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**Ques: The Government of India plans to sell up to what percentage stake in General Insurance Corporation (GIC) through an Offer for Sale (OFS) in 2026?**

- A) 2%
- B) 3%
- C) 5%
- D) 8%
- E) 10%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India plans to sell up to 5% stake in General Insurance Corporation (GIC) through an Offer for Sale (OFS).
- The OFS comprises a base offer of 2% equity stake.
- The government also has an option to sell an additional 3% stake if the issue receives strong investor demand and is oversubscribed.
- The stake sale is part of the government's plan to reduce its shareholding in GIC and comply with Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) requirements prescribed by market regulators.
- The government intends to offload a total of 10% stake in GIC in a phased manner.
- Earlier, the government had sold a 3.4% stake in GIC in September 2024.
- As of 31 March 2026, the Government of India held an 82.4% stake in the insurer.

**Static Part:**

- General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) is India's largest reinsurer.
- Established: 1972
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Offer for Sale (OFS): A mechanism through which promoters of listed companies can sell their shares on stock exchanges in a transparent manner.
- Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) Norm: Listed companies in India are generally required to maintain at least 25% public shareholding.





**Ques:** Under the revised RBI norms for loans backed by the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS 5.0), what percentage of the guaranteed portion will attract zero-risk weight?

- A) 25%
- B) 50%
- C) 60%
- D) 75%
- E) 100%

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) relaxed the capital requirements for banks on loans backed by the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS 5.0).
- The revised norms came into force with immediate effect following the RBI circular.
- The changes were introduced through an amendment to the RBI (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Directions, 2025.
- Under the revised framework, 75% of the guaranteed portion of eligible ECLGS loans will attract a zero-risk weight.
- The remaining 25% exposure will continue to attract a 20% risk weight, in line with existing norms.





**Ques: Who was appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) in June 2026?**

- A) Dinesh Pant
- B) Girija Subramanian
- C) Narayanan Ramaswamy
- D) Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi
- E) Debasish Panda

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi was appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re).
- He succeeded Narayanan Ramaswamy in the position.
- Along with this, Dinesh Pant, Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), was appointed as Whole-time Member (Actuary) at the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- Girija Subramanian, CMD of The New India Assurance Company Limited, was appointed as Whole-time Member (Distribution) at IRDAI.
- Both Dinesh Pant and Girija Subramanian have been appointed for a five-year tenure.





**Ques: At which retail destination in France were Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services launched by India in June 2026?**

- A) Le Bon Marché, Paris
- B) Galeries Lafayette Nice Massena, Nice
- C) Champs-Élysées Shopping District
- D) La Vallée Village, Paris
- E) Forum des Halles, Paris

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services at Galeries Lafayette Nice Massena in Nice, France.
- The launch was led by Union Minister Piyush Goyal.
- The initiative involved NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and French payment service provider Lyra Collect.
- The launch further expands the global acceptance of India's digital payment ecosystem.
- UPI services were earlier introduced at the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, in 2024.
- The Eiffel Tower launch marked the first deployment of UPI services in France.
- Galeries Lafayette Nice Massena is one of the major retail destinations in Nice and offers products from more than 600 brands.

**Static Part:**

- Unified Payments Interface (UPI): An instant real-time payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL): The international arm of NPCI, responsible for expanding UPI and RuPay globally.
- UPI was launched in: 2016.
- France became the first European country to accept UPI payments.
- UPI is currently accepted in several countries, including France, Singapore, UAE, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, and others.





**Ques: How many new sector-specific indices were introduced by NSE Indices Limited in June 2026, taking its total number of sectoral indices to 34?**

- A) 8
- B) 9
- C) 10
- D) 11
- E) 12

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, NSE Indices Limited, the index services subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), introduced 11 new sector-specific indices.
- With this expansion, the total number of NSE sectoral indices increased to 34.
- The expanded index portfolio covers both traditional industries and emerging high-growth sectors of the economy.
- The newly launched indices cover sectors such as power, capital goods, telecommunications, construction, consumer services, retail, healthcare, and financial services.

**Static Part:**

- NSE Indices Limited: The index services subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange (NSE).
- National Stock Exchange (NSE):
  - Established: 1992
  - Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - Flagship Index: Nifty 50
- Sectoral Indices: Track the performance of companies belonging to a specific sector of the economy, helping investors measure sector-wise market trends.





**Ques: Under the Regional Plan 2041, how many “Namo Cities” have been approved for development in the Delhi-NCR region by the NCR Planning Board (NCRPB)?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) approved plans to develop four greenfield cities, branded as “Namo Cities”, in the Delhi-NCR region.
- The decision was taken in a meeting chaired by Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- One Namo City each will be developed in Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan.
- The project aims to promote balanced regional growth under the Regional Plan 2041.
- According to NCRPB, the proposed cities will be developed at an estimated cost of ₹5,000 crore over the next five years.

**Static Part:**

- National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB):
  - Established: 1985
  - Headquarters: New Delhi
  - Parent Ministry: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

National Capital Region (NCR): Includes Delhi and parts of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan.





**Ques: Who became the first footballer of Indian origin to start a match in a FIFA World Cup tournament?**

- A) Nishan Velupillay
- B) Sunil Chhetri
- C) Ryan Thomas
- D) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- E) Sarpreet Singh

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Midfielder Sarpreet Singh created history by becoming the first footballer of Indian origin to start a match in a FIFA World Cup tournament.
- The 27-year-old achieved this milestone while representing New Zealand against Iran in their opening Group G match.
- The match was played at Los Angeles Stadium, California, USA.
- Born in Auckland to Punjabi parents originally from Jalandhar, Sarpreet wore the prestigious No. 10 jersey and played 92 minutes in the match.
- Sarpreet Singh also became the first player of Indian origin to play in Germany's Bundesliga for Bayern Munich in 2019.
- Two days earlier, Nishan Velupillay, another footballer of Indian descent, made his FIFA World Cup debut for Australia in a 2–0 victory over Türkiye.





**Ques: Which regulatory body approved the TVS Group–PGIM India deal, Temasek’s investment in Romsons Group, and Kedaara Capital’s stake purchase in Axis Finance in June 2026?**

- A) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- B) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- C) Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- D) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- E) National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, the Competition Commission of India (CCI), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), approved multiple investment and acquisition transactions.
- CCI approved the acquisition of 100% shareholding of PGIM India Asset Management Pvt. Ltd. and PGIM India Trustees Pvt. Ltd. by TVS Emerald Limited and TVS Venu Management and Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.
- The PGIM India companies provide mutual funds, portfolio management services (PMS), alternative investment funds (AIFs), and investment advisory services.
- CCI also approved Temasek Holdings’ investment in Romsons Group through Jongsong Investments Pvt. Ltd., its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary.
- The transaction includes the subscription to Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares (CCPS) and the acquisition of an equity stake in Romsons Group.
- The investment is intended to support Romsons Group’s growth, innovation, and global expansion in the medical devices and healthcare products sector.
- CCI further approved Kedaara Pearl Holding and Kedaara Capital Fund IV AIF’s investment of ₹750 crore in Axis Finance Limited through a preferential equity share subscription.

The investment will provide Kedaara Capital with a 5.08% stake in Axis Finance at a post-money valuation of ₹14,764 crore.





- This transaction represents Axis Finance's largest primary capital raise and its first external investment.

### Static Part:

- Competition Commission of India (CCI):
  - Established: 2003
  - Headquarters: New Delhi
  - Parent Ministry: Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)
- Primary Role: To promote and sustain competition in markets, prevent anti-competitive practices, and regulate combinations such as mergers, acquisitions, and amalgamations under the Competition Act, 2002.



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**Ques: Which company delivered the first batch of 41 JK 250e drones to the Indian Army under a ₹72-crore contract in June 2026?**

- A) ideaForge Technology Pvt Ltd
- B) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- C) NewSpace Research & Technologies
- D) Adani Defence & Aerospace
- E) Drogo Aerospace Private Limited

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, Drogo Aerospace Private Limited delivered the first batch of 41 JK 250e drones to the Indian Army's Southern Command in Nashik, Maharashtra.
- The delivery was made under a ₹72-crore contract for a total of 217 drones.
- The remaining 176 drones are scheduled to be delivered by August 2026.
- The drones will support the Indian Army's surveillance and reconnaissance missions.
- JK 250e is an indigenous unmanned aerial system (UAS) developed by Drogo Aerospace for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) operations.
- The drone has been designed to meet the frontline operational requirements of the Indian Army.

**Static Part:**

- Drogo Aerospace Private Limited: An Indian defence technology company specializing in indigenous unmanned aerial systems (UAS) for military and strategic applications.
- JK 250e: A tactical Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) drone designed for the Indian Armed Forces.
- ISR: Stands for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, a key military function used for information gathering, monitoring, and operational planning.
- Southern Command Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra.





**Ques: How many Indian start-ups were included in the World Economic Forum (WEF) Technology Pioneers 2026 list?**

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The World Economic Forum (WEF) released its Technology Pioneers 2026 group.
- The list features 100 early-stage companies from 23 countries that are transforming industries and society through innovative technologies.
- The selected companies are working in areas such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), energy, quantum computing, biotechnology, climate innovation, space technology, and advanced manufacturing.
- A total of 9 Indian start-ups were included in the Technology Pioneers 2026 list.
- This is slightly lower than the 10 Indian start-ups featured in the 2025 list.
- With the latest additions, the total number of Indian companies recognized under the WEF Technology Pioneers community has reached 28.

**Static Part:**

- World Economic Forum (WEF):
  - Established: 1971
  - Founder: Klaus Schwab
  - Headquarters: Cologny, Geneva, Switzerland
- Technology Pioneers Programme: An initiative of the WEF that recognizes early-stage companies using innovative technologies with the potential to transform industries and address global challenges.
- Annual Meeting of WEF: Held in Davos, Switzerland.





**Ques: Who was the only Indian featured in TIME’s inaugural “100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026” list?**

- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) PV Sindhu
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Mirabai Chanu
- E) Nikhat Zareen

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, TIME released the inaugural edition of its “100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026” list.
- The list recognizes athletes, coaches, investors, and advocates who have made a significant impact on the world of sports.
- Indian cricketer Smriti Mandhana was the only Indian featured on the list.
- Smriti Mandhana is a two-time ICC Women’s Cricketer of the Year award winner.
- She was included in the “Titans” category.
- In the Titans category, she was featured alongside Cristiano Ronaldo, Erling Haaland, and South African cricket captain Temba Bavuma.
- The list is divided into four categories: Leaders, Icons, Innovators, and Titans.
- Women featured in the list include Alex Morgan, Michele Kang, Clara Wu Tsai, Mellody Hobson, and Elana Meyers.
- Other global sports personalities featured include LeBron James in the Icons category and FIFA President Gianni Infantino.

**Static Part:**

- TIME Magazine
  - Founded: 1923
- International Cricket Council (ICC)
  - Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- FIFA





- Headquarters: Zurich, Switzerland
- **TIME 100 Most Influential People in Sports categories:**
  - Leaders
  - Icons
  - Innovators
  - Titans



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**Ques: Which airline became the first launch carrier to commence commercial flight services from Noida International Airport, Jewar?**

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

Answer: Option D

**Explanation:**

- IndiGo, India's largest airline, announced that it will begin commercial flight services from Noida International Airport.
- With this move, IndiGo became the first launch carrier of the airport.
- The first scheduled IndiGo flight, 6E-2278, arrived at the airport from Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow.
- The inaugural operation marked an important milestone for the commencement of passenger services at the new airport.
- As a symbolic gesture, around 170 farmers from the Jewar region, including 20 women, were scheduled to travel on a special inaugural flight to Lucknow.
- The initiative highlighted the contribution of local communities whose land supported the development of the airport project.

