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1. Who has been appointed as the part-time Chairman of IndusInd Bank?

इंडसइंड बैंक के अंशकालिक अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Shiavni Tyagi
- (b) Arijit Basu
- (c) Aditya Puri
- (d) Anshika Nigam
- (e) Shivam Choudhary

Ans. b

Sol. Arijit Basu Appointed Part-Time Chairman of IndusInd Bank

Arijit Basu has been appointed as the part-time Chairman of IndusInd Bank, bringing extensive banking experience to the role.

He previously served as Chairman of HDB Financial Services and succeeds Sunil Mehta in the position.

About IndusInd Bank

- **Founded** - 1994
- **Founder** - S.P. Hinduja
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra,
- **Tagline** - We Make You Feel Richer

2. The Reserve Bank of India imposed monetary penalties on Union Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Bank of India and Pine Labs for regulatory non-compliance. What are the respective penalty amounts?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया, सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया, बैंक ऑफ इंडिया और पाइन लैब्स पर नियामकीय उल्लंघन के लिए जुर्माना लगाया। क्रमशः इन पर कितना जुर्माना लगाया गया?

- (a) ₹95.40 lakh, ₹63.60 lakh, ₹58.50 lakh, ₹3.10 lakh
- (b) ₹63.60 lakh, ₹95.40 lakh, ₹58.50 lakh, ₹3.10 lakh
- (c) ₹58.50 lakh, ₹63.60 lakh, ₹95.40 lakh, ₹3.10 lakh
- (d) ₹95.40 lakh, ₹58.50 lakh, ₹63.60 lakh, ₹3.10 lakh
- (e) ₹100 lakh, ₹50 lakh, ₹25 lakh, ₹5 lakh

Ans. a

Sol. Reserve Bank of India Imposes Penalties on Union Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Bank of India & Pine Labs for Regulatory Violations

Reserve Bank of India imposed monetary penalties on Union Bank of India (₹95.40 lakh), Central Bank of India (₹63.60 lakh), Bank of India (₹58.50 lakh), and Pine Labs (₹3.10 lakh) for regulatory non-compliance.

The violations included delay in crediting unauthorised transactions (Union Bank), lapses in Priority Sector Lending and deposit interest rules (Bank of India), and

deficiencies in KYC and financial inclusion norms (Central Bank of India), while Pine Labs failed proper KYC for prepaid instruments.

3. Consider the following statements regarding government borrowing for FY 2026–27:

वित्त वर्ष 2026–27 के सरकारी उधार के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

1. Ministry of Finance India plans to borrow ₹4.20 lakh crore in the first half of FY 2026–27.
2. This borrowing is about 40% of the total borrowing target.
3. The total borrowing target is ₹8.09 lakh crore.

Which of the above is/are CORRECT?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- (e) All are incorrect

Ans. e

Sol. Govt to borrow ₹8.2 lakh crore in April–September of FY27

Ministry of Finance India, in consultation with Reserve Bank of India, plans to borrow ₹8.20 lakh crore through dated securities during April–September of FY 2026–27.

This accounts for about 51% of the total borrowing target of ₹16.09 lakh crore, which is lower than the usual 60%+ borrowing seen in the first half of the fiscal year.

The reduced borrowing is attributed to high 10-year bond yields (above 6.9%) and global economic volatility, as highlighted by DK Pant.

The borrowing plan includes ₹15,000 crore through Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs), with total borrowing adjusted after G-Sec switches to ₹16.09 lakh crore.

4. Consider the following statements regarding the WMA limit for FY 2026–27:

वित्त वर्ष 2026–27 के लिए WMA सीमा के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

1. Reserve Bank of India has set the WMA limit at ₹2.5 lakh crore for H1.
2. The limit is applicable for April–September 2026.
3. WMA interest rate is aligned with the Reverse Repo Rate.
4. Overdraft interest rate is Repo Rate plus 2.5%.
5. Both WMA and overdraft rates are fixed independently of RBI policy rates.

Which of the above is/are INCORRECT?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only

- (c) 3, 4 and 5 only
 (d) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
 (e) All are correct

Ans. c

Sol. RBI sets WMA limit at ₹2.5 lakh crore for H1 FY 2026–27

Reserve Bank of India, in consultation with the Government of India, has set the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit at ₹2,50,000 crore for April–September FY 2026–27.

The WMA limit aims to support smooth cash flow management of the government while ensuring fiscal discipline during the first half of the financial year.

About Ways and Means Advances (WMA)

- *Ways and Means Advances are short-term credit facilities provided by the Reserve Bank of India to the government to manage temporary mismatches between receipts and expenditures.*
- *These mismatches arise due to timing differences in revenue collection and government spending obligations.*
- *WMA serves as a key liquidity support mechanism, enabling the government to meet immediate financial needs without resorting to sudden market borrowings.*

Interest rate structure

- *The interest rates applicable to WMA and overdrafts are linked to the RBI's policy rate framework:*
 - **WMA Interest Rate:** Aligned with the Repo Rate
 - **Overdraft Interest Rate:** Repo Rate plus 2%

5. Jio Financial Services Limited and Allianz Group have launched their reinsurance joint venture Allianz Jio Reinsurance Limited, which has started operations after receiving approval from _____.

