named the “Energy, Food Security and Economic Resilience Facility (EFSERF).”
- The facility aims to help member countries tackle the economic impact arising from the ongoing Middle East conflict.
- AIIB will provide USD 10 billion in financial support over a period of two years.
- The initiative focuses on strengthening energy security, food security, and economic resilience among member countries.
- AIIB is a multilateral development bank that supports infrastructure and sustainable development projects.





Ques: MobiKwik recently received RBI's in-principle approval for which licence?

- A) Small Finance Bank Licence
- B) Insurance Broker Licence
- C) Payment Aggregator-Physical (PA-P) Licence
- D) NBFC Licence
- E) Digital Banking Licence

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Fintech company MobiKwik received the Reserve Bank of India's in-principle approval for a Payment Aggregator-Physical (PA-P) licence.
- The licence will help MobiKwik expand its offline merchant payment infrastructure across India.
- The company identified small businesses

EXAM
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Ques: Which programme launched by SIDBI aims to modernise 10,000 rural micro and artisan enterprises over the next three years?

- A) Rural Growth Mission
- B) MSME Udaan Programme
- C) Gram Udyam Scheme
- D) Digital MSME Initiative
- E) Modernisation of Rural Enterprises (MORE) Programme

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Modernisation of Rural Enterprises (MORE) Programme was launched by SIDBI to modernise 10,000 rural micro and artisan enterprises over the next three years.
- SIDBI also launched “SIDBI MachFin Mart,” a digital platform for MSMEs.
- The platform will help MSMEs access machinery and modern technology through a structured marketplace.
- SIDBI introduced the RRB Co-Lending Portal to support joint lending by SIDBI and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs).
- The portal will help provide loans to MSMEs in rural and underserved areas.
- These initiatives were announced during SIDBI’s 37th Foundation Day celebration held in Mumbai.





Ques: The newly launched LIC plans “New Jeevan Sathi” are mainly designed for whom?

- A) Senior Citizens
- B) Students
- C) Married Couples
- D) Farmers
- E) Government Employees

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched two new joint life insurance plans.
- The two plans are New Jeevan Sathi Single Premium (Plan 888) and New Jeevan Sathi Limited Premium (Plan 889).
- Both plans are joint life savings and protection products designed for married couples.
- The policies cover a married individual and his/her spouse under a single policy.
- The minimum basic sum assured under both plans is ₹3 lakh.
- The minimum entry age for purchasing the plans is 18 years.
- Both policies provide guaranteed additions that increase maturity or death benefits.
- The plans became available for purchase from 1 June 2026.
- LIC CEO & MD Siddhartha Mohanty launched the new policies.





Ques: According to the RBI's new clarification, after completing 10 years of continuous service, a director of a co-operative bank can be reappointed to the same board only after what period?

- A) 1 year
- B) 2 years
- C) 3 years
- D) 5 years
- E) 10 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stated that a director on the board of co-operative banks who has served continuously for 10 years can be reappointed only after a three-year cooling-off period.
- During the cooling-off period, the individual cannot be associated with the same bank in any capacity except as a regular member or customer.
- However, such individuals can become directors on the board of another co-operative bank during this period.
- RBI clarified that while calculating continuous tenure, service in Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs), State Co-operative Banks, and Central Co-operative Banks will be counted together.





Ques: India's total foodgrain production for 2025–26 is estimated at approximately how many million tonnes?

- A) 320 Million Tonnes
- B) 345 Million Tonnes
- C) 376.56 Million Tonnes
- D) 400 Million Tonnes
- E) 425 Million Tonnes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's total foodgrain production for the 2025–26 crop year is estimated at a record 376.56 million tonnes.
- The production is expected to increase by around 5% compared to the previous year.
- Rice production is estimated to reach a record 154.02 million tonnes.
- Wheat production is expected to touch an all-time high of 120.65 million tonnes.
- Maize production is projected to rise to a record 55.09 million tonnes.
- The estimates were released in the third advance estimates by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan termed it the highest-ever foodgrain output in India's history.
- Oilseed production is estimated at 43.05 million tonnes, while sugarcane production may reach a record 500.06 million tonnes.





Ques: India and the US recently signed a framework related to which sector?