**Static Part:**

- Noida International Airport
  - Location: Jewar, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
  - Developer: Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL)
- IndiGo
  - Founded: 2006
  - Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana
  - IATA Code: 6E
- Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport

Location: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh





**Ques: Renowned Buddhist scholar Robert A.F. Thurman, who passed away in June 2026, received India's Padma Shri award in which category?**

- A) Social Work
- B) Public Affairs
- C) Literature and Education
- D) Arts
- E) Spiritualism

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Robert A. F. Thurman, a renowned American scholar of Tibetan Buddhism, author, translator, educator, and Padma Shri awardee, passed away on 16 June 2026 in New York City, USA, at the age of 84.
- He was awarded India's Padma Shri in 2020 in the Literature and Education category.
- The award recognized his contributions to literature, education, and the promotion of Buddhist philosophy and thought.
- Born on 3 August 1941 in New York City, he earned a Ph.D. from Harvard University.
- He later served as the Jey Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies at Columbia University.
- Thurman translated the Vimalakirti Sutra into English and authored more than 20 books, including Inner Revolution.
- He became the first American ordained in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition under the guidance of Tenzin Gyatso (14th Dalai Lama).
- In 1986, he co-founded Tibet House US to preserve and promote Tibetan culture, civilization, and Buddhist traditions.
- He was recognized among the 25 Most Influential Americans (1997) and later among New York Magazine's influential figures in religion (2006).





## Static Part:

- Padma Shri:
  - India's fourth-highest civilian award
- Padma Awards:
  - Announced annually on the eve of Republic Day
- Tenzin Gyatso (14th Dalai Lama):
  - Spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism
- Columbia University:
  - Established: 1754
  - One of the oldest universities in the United States
- Harvard University:
  - Established: 1636
  - The oldest institution of higher education in the United States

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**Ques: Former Vice Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Vijay Oberoi, who passed away in June 2026, was associated with which major military reform initiative?**

- A) Operation Meghdoot Reforms
- B) Post-Kargil Army Reforms
- C) Agnipath Scheme Implementation
- D) Integrated Theatre Commands
- E) One Rank One Pension Reforms

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- In June 2026, Lieutenant General (Lt Gen) Vijay Oberoi, former Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) of the Indian Army, passed away at the age of 84.
- He was born on 29 September 1941 in Chakwal, now located in Pakistan.
- Lt Gen Vijay Oberoi was widely recognized for spearheading post-Kargil Army reforms and revising military doctrines.
- He was also a strong advocate for the welfare of war-disabled soldiers.
- He joined the Indian Army through the 1st Battalion, Maratha Light Infantry in 1961.
- Despite losing his right leg during the 1965 war, he rose to some of the highest ranks in the Army.
- During his distinguished career, he served as Director General of Military Operations (DGMO), General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Army Training Command (ARTRAC), GOC-in-C, Western Command, and Vice Chief of Army Staff from 2000 to 2001.
- He retired from the Indian Army on 30 September 2001.
- For his distinguished service, he received the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM), Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM), Sena Medal (SM), and Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM).
- After retirement, he founded the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) and the War Wounded Foundation.





**Ques: The United Nations (UN) International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is observed annually on which date?**

- A) 5 June
- B) 12 June
- C) 16 June
- D) 18 June
- E) 20 June

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

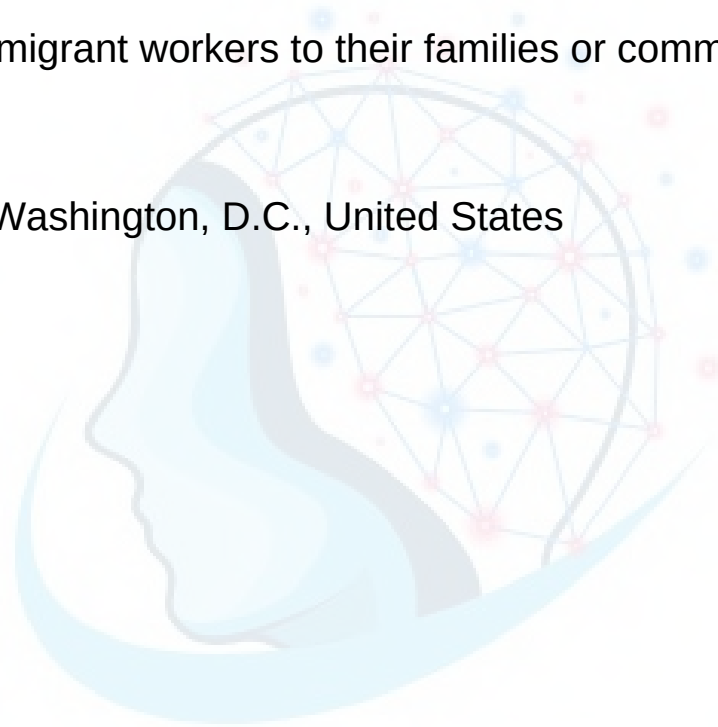
- The United Nations (UN) International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is observed annually on 16 June across the globe.
- The day recognizes the sacrifices of migrant workers who send money back to their families and communities in their home countries.
- The theme for IDFR 2026 is "Remittances for Rural Resilience, Entrepreneurship and Employment."
- The observance highlights the role of remittances in supporting rural development, employment generation, entrepreneurship, and economic resilience.
- IDFR was first observed on 16 June 2008 by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in partnership with the World Bank.
- In February 2015, IFAD officially declared 16 June as the International Day of Family Remittances following discussions at the 2014 Global Forum on Remittances and Development held in Milan, Italy.
- In 2018, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Resolution A/RES/72/281, officially recognizing 16 June as the International Day of Family Remittances.
- The #FamilyRemittances Campaign 2020–2030, led by IFAD, is a decade-long global initiative to maximize the impact of remittances on sustainable development.





## Static Part:

- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
  - Established: 1977
  - Headquarters: Rome, Italy
- United Nations General Assembly (UNGA):
  - The principal policymaking organ of the United Nations.
- Remittance:
  - Money sent by migrant workers to their families or communities in their home country.
- World Bank
  - Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States



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**Ques: Which co-operative bank had its licence cancelled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in June 2026 due to poor financial condition and failure to comply with regulatory requirements?**

- A) Janata Sahakari Bank Ltd.
- B) Shree Mahalaxmi Urban Co-operative Credit Bank
- C) Saraswat Co-operative Bank
- D) Karnataka State Co-operative Bank
- E) Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the licence of Shree Mahalaxmi Urban Co-operative Credit Bank, a Karnataka-based co-operative bank.
- RBI cited the bank's deteriorating financial condition and inability to comply with regulatory requirements as the primary reasons for the cancellation.
- The bank is located in Gokak, in Belagavi district, Karnataka.
- According to RBI, the bank did not have adequate capital and failed to comply with certain provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Continuing the bank's operations would have been detrimental to the interests of its depositors and the public.

**Static Part:**

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI):
  - Established: 1 April 1935
  - Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - Nationalised: 1 January 1949
- Banking Regulation Act:
  - Enacted: 1949
  - Governs the regulation and supervision of banks in India.
- Deposit Insurance:
  - Bank deposits are insured up to ₹5 lakh per depositor per bank under the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).





**Ques: BITS Pilani and Axis Bank signed an agreement to establish a ₹100 crore Industry Research, Technology and Innovation Park at which BITS campus?**

- A) Pilani Campus, Rajasthan
- B) Goa Campus
- C) Dubai Campus
- D) Hyderabad Campus
- E) Mumbai Campus

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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- In June 2026, Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani and Axis Bank signed an agreement to establish the Axis Bank–BITS Industry Research, Technology and Innovation Park.
- The Innovation Park will be established at the BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus.
- The project is supported by a ₹100 crore Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) grant from Axis Bank.
- The initiative aims to strengthen India's innovation, deep-tech, and translational research ecosystem through structured industry-academia collaboration.
- The park will focus on Life Sciences, Biopharma, Healthcare, Medical Devices, and Deep-Tech Innovation.

**Static Part:**

- Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani
  - Established: 1964
  - Main Campus: Pilani, Rajasthan
  - Other Campuses: Goa, Hyderabad, and Dubai
- Axis Bank
  - Established: 1993
  - Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):
  - Under the Companies Act, 2013, eligible companies are required to spend at





- least 2% of their average net profits of the preceding three financial years on CSR activities.
- Deep-Tech: Refers to technologies based on significant scientific or engineering advances, such as AI, biotechnology, robotics, quantum computing, and advanced materials.
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**Ques: Which national industry platform was launched in June 2026 to strengthen India's Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) framework?**

- A) ARIFAC
- B) AMLNET India
- C) FINSEC India
- D) SAFE Banking Forum
- E) National AML Council

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- India's financial sector launched the Alliance of Reporting Entities in AML/CFT (ARIFAC) to strengthen the country's Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) ecosystem.
- The initiative was launched amid rising concerns over financial crimes, cyber frauds, and emerging digital financial risks.
- The secretariat of ARIFAC is managed by the Payments Council of India (PCI) and the Fintech Convergence Council (FCC).
- The Financial Intelligence Unit–India (FIU-IND) will participate in the platform as an observer.
- ARIFAC will focus on training, certification, workshops, and continuous learning programmes to enhance AML/CFT awareness and capabilities.
- Its membership includes reporting entities regulated under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).
- Members include banks, NBFCs, payment system operators, securities market intermediaries, insurance companies, Virtual Digital Asset (VDA) service providers, and other reporting entities.
- The platform emphasizes transaction monitoring, Suspicious Transaction Reporting (STR), sanctions screening, mule account detection, and mitigation of risks arising from digital banking, cross-border crimes, and VDAs.
- Financial Intelligence Unit–India (FIU-IND) was established in 2004 and functions under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.





## Static Part:

- Financial Intelligence Unit–India (FIU-IND)
  - Established: 2004
  - Functions under: Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance
- Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)
  - Enacted: 2002
  - Enforced: 1 July 2005
- AML (Anti-Money Laundering):
  - Measures to prevent, detect, and report money laundering activities.
- CFT (Combating the Financing of Terrorism):
  - Measures to prevent and disrupt the financing of terrorist activities.
- STR (Suspicious Transaction Report):
  - A report submitted to FIU-IND when a financial transaction appears unusual or potentially linked to money laundering or terrorist financing.
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**Ques: Which Indian cricketer became the joint-highest wicket-taker in international women's cricket by equalling Jhulan Goswami's record of 355 wickets?**

- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) Harmanpreet Kaur
- C) Renuka Singh
- D) Deepti Sharma
- E) Shafali Verma

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Deepti Sharma, India's star all-rounder, created history by becoming the joint-highest wicket-taker in international women's cricket.
- She achieved the milestone during the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 in India's Group A match against the Netherlands Women's Cricket Team.
- The match was played at Headingley Cricket Ground, Leeds, England.
- Deepti claimed her 355th international wicket, equalling the record of former Indian captain Jhulan Goswami.
- With this achievement, Deepti Sharma and Jhulan Goswami jointly hold the record for the most wickets in international women's cricket.