जियो फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज लिमिटेड और एलियांज ग्रुप ने अपना रीइंश्योरेंस संयुक्त उद्यम शुरू किया, जिसे संचालन शुरू करने के लिए _____ से मंजूरी मिली।

- (a) SEBI
 (b) RBI
 (c) IRDIA
 (d) Ministry of Finance
 (e) NABARD

Ans. c

Sol. Allianz Jio Reinsurance Limited Commences Operations After IRDAI Approval

Jio Financial Services Limited and Allianz Group have launched their reinsurance joint venture Allianz Jio Reinsurance Limited, which has started operations after receiving approval from Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India. Headquartered in Mumbai, the venture is authorised to underwrite reinsurance in India and aims to strengthen the country's insurance ecosystem as a long-term strategic partner.

6. Which Indian Navy ship arrived at Maputo as part of its deployment?

कौन सा भारतीय नौसेना जहाज अपनी तैनाती के तहत मापुतो पहुँचा?

- (a) INS Vikramaditya
- (b) INS Kolkata
- (c) INS Trikand
- (d) INS Chennai
- (e) INS Arihant

Ans. c

Sol. INS Trikand Reaches Maputo During Operational Deployment in the South-West Indian Ocean

INS Trikand has reached Maputo as part of its operational deployment in the South-West Indian Ocean Region.

The deployment supports India's MAHASAGAR vision (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions), focusing on regional security and cooperation.

7. Which Indian Navy sailing vessel arrived at Sète under the Lokayan-26 expedition?

लोकायन-26 अभियान के तहत कौन सा भारतीय नौसेना का नौकायन पोत सेते पहुँचा?

- (a) INS Shraddha
- (b) INS Tarini
- (c) INS Sudarshini
- (d) INS Vikrant
- (e) INS Chakra

Ans. c

Sol. INS Sudarshini Arrives at Sète for 'Lokayan-26' Expedition

INS Sudarshini reached Sète as part of the transoceanic expedition 'Lokayan-26'.

The vessel will participate in the Escale à Sète, a major international gathering of traditional tall ships.

Before arriving in France, the ship made port calls in Oman, Egypt, and Malta.

8. Where was the IMEX TTX 2026 (IONS Maritime Exercise Tabletop Exercise 2026) conducted by the Indian Navy?

भारतीय नौसेना द्वारा आयोजित IMEX TTX 2026 (IONS Maritime Exercise Tabletop Exercise 2026) कहाँ आयोजित किया गया?

- (a) Kochi at Maritime Warfare Centre under Southern Naval Command
- (b) Mumbai Naval Dockyard under Western Naval Command
- (c) Visakhapatnam Naval Base under Eastern Naval Command
- (d) Goa Naval Training Area
- (e) Chennai Harbour Command

Ans. a

Sol. Indian Navy Hosts IMEX TTX 2026 in Kochi with IONS Nations; India Assumes Chairmanship 2026–2028

Indian Navy hosted IMEX TTX 2026 (IONS Maritime Exercise Tabletop Exercise) at Maritime Warfare Centre Kochi, bringing together Indian Ocean Naval Symposium members and international officers to discuss maritime security.

Multiple countries including Bangladesh, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Timor-Leste participated, while India takes over IONS Chairmanship for 2026–2028 after 16 years.

9. Who was honoured with the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award at the Hockey India Annual Awards 2025?

हॉकी इंडिया वार्षिक पुरस्कार 2025 में मेजर ध्यानचंद लाइफटाइम अचीवमेंट अवॉर्ड से किसे सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) Hardik Singh
- (b) Navneet Kaur
- (c) PR Sreejesh
- (d) Zafar Iqbal
- (e) Manpreet Singh

Ans. d

Sol. Zafar Iqbal Honoured with Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award
Zafar Iqbal, a key member of India's Moscow 1980 Olympic gold-winning hockey team, was honoured with the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award.

Two-time Olympic medallist Hardik Singh and Navneet Kaur received the Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year (men and women categories) at the Hockey India Annual Awards 2025 in New Delhi.

Hardik Singh won the Player of the Year (men) award for the third time, highlighting his consistent performance in international hockey.

Hockey India Awards 2025 winners

- Hockey India Baljit Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year- Bichu Devi Kharibam
- Hockey India Pargat Singh Award for Defender of the Year Winner- Sanjay
- Hockey India Ajit Pal Singh Award for Midfielder of the Year Winner- Sumit
- Hockey India Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year Winner- Sukhjeet Singh
- Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Women-U21) Winner- Sakshi Rana
- Hockey India Jugraj Singh Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Men-U21) Winner- Prince Deep Singh
- Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year (Women) Winner- Navneet Kaur
- Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year (Men) Winner- Hardik Singh
- Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award Winner- Zafar Iqbal

10. Who won the Miami Open 2026 women's singles title?

मियामी ओपन 2026 महिला एकल खिताब किसने जीता?

- (a) Coco Gauff
- (b) Iga Świątek
- (c) Anshika Nigam
- (d) Aryna Sabalenka
- (e) Ons Jabeur

Ans. d

Sol. Aryna Sabalenka Wins Second Consecutive Miami Open Title

Aryna Sabalenka won her second consecutive Miami Open title by defeating Coco Gauff in the final, continuing her dominant form on the WTA Tour.