- A) Space Technology
- B) Critical Minerals and Rare Earths
- C) Agriculture Exports
- D) Defence Manufacturing
- E) Renewable Energy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and the United States signed the “Framework for Securing of Supply in the Mining and Processing of Critical Minerals and Rare Earths” in New Delhi.
- The agreement was signed by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio.
- The framework aims to build resilient and diversified supply chains for critical minerals and rare earths.
- The pact seeks to reduce dependence on single-source monopolies and protect supply chains from coercive practices.
- The cooperation will include mining, processing, recycling, financing, and management of critical minerals.
- The initiative is considered a major milestone in strengthening the India-US strategic partnership.





Ques: Where will India's first geothermal power project be set up by ONGC?

- A) Leh
- B) Tawang
- C) Kargil
- D) Puga Valley, Ladakh
- E) Spiti Valley

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena approved the extension of the MoU with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) for five years.
- The MoU is for setting up India's first geothermal power project at Puga Valley in Ladakh.
- Puga Valley is located at an altitude of over 14,000 feet.
- The earlier MoU signed on 6 February 2021 had expired on 5 February 2026.
- Under the agreement, ONGC will establish a 1 MWe pilot geothermal power plant in the valley.
- Geothermal energy uses heat from beneath the Earth's surface to generate electricity.





Ques: The “Investors Support” portal launched by ISM is related to which sector?

- A) Agriculture
- B) Defence Manufacturing
- C) Semiconductor Ecosystem
- D) Tourism
- E) Textile Industry

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) under MeitY launched the “Investors Support” portal.
- The portal aims to support semiconductor ecosystem players and investors in India.
- Under the Semicon India Programme, 12 Fab/Packaging projects and 24 semiconductor design projects have been approved so far.
- The portal provides information related to government schemes, policies, approved projects and regulatory requirements.
- Investors can also register grievances and concerns through the portal.
- The portal offers a secure, role-based, single-window digital interface for faster coordination and resolution.





Ques: Which country will host the 69th Governing Body Meeting (GBM) of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO)?

- A) India
- B) Indonesia
- C) Japan
- D) Lao PDR (Laos)
- E) Thailand

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 68th Session of the Governing Body Meeting (GBM) of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) concluded at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- The meeting was hosted by the National Productivity Council (NPC) under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal attended the meeting as the Guest of Honour.
- APO Director for Indonesia, Prof. Anwar Sanusi, assumed charge as APO Chair for 2026-27.
- He succeeded India's Amardeep Singh Bhatia.
- The next 69th Governing Body Meeting will physically take place in Lao PDR (Laos).
- India held the Chairmanship of APO for the 2025–26 term.
- APO is an intergovernmental organisation established in 1961 to improve productivity through regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.
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Static Part | Static Information:

- APO Full Form – Asian Productivity Organization
- APO Headquarters – Tokyo, Japan
- APO Established – 1961
- NPC Full Form – National Productivity Council
- DPIIT Full Form – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- Laos Capital – Vientiane



EXAM
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Ques: The Government of India is selling up to 2% stake in which company through OFS?

- A) NTPC
- B) ONGC
- C) Coal India Limited
- D) SAIL
- E) BHEL

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India announced the sale of up to 2% stake in Coal India Limited (CIL) through an Offer for Sale (OFS).
- The government expects to raise more than ₹5,000 crore through the stake sale.
- The OFS includes a base offer of 1% equity and an additional 1% Green Shoe Option in case of oversubscription.
- The floor price for the OFS has been fixed at ₹412 per share.
- The government currently holds more than 63% stake in Coal India Limited.
- The disinvestment process is aimed at raising government revenue while maintaining majority ownership in the company.





Ques: Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) functions under which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Textiles
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of MSME
- D) Ministry of Commerce
- E) Ministry of Labour

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) operates under the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- KVIC recorded a turnover of ₹1.87 lakh crore in FY2025-26.
- KVIC Chairman Manoj Kumar announced this achievement during a press conference in New Delhi.
- KVIC provides employment to more than 2 crore people, of which around 80% are women.
- Around 12 years ago, the turnover of the khadi industry was only ₹30,000–32,000 crore.
- KVIC will soon launch an e-commerce platform to further promote khadi products across India.
- The growth of KVIC reflects increasing demand for khadi and village industry products in domestic and global markets.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions?