**Top 3 Highest Wicket-Takers in Women's International Cricket**

1. Deepti Sharma (India) – 355 wickets
2. Jhulan Goswami (India) – 355 wickets
3. Katherine Sciver-Brunt (England) – 355 wickets

**Static Part:**

- ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026
  - Host Country: England
- Headingley Cricket Ground
  - Location: Leeds, England
- Jhulan Goswami





- Former captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team
- One of the greatest fast bowlers in the history of women's cricket.
- Deepthi Sharma
  - Indian all-rounder
  - Right-hand batter and right-arm off-spin bowler.
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**Ques: What is the name of the first-of-its-kind conservation society approved in Ladakh in June 2026 for the protection of snow leopards and high-altitude ecosystems?**

- A) Himalayan Wildlife Protection Society (HWPS)
- B) Trans-Himalayan Biodiversity Mission (THBM)
- C) SHAN Conservation Society
- D) Snow Leopard Protection Authority (SLPA)
- E) Ladakh Eco-Conservation Council (LECC)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

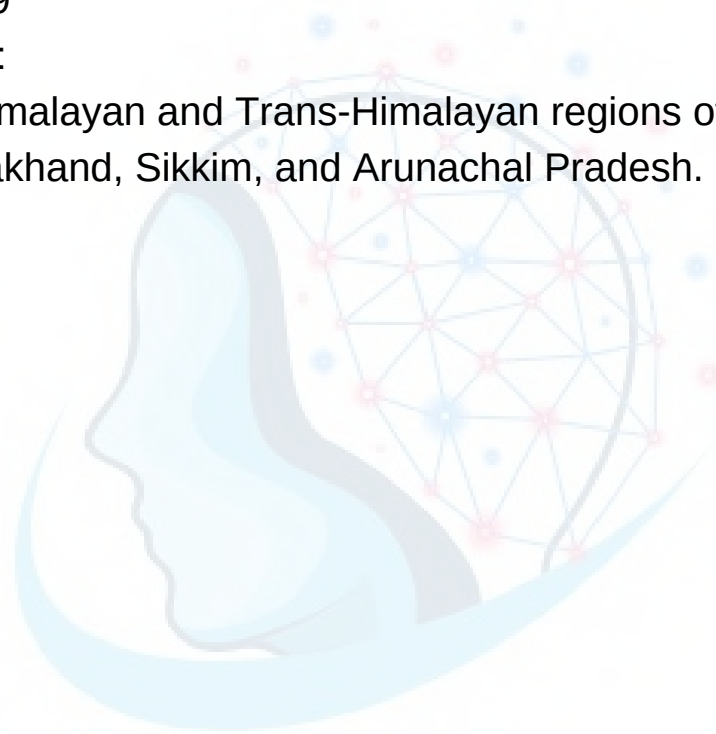
- In June 2026, Ladakh's Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena approved the constitution of the Snow Leopard and High-Altitude Nature (SHAN) Conservation Society.
- It is the first-of-its-kind conservation society in Ladakh dedicated to protecting the endangered snow leopard and its fragile mountain ecosystem.
- The Society will function under the Department of Environment and Forests, Ladakh.
- It will serve as a dedicated institutional mechanism for wildlife conservation, biodiversity management, and community-led environmental stewardship.
- The objective of SHAN is to provide a multi-stakeholder platform for conserving alpine flora and fauna, wetlands, and cold desert ecosystems of Ladakh.
- The society will promote eco-development in snow leopard habitats and encourage sustainable eco-tourism.
- The Snow Leopard is the State Animal of Ladakh and a keystone species of the Trans-Himalayan ecosystem.
- It is popularly known as the "Ghost of the Mountains" due to its elusive nature.
- Snow leopards play a crucial role in maintaining mountain habitats, prey populations, watersheds, and overall ecosystem health.
- According to the 2024 Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India, the country has 718 snow leopards, of which 477 are found in Ladakh.





## Static Part:

- Snow Leopard
  - Scientific Name: *Panthera uncia*
  - IUCN Conservation Status: Vulnerable
- State Animal of Ladakh: Snow Leopard
- Project Snow Leopard
  - Launched: 2009
- Distribution in India:
  - Found in the Himalayan and Trans-Himalayan regions of Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh.
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**Ques: Which Indian institution emerged as the highest-ranked Indian university in the QS World University Rankings 2027?**

- A) IIT Delhi
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Bombay
- D) IISc Bengaluru
- E) IIT Kanpur

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The QS World University Rankings 2027 is the 23rd edition of the global university rankings published by QS Quacquarelli Symonds, London.
- The rankings evaluated more than 1,500 universities across 106 countries and territories, including 52 Indian institutions.
- Indian Institute of Technology Delhi secured 118th rank globally with an overall score of 65.7, improving from 123rd position in the previous edition.
- IIT Delhi emerged as the highest-ranked Indian institution for the second consecutive year.
- Only three Indian institutions managed to secure a place among the top 200 universities in the world.
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), located in Cambridge, retained the 1st position globally with a perfect score of 100.
- In terms of the number of institutions featured in the rankings, India ranked 5th globally with 52 institutions, after the USA (184), UK (93), China (85), and Germany (60).

**Ranking Top 5 Global Universities:**

1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) – 100
2. Imperial College London – 99.2
3. Stanford University (USA) – 99.2
4. University of Oxford (UK) – 98.6





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- Harvard University (USA) – 97.4

Ranking Top 5 Indian Universities:

- Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi)
- Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay)
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)
- Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT Kharagpur)
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru

**Static Part:**

- QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) Headquarters – London, United Kingdom
  - QS Founded – 1990
  - QS World University Rankings – Published annually to evaluate universities worldwide based on academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty/student ratio, citations per faculty, international faculty, international students, employment outcomes, and sustainability.
  - IIT Delhi Established – 1961
  - IIT Delhi Location – New Delhi
  - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Established – 1861
  - MIT Location – Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
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**Ques:** For the first time for an Indian religious site, which temple administration secured trademark protection for key terms and symbols associated with its tradition?

- A) Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD)
- B) Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Trust
- C) Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA)
- D) Vaishno Devi Shrine Board
- E) Guruvayur Devaswom Board

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- For the first time for an Indian religious site, the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) secured trademark protection for key terms and symbols associated with the Jagannath tradition.
- The protected terms include 'Patitapavana' (Saviour of the Fallen) and 'Ananda Bazar', the area within the temple complex where sacred Mahaprasad is consumed.
- Trademark protection was also granted for 'Nilachakra', the sacred eight-spoked metal disc located atop the temple spire.
- The administration applied for trademark registration of 29 names, terms, and symbols associated with the Jagannath tradition.

About Shree Jagannath Temple, Puri:

- The temple is located in Puri, Odisha, and is popularly known as the "White Pagoda".
- The Konark Sun Temple is known as the "Black Pagoda".
- The temple houses the idols of Lord Jagannath (an incarnation of Lord Vishnu), Goddess Subhadra, and Lord Balabhadra, collectively known as the Holy Trinity.
- It is believed to have been built in the 12th century CE by Anantavarman Chodaganga Deva of the Eastern Ganga Dynasty.

**Static Part:**

- Jagannath Temple Location – Puri, Odisha
- Odisha Capital – Bhubaneswar
- The annual Rath Yatra of Puri is one of the largest religious festivals in the world.





**Ques: Which young woman from Chhattisgarh was invited to receive the prestigious 'At-Home' honour at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Independence Day 2026 after clearing 19 competitive examinations?**

- A) Ankita Sharma
- B) Charu Pandey
- C) Niharika Verma
- D) Shruti Mishra
- E) Riya Tiwari

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Charu Pandey, a 23-year-old woman from Raipur, Chhattisgarh, gained national recognition after successfully clearing 19 competitive examinations.
- She is currently serving as an Assistant Audit Officer (AAO) in the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) at Chennai.
- In recognition of her remarkable achievement, she was invited to attend the prestigious 'At-Home' function at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Independence Day 2026.
- Her success story has become an inspiration for students and aspirants preparing for various competitive examinations across India.

**Static Part:**

- Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) – The supreme audit institution of India.
- CAG Appointment – Appointed by the President of India under Article 148 of the Constitution.
- Rashtrapati Bhavan – The official residence of the President of India.
- Chhattisgarh Capital – Raipur.
- Tamil Nadu Capital – Chennai.





**Ques: Which two portals were launched by the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) in June 2026 to strengthen cybercrime response and facilitate justice for victims?**

- A) Cyber Suraksha Portal and Digital Justice Portal
- B) Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) and Money Restoration Module (MRM)
- C) Cyber Fraud Recovery Portal and Financial Safety Portal
- D) NCRP Plus and Cyber Shield Portal
- E) Victim Assistance Portal and Bank Recovery Portal

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

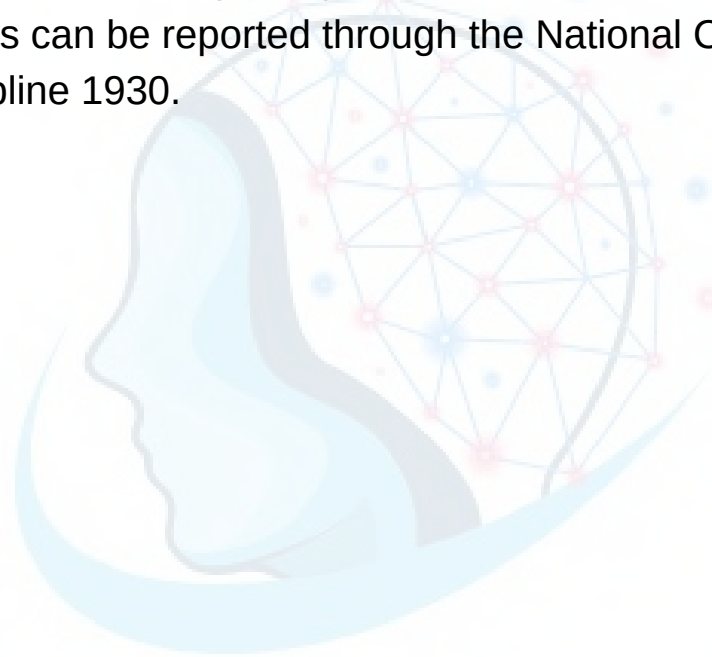
- In June 2026, the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), launched two new portals: Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) and Money Restoration Module (MRM).
  - These portals aim to strengthen India's cybercrime response system and improve coordination among police forces, banks, and the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP).
  - The initiative was reviewed during a high-level meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the functioning of the national cybercrime helpline 1930.
- About Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) Portal**
- The GRM Portal addresses complaints from account holders whose bank accounts have been frozen, put on hold, or marked under lien during cybercrime investigations.
  - It provides a structured mechanism for grievance redressal and communication with the concerned authorities.
- About Money Restoration Module (MRM) Portal**
- The MRM Portal enables victims of cyber financial fraud to claim the return of money that has been frozen or recovered after filing a complaint.
  - It simplifies and accelerates the process of restoring funds to victims.
  - The portal strengthens victim-centric cybercrime response and enhances trust in digital financial systems.