The World No. 1 became the first woman since Iga Swiatek (2022) to win both the Indian Wells and Miami Open titles in the same year.

11. Who won the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka?

जापानी ग्रां प्री (Suzuka) किसने जीता?

- (a) Max Verstappen
- (b) Lewis Hamilton
- (c) Charles Leclerc
- (d) Kimi Antonelli
- (e) Lando Norris

Ans. d

Sol. Kimi Antonelli Wins Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka

Kimi Antonelli of Mercedes won the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka, securing his second consecutive victory in Formula One.

With this win, the 19-year-old became the youngest driver in Formula One history to lead the World Championship standings.

12. Who was Vijaypat Singhania associated with as Chairman?

विजयपत सिंघानिया किस समूह के चेयरमैन रहे थे?

- (a) Tata Group
- (b) Reliance Industries
- (c) Aditya Birla Group
- (d) Raymond Group
- (e) Mahindra Group

Ans. d

Sol. Industrialist Vijaypat Singhania has passed away recently. He was 87.

Veteran industrialist Vijaypat Singhania, former chairman of the Raymond Group, passed away.

Singhania was conferred the Padma Bhushan and the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award for his contributions.

13. Which country is the first Southeast Asian nation to prohibit under-16 users from accessing platforms such as YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X, Bigo Live, and Roblox to protect them from online risks and harmful content?

कौन सा देश पहला साउथईस्ट एशियाई देश है जिसने 16 साल से कम उम्र के यूज़र्स को YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X, Bigo Live, और Roblox जैसे प्लेटफॉर्म पर एक्सेस करने से रोक दिया है ताकि उन्हें ऑनलाइन रिस्क और नुकसानदायक कंटेंट से बचाया जा सके?

- (a) Thailand
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Philippines
- (e) Vietnam

Ans. c

Sol. Indonesia Becomes First Southeast Asian Nation to Ban Social Media for Under-16 Users

Indonesia is the first Southeast Asian country to prohibit under-16 users from accessing social media platforms (such as YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram,

Threads, X, Bigo Live, and Roblox) to protect them from online risks and harmful content.

The country follows Australia, which became the first nation globally to impose similar restrictions in December.

About Indonesia

- *Capital - Jakarta*
- *Currency - Rupiah*
- *Official language - Indonesian*
- *President - Prabowo Subianto*

14. The United Nations has established a high-level task force to tackle humanitarian and trade disruptions caused by rising tensions in the Strait of Hormuz. Who is leading the UN Hormuz task force as Under Secretary-General?

यूनाइटेड नेशंस ने होर्मुज स्ट्रेट में बढ़ते तनाव की वजह से मानवीय और व्यापार में रुकावटों से निपटने के लिए एक हाई-लेवल टास्क फोर्स बनाई है। अंडर सेक्रेटरी-जनरल के तौर पर UN होर्मुज टास्क फोर्स को कौन लीड कर रहा है?

- (a) Achim Steiner
- (b) Jorge Moreira da Silva
- (c) Rebeca Grynspan
- (d) Gilbert Houngbo
- (e) Qu Dongyu

Ans. b

Sol. UN Launches High-Level Task Force to Address Hormuz Crisis and Safeguard Global Trade

The United Nations has established a high-level task force, led by Secretary-General António Guterres, to tackle humanitarian and trade disruptions caused by rising tensions in the Strait of Hormuz.

The task force, headed by Jorge Moreira da Silva, includes bodies like UNCTAD, IMO, and ICC, and aims to ensure the smooth flow of aid and essential goods using models like the Black Sea grain corridor and Yemen operations.

About United Nations (UN)

- ***Founded*** - 24 October 1945
- ***Headquarters*** - New York, US
- ***Official languages*** - Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish
- ***Membership*** - 193 members (193rd - South Sudan)
- ***1st Secretary General*** - Trygve Halvdan Lie (Norway)
- ***9th Secretary-General*** - António Guterres (Portugal)
- *United Nations Day is celebrated on October 24 every year*

15. Odisha Day (Utkal Divas) is celebrated annually on which date?

ओडिशा दिवस (उत्कल दिवस) हर वर्ष किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) March 30
- (b) March 31
- (c) April 1
- (d) April 2
- (e) April 3

Ans. c

Sol. 1 April - Odisha Day (Utkal Divas)

Odisha Day (Utkal Divas) is celebrated on April 1 every year to mark the formation of the state of Odisha in 1936.

On this day, Odisha became the first Indian state to be formed on a linguistic basis, recognising the Odia-speaking population.

16. Prevention of Blindness Week is observed annually during which period?

प्रिवेंशन ऑफ ब्लाइंडनेस वीक हर वर्ष किस अवधि में मनाया जाता है?

- (a) April 1-7
- (b) April 2 - 8
- (c) April 3-9
- (d) April 1-8
- (e) April 3-10

Ans. a

Sol. 1 - 7 April - Prevention of Blindness Week

Prevention of Blindness Week is observed every year from April 1 to April 7 to raise awareness about eye care and the prevention of avoidable blindness.

The initiative focuses on promoting early detection, timely treatment, and regular eye check-ups to reduce vision impairment.

It also highlights common causes of blindness such as cataract, glaucoma, and refractive errors, encouraging public awareness and healthcare access.