- A) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- B) C. P. Radhakrishnan
- C) Raghav Chadha
- D) Derek O'Brien
- E) Sanjay Singh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha has been appointed as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions.
- The committee has a total of 10 members.
- The appointment followed the reconstitution of the panel by Rajya Sabha Chairman C. P. Radhakrishnan.
- The Committee on Petitions examines petitions submitted by citizens regarding matters connected with public interest and legislation.
- Parliamentary committees help in detailed examination of policies, bills, and public grievances.

Static Part:

- Rajya Sabha is the Upper House of the Parliament of India.
- Vice President of India is the ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha.





Ques: Which company has acquired 100% stake and management control in Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd. (IMPCL)?

- A) Sun Pharmaceutical Industries
- B) Cipla Ltd.
- C) Skymap Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd.
- D) Zydus Lifesciences
- E) Lupin Ltd.

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India approved the strategic sale of Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd. (IMPCL) to Skymap Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd.
- Skymap Pharmaceuticals is acquiring 100% stake and management control in IMPCL.
- The deal value is reported to be more than ₹121 crore.
- IMPCL functions under the Ministry of Ayush.
- The company manufactures and supplies Ayurvedic and Unani medicines.
- The strategic disinvestment aims to improve operational efficiency and expand growth opportunities.





Ques: CHIRAG Centre inaugurated by Indian Railways is related to which field?

- A) Space Research
- B) Human Resource Management & Analytics
- C) Defence Technology
- D) Agriculture Research
- E) Tourism Development

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Railways inaugurated the CHIRAG Centre in Hyderabad.
- CHIRAG stands for Centre for HR Information Systems, Research and Analytics in Governance.
- The centre focuses on HR management training, research and digital transformation in Indian Railways.
- It will provide role-based certified HRMS training for railway employees.
- CHIRAG will also function as a think tank for HR policy formulation and system integration.
- The centre will use technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and predictive analytics.





Ques: The main event of International Day of Yoga 2026 will be organized in which city?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Kolkata
- D) Jaipur
- E) Lucknow

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The main celebration of International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026 will be held in Kolkata, West Bengal on 21 June 2026.
- Union Minister of State for Ayush Shri Prataprao Jadhav announced the venue and theme.
- The theme for IDY 2026 is “Yoga for Healthy Ageing”.
- The theme highlights the role of Yoga in promoting physical health, mental well-being and healthy ageing.
- The announcement was made during Yoga Mahotsav 2026 at the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Khajuraho.
- The event marked the beginning of the 25-day countdown to International Day of Yoga 2026.
- Thousands of yoga enthusiasts participated in the Common Yoga Protocol demonstration.

Static Part:

- International Day of Yoga – 21 June
- First International Yoga Day – 2015
- Ministry of Ayush Founded – 2014
- Ayush Minister (MoS Independent Charge) – Prataprao Jadhav
- Capital of West Bengal – Kolkata





Ques: Under the CGSMFI 2.0 scheme, NCGTC has raised the individual loan limit for large Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) to how much amount?

- A) ₹500 crore
- B) ₹750 crore
- C) ₹1,000 crore
- D) ₹1,500 crore
- E) ₹2,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd (NCGTC) has revised the loan limit for large Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) from ₹300 crore to ₹1,000 crore under CGSMFI 2.0.
- Large MFIs are defined as institutions having Assets Under Management (AUM) of ₹2,000 crore and above.
- The revised loan amount is subject to a ceiling of 20% of the institution's AUM.
- The Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions 2.0 (CGSMFI 2.0) came into effect on 20 March 2026.
- The overall guarantee issuance under the scheme has been capped at ₹20,000 crore.
- Lenders are required to allocate at least 5% of the total loan amount to small MFIs and 10% to medium-sized MFIs.
- The maximum tenure of loans under the scheme is 3 years, including a 1-year moratorium and a 2-year repayment period.

Static Part:

- NCGTC Ownership – Wholly owned by Government of India
- CGSMFI Full Form – Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions
- MFI Full Form – Microfinance Institution
- AUM Full Form – Assets Under Management





Ques: What is the total financial outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the continuation of the SARTHAK-PDS scheme?

- A) ₹15,500 crore
- B) ₹20,230 crore
- C) ₹25,530 crore
- D) ₹30,150 crore
- E) ₹35,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the continuation of the SARTHAK-PDS scheme for another five years with a central outlay of ₹25,530 crore.
- The scheme aims to transform India's ration distribution network into a technology-driven welfare platform and will run till March 31, 2030.
- It integrates foodgrain logistics, beneficiary management, and grievance redressal into a unified digital system.
- It also merges existing financial support for intra-state foodgrain movement and fair price shop dealer margins with the SMART-PDS framework.