## Static Part:

- Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) Launch Year – 2020
- I4C functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- National Cyber Crime Helpline Number – 1930
- Ministry of Home Affairs Headquarters – New Delhi
- NCRP – National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal
- Cybercrime complaints can be reported through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP) and helpline 1930.



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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited (THGPPL) in 2026?**

- A) N. Ram
- B) Dr. Nirmala Lakshman
- C) N. Murali
- D) Malini Parthasarathy
- E) Siddharth Varadarajan

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- N. Murali has been appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited (THGPPL).
- He has been appointed for a term of three years.
- N. Murali succeeds Dr. Nirmala Lakshman, who previously held the position.
- The appointment marks an important leadership transition in one of India's most respected media organizations.

**Static Part:**

- The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited (THGPPL) publishes the renowned newspaper The Hindu.
- The Hindu was founded in 1878.
- The Hindu is headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.





**Ques: The Government of Gujarat signed an MoU with HUDCO for long-term financing of up to how much amount to support metro, expressway, and Dholera projects?**

- A) Rs. 50,000 crore
- B) Rs. 75,000 crore
- C) Rs. 90,000 crore
- D) Rs. 1 lakh crore
- E) Rs. 1.5 lakh crore

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

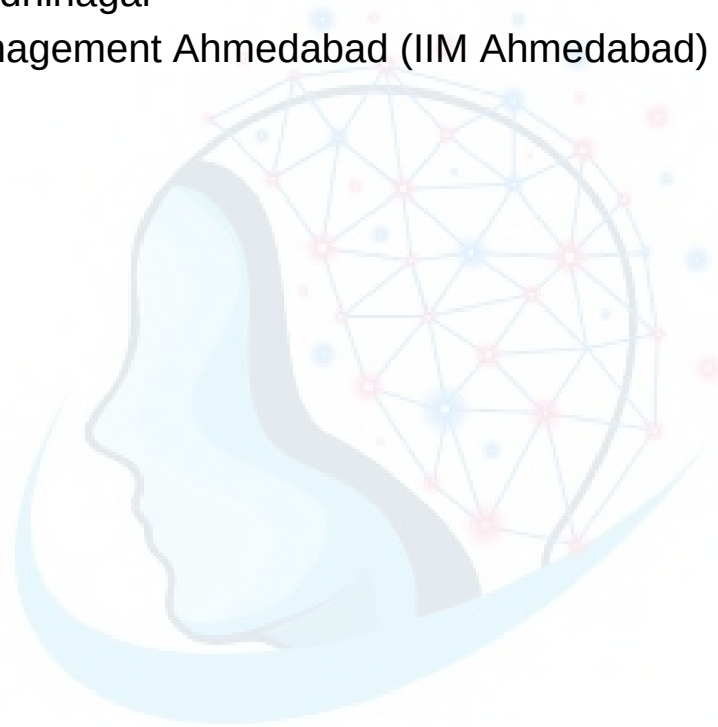
- In June 2026, the Government of Gujarat and Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Gandhinagar.
- The MoU provides for long-term financing of up to Rs. 1 lakh crore for major infrastructure and urban development projects in the state.
- The agreement was signed by Sanjay Kulshrestha, Chairman & Managing Director of HUDCO, and Sandeep Kumar, Secretary (Economic Affairs), Finance Department, Government of Gujarat.
- The credit lines will remain valid for two years and will be effective retrospectively from May 2026.
- The objective is to support high-impact projects such as Ahmedabad Metro Rail Phase-2 and Phase-3, expressways, sports infrastructure, and urban development initiatives.
- The funding will also support the development of the Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR) as a world-class smart city.
- Additionally, the Government of Gujarat signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM Ahmedabad) to provide technical and strategic support for infrastructure projects under the Viksit Gujarat 2047 programme.





## Static Part:

- Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) Established – 1970
- HUDCO Headquarters – New Delhi
- HUDCO Administrative Ministry – Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- Gujarat Capital – Gandhinagar
- Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM Ahmedabad) Established – 1961



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**Ques: Which declaration was unanimously adopted at the 16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, in June 2026?**

- A) New Delhi Declaration
- B) Johannesburg Declaration
- C) Indore Declaration
- D) BRICS Agriculture Vision 2030
- E) Sustainable Farming Declaration

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting was held on 12–13 June 2026 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, under India's BRICS Presidency.
- The meeting was organized under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability (BRICS)".
- The meeting concluded with the unanimous adoption of the Indore Declaration.
- The declaration aims to strengthen agricultural cooperation among BRICS member countries.

**The Indore Declaration is built around four key priorities:**

1. Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihoods
2. Climate-Smart and Sustainable Agriculture
3. Agricultural Innovation, Research and Digital Transformation
4. Inclusive Trade, Investment and Resilient Agricultural Value Chains

**Static Part:**

- BRICS Members (2026) – Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Indonesia.
- BRICS Presidency 2026 – India.
- Madhya Pradesh Capital – Bhopal.
- Indore is the largest city of Madhya Pradesh and has repeatedly been ranked as India's cleanest city under the Swachh Survekshan survey.





**Ques: Which country's space agency announced the successful extraction and analysis of water molecules from the Moon's south pole region through the Chang'e-7 mission?**

- A) India
- B) United States
- C) Russia
- D) China
- E) Japan

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The China National Space Administration (CNSA) announced a major milestone in lunar exploration through its Chang'e-7 Mission.
- The mission successfully demonstrated the extraction and analysis of water molecules from the Moon's south pole region.
- The primary objective of the Chang'e-7 Mission is to directly detect and map water-ice deposits in permanently shadowed craters near the Moon's south pole.
- One of the major target sites of the mission is the Shackleton Crater, located near the lunar south pole.
- The mission consists of multiple components, including an orbiter, lander, rover, relay satellite, and a flying mini-probe (hopper).

**Static Part:**

- China National Space Administration (CNSA) Established – 1993
- CNSA Headquarters – Beijing, China
- Chang'e Programme – China's lunar exploration programme named after the Chinese Moon goddess Chang'e.
- Shackleton Crater is located near the Moon's south pole and is considered a promising site for water-ice deposits.
- India's Chandrayaan-3 became the first mission to achieve a soft landing near the Moon's south polar region in 2023.





**Ques: What was the theme of the United Nations' International Day for Countering Hate Speech (IDCHS) 2026?**

- A) Building Peace Through Dialogue
- B) Digital Inclusion for All
- C) Countering Extremism in the Digital Age
- D) Promoting Human Rights Online
- E) Hate Speech and Artificial Intelligence

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The United Nations (UN) observes the International Day for Countering Hate Speech (IDCHS) every year on 18 June.
- The day aims to combat the growing spread of discriminatory rhetoric, intolerance, and hate speech while promoting intercultural dialogue and mutual respect.
- The theme for 2026 was “Hate Speech and Artificial Intelligence.”
- The theme highlights the opportunities and challenges posed by Artificial Intelligence (AI) in addressing and preventing hate speech.
- 18 June 2026 marked the 5th observance of the International Day for Countering Hate Speech.
- The day also coincided with the 7th anniversary of the UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech, launched on 18 June 2019.

**Static Part:**

- International Day for Countering Hate Speech (IDCHS) is observed annually on 18 June.
- The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2021.
- UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech was launched on 18 June 2019.
- United Nations (UN) Established – 24 October 1945.
- UN Headquarters – New York City, USA.





**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:**

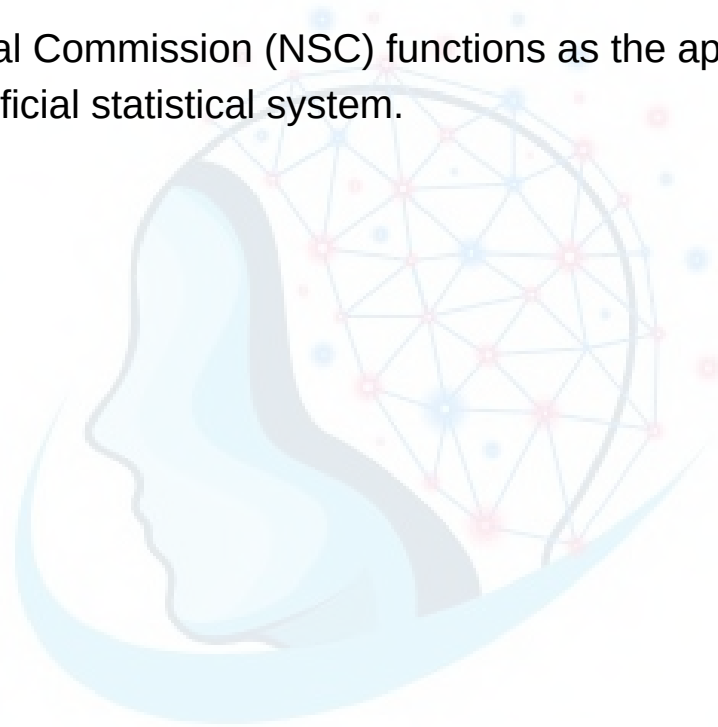
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Saibal Chattopadhyay as the Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC).
  - His tenure will be three years.
  - Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay is the former Director of the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (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.

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**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: 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 (H<sub>2</sub>).
- 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."

Germany

- Capital: Berlin



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**Q. After how many consecutive days of inactivity will PhonePe levy a wallet inactivity maintenance fee?**

- A) 180 Days
- B) 270 Days
- C) 365 Days
- D) 540 Days
- E) 730 Days

**Answer:**  C) 365 Days

**Explanation:**

- PhonePe has introduced a ₹100 (including GST) quarterly wallet inactivity maintenance fee for inactive wallets.
- The fee applies if there are no financial transactions for 365 consecutive days.
- The charge applies only to the PhonePe Wallet balance, not to UPI-linked bank accounts.
- Users will receive a 15-day prior notification before any fee is deducted.
- If the wallet balance is less than ₹100, only the available balance will be deducted, and no negative balance will be created.
- Users can avoid the fee by activating the wallet, adding funds, or withdrawing money during the notice period.
- Reactivating the wallet does not require upgrading a minimum KYC wallet to a full KYC wallet.

**Static Part:**

- PhonePe Founded: 2015
- Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka
- CEO: Sameer Nigam
- NPCI Established: 2008
- UPI Launched: 2016





**Ques: What interest rate has been retained on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) deposits for FY 2025-26?**

- A) 8.00%
- B) 8.10%
- C) 8.15%
- D) 8.25%
- E) 8.50%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Government has retained the EPF interest rate at 8.25% for FY 2025-26.
- The interest amount is expected to be credited to the accounts of more than 7 crore EPFO subscribers.
- The Finance Ministry approved EPFO's proposal to maintain the interest rate despite global economic uncertainties.
- The recommendation was approved by the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) chaired by Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.
- This is the third consecutive financial year in which the EPF interest rate has remained unchanged at 8.25%.
- EPFO increased the interest rate from 8.15% in FY24 to 8.25% and has continued the same rate thereafter.
- A formal notification regarding interest disbursement is expected to be issued soon.

**Static Part :**

- EPFO Established – 1952
- EPFO Headquarters – New Delhi
- Union Labour & Employment Minister – Mansukh Mandaviya





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of UCO Bank on an additional charge basis?**

- A) Ashwani Kumar
- B) Rajendra Kumar Saboo
- C) Atul Kumar Goel
- D) Debadatta Chand
- E) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Rajendra Kumar Saboo, Executive Director of UCO Bank, has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the bank.
- He has succeeded Ashwani Kumar.
- Saboo will hold the additional charge of MD & CEO until 31 August 2026, or until a regular incumbent is appointed, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- The appointment ensures continuity in the leadership and management of the bank.