17. Which company launched the new campaign for Johnnie Walker Luxe Blended Water featuring Virat Kohli?

किस कंपनी ने विराट कोहली वाले जॉनी वॉकर लक्स ब्लेंडेड वॉटर के लिए नया कैम्पेन लॉन्च किया?

- (a) ITC Ltd
- (b) United Spirits Ltd
- (c) Hindustan Unilever
- (d) Tata Consumer Products
- (e) Nestle India

Ans. b

Sol. United Spirits ropes in Virat Kohli for Johnnie Walker Luxe Blended Water campaign

United Spirits Ltd (Diageo India) has launched a new campaign for Johnnie Walker Luxe Blended Water, featuring former Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli.

The campaign, based on the "Keep Walking" theme, showcases Kohli in multiple roles and highlights self-reinvention as a symbol of modern ambition.

18. Consider the following statements regarding small savings schemes (April–June 2026):

लघु बचत योजनाओं (अप्रैल–जून 2026) के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

1. Senior Citizens Savings Scheme offers 8.2% interest.
2. Sukanya Samriddhi Account offers 8.2% interest.
3. Public Provident Fund offers 8.5% interest.

Which of the above is/are CORRECT?

- (a) Only 1 and 2
- (b) Only 2 and 3
- (c) Only 1 and 3
- (d) All 1, 2 and 3
- (e) Only 2

Ans. a

Sol. Government Keeps Small Savings Interest Rates Unchanged for Eighth Consecutive Quarter

The government has kept interest rates unchanged for small savings schemes like PPF and NSC for the eighth consecutive quarter, effective from April 1, 2026.

As per the Finance Ministry notification, the rates for the first quarter of FY 2026–27 (April–June 2026) remain the same as those in the previous quarter (Jan–March 2026).

Saving Schemes Interest rates for April 2026 – June 2026

- Post Office Savings Deposit- 4 per cent
- Post Office Monthly Income Account- 7.4 percent
- 1-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 6.9 percent
- 2-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 7.0 percent
- 3-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 7.1 percent
- 5-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 7.5 percent
- 5-Year Recurring Deposits- 6.7 percent
- Senior Citizens Savings Scheme- 8.2 per cent
- Sukanya Samriddhi Account- 8.2 per cent
- National Saving Certificates (NSC)- 7.7 percent

- Kisan Vikas Patra- 7.5 percent (will mature in 115 months)
- Public Provident Fund- 7.1 per cent

19. Who has been named 'Para Archer of the Year 2025' by World Archery?

विश्व तीरंदाजी द्वारा 'पैरा आर्चर ऑफ द ईयर 2025' किसे नामित किया गया है?

- (a) Deepika Kumari
- (b) Sheetal Devi
- (c) Jyothi Surekha Vennam
- (d) Harvinder Singh
- (e) Rakesh Kumar

Ans. b

Sol. India's Sheetal Devi Named World Archery Para Archer of the Year 2025

India's Sheetal Devi has been honoured with the World Archery 'Para Archer of the Year 2025', recognising her exceptional achievements in international archery.

The 19-year-old from Jammu & Kashmir became the first female armless archer to win gold at the World Para Archery Championships (Gwangju, South Korea).

She also won a bronze at the Paris Paralympics (mixed team) and individual silvers at the Asian Para Games 2022 and Asian Championships 2023.

20. India's industrial growth (IIP) rose to what percentage in February 2026?

फरवरी 2026 में भारत की औद्योगिक वृद्धि (IIP) कितने प्रतिशत रही?

- (a) 4.8%
- (b) 5.0%
- (c) 5.2%
- (d) 5.5%
- (e) 6.0%

Ans. c

Sol. Manufacturing Boost Lifts India's Industrial Growth to 5.2% in February

India's industrial growth, measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), increased to 5.2% in February, up from 5.1% in January, driven by strong manufacturing performance.

The manufacturing sector showed significant improvement, with output growth rising to 6% in February 2026, as per the Statistics Ministry data.

21. According to ICRA, India's GDP growth is projected to be what in FY 2026–27?

ICRA के अनुसार FY 2026–27 में भारत की GDP वृद्धि दर कितनी रहने का अनुमान है?

- (a) 5.8%

- (b) 6.0%
- (c) 6.5%
- (d) 7.0%
- (e) 7.5%

Ans. c

Sol. ICRA Projects India's GDP Growth to Slow to 6.5% in FY27

ICRA projects India's GDP growth to moderate to 6.5% in FY 2026–27, down from 7.6% in the current fiscal, mainly due to high energy prices and supply concerns amid the West Asia conflict.

The agency also expects the current account deficit (CAD) to widen to 1.7% of GDP, assuming average crude oil prices at around \$85 per barrel in FY27.

GDP Projection List 2026

- *OECD – 6.1 % (FY27)*
- *S&P Global Ratings – 7.6% (FY26); 7.1% (FY27)*
- *Fitch Rating – 7.5% (FY26); 6.7% (FY27)*
- *CRISIL – 7.1% (FY27)*
- *Moody's Rating – 6.45 (FY27)*
- *Goldman Sachs - 6.9% (FY26)*

22. What was the amount of penalty imposed on Airtel Payments Bank Ltd by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for non-compliance with financial disclosure norms?