Static Part:

- SARTHAK-PDS – Technology-driven Public Distribution System reform scheme
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) – Economic decision-making body of Government of India
- SMART-PDS – Digital reform initiative for Public Distribution System modernization





Ques: Under which initiative was Sikkim declared a fully literate state?

- A) Digital India Mission
- B) Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan
- C) ULLAS Initiative
- D) PM e-Vidya Programme
- E) Skill India Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sikkim was declared a fully literate state in the presence of President Droupadi Murmu.
- The declaration was made under the Centre's ULLAS initiative by Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang.
- ULLAS stands for "Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society."
- It is also known as the New India Literacy Programme (NILP).
- The scheme is being implemented for five years from 2022 to 2027.
- The objective is to make non-literate adults aged 15 years and above literate and promote lifelong learning and functional literacy.
- The programme aims to cover 5 crore learners between FY 2022–27, with around 1 crore learners every year.
- The vision of the scheme is "Jan Jan Saakshar Bharat."

Static Part:

- ULLAS Full Form – Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society
- ULLAS – New India Literacy Programme (NILP)
- Implementing Period – 2022–2027
- Target – 5 crore learners in India
- Objective – Adult literacy and lifelong learning promotion





Ques: At which of the following locations will the five prototypes of India's fifth-generation stealth fighter (AMCA) be developed by the selected private firm?

- A) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- B) Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh
- C) Nashik, Maharashtra
- D) Hyderabad, Telangana
- E) Pune, Maharashtra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Defence Ministry has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to Tata Advanced Systems, Larsen & Toubro (L&T), and Bharat Forge to build five prototypes of the AMCA aircraft.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has been excluded from this ₹15,000-crore programme as part of a push for greater private sector participation.
- The selected private defence company will work with the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) under DRDO.
- A greenfield facility in Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh has been identified for the development of the prototypes.
- The AMCA will be a 25-tonne twin-engine stealth fighter with internal weapons bay and advanced stealth capabilities.
- The first prototype rollout is expected by late 2026 or early 2027, with full certification targeted by 2032.

Static Part:

- AMCA Full Form – Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft
- ADA Full Form – Aeronautical Development Agency
- DRDO Full Form – Defence Research and Development Organisation
- Project Type – Fifth-generation stealth fighter aircraft development
- Location – Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh





Ques: What is the main objective of the Quad's Critical Minerals Initiative launched in New Delhi?

- A) Promote space cooperation
- B) Reduce dependence on China in the critical minerals sector
- C) Develop nuclear technology
- D) Expand tourism cooperation
- E) Increase agricultural exports

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Quad countries launched the Critical Minerals Initiative during the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to reduce dependence on China in the critical minerals sector.
- It focuses on building secure, resilient, and diversified supply chains for critical minerals.
- The initiative also seeks to mobilize up to USD 20 billion through government and private sector support.
- Critical minerals are essential for clean energy, electric vehicles, semiconductors, and advanced technologies.
- The Quad grouping promotes a free, open, and resilient Indo-Pacific region through such strategic cooperation.

Static Part:

- Quad – Strategic alliance of India, USA, Japan, and Australia
- Critical Minerals – Essential minerals used in clean energy, EVs, and semiconductors
- Quad Objective – Free, open, and resilient Indo-Pacific region





Ques: Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the newly constituted high-level committee to address the challenges of demographic change in India?

- A) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- B) Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar
- C) Durga Shankar Mishra
- D) Dr. Shamika Ravi
- E) Justice DY Chandrachud

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Government has constituted a high-level committee to address challenges arising from demographic changes due to infiltration and other factors.
- Former Supreme Court Judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar has been appointed as the chairperson of the committee.
- The committee includes senior officials such as the Census Commissioner, former IAS officer Durga Shankar Mishra, former IPS officer Balaji Srivastava, and economist Dr. Shamika Ravi.
- The Joint Secretary (Foreigners-I) in the Ministry of Home Affairs will serve as the Member Secretary.
- The committee aims to study and recommend measures to manage demographic shifts in India.
- The formation of the committee was announced earlier in the Prime Minister's Independence Day address.