**Static Part:**

- UCO Bank Established – 1943
- Headquarters – Kolkata
- Tagline – "Honours Your Trust"





**Ques: How much financing has the World Bank approved to support India's reform plan?**

- A) \$500 Million
- B) \$1 Billion
- C) \$1.5 Billion
- D) \$2 Billion
- E) \$2.5 Billion

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The World Bank has approved \$1.5 billion financing for India to support structural economic reforms.
- The funding aims to boost private sector-led job creation and accelerate economic growth.
- The assistance is being provided under the Development Policy Financing (DPF) Operation.
- The programme is expected to help create employment opportunities for around 11 million youth entering the labour market annually over the next two decades.
- The reform package builds on measures such as tax simplification, trade integration and regulatory reforms.
- The initiative seeks to improve ease of living and ease of doing business in India.
- The financing will help India address current and future development financing requirements.

**Static Part:**

- World Bank Established – 1944
- Headquarters – Washington, D.C., USA
- President – Ajay Banga
- India Joined World Bank – 1945





**Ques: What is the name of India's first Saatvik index launched by BSE?**

- A) BSE ESG 100
- B) BSE Ethical 100
- C) BSE Green 100
- D) BSE Saatvik 100
- E) BSE Sustainability Index

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Bombay Stock Exchange announced the launch of India's first Saatvik Index, namely the BSE Saatvik 100.
- The index tracks 100 companies selected from the broader BSE 500 Index based on defined Saatvik principles.
- The term "Saatvik" signifies purity, responsibility, and ethical conduct.
- The launch comes amid growing interest in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) investing.
- ESG investing focuses on companies that not only generate profits but also contribute positively to society and the environment.
- The BSE Saatvik 100 has a base value of 1,000, and its first value date is 20 June 2005.
- The index will be reconstituted twice every year, in June and December.





**Ques: From which date will the Reserve Bank of India's revised Kisan Credit Card (KCC) framework come into effect?**

- A) 1 July 2026
- B) 1 October 2026
- C) 1 January 2027
- D) 1 April 2027
- E) 1 January 2026

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India has issued the final revised Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Framework.
- The revised directions will come into effect from 1 January 2027, following public consultations on the draft directions released in February 2026.
- The Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme provides short-term credit to farmers and borrowers engaged in agriculture and allied activities.
- The revised framework standardises crop seasons at 12 months for short-duration crops and 18 months for long-duration crops.
- Banks will continue to waive collateral security and margin requirements for agricultural loans, including allied activities, up to ₹2 lakh per borrower.

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**Ques: Which of the following indigenous naval vessels was commissioned into the Indian Navy by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

- A) INS Dunagiri
- B) INS Sanshodhak
- C) INS Agray
- D) All of the Above
- E) None of the Above

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned three indigenous naval vessels — INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak and INS Agray — into the Indian Navy.
- The vessels were dedicated to the nation at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata.
- The ships were designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- The vessels will strengthen India's maritime combat, hydrographic survey and anti-submarine warfare capabilities.
- More than 75% indigenous content has been used in all three ships, reflecting the success of the Make in India initiative.
- The commissioning marks a major step towards defence self-reliance and indigenous shipbuilding in India.
- The event highlighted India's growing capability in developing advanced naval platforms and defence technologies.

**Static Part:**

- Chief of Naval Staff – Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
- Indian Navy Day – 4 December
- Indian Navy Motto – "Sham No Varunah"
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Headquarters – Kolkata, West Bengal
- Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port – Kolkata, West Bengal





**Ques: Which team won the FIH Women's Nations Cup 2026 title by defeating New Zealand 2-0 in the final?**

- A) Australia
- B) India
- C) Germany
- D) Spain
- E) Argentina

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India Women's National Field Hockey Team defeated New Zealand Women's National Field Hockey Team 2-0 in the final of the FIH Women's Nations Cup 2026 held in Auckland.
- With this victory, India secured its second FIH Women's Nations Cup title.
- India also earned promotion to the FIH Women's Pro League for the next season.

**Tournament Highlights:**

- Player of the Match (Final): Lalremsiami
- Joint Top Scorers: Deepika and Ashley Sessa with 6 goals each.

**Static Part:**

- International Hockey Federation Established – 1924
- Headquarters – Lausanne, Switzerland
- President – Tayyab Ikram





**Ques: What is the proposed outlay of the framework being considered by the Union Cabinet to promote CCUS technologies in India?**

- A) ₹10,000 Crore
- B) ₹15,000 Crore
- C) ₹20,000 Crore
- D) ₹25,000 Crore
- E) ₹30,000 Crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet is reviewing a ₹20,000 crore framework to promote Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) technologies.
- The proposed framework is expected to be implemented over the next five years.
- The initiative aims to help heavy industries reduce carbon emissions and adopt cleaner technologies.
- The programme will support India's climate commitments and long-term sustainability goals.
- The Ministry of Power emphasized the need for policy support, institutional frameworks and strategic investments for low-carbon technologies.
- CCUS technology captures carbon dioxide emissions and either stores them safely or uses them in industrial processes.
- The initiative is aligned with India's target of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2070.
- CCUS is considered crucial for decarbonising sectors such as steel, cement, power generation and other heavy industries.

**Static Part:**

- Full Form of CCUS – Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage
- Net-Zero Target of India – 2070
- COP26 Summit Venue – Glasgow, United Kingdom
- Ministry of Power Headquarters – New Delhi





**Ques: Joe Root became the second batter in Test cricket history to cross which milestone?**

- A) 12,000 Runs
- B) 13,000 Runs
- C) 14,000 Runs
- D) 15,000 Runs
- E) 16,000 Runs

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- England's Joe Root crossed the 14,000-run milestone in Test cricket during the second Test against New Zealand.
- He became only the second batter in Test history to achieve this feat.
- Root joined legendary Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar in the elite 14,000-run club.
- The milestone further strengthened Root's position among the greatest Test batters of all time.
- At the time of reaching the milestone, Root had scored over 14,000 runs with an average of above 50 in Test cricket.

**Static GK:**

- Joe Root belongs to – England





**Ques: How much amount will be transferred under the 23rd instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme scheduled to be released on 20 June 2026?**

- A) ₹15,000 crore
- B) ₹16,500 crore
- C) ₹18,880 crore
- D) ₹20,000 crore
- E) ₹22,500 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Prime Minister is scheduled to release the 23rd instalment of the PM-KISAN Scheme on 20 June 2026.
- Under this instalment, ₹18,880 crore will be transferred directly into the bank accounts of more than 9.44 crore farmers across India.
- The latest instalment will be released from Tarakeswar in Hooghly district of West Bengal.
- In West Bengal alone, over 45.35 lakh farmers will receive more than ₹907 crore under this instalment.
- With this release, the total amount disbursed under PM-KISAN since February 2019 will cross ₹4.46 lakh crore.

**About PM-KISAN:**

- Scheme Launch Date – 24 February 2019
- Implementing Ministry – Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- Annual Financial Benefit – ₹6,000
- Number of Instalments per Year – 3
- Funding Pattern – 100% Central Sector Scheme





**Ques: What is the designation of the first indigenous Air Cushion Vehicle (ACV) inducted into the Indian Coast Guard?**

- A) H-551
- B) H-561
- C) H-571
- D) H-581
- E) H-591

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The first of six indigenous Air Cushion Vehicles (ACVs), designated H-561, was inducted into the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- The induction ceremony was held on 18 June 2026 at Chowgule Shipyard, Goa.
- The hovercraft has been built by Chowgule & Company Pvt. Ltd. under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- The ACVs are designed for high-speed coastal patrolling, reconnaissance, interception and interdiction missions.
- The hovercraft can operate effectively in marshy terrain, shallow waters and deep-sea environments.
- The vessels will strengthen the Coast Guard's search and rescue (SAR) operations as well as maritime security capabilities.
- The total contract value for the construction of six ACVs is ₹387.44 crore.
- The induction reflects India's growing self-reliance in defence manufacturing and maritime technology under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

**Static Part:**

- Director General, Indian Coast Guard – Paramesh Sivamani
- Indian Coast Guard Established – 1 February 1977
- Indian Coast Guard Headquarters – New Delhi
- Motto of Indian Coast Guard – "Vayam Rakshamah"
- Goa Capital – Panaji





**Ques: How much amount does Jio Platforms plan to raise through its proposed IPO?**

- A) ₹20,000 Crore
- B) ₹25,000 Crore
- C) ₹30,000 Crore
- D) ₹36,000 Crore
- E) ₹40,000 Crore

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Jio Platforms, the digital arm of Reliance Industries, has filed draft papers for its Initial Public Offering (IPO).
- The IPO is expected to become the largest IPO in Indian history.
- The company plans to raise up to ₹36,000 crore through the issue of fresh equity shares.
- Jio Platforms is estimated to be valued at around \$138 billion through the proposed offering.
- A significant portion of the proceeds will be used to strengthen the company's financial position and support future expansion plans.
- Jio remains India's largest telecom and digital services platform with over 500 million subscribers.





**Ques: Who is the author of the book "IIT - The Story of India's Most Prestigious Educational Ecosystem" launched by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla?**

- A) Sanjeev Sanyal
- B) Prabhat Kumar
- C) Bibek Debroy
- D) Amitabh Kant
- E) Nandan Nilekani

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Om Birla, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, launched the book "IIT - The Story of India's Most Prestigious Educational Ecosystem".
- The book is authored by Prabhat Kumar.
- The book chronicles the evolution and achievements of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), regarded as India's premier engineering and technology institutions.

**About IITs:**

- The IIT journey began with Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, established in 1951.
- India currently has 23 IITs across the country.





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- A) Karnataka
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Assam
- E) Telangana

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Defence is creating seven regional defence manufacturing clusters to strengthen indigenous defence production.
- Each cluster will be supported by IITs and other Centres of Excellence to provide research, innovation and technical assistance.
- The initiative aims to reduce import dependence, boost defence exports and generate economic growth.
- The clusters will focus on testing & certification, indigenisation, innovation, market access, skill development and defence infrastructure.
- Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Telangana, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu have been identified as lead states for the seven clusters.
- Uttar Pradesh has been designated as the lead state for Cluster 3.
- Cluster 3 will focus on testing, certification, quality assurance and standards in defence manufacturing.
- The proposed clusters are independent of the existing Defence Industrial Corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
- The cluster framework follows a cooperative federal model involving lead states, co-lead states, participating states and academic institutions.





## Static Part :-

- Ministry of Defence Headquarters – New Delhi
- DRDO Established – 1958
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- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Headquarters – Bengaluru
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Motto – "Strength's Origin is in Science"
- Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor – Launched in 2018
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**Ques: From which date will the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (FTA) officially come into force?**

- A) 1 July 2026
- B) 10 July 2026
- C) 15 July 2026
- D) 1 August 2026
- E) 15 August 2026

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will officially come into force on 15 July 2026.
- The UK will remove tariffs on 99% of Indian goods, boosting exports of textiles, leather, footwear, gems & jewellery, and pharmaceuticals.
- Import duties on British whisky in India will be reduced from 150% to 40% in a phased manner.
- Tariffs on UK-made automobiles will decline from 100% to as low as 10% under a quota-based system.
- The agreement is expected to increase bilateral trade, investment, and economic cooperation between the two countries.
- India and the UK will also implement a Double Contribution Convention to protect professionals from double social security contributions.