फाइनेंशियल डिस्क्लोजर नॉर्म्स का पालन न करने पर रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (RBI) ने एयरटेल पेमेंट्स बैंक लिमिटेड पर कितनी पेनल्टी लगाई?

- (a) ₹25 lakh
- (b) ₹30.87 lakh
- (c) ₹31.80 lakh
- (d) ₹35 lakh
- (e) ₹40 lakh

Ans. c

Sol. RBI Imposes ₹31.80 Lakh Penalty on Airtel Payments Bank for Disclosure Lapses

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of ₹31.80 lakh on Airtel Payments Bank Ltd for non-compliance with financial disclosure norms.

The bank failed to disclose certain customer complaints in its FY 2024–25 financial statements, leading to regulatory action.

23. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced successful oscillation trials of India's first hydrogen-powered train, marking a major step in green

transportation. The hydrogen-powered train has been developed by which organization?

केंद्रीय मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने भारत की पहली हाइड्रोजन से चलने वाली ट्रेन के सफल ऑसिलेशन ट्रायल की घोषणा की, जो ग्रीन ट्रांसपोर्टेशन में एक बड़ा कदम है। हाइड्रोजन से चलने वाली ट्रेन किस ऑर्गनाइज़ेशन ने बनाई है?

- (a) BEML
- (b) Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd
- (c) GAIL
- (d) HAL
- (e) Integral Coach Factory

Ans. e

Sol. India Successfully Conducts Trials of First Hydrogen-Powered Train on Jind–Sonipat Route

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced successful oscillation trials of India's first hydrogen-powered train, marking a major step in green transportation.

The trial was conducted by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO), with the train developed by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.

The train is set to run on the Jind–Sonipat route (Haryana) and achieved a maximum speed of 70 km/h during the 20 km trial run.

24. The Delhi Government signed an MoU with which organization to boost the media and entertainment sector?

दिल्ली सरकार ने मीडिया और मनोरंजन क्षेत्र को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किस संगठन के साथ MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) Doordarshan
- (b) Prasar Bharati
- (c) NFDC
- (d) Filmfare
- (e) CBFC

Ans. b

Sol. Delhi Govt Signs MoU with Prasar Bharati to Develop Global Media & Entertainment Hub

The Delhi Government signed an MoU with Prasar Bharati to develop the national capital into a global hub for media and entertainment.

The agreement was formalized by Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC) at Bharat Mandapam during the International Film Festival in New Delhi.

The initiative aims to build an integrated ecosystem covering film, television, animation, VFX, gaming, and comics (AVGC) on a single platform.

About Prasar Bharati

- Formed- 23 November 1997
- Headquarters- New Delhi
- Ministry- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

25. The National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which company to enhance skill development in India's construction sector?

नेशनल काउंसिल फॉर सीमेंट एंड बिल्डिंग मटेरियल्स (NCB) ने हाल ही में भारत के निर्माण क्षेत्र में कौशल विकास को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) ACC Ltd
- (b) UltraTech Cement Ltd
- (c) Ambuja Cement Ltd
- (d) Dalmia Bharat Ltd
- (e) Shree Cement Ltd

Ans. b

Sol. NCB Signs MoU with UltraTech Cement to Boost Skill Development in Construction Sector

The National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB) signed an MoU with UltraTech Cement Ltd to promote skill development in the construction sector. The initiative aims to train and certify civil engineers, contractors, workers, and masons over the next 3–5 years to build a skilled workforce.

The programme supports the Skill India Mission, launched in 2015 to enhance employability and workforce capabilities.

26. India signed a working arrangement with which organization to strengthen aviation manufacturing and safety standards?

भारत ने विमानन निर्माण और सुरक्षा मानकों को मजबूत करने के लिए किस संगठन के साथ समझौता किया?

- (a) United Nations
- (b) European Union
- (c) World Bank
- (d) ASEAN
- (e) NATO

Ans. b

Sol. India, EU Sign Aviation Pact to Boost Manufacturing and Safety Standards

The Government of India signed a working arrangement with the European Union to enhance aviation manufacturing and safety standards.

The agreement was exchanged between the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) ahead of an aviation partnership workshop in New Delhi.

The pact will support key projects like the assembly of Airbus H125/AS350 helicopters in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

27. Which Indian cricketer has become the first Indian international to join Major League Cricket (MLC) in the USA?

कौन सा भारतीय क्रिकेटर USA की Major League Cricket (MLC) में शामिल होने वाला पहला भारतीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय खिलाड़ी बना है?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) Ravichandran Ashwin
- (d) Jasprit Bumrah
- (e) KL Rahul

Ans. c

Sol. Ravichandran Ashwin Becomes First Indian International to Join US Major League Cricket

Ravichandran Ashwin is set to become the first Indian international cricketer to join Major League Cricket (MLC) in the USA, signing with the San Francisco Unicorns for the 2026 season.

The veteran spinner, who played 287 matches and took 765 wickets for India, retired from international cricket in 2024 and concluded his IPL career last year.

