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Ques: RBI has exempted banks from maintaining CRR and SLR on fresh Non-Resident External (NRE) Term Deposits of what minimum maturity period?

- A) 1 year or more
- B) 2 years or more
- C) 3 years or more
- D) 5 years or more
- E) 10 years or more

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has exempted banks from maintaining Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) on fresh Non-Resident External (NRE) Term Deposits with a maturity of 3 years or more.
- The measure aims to attract foreign capital inflows and increase the availability of foreign currency resources with banks.
- The exemption applies to deposits mobilised between 19 June 2026 and 30 September 2026.
- RBI had earlier announced a similar exemption for fresh Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] deposits with maturities of 3 to 5 years.





Ques: Which Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) was recently granted Navratna status by the Government of India, becoming the 28th Navratna CPSE?

- A) Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL)
- B) Oil India Limited (OIL)
- C) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- D) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
- E) Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL)

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) has been granted Navratna status by the Government of India.
- The announcement was made by the Ministry of Finance.
- With this recognition, CPCL has become the 28th Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) in India.
- Navratna status is awarded to high-performing CPSEs, providing them with greater financial and operational autonomy.

About CPCL

- Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) was formerly known as Madras Refineries Limited (MRL).





Ques: The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) recently launched the Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) based tolling system at which toll plaza on the Delhi–Jaipur section of NH-48?

- A) Choryasi Toll Plaza, Gujarat
- B) Bakkarwala Toll Plaza, Delhi
- C) Daulatpura Toll Plaza, Rajasthan
- D) Kherki Daula Toll Plaza, Haryana
- E) Shahjahanpur Toll Plaza, Rajasthan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has successfully launched the Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) based tolling system at Daulatpura Toll Plaza on the Delhi–Jaipur section of NH-48.
- The MLFF system integrates Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology with FASTag-based Electronic Toll Collection (ETC).
- This technology enables seamless toll collection without requiring vehicles to stop at toll plazas.
- Earlier, NHAI successfully implemented the MLFF system at Choryasi Toll Plaza on the Surat–Bharuch section of NH-48.





Ques: Under which mission is the Har Ghar Jal programme being implemented in India?

- A) Swachh Bharat Mission
- B) Atal Bhujal Yojana
- C) Jal Jeevan Mission
- D) Namami Gange Programme
- E) PM Krishi Sinchai Yojana

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the Har Ghar Jal initiative, more than 16 crore rural households have received tap water connections across India.
- The initiative has significantly improved access to safe and clean drinking water in rural areas.
- Har Ghar Jal is implemented under the Jal Jeevan Mission launched by the Government of India.
- The mission aims to provide Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) to every rural household.
- The achievement reflects major progress in improving public health, sanitation, and quality of life in villages.
- The coverage now exceeds the combined population of several developed countries.
- The milestone has been highlighted as part of the "12 Years of Naya Bharat Nirman" campaign.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC) for a three-year term?

- A) Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar
- B) Saibal Chattopadhyay
- C) Satyendra Bahadur Singh
- D) Shubhabrata Das
- E) Madhavan Mukund

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

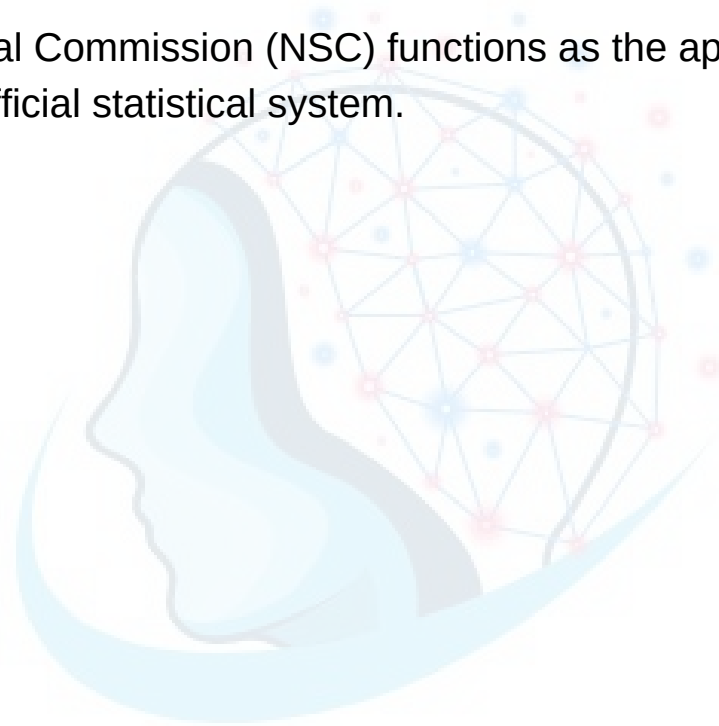
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Saibal Chattopadhyay as the Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC).
 - His tenure will be three years.
 - Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay is the former Director of the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIM Calcutta).
 - He succeeds Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar.
- Along with the Chairperson, three part-time members have also been appointed:**
- Shubhabrata Das
 - Satyendra Bahadur Singh
 - Madhavan Mukund