Static Part:

- Committee Type – High-level committee on demographic change
- Chairperson – Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar
- Ministry – Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- Purpose – Address demographic change challenges in India





Ques: India won its first-ever Olympic gold medal in which sport at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics?

- A) Football
- B) Athletics
- C) Wrestling
- D) Field Hockey
- E) Cricket

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India won its first-ever Olympic gold medal in men's field hockey at the 1928 Amsterdam Summer Olympics.
- The team, representing British India, defeated the Netherlands in the final.
- This victory marked the beginning of India's historic dominance in Olympic hockey.
- The achievement was later highlighted in the book "India's First Olympic Gold," released by Indian Olympic Association president P. T. Usha.
- The book was written by hockey historian K. Arumugam.

Static Part:

- 1928 Summer Olympics – Held in Amsterdam, Netherlands
- India's First Olympic Gold – Field Hockey (Men's Team)
- Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President – P. T. Usha





Ques: Which country recently surpassed India to become the world's fifth-largest stock market, driven by the global AI and semiconductor boom?

- A) South Korea
- B) Japan
- C) Taiwan
- D) Germany
- E) France

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Taiwan's stock market recently surpassed India to become the world's fifth-largest stock market.
- This shift was driven by the global artificial intelligence (AI) and semiconductor boom.
- Taiwan's market capitalization reached about \$4.95 trillion, slightly higher than India's \$4.92 trillion.
- The rally was largely supported by semiconductor giants such as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC).
- TSMC is one of the world's most important chip manufacturers and a key supplier for AI hardware globally.

Static Part:

- Taiwan Capital – Taipei
- Taiwan Currency – New Taiwan Dollar (TWD)
- TSMC Full Form – Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company
- Key Sector – Semiconductors and electronics manufacturing





Ques: Who has been appointed as India's Chef de Mission for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow?

- A) Rohit Rajpal
- B) P. T. Usha
- C) Ravi Bengani
- D) Anil Khanna
- E) Abhinav Bindra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's Davis Cup captain Rohit Rajpal has been appointed as India's Chef de Mission for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.
- Ravi Bengani has been appointed as the Deputy Chef de Mission.
- The 2026 Commonwealth Games will be held in Glasgow, Scotland.
- It will be the 23rd edition of the Commonwealth Games.
- Scotland will host the Games for the fourth time.
- The mascot for the 2026 Games is "Finnie," a unicorn, the national animal of Scotland.
- The 2030 Commonwealth Games will be hosted in Ahmedabad, India.

Static Part:

- Commonwealth Games – International multi-sport event
- 2026 Edition – Glasgow, Scotland
- Chef de Mission – Rohit Rajpal
- Deputy Chef de Mission – Ravi Bengani





Ques: Which of the following GST rates has been upheld by the Supreme Court as constitutionally valid for online gaming firms on the full value of deposits/bets?

- A) 5%
- B) 12%
- C) 18%
- D) 28%
- E) 0%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Supreme Court upheld the retrospective imposition of 28% GST on online gaming platforms.
- The tax applies on the full value of deposits or bets placed on real-money gaming platforms.
- The Court ruled that such companies are not mere intermediaries but suppliers of actionable claims, making them liable for taxation.
- A Bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan upheld the constitutional validity of this levy.
- The ruling marks a significant setback for the online gaming industry in India.
- The Court also upheld related state laws regulating or restricting real-money gaming activities.

Static Part:

- GST Full Form – Goods and Services Tax
- GST Introduced in India – 1 July 2017
- Supreme Court of India – Highest judicial body in India
- Key Tax Slab in Question – 28% (highest GST slab)





Ques: Which organisation instituted the Sansad Ratna Awards in 2010?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Election Commission of India
- C) Prime Point Foundation
- D) PRS Legislative Research
- E) India Foundation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Sansad Ratna Awards were instituted in 2010 by the Chennai-based NGO Prime Point Foundation.
- The awards were inspired by former President Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.
- They recognise outstanding performance of Members of Parliament and Parliamentary Standing Committees.
- Selection is based on parameters such as questions asked, debates participated in, attendance, private member bills, and committee work.
- The awards aim to encourage excellence in parliamentary functioning and accountability.

Static Part:

- Sansad Ratna Awards – Parliamentary performance awards in India
- Instituted by – Prime Point Foundation
- Year of Establishment – 2010
- Inspired by – Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
- Type – Recognition for Members of Parliament and Committees





Ques: Which state has recently launched the ₹236 crore “Mission Queen Pineapple” initiative for pineapple value chain development?