28. World Autism Awareness Day is observed on which date?

विश्व ऑटिज़्म जागरूकता दिवस किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 1 April
- (b) 2 April
- (c) 3 April
- (d) 4 April
- (e) 5 April

Ans. b

Sol. 2 April - World Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness Day is observed every year on 2nd April globally to spread awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Theme 2026: **Autism and Humanity - Every Life Has Value**

The day aims to promote acceptance, inclusion, and support for people with autism and their families.

29. On which date is International Fact-Checking Day observed?

अंतरराष्ट्रीय फैक्ट-चेकिंग दिवस किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

(a) 1 April

(b) 2 April

(c) 3 April

(d) 4 April

(e) 5 April

Ans. b

Sol. 2 April- International Fact-Checking Day

International Fact-Checking Day is observed every year on 2nd April to promote awareness about verifying information and fighting misinformation.

The day highlights the importance of accurate news, credible sources, and responsible sharing of information on social media.

30. International Children's Book Day is observed on which date?

अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाल पुस्तक दिवस किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

(a) 1 April

(b) 2 April

(c) 3 April

(d) 4 April

(e) 5 April

Ans. b

Sol. 2 April- International Fact-Checking Day

International Fact-Checking Day is observed every year on 2nd April to promote awareness about verifying information and fighting misinformation.

The day highlights the importance of accurate news, credible sources, and responsible sharing of information on social media.

31. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?

नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (DGCA) का नया प्रमुख किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

(a) Faiz Ahmed Kidwai

(b) Vir Vikram Yadav

(c) Shraddha Joshi

(d) Anil Kumar Sinha

(e) Sanjay Malhotra

Ans. b

Sol. Vir Vikram Yadav appointed as new DGCA chief

Senior bureaucrat Vir Vikram Yadav has been appointed as the chief of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Yadav, a 1996 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Odisha cadre, succeeds incumbent Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, who has now been appointed as Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

About DGCA

- DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) is the regulatory body for civil aviation in India.
- It is responsible for ensuring aviation safety, setting standards, and regulating airlines and airports.
- DGCA functions under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India.
- Headquarters - New Delhi

32. Uchral Nyam-Osor became the new Prime Minister of which country?

उचरल न्याम-ओसोर किस देश के नए प्रधानमंत्री बने हैं?

(a) Kazakhstan

(b) Mongolia

(c) Uzbekistan

(d) Kyrgyzstan

(e) Turkmenistan

Ans. b

Sol. Uchral Nyam-Osor Elected as Mongolia's New Prime Minister

Uchral Nyam-Osor has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Mongolia, becoming the country's third leader in just nine months.

The previous Prime Minister, Zandanshatar Gombojav, resigned due to mounting pressure over corruption allegations.

About Mongolia

- Capital - Ulaanbaatar
- Currency - Mongolian Tugrik
- President - Ukhnaagiin Khürelsükh
- Continent - Asia

33. Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Army Staff?

नए Vice Chief of the Army Staff के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (b) Upendra Dwivedi
- (c) Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth
- (d) Bipin Rawat
- (e) Anil Chauhan

Ans. c

Sol. Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth Appointed as Vice Chief of Army Staff

Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth has taken charge as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff; he earlier led the Southern Command during Operation Sindoor.

He has succeeded Pushpendra Pal Singh as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff.

Recent Appointments in Defence Sector

- **Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS)** - Lt Gen Dheeraj Seth (replace Lt Gen PP Singh)
- **GOC-in-C of Western Command** - Lt Gen Pushpendra Pal Singh
- **Director General of Naval Armament (DGONA)** - B.P. Singh (replace Divakar Jayant)
- **DG of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** - Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor

34. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited?

पावर ग्रिड कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड के नए चेयरमैन और मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर (CMD) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) R.K. Singh
- (b) Burra Vamsi Rama Mohan
- (c) Pankaj Agarwal
- (d) Alok Kumar
- (e) Anil Kumar

Ans. b

Sol. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited appointed Burra Vamsi Rama Mohan as its new Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), effective April 1, 2026.

He will serve as CMD till July 31, 2030 (superannuation), and earlier served as Director (Projects) at POWERGRID.

About Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

- **Ministry-** Ministry of Power
- **Founded-** 23 October 1989
- **Headquarters-** Gurugram, Haryana
- **CMD-** Burra Vamsi Rama Mohan

35. Who is the author of the book 'Tides of Time'?

'Tides of Time' पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?

- (a) Arundhati Roy
- (b) Sudha Murty
- (c) Chetan Bhagat
- (d) Amish Tripathi
- (e) Shashi Tharoor

Ans. b

Sol. Vice President Releases Sudha Murty's Book 'Tides of Time' on Bharat's Parliamentary Murals

The Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, released the book "Tides of Time: Bharat's History through Murals in Parliament" authored by MP Smt. Sudha Murty at Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi.

The book highlights 124 parliamentary mural panels, showcasing India's journey from the Indus Valley Civilization to the freedom struggle, including figures like Maharishi Valmiki, Chanakya, Ashoka, Shivaji Maharaj, Mahatma Gandhi, and Subhas Chandra Bose.