Static Part:

- NSC Established: 1 June 2005
- Operational Since: 12 July 2006
- Recommendation Basis: Rangarajan Commission (2001)
- Administrative Ministry: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
- The National Statistical Commission (NSC) functions as the apex advisory body for strengthening India's official statistical system.



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Ques: The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) signed an MoU with which organization to improve access to government procurement opportunities, especially in rural and underserved regions?

- A) Digital India Corporation
- B) BharatNet
- C) CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC-SPV)
- D) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- E) India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government e-Marketplace (GeM), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC-SPV).
- The partnership aims to improve access to government procurement opportunities, especially for businesses in rural, remote, and underserved regions.
- Under the agreement, 50 GeM Suvidha Kendras (GSKs) will be established on a pilot basis through the CSC network.
- These centres will help sellers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses register and participate in government procurement processes.





Ques: Which scheme aims to create more than 3.5 crore jobs over a two-year period by promoting formal employment and incentivizing job creation?

- A) PM Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)
- B) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)
- C) Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)
- D) National Career Service (NCS)
- E) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) aims to facilitate the creation of more than 3.5 crore jobs over a period of two years.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi disbursed incentives amounting to approximately ₹2,400 crore under the scheme at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Around 1.92 crore beneficiaries are expected to be first-time entrants into the workforce.
- Since August 2025, more than 70 lakh first-time employees have been brought into the formal workforce under PM-VBRY, with women accounting for nearly 30% of the beneficiaries.





Ques: Which company was recently granted Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) status, becoming the 29th Navratna in India?

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)
- C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE)
- D) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)
- E) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has upgraded Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) to Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) status.
- With this recognition, GRSE has become the 29th Navratna CPSE in India.
- GRSE functions under the Ministry of Defence.
- Navratna status provides greater financial and operational autonomy to Central Public Sector Enterprises.
- According to the government's Navratna announcement, GRSE reported an annual turnover of approximately ₹7,002 crore in FY 2025–26.





Ques: According to the Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2026 released by the World Economic Forum (WEF), what was India's rank?

- A) 60th
- B) 65th
- C) 70th
- D) 75th
- E) 80th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2026 was published by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- The index assessed a total of 120 countries.
- India improved by two positions to rank 70th with an overall score of 54.9.
- India emerged as one of the top gainers in the ETI 2026 rankings.
- Sweden topped the ETI 2026 with a score of 75.3.
- Global energy transition readiness declined by 0.76%, marking its first decline in more than a decade.
- This decline occurred despite total energy investments reaching USD 3.3 trillion, including USD 2.3 trillion in clean energy investments.





Ques: The Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project, recently approved by six states, will be constructed on which river?

- A) Ganga
- B) Yamuna
- C) Tons
- D) Chambal
- E) Betwa

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a meeting in New Delhi, where six states reached a consensus on the long-pending Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project.
- The states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for implementing the project.
- The project will be built on the Tons River, the largest tributary of the Yamuna, at the Himachal Pradesh–Uttarakhand border.
- The project is estimated to cost ₹15,000 crore.
- It is expected to play a major role in the rejuvenation of the Yamuna River by increasing the flow of clean water.





Ques: Who has been elected as the Vice-President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), marking the first time India has secured this position?

- A) T. V. Somanathan
- B) Sanjay Malhotra
- C) Ajay Seth
- D) Vivek Aggarwal
- E) Rajesh Kumar Singh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Vivek Aggarwal, currently serving as Secretary, Ministry of Culture, has been elected as the Vice-President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- This is the first time India has secured the Vice-Presidency of FATF.
- India became a full member of FATF in 2010.
- In India, FATF-related matters are handled by the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance.
- The Vice-President of FATF assists in guiding the organisation's work related to combating global financial crimes.