**Ques: What was the theme of the International Day of Yoga 2026?**

- A) Yoga for Humanity
- B) Yoga for One Earth, One Health
- C) Yoga for Peace and Harmony
- D) Yoga for Wellness
- E) Yoga for Healthy Ageing

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- International Day of Yoga (IDY) is celebrated every year on 21 June to spread awareness about the benefits of yoga for physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.
- The year 2026 marked the 12th International Day of Yoga.
- The theme for International Day of Yoga 2026 was "Yoga for Healthy Ageing".
- The main celebration of IDY 2026 was held in Kolkata on 21 June 2026.
- In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 21 June as the International Day of Yoga following a proposal by Narendra Modi.
- The first International Day of Yoga was celebrated on 21 June 2015.

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**Ques: What is the name of the new advertisement framework proposed by SEBI for market stakeholders?**

- A) Unified Marketing Framework (UMF)
- B) Common Advertisement Code (CAC)
- C) Securities Promotion Code (SPC)
- D) Market Advertisement Framework (MAF)
- E) Investor Communication Code (ICC)

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed a Common Advertisement Code (CAC).
- The CAC aims to replace multiple separate advertising regulations with a single unified framework.
- The code will apply to all SEBI-regulated market intermediaries and stakeholders.
- Entities covered include stock brokers, mutual funds, portfolio managers, investment advisers, and research analysts.
- The proposal seeks to simplify advertisement regulations and improve consistency across the securities market.
- SEBI has proposed allowing celebrity endorsements subject to prescribed conditions and mandatory disclosures.
- The new framework is expected to reduce compliance costs, particularly for smaller market entities.
- The changes will be implemented through amendments to SEBI (Intermediaries) Regulations, 2008.

**Important Terms:**

- CAC – Common Advertisement Code
- SEBI – Securities and Exchange Board of India
- Mutual Fund – Professionally managed investment fund





- Portfolio Manager – Client investments managed professionally
- Research Analyst – Provides investment research and recommendations

Static Part:

- SEBI Headquarters – Mumbai
- SEBI Chairman – Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- SEBI Established – 12 April 1988
- Statutory Status Granted – 30 January 1992
- Ministry Concerned – Ministry of Finance



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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (WG-AI) formed by IRDAI?**

- A) Ajay Seth
- B) Deepak Gaikwad
- C) Prof. Sandeep K. Shukla
- D) Rajesh Kumar
- E) T. Rabi Sankar

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (WG-AI).
- The Working Group consists of 7 members.
- The group is chaired by Prof. Sandeep K. Shukla, Director of the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad.
- Deepak Gaikwad, General Manager (GM) and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of IRDAI, has been appointed as the Member-Convener of the group.
- The objective of WG-AI is to guide regulated entities in the insurance sector regarding the adoption, governance, and oversight of Artificial Intelligence technologies.





**Ques: Recently, RBI permitted banks to extend loans and issue SBLCs against which type of deposits?**

- A) NRE Deposits
- B) NRO Deposits
- C) FCNR(B) Deposits
- D) Recurring Deposits
- E) Current Account Deposits

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted Indian banks, including their overseas branches, to extend loans against FCNR(B) deposits.
- Banks can provide loans to Non-Resident Indian (NRI) account holders against their FCNR(B) deposits.
- Banks are also allowed to issue Standby Letters of Credit (SBLC) in favour of overseas lenders.
- The facility applies to FCNR(B) deposits mobilized under RBI's new swap facility.
- RBI clarified that this permission is in addition to the existing lending provisions available to banks.
- The move aims to attract more foreign currency deposits and strengthen overseas funding sources for banks.
- RBI's swap facility helps banks reduce hedging costs associated with FCNR(B) deposits.

**Banking Terms:**

- FCNR(B) – Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) Deposit
- SBLC – Standby Letter of Credit
- Hedging – Protection against exchange rate fluctuations
- Swap Facility – Exchange of currencies between RBI and banks at agreed terms

**Static Part:**

- RBI Headquarters – Mumbai





- RBI Governor – Sanjay Malhotra
- RBI Established – 1 April 1935
- RBI Nationalised – 1 January 1949
- FEMA – Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999
- Currency Issued by RBI – Indian Rupee
- FCNR(B) Accounts are maintained in designated foreign currencies and are fully repatriable.



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**Ques: Which bank partnered with Zagggle Prepaid Ocean Services Limited to launch the 'PNB-Zagggle Co-branded Twin Credit Cards'?**

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Zagggle Prepaid Ocean Services Limited launched the 'PNB-Zagggle Co-branded Twin Credit Cards'.
- The co-branded cards are issued on both Visa and RuPay payment networks.
- The partnership between PNB and Zagggle is for a period of five years.
- Customers can access and apply for these cards through the zagg.money mobile application.
- The initiative aims to provide enhanced financial solutions and digital payment benefits to customers.

**Static Part:**

- Punjab National Bank Established – 19 May 1894
- PNB Headquarters – New Delhi
- PNB MD & CEO – Ashok Chandra
- PNB Tagline – “The Name You Can Bank Upon”
- NPCI Established – 2008
- NPCI Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra





**Ques: Which film won the Golden Conch for Best Documentary in the International Competition section at the 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2026?**

- A) Maya's Song
- B) Under The Snow
- C) The Last Journey
- D) Armstrong from Angalamman Kovil Street
- E) Silver

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2026 concluded in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Maharashtra Governor Jishnu Dev Varma presided over the closing ceremony of the festival.
- MIFF is one of the world's most prestigious festivals dedicated to Documentary, Short Fiction, and Animation Films.
- The Polish documentary film "Silver" won the prestigious Golden Conch Award for Best Documentary in the International Competition section.
- "Maya's Song" received the Silver Conch Award for Best Animation Film in the International Competition section.





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Global Head of WhatsApp by Meta?**

- A) Bhavish Aggarwal
- B) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- C) Kunal Shah
- D) Nithin Kamath
- E) Deepinder Goyal

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Meta Platforms has appointed Kunal Shah, founder of CRED, as the Global Head of WhatsApp.
- Kunal Shah will succeed Will Cathcart, who previously led WhatsApp.
- He is the founder of CRED, a fintech platform that rewards users for timely credit card bill payments.
- Meta has also invested approximately \$900 million in CRED, reflecting confidence in Shah's leadership and business vision.
- India is WhatsApp's largest market, with more than 500 million active users.
- Before founding CRED, Kunal Shah established FreeCharge, which was acquired by Snapdeal in 2015.
- His appointment highlights the growing influence of Indian entrepreneurs in the global technology ecosystem.

**Static Part:**

- CRED Founded – 2018
- Founder of CRED – Kunal Shah
- CRED Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Meta Headquarters – Menlo Park, California, USA
- Meta CEO – Mark Zuckerberg
- WhatsApp Founded – 2009
- WhatsApp Acquired by Facebook (Meta) – 2014





**Ques: The Ambubachi Mela, which marks the annual menstrual cycle of Goddess Kamakhya, is celebrated at which temple?**

- A) Kamakhya Temple
- B) Kalighat Temple
- C) Vaishno Devi Temple
- D) Tarapith Temple
- E) Meenakshi Temple

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The annual Ambubachi Mela is celebrated at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati.
- The festival marks the annual menstrual cycle of Goddess Kamakhya, symbolizing fertility, womanhood, and the creative power of nature.
- During this period, the temple remains closed for devotees for a few days and reopens after special rituals are completed.

About Kamakhya Temple:

- The Kamakhya Temple is situated on the Nilachal Hills in Guwahati, Assam.
- It is one of the most important Shakti Peethas in India and is dedicated to Goddess Kamakhya, a form of Goddess Shakti.





**Ques: Which supercomputer has recently become the world's fastest according to the TOP500 ranking?**

- A) Frontier
- B) Fugaku
- C) El Capitan
- D) LineShine
- E) Summit

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- China has reclaimed the title of the world's fastest supercomputer with its new system, LineShine. (TOP500)
- LineShine was developed by the National Supercomputing Centre in Shenzhen, China. (TOP500)
- The system achieved a performance of approximately 2.2 exaflops (2.198 exaflops). (TOP500)
- An exaflop represents one quintillion ( $10^{18}$ ) calculations per second. (GKToday)
- LineShine surpassed the United States' El Capitan to secure the top position in the latest TOP500 ranking. (TOP500)
- The achievement highlights China's rapid progress in high-performance computing, artificial intelligence, and advanced semiconductor technologies. (Reuters)





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- Supercomputers are widely used in artificial intelligence, climate modelling, scientific research, weather forecasting, and national security applications.

**Static Part:**

- China Capital – Beijing
- China President – Xi Jinping
- Shenzhen – Guangdong Province, China
- TOP500 – Global Ranking of Supercomputers
- El Capitan – Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, USA
- World's First Electronic Digital Computer – ENIAC





- One Exaflop =  $10^{18}$  Calculations per Second
- Supercomputing is used in AI, Big Data Analytics, Space Research, and Defence Applications



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**Ques: Which Indian cricketer became the holder of the fastest half-century in List A cricket by reaching fifty in just 11 balls?**

- A) Ayush Mhatre
- B) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
- C) Yashasvi Jaiswal
- D) Shubman Gill
- E) Prithvi Shaw

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India's teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi created history by smashing the fastest half-century in List A cricket.
- The 15-year-old reached his fifty in just 11 balls during the Tri-Nation Series Final against Sri Lanka A at Dambulla.
- He broke the previous record of 12 balls held by Sri Lankan cricketer Kusal Weeraratne since the 2005–06 season.
- This achievement made Vaibhav Sooryavanshi the new record holder for the fastest fifty in List A cricket history.

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**Ques: Which product from Madhya Pradesh has recently been awarded a Geographical Indication (GI) tag?**

- A) Ratlami Sev
- B) Khurasani Imli
- C) Chanderi Saree
- D) Bagh Print
- E) Maheshwari Saree

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Khurasani Imli from the historic town of Mandu in Madhya Pradesh has officially received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The GI tag recognizes the unique identity, quality, and geographical origin of Khurasani Imli.
- Mandu is known for its rich historical heritage and unique agricultural products.
- The recognition will help protect the product from imitation, misuse, and unauthorized commercial use.
- Geographical Indication (GI) is an Intellectual Property Right granted to products that possess specific qualities and reputation linked to a particular geographical region.
- The GI tag is expected to improve the market value of Khurasani Imli and benefit local farmers and producers.