Recent Books

- **Operation SINDOOR: The Untold Story of India's Deep Strikes Inside Pakistan** - Lt Gen KJS 'Tiny' Dhillon
- **Mahatma: A Great Communicator** - Dr Dhiraj Kakadia (release by - Dr Mansukh Mandaviya)
- **Atal Bihari Vajpayee: The Eternal Statesman** - Former Union Minister Vijay Goel (Released By: VP C.P. Radhakrishnan)
- **The Sage who Reimagined Hinduism: The Life, Lessons and Legacy of Sree Narayana Guru** - Shashi Tharoor.
- **Red Lines Redrawn: Operation Sindoor and India's New Normal** - Maj Gen Bipin Bakshi (Retd), Air Mshl Rajesh Kumar, Amb Anil Trigunayat, and Brig Akhelesh Bhargava; Released by: General Upendra Dwivedi

36. Who has been appointed as the Director of BRIC-NCCS, Pune?

BRIC-NCCS, पुणे का निदेशक किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Dr Manisha Inamdar
- (b) Dr Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (c) Dr Thomas Pucadyil
- (d) Dr Randeep Guleria
- (e) Dr K. VijayRaghavan

Ans. c

Sol. Dr Thomas Pucadyil Appointed Director of BRIC-NCCS, Pune

Dr Thomas Pucadyil has been appointed as the Director of BRIC-NCCS (Biotechnology Research Innovation Council–National Centre for Cell Science), Pune. He is currently a Professor at IISER Pune and is known for his research on membrane integrity-disrupting proteins in cells.

He is a recipient of the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize (2018) and is a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy and Indian Academy of Sciences.

37. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, who recently passed away, was the former President of which country?

चंद्रिकापर्साद सैंटोखी, जिनका हाल ही में निधन हुआ, किस देश के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति थे?

- (a) Guyana
- (b) Suriname
- (c) Trinidad and Tobago
- (d) Jamaica
- (e) Brazil

Ans. b

Sol. Former Suriname President Chandrikapersad Santokhi passed away. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, former President of Suriname, passed away at the age of 67.

He served as the President of Suriname from 2020 to 2025 and was also the leader of the Progressive Reform Party, having earlier worked as the country's Justice Minister.

38. Where did Pankaj Advani win his maiden National 9-ball pool championship title?

पंकज आडवाणी ने अपना पहला राष्ट्रीय 9-बॉल पूल चैंपियनशिप खिताब कहाँ जीता?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Ludhiana
- (d) Jaipur
- (e) Kolkata

Ans. c

Sol. Pankaj Advani Wins Maiden National 9-Ball Pool Championship Title in Ludhiana. Pankaj Advani won his maiden National 9-ball pool championship title held in Ludhiana.

The multiple-time world champion defeated Nitin Sharma of Chandigarh in the final

39. The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹1,950 crore contract with which company for mountain radars?

रक्षा मंत्रालय ने ₹1,950 करोड़ का अनुबंध किस कंपनी के साथ पर्वतीय रडार के लिए किया?

- (a) HAL
- (b) BEL
- (c) DRDO
- (d) BHEL
- (e) ISRO

Ans. b

Sol. MoD Signs ₹1,950 Crore Deal with BEL for Indigenous Mountain Radars to Boost Air Defence

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a ₹1,950 crore contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the procurement of two mountain radars for the Indian Air Force to enhance border surveillance and detection.

These radars are indigenously designed by DRDO's Electronics & Radar Development Establishment (LRDE) and will be manufactured by BEL, supporting the Make in India defence initiative.

The radars are expected to be deployed in Jammu & Kashmir and Nagaland, strengthening air defence capabilities, counter-drone systems, and national security while reducing dependency on foreign systems.

40. Which vessel has been inducted as the fourth and final Survey Vessel (Large) of the Indian Navy?

इंडियन नेवी के चौथे और आखिरी सर्वे वेसल (लार्ज) के तौर पर किस वेसल को शामिल किया गया है?

- (a) INS Sandhayak
- (b) INS Nirdeshak
- (c) INS Ikshak
- (d) INS Sanshodhak
- (e) INS Shakti

Ans. d

Sol. Indian Navy Inducts INS Sanshodhak

The Indian Navy has received INS Sanshodhak, the fourth and final Survey Vessel (Large) built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE).

The earlier ships of this class—INS Sandhayak, INS Nirdeshak, and INS Ikshak—were commissioned between February 2024 and November 2025.

INS Sanshodhak has been designed by the Navy's Warship Design Bureau, marking the completion of the Survey Vessel (Large) programme.

41. What is the name of the Tri-Service exercise conducted by India?

भारत द्वारा आयोजित ट्राई-सर्विस एक्सरसाइज का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Exercise Trishul Shakti
- (b) Exercise Sagar Raksha
- (c) Exercise Coastal Shield
- (d) Exercise Dweep Shakti
- (e) Exercise Vajra Prahar

Ans. d

Sol. India Conducts Tri-Service Exercise "Dweep Shakti" to Strengthen Coastal and Island Defence

India conducted Exercise Dweep Shakti, a Tri-Service (Army, Navy, Air Force) high-intensity drill aimed at strengthening coastal and island defence capabilities.

The exercise focused on amphibious assaults, maritime dominance missions, and beach landing operations, testing the ability to capture and control hostile coastal areas.