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Ques: Which Union Minister launched the Smart Warehousing System for foodgrain storage, described as the world's largest deployment of AI and IoT technologies in public sector warehousing?

- A) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- B) Pralhad Joshi
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Manohar Lal Khattar
- E) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the Smart Warehousing System for foodgrain storage at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The initiative represents the world's largest deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT)-based technologies in public sector foodgrain warehousing.
- The project has been launched by the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- The system has been implemented in 215 bag-based warehouses of the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC).
- The Food Corporation of India (FCI) will implement the system in 150 additional warehouses.





Ques: The Indian Army will participate in the multinational military exercise KHAAN QUEST 2026, which is being held in which country?

- A) Kazakhstan
- B) Mongolia
- C) Uzbekistan
- D) South Korea
- E) Japan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Army (IA) contingent will participate in the KHAAN QUEST 2026 multinational joint military exercise.
- The exercise will be conducted at the Five Hills Training Area in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- The Indian Army contingent is being represented by troops from a battalion of the Jat Regiment.
- The exercise aims to enhance interoperability, peacekeeping capabilities, and cooperation among the participating armed forces.

About KHAAN QUEST:

- KHAAN QUEST was first launched in 2003 as a bilateral exercise between the United States of America (USA) and the Mongolian Defence Forces.





Ques: India's first commercial-scale Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Facility is being developed at Lakhanpur, Odisha by which joint venture company?

- A) NTPC Green Energy Limited
- B) Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited (BCGCL)
- C) Coal India Renewable Limited
- D) GAIL India Limited
- E) Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of a ₹25,016 crore Coal Gasification Project at Lakhanpur in Jharsuguda district, Odisha.
- The project marks India's first commercial-scale Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Facility.
- The project is being developed by Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited (BCGCL).
- BCGCL is a joint venture between Coal India Limited (CIL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).

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About Coal Gasification:

- Coal Gasification is a process that converts coal into Synthetic Gas (Syngas).
- Syngas mainly contains Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Hydrogen (H₂).
- Syngas can be used to manufacture Methanol, Urea, Ammonium Nitrate, Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG), Chemicals, and Petrochemicals.
- The project is expected to support India's energy security, reduce import dependence, and promote value addition in the coal sector.

Static Part:

- Coal India Limited (CIL)
 - Established: 1975
 - Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
 - Established: 1964
 - Headquarters: New Delhi
- Odisha
 - Capital: Bhubaneswar

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Ques: Who has been appointed as a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) for a nine-year term (2026–2035)?

- A) Neeru Chadha
- B) Bimal N. Patel
- C) Harish Salve
- D) Dalveer Bhandari
- E) T.S. Thakur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Renowned Indian jurist Bimal N. Patel has been elected as a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) for the 2026–2035 term.
- He will officially assume office on 1 October 2026.
- He will succeed Neeru Chadha, whose nine-year term ends in September 2026.
- A total of seven judges were elected for the 2026–2035 term.
- The newly elected judges represent India, Vietnam, Ghana, Tunisia, Russia, Brazil, and the Netherlands.

Static Part:

- International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
 - Established: 1996
 - Headquarters: Hamburg, Germany
 - President: Tomas Heidar (Iceland)
 - Vice-President: Neeru Chadha





- ITLOS adjudicates disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
- UNCLOS is often referred to as the "Constitution of the Oceans."

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- Capital: Berlin



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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Government of India (GoI) constituted a Search-cum-Selection Committee under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary Dr. T.V. Somanathan, to recommend names for the chairperson and members of the National Sports Board (NSB), a key body formed under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has fixed 15 years as the minimum age for creating and using personal social media accounts. The UAE has become the first Arab country to introduce a nationwide minimum age requirement for social media access.

Ministry of Defence has signed a contract worth Rs. 425 crore with Bharat Forge Limited for the procurement of 12 sets of 1.25 MW Marine Gas Turbine Generators (MGTGs) for the Indian Navy.

The Asian Development Bank has provided a USD 10 million loan to Schoolnet India Limited. The objective of the loan is to scale up digital learning infrastructure in 30,000 government schools across India. Under the project, computer laboratories will be installed in at least 1,000 government schools.

The Ministry of Defence approved the creation of two new independent NCC State Directorates in Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand, increasing the total number from 17 to 19.