**Important Recent GI Tags:**

- Khurasani Imli – Mandu, Madhya Pradesh
- Jaggery of Muzaffarnagar – Uttar Pradesh
- Banaras Tabla – Uttar Pradesh
- Banaras Shehnai – Uttar Pradesh
- Banaras Wall Hanging – Uttar Pradesh
- Matabari Pera – Tripura
- Majuli Masks – Assam

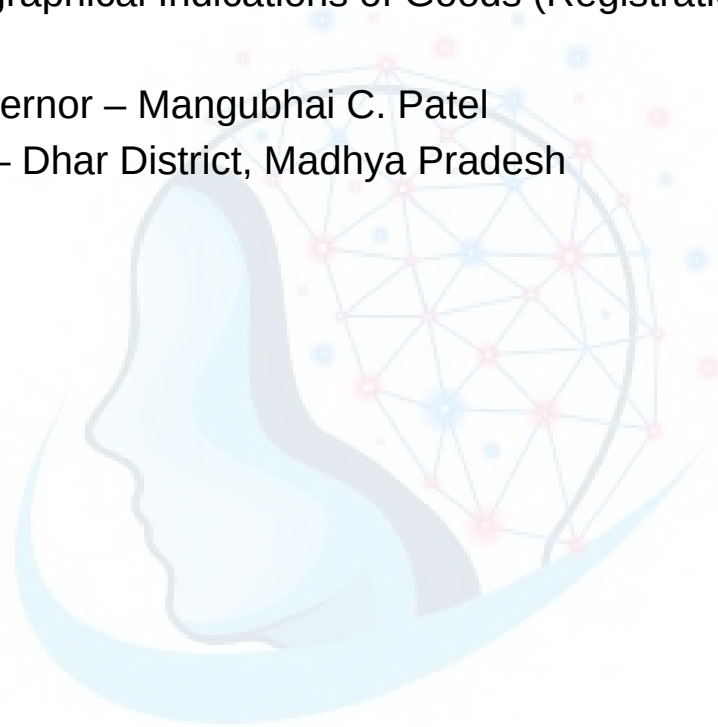




- Gamosa – Assam
- Kaji Nemu – Assam
- Basohli Pashmina – Jammu & Kashmir

Static Part:

- GI Registry Headquarters – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- GI Act in India – Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999
- Madhya Pradesh Governor – Mangubhai C. Patel
- Mandu (Mandu Fort) – Dhar District, Madhya Pradesh



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**Ques: Who won the 2025 Wolf Prize in Physics, becoming the first person of Indian origin to receive the award?**

- A) C. N. R. Rao
- B) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan
- C) Subir Sachdev
- D) Ashoke Sen
- E) Jainendra K. Jain

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Indian-origin physicist Jainendra K. Jain won the 2025 Wolf Prize in Physics.
- He was honoured for the discovery of Composite Fermions, a groundbreaking concept in quantum physics.
- The discovery of Composite Fermions dates back to 1989.
- The award was presented by Isaac Herzog, President of Israel, in Jerusalem.
- Jainendra K. Jain became the first person of Indian origin to receive the Wolf Prize since its inception in 1978.
- The Wolf Prize is considered one of the world's most prestigious scientific awards and is often regarded as a precursor to the Nobel Prize.

**Static Part:**

- Wolf Prize Established – 1978
- Awarding Organization – Wolf Foundation
- Wolf Prize Country – Israel
- Capital of Israel – Jerusalem
- President of Israel – Isaac Herzog
- Jainendra K. Jain is a renowned theoretical physicist known for his contributions to Condensed Matter Physics.





**Ques: According to the latest UNCTAD report, which country emerged as the World's No. 1 Ship Recycling Nation in 2025?**

- A) Bangladesh
- B) Pakistan
- C) China
- D) India
- E) Turkey

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- India emerged as the World's No. 1 Ship Recycling Nation in 2025, according to the latest report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- This achievement fulfills the target of Maritime India Vision 2030 five years ahead of schedule.
- India's share in global ship recycling increased from 30.1% in 2024 to 35.4% in 2025.
- Ship recycling volume in India increased from 1.86 million gross tonnes (GT) in 2024 to 2.99 million gross tonnes (GT) in 2025.
- This represents an increase of nearly 60% in ship recycling activity.
- Ship Recycling is the process of dismantling old ships at the end of their operational life and recovering reusable materials.
- Recovered materials include steel, machinery, equipment, and other reusable components.

**Static Part:**

- World's No. 1 Ship Recycling Nation (2025) – India
- India's Global Share (2025) – 35.4%
- India's Global Share (2024) – 30.1%
- Report Released By – United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Maritime India Vision Target Achieved – 5 years ahead of schedule





**Ques: INS Tarkash, recently seen in news, belongs to which class of warships?**

- A) Kolkata-class Destroyer
- B) Shivalik-class Frigate
- C) Talwar-class Stealth Frigate
- D) Kamorta-class Corvette
- E) Nilgiri-class Frigate

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tarkash, a Talwar-class stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, departed from Port Louis, Mauritius after completing its port call.
- The ship has been deployed for further operations in the South West Indian Ocean Region.
- During the visit, INS Tarkash engaged in several professional and cooperative activities.
- The crew conducted professional training capsules for personnel of the Mauritius National Coast Guard.
- Such deployments enhance interoperability and capacity-building among friendly maritime forces.
- INS Tarkash is a Talwar-class stealth frigate commissioned into the Indian Navy in 2012.





**Ques: What was the value of India's defence production in Financial Year 2025-26?**

- A) ₹1.54 lakh crore
- B) ₹1.78 lakh crore
- C) ₹2.10 lakh crore
- D) ₹2.50 lakh crore
- E) ₹3.00 lakh crore

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India's annual defence production reached ₹1.78 lakh crore in Financial Year 2025–26.
- This marked a 15.6% growth compared to ₹1.54 lakh crore recorded in the previous financial year.
- Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and other public sector units contributed around 76% of the total defence production.
- The private sector contributed nearly ₹42,000 crore, accounting for about 24% of total defence production.
- India recorded defence exports worth ₹38,424 crore during FY 2025–26.
- India has set a target of achieving ₹3 lakh crore in defence production and ₹50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029.





**Ques: Who became the highest goal-scorer in FIFA World Cup history during the FIFA World Cup 2026?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Argentina defeated Austria 2–0 in their Group J match of the FIFA World Cup 2026.
- The match was played in Arlington, United States.
- With this victory, Argentina secured its place in the Round of 32.
- Lionel Messi scored both goals for Argentina in the match.
- Messi's FIFA World Cup goal tally reached 18 goals.
- He surpassed Germany's Miroslav Klose, who had scored 16 World Cup goals.
- Lionel Messi became the highest goal-scorer in FIFA World Cup history.

**FIFA World Cup Goal-Scoring Legends:**

- Lionel Messi (Argentina) – 18 Goals
- Miroslav Klose (Germany) – 16 Goals
- Ronaldo Nazário (Brazil) – 15 Goals
- Gerd Müller (Germany) – 14 Goals
- Just Fontaine (France) – 13 Goals





## FIFA World Cup Goal-Scoring Legends:

- Lionel Messi (Argentina) – 18 Goals
- Miroslav Klose (Germany) – 16 Goals
- Ronaldo Nazário (Brazil) – 15 Goals
- Gerd Müller (Germany) – 14 Goals

## Static Part:

- Lionel Messi – Argentina
- Argentina Capital – Buenos Aires
- Austria Capital – Vienna
- FIFA Headquarters – Zurich, Switzerland
- FIFA President – Gianni Infantino
- FIFA World Cup 2026 Hosts – United States, Canada and Mexico

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**Ques: Which organization has launched NAFEX.in, a digital auction portal for agricultural produce auctions?**

- A) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- B) Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC)
- C) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)
- D) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)
- E) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah launched NAFEX.in, the digital auction portal of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED).
- The launch programme was held at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to promote transparency, efficiency, and technology-driven reforms in the cooperative sector.

**Purpose of NAFEX.in:**

- Digital platform for agricultural produce auctions.
- Streamlines auction-related activities.
- Enhances transparency in bidding and procurement.
- Improves operational efficiency for stakeholders.

**Static Part:**

- NAFED Established – 2 October 1958
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Union Minister of Cooperation – Amit Shah





**Ques: INS Kavaratti, recently seen in news during its visit to Vietnam, belongs to which class of warship?**

- A) Talwar-class Frigate
- B) Nilgiri-class Frigate
- C) Kamorta-class Corvette
- D) Kolkata-class Destroyer
- E) Shivalik-class Frigate

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Udaygiri and INS Kavaratti arrived at Nha Rong Port in Vietnam during their operational deployment to the South-East Asia region.
- INS Udaygiri is a stealth frigate of the Indian Navy.
- INS Kavaratti is an Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Corvette and belongs to the Kamorta-class.
- The ships received a warm ceremonial welcome from personnel of the Vietnam People's Navy.
- The visit reflects the close and longstanding naval ties between India and Vietnam.
- The deployment aims to strengthen maritime cooperation, interoperability, and regional security.
- India and Vietnam continue to enhance their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in the Indo-Pacific region.





**Ques: Who has been reappointed as the Solicitor General (SG) of India for a further term of three years from 1 July 2026?**

- A) R. Venkataramani
- B) Tushar Mehta
- C) K. K. Venugopal
- D) Mukul Rohatgi
- E) Harish Salve

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Central Government has reappointed Tushar Mehta as the Solicitor General (SG) of India for a further term of three years.
- The reappointment will come into effect from 1 July 2026.
- The decision was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- Vikramjit Banerjee, K.M. Nataraj, Suryaprakash V. Raju, N. Venkataraman, Aishwarya Bhati, and Chetan Sharma have been appointed as Additional Solicitors General (ASGs) for the Supreme Court.

About Solicitor General of India

- The Solicitor General of India is the second-highest law officer of the Government of India after the Attorney General.





**Ques: Which Ministry notified the 10th amendment to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011 in 2026?**

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Law and Justice
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

**Answer: C) Ministry of Home Affairs**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) notified the 10th amendment to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011, framed under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (FCRA).
- The definition of "Key Functionary" has been expanded to include directors, trustees, and all decision-makers, making them personally accountable for any irregularities.
- NGOs applying for registration must select their objectives from a predefined list of 105 approved activities and specify the States/UTs in which they will operate.
- NGOs registered before 2026 must inform the government within one year about the States/UTs where they operate and the purposes for which foreign funds are utilized.
- Organizations engaged in religious education or cultural preservation must ensure that their activities do not lead to religious conversions.
- Foreign nationals who are not of Indian origin cannot hold key positions in NGOs receiving foreign contributions.
- Organizations must utilize at least 75% of the foreign funds already received before becoming eligible for the next installment.
- NGOs must disclose details of their social media accounts, websites, and publications to the government.

The proposed 2026 Bill provides that if an NGO's registration is cancelled or not renewed, a government-appointed Designated Authority may take control of





- assets created from foreign funds and dispose of them in the public interest.
- For renewal, NGOs must have utilized at least ₹10 lakh of foreign contributions on approved activities during the previous two financial years.
- Penalties for FCRA violations include a fine of up to 30% of the misused amount or ₹1 lakh, whichever is higher.

### Static Part:

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- Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) – Enacted in 2010
- Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules – Notified in 2011
- Ministry Responsible – Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- Headquarters of the Ministry of Home Affairs – New Delhi

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**Ques: From which date will RBI's new framework against mis-selling by banks come into effect?**

- A) 1 July 2026
- B) 1 October 2026
- C) 1 January 2027
- D) 1 April 2027
- E) 1 January 2028

**Answer: C) 1 January 2027**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Responsible Lending Conduct and Customer Protection) Directions, 2026.
- The framework aims to prevent mis-selling of financial products such as insurance, mutual funds, loans, and investment products.
- Banks will no longer be allowed to force customers to buy insurance or other financial products as a condition for obtaining a loan.
- Explicit customer consent will be mandatory through signed declarations, OTP-based approvals, or recorded confirmations.
- The framework prohibits forced bundling of products and misleading sales practices.
- If mis-selling is established, customers may receive refunds and compensation for losses.
- The new framework will come into effect from 1 January 2027.