- A) Assam
- B) Manipur
- C) Tripura
- D) Meghalaya
- E) Nagaland

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The ₹236 crore “Mission Queen Pineapple” initiative was launched in Tripura.
- It was inaugurated by Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia along with the Chief Minister of Tripura.
- The mission focuses on pineapple cultivation and value chain development, especially the GI-tagged Queen Pineapple of Tripura.
- It is a three-year roadmap from Q2 FY2026 to Q4 FY2028.
- The initiative is anchored by MDoNER and integrates schemes from Agriculture, Food Processing, Commerce, and MSME ministries.
- The objective is to make farmers active participants across the entire value chain—from production to exports.
- The mission aims to strengthen Tripura’s agricultural economy and boost exports.

Static Part:

- Mission Queen Pineapple – Value chain development initiative
- State – Tripura
- Funding – ₹236 crore
- Focus Crop – Queen Pineapple (GI-tagged)
- Implementing Ministry – MDoNER (Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region)





Ques: Which organisation is managing the development of the new space manufacturing hubs in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) NSIL
- D) HAL
- E) IN-SPACe

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India's new space manufacturing hubs in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu are being developed under IN-SPACe.
- Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) is the nodal agency for promoting private participation in India's space sector.
- The hubs aim to support private companies and startups in building rockets, satellites, and related systems.
- Gujarat's Khoraj Space Manufacturing Park focuses on satellite and spacecraft manufacturing.
- Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi cluster focuses on rocket manufacturing, testing, and integration.

Static Part:

- IN-SPACe Full Form – Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre
- Department of Space works under the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)





Ques: Who has been appointed as the 27th Governor of Odisha?

- A) Raghubar Das
- B) Mohan Charan Majhi
- C) Hari Babu Kambhampati
- D) Chakradhari Sharan Singh
- E) Arif Mohammed Khan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hari Babu Kambhampati has been appointed as the 27th Governor of Odisha.
- The oath of office was administered by Orissa High Court Chief Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh.
- He replaced former Governor Raghubar Das.
- Article 153 of the Indian Constitution provides for a Governor for each state.
- Under Article 155, Governors are appointed by the President of India.

Static Part:

- Odisha Capital – Bhubaneswar
- Chief Minister of Odisha – Mohan Charan Majhi
- Governor of Odisha – Hari Babu Kambhampati





Ques: What is the name of India's first indigenous commercial super-pressure stratospheric balloon recently launched by Red Balloon Aerospace?

- A) GAGAN
- B) VISTA
- C) SANA
- D) VIKRAM
- E) DRISHTI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Red Balloon Aerospace, based in Vijayawada, launched India's first indigenous commercial super-pressure stratospheric balloon named "VISTA".
- The platform reached an altitude of nearly 25 km above Earth.
- It was part of "Mission SANA".
- The balloon carried scientific and commercial payloads from multiple partners.
- The project demonstrated near-space applications for telecom and disaster monitoring as a low-cost alternative to satellites.

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Ques: Which Romanian director became the 10th filmmaker to win the Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'Or twice?

- A) Andrey Zvyagintsev
- B) Park Chan-wook
- C) Cristian Mungiu
- D) Lars von Trier
- E) Paolo Sorrentino

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Romanian director Cristian Mungiu became the 10th filmmaker to win the Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'Or twice.
- He won for the Norwegian drama "Fjord."
- His first Palme d'Or was in 2007 for "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days."
- Park Chan-wook served as the jury president of the Cannes Film Festival that year.
- The Grand Prix was awarded to "Minotaur," directed by Andrey Zvyagintsev.

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Ques: Legendary sports administrator Raja Randhir Singh, who passed away recently, was the first Indian shooter to win a gold medal at which of the following events?

- A) Olympic Games
- B) Commonwealth Games
- C) Asian Games
- D) ISSF World Cup
- E) National Games

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Raja Randhir Singh was the first Indian shooter to win a gold medal at the Asian Games.
- He achieved this feat in the 1978 Bangkok Asian Games in the men's trap shooting event.
- He was a five-time Olympian, representing India from 1964 to 1984.
- He received the Arjuna Award in 1979 for his performance in shooting.
- He also served as the Secretary-General of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) from 1987 to 2010.