**Ques: Which company became the first Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) to utilize the RBI's subsidised hedging facility for overseas borrowings?**

- A) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- B) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- C) REC Limited
- D) Rural Electrification Corporation Finance
- E) HUDCO

**Answer: A) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)**

**Explanation:**

- Power Finance Corporation (PFC) successfully raised USD 300 million through a 5-year Dollar Bond issue.
- PFC became the first Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) to utilize the RBI's subsidised hedging facility for overseas borrowings.
- A Dollar Bond is a bond issued in US Dollars to raise funds from international investors.
- Dollar Bonds help companies access foreign capital markets, and both repayment and interest are generally made in US Dollars.
- PFC operates under the Ministry of Power and holds Maharatna status.





**Ques: Which ministry is set to launch the Index of Services Production (ISP) to measure monthly changes in the growth of India's formal services sector?**

- A) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- E) Ministry of Labour and Employment

**Answer: A) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is preparing to launch the Index of Services Production (ISP).
- The ISP will provide a monthly measure of short-term changes in the growth of India's formal services sector.
- The ISP will act as the counterpart of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for the services sector.
- The base year for the ISP has been fixed as 2024–25.
- The trial monthly indices for 2025–26 and April 2026 are scheduled to be released on the 14th of the following month.
- Thereafter, the monthly trial indices will be released on the 29th of every month, with a time lag of about 60 days.





**Ques: RBI has proposed opening the Term Money Market to which new category of participants?**

- A) Only Cooperative Banks
- B) NBFCs, HFCs, AIFIs and Companies
- C) Only Insurance Companies
- D) Only Foreign Banks
- E) Only Mutual Funds

**Answer: B) NBFCs, HFCs, AIFIs and Companies**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed allowing a wider set of participants to access the Term Money Market.
- Under the proposal, NBFCs, Housing Finance Companies (HFCs), All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs), and companies will be allowed to participate.
- Currently, only banks and standalone primary dealers are permitted to participate in the Term Money Market.
- NBFCs and HFCs (except base-layer NBFCs) will be allowed to both borrow and lend in the market.
- Companies will be permitted to participate as lenders.
- The proposal aims to deepen market liquidity and strengthen the transmission of monetary policy across different interest-rate tenors.





**Ques: Which organization launched the 'PFRDA Pension Sahayak' portal to resolve pension-related issues and complaints more efficiently?**

- A) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)
- B) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
- C) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- D) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- E) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

**Answer: B) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**

**Explanation:**

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launched the 'PFRDA Pension Sahayak' portal.
- The portal aims to resolve pension-related issues and complaints faster and in a more seamless manner.
- The PFRDA Pension Sahayak portal supports 22 languages, making it accessible to users across the country.
- The new portal has replaced the Central Grievance Management System (CGMS).
- The initiative is expected to improve grievance redressal efficiency and enhance the overall experience of pension subscribers.





**Ques: Which Bengaluru-based fintech company obtained an international payment licence in Canada, marking its first international licence outside India?**

- A) Razorpay
- B) Cashfree Payments
- C) Skydo
- D) CRED
- E) Pine Labs

**Answer: C) Skydo**

**Explanation:**

- Bengaluru-based fintech company Skydo obtained an international payment licence in Canada.
- This is Skydo's first international licence outside India.
- The licence will enable the company to expand its cross-border payment operations across Canada and North America.
- Skydo already has approval to operate from GIFT City, India's International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
- GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City), located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, is India's first operational smart city and International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).





**Ques: Which port became the first major port in India to deploy an enterprise-grade Generative AI platform through a mobile application named PortGPT?**

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- B) Deendayal Port
- C) Chennai Port
- D) Paradip Port
- E) V.O. Chidambaranar Port

**Answer: E) V.O. Chidambaranar Port**

**Explanation:**

- V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, launched PortGPT, a dedicated mobile application based on Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- The application was launched by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.
- With this initiative, V.O. Chidambaranar Port became the first major port in India to deploy an enterprise-grade Generative AI platform through a mobile application.
- The Port Authority also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya.
- The collaboration aims to promote research, innovation, logistics education, skill development, and sustainable port operations.





**Ques: According to PPAC, what was the price of India's Crude Oil Basket on 24 June 2026?**

- A) \$60.71 per barrel
- B) \$70.71 per barrel
- C) \$80.71 per barrel
- D) \$90.71 per barrel
- E) \$157.04 per barrel

**Answer: B) \$70.71 per barrel**

**Explanation:**

- India's Crude Oil Basket price returned to the level prevailing before the Iran conflict.
- According to the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), the Indian Crude Basket price declined from a record high of \$157.04 per barrel on 23 March 2026 to \$70.71 per barrel on 24 June 2026.
- This represents a decline of nearly 55%, completely reversing the oil price shock caused by the conflict.
- The decline followed the US–Iran peace agreement, which eased concerns regarding disruptions in global oil supplies.
- The conflict had begun on 28 February 2026 after missile strikes raised fears about crude oil supplies from West Asia.





**Ques: Adani Airport City Ltd. plans to develop Changi-inspired airport cities across how many states in India?**

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

**Answer: C) 5 States**

**Explanation:**

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- Adani Airport City Ltd., a subsidiary of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd., has announced plans to develop integrated Changi-inspired airport cities across its airport network in India.
- The first phase of the project will involve an investment of more than ₹20,000 crore.
- Around 22 million square feet of development is planned across Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur, and Guwahati.
- The project will be spread over nearly 655 acres across six airports in five states.
- Nearly 70% of the planned investment will be concentrated in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.
- The airport cities will integrate hospitality, retail, entertainment, convention centres, and commercial infrastructure into a single ecosystem.





**Ques: Which company is expected to invest around \$370 million in India for manufacturing advanced hybrid powertrains and engines?**

- A) BYD Auto
- B) SAIC Motor
- C) Horse Powertrain
- D) Great Wall Motors
- E) Changan Automobile

**Answer: C) Horse Powertrain**

**Explanation:**

- India is set to approve an investment of around \$370 million by Horse Powertrain, a hybrid-engine venture backed by China's Zhejiang Geely Holding Group.
- The investment is expected to be one of the largest manufacturing investments from a Chinese-linked company in recent years.
- Horse Powertrain is jointly backed by Geely Group and French automobile manufacturer Renault.
- The proposed investment will support Renault's manufacturing operations in India.
- The approval would be among the first major clearances after India relaxed investment rules for neighbouring countries in March 2026.





**Ques: As of 22 June 2026, the total area sown under all kharif crops stood at?**

- A) 8.75 Million Hectares
- B) 9.50 Million Hectares
- C) 10.25 Million Hectares
- D) 11.79 Million Hectares
- E) 13.50 Million Hectares

**Answer: D) 11.79 Million Hectares**

**Explanation:**

- Kharif sowing has been impacted in several parts of India due to delayed and deficient monsoon rainfall.
- As of 22 June 2026, the total area sown under all kharif crops stood at 11.79 million hectares.
- Rainfall deficiency during 1–25 June stood at 41.2% below the Long Period Average (LPA) at the all-India level.
- Central India recorded the highest rainfall deficit of 57%, followed by East & Northeast India (42%), South Peninsula (28%), and Northwest India (21%).
- Delayed monsoon progress in western and central regions slowed the sowing and transplantation of crops such as paddy, pulses, cotton, and oilseeds.
- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast favourable conditions for the further advancement of the southwest monsoon.





**Ques: Amazon has announced an additional investment of how much in India to expand AI and cloud infrastructure?**

- A) \$5 Billion
- B) \$8 Billion
- C) \$10 Billion
- D) \$13 Billion
- E) \$20 Billion

**Answer: D) \$13 Billion**

**Explanation:**

- Amazon has announced an additional investment of \$13 billion in India.
- The investment will accelerate the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Cloud Infrastructure in India.
- The fresh investment will expand the Amazon Web Services (AWS) data centre capacity in Mumbai and Hyderabad.
- Amazon will also establish more than 20 new fulfilment centres and over 100 delivery stations across India this year.
- Earlier, Amazon had already pledged investments of more than \$35 billion in India by 2030.
- With the new commitment, Amazon's cumulative investments in India (2010–2030) are expected to exceed \$88 billion.





**Ques: Who became the first cricketer in the history of both men's and women's cricket to play 200 Twenty20 International (T20I) matches?**

- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) Ellyse Perry
- C) Suzie Bates
- D) Harmanpreet Kaur
- E) Danni Wyatt-Hodge

**Answer: D) Harmanpreet Kaur**

**Explanation:**

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- Indian captain Harmanpreet Kaur created history by becoming the first cricketer in both men's and women's cricket to play 200 Twenty20 International (T20I) matches.
- She achieved this milestone during India's match against South Africa women's national cricket team in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup at Old Trafford Cricket Ground.
- Harmanpreet made her international debut in March 2009 in a One Day International (ODI) against Pakistan women's national cricket team.
- **The leading players in terms of T20I appearances are:**
  - Harmanpreet Kaur – 200
  - Suzie Bates – 184
  - Danni Wyatt-Hodge – 183
  - Ellyse Perry – 177
  - Smriti Mandhana – 169





**Ques: Till which date has the Ministry of Heavy Industries extended the bid submission deadline for the ₹7,280 crore Rare Earth Magnet Manufacturing Scheme?**

- A) 15 July 2026
- B) 20 July 2026
- C) 29 July 2026
- D) 30 July 2026
- E) 15 August 2026

**Answer: C) 29 July 2026**

**Explanation:**

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- The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) has extended the bid submission deadline for the ₹7,280 crore Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPM).
- The extension was granted after multiple stakeholders requested additional time to prepare bids.
- Earlier, the deadline had been extended from 28 May to 29 June 2026.
- Under the revised schedule, bids can now be submitted until 29 July 2026.
- Technical bids will now be opened on 30 July 2026 instead of 30 June 2026.
- Industry stakeholders had raised concerns regarding limited raw material allocation and incentive criteria linked to magnet weight instead of quality.





**Ques: Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas is observed every year on which date?**

- A) 23 June
- B) 24 June
- C) 25 June
- D) 26 June
- E) 21 March

**Answer: C) 25 June**

**Explanation:**

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- Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas is observed every year on 25 June to commemorate the declaration of the National Emergency on 25 June 1975 and to remember those who suffered during the Emergency period.
- On the night of 25 June 1975, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed proclaimed a National Emergency under Article 352 of the Constitution on the advice of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.
- The Emergency remained in force from 25 June 1975 to 21 March 1977.
- The Emergency period witnessed the suspension of several Fundamental Rights, censorship of the press, and large-scale political arrests.

**Static Part:**

- Article 352 deals with the Proclamation of National Emergency.
- There are three types of Emergencies under the Constitution of India:
  - National Emergency – Article 352
  - State Emergency / President's Rule – Article 356
  - Financial Emergency – Article 360
- The 44th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1978 introduced important safeguards relating to the proclamation of National Emergency.
- Article 352 can be invoked on the grounds of War, External Aggression, or Armed Rebellion.