42. The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, will host the 9th edition of India Pharma 2026 on 13–14 April in New Delhi, in collaboration with FICCI and IPA. What is the theme of India Pharma 2026?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय का फार्मास्यूटिकल्स विभाग, FICCI और IPA के सहयोग से, 13-14 अप्रैल को नई दिल्ली में 'इंडिया फार्मा 2026' के 9वें संस्करण की मेज़बानी करेगा। 'इंडिया फार्मा 2026' का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Health for All India
- (b) Make in India Pharma Growth
- (c) Discover in India: Leapfrogging Life-Sciences Innovation
- (d) Digital Healthcare Revolution
- (e) Pharma Export Mission

Ans. c

Sol. India Pharma 2026 to Be Held in New Delhi on 13–14 April

The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, will host the 9th edition of India Pharma 2026 on 13–14 April in New Delhi, in collaboration with FICCI and IPA.

The event aims to strengthen India's position as a global leader in pharmaceuticals and life sciences, highlighting a shift towards innovation-driven growth in healthcare.

The conference will be held on the theme "Discover in India: Leapfrogging Life-Sciences Innovation", focusing on moving from a volume-based to value- and research-driven pharma industry.

43. Which museum was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Koba, Gandhinagar, on Mahavir Jayanti?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने महावीर जयंती पर कोबा, गांधीनगर में किस संग्रहालय का उद्घाटन किया?

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi Museum
- (b) Samrat Ashoka Museum
- (c) Samrat Samprati Museum
- (d) Jain Heritage Museum
- (e) Gujarat Cultural Museum

Ans. c

Sol. PM Modi Inaugurates Samrat Samprati Museum on Mahavir Jayanti in Gujarat
Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Samrat Samprati Museum in Koba, Gandhinagar, on Mahavir Jayanti, dedicated to Jain history, Samrat Samprati's life, and the message of non-violence.

He highlighted that the museum reflects a confluence of study, spiritual practice, and self-discipline, and emphasized the need to preserve India's cultural and knowledge heritage, including ancient manuscripts.

44. Where was the Kaynes Semicon OSAT facility inaugurated by PM Modi?

PM मोदी ने केनेस सेमीकॉन OSAT फैसिलिटी का उद्घाटन कहाँ किया?

- (a) Hyderabad, Telangana
- (b) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- (c) Sanand, Gujarat
- (d) Pune, Maharashtra
- (e) Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Ans. c

Sol. PM Modi Inaugurates Rs 3,300 Crore Kaynes Semicon OSAT Facility in Gujarat
Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a Rs 3,300 crore semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) facility of Kaynes Semicon at Sanand, Gujarat.

The facility has been developed under the India Semiconductor Mission to boost the country's semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem.

45. What is the name of the mascot of Nyaya Setu AI Chatbot?

Nyaya Setu AI चैटबॉट के शुभंकर (मास्कॉट) का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Diya
- (b) Aarohi
- (c) Dishika
- (d) Nyaya

(e) Shakti

Ans. c

Sol. Nyaya Setu AI Chatbot with Mascot "Dishika" Launched at DISHA Programme
Nyaya Setu AI Chatbot, along with its official mascot "Dishika" was launched at the DISHA programme held at Vigyan Bhawan.

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan and MoS Law & Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal unveiled the platform.

It is developed by the Digital India BHASHINI Division and works as a voice-first, multilingual AI legal assistant to guide citizens on legal processes, rights, and next steps.

46. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of IndiGo?

इंडिगो के नए CEO के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

(a) Pieter Elbers

(b) Willie Walsh

(c) Shraddha Joshi Raj

(d) Ajay Singh

(e) Sanjiv Kapoor

Ans. b

Sol. Willie Walsh Appointed as New CEO of IndiGo

IndiGo has appointed William Walsh (Willie) as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

He succeeds Pieter Elbers, who has stepped down from the position. Walsh is currently serving as the Director General of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

47. What was the total gross GST collection in March 2026?

मार्च 2026 में कुल सकल GST संग्रह कितना था?

(a) ₹1.5 lakh crore

(b) ₹1.83 lakh crore

(c) ₹2 lakh crore

(d) ₹2.5 lakh crore

(e) ₹3 lakh crore

Ans. c

Sol. India's GST Collections Rise 8.8% to Cross ₹2 Lakh Crore in March 2026

India's gross GST collections rose by 8.8% year-on-year to over ₹2 lakh crore in March 2026, compared to about ₹1.83 lakh crore in March 2025, reflecting improved tax compliance and economic activity.

As per the Ministry of Finance, Central GST stood at ₹40,549 crore, State GST at ₹53,268 crore, and IGST collections crossed ₹1 lakh crore.

For FY 2025–26, total gross GST revenue reached ₹22 lakh crore, marking an 8.3% increase over ₹20 lakh crore recorded in the previous financial year.

48. Which organisation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) to train youth in key aviation sectors such as Aviation Engineering and Aviation Management?

किस संगठन ने गती शक्ति विश्वविद्यालय (GSV) के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) साइन किया, ताकि युवाओं को एविएशन इंजीनियरिंग और एविएशन मैनेजमेंट जैसे क्षेत्रों में प्रशिक्षण दिया जा सके?

- (a) Airports Authority of India
- (b) Air India
- (c) Directorate General of Civil Aviation
- (d) ISRO
- (e) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Ans. c

Sol. DGCA Signs MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya to Boost Aviation Skill Development in India

Directorate General of Civil Aviation signed an MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya to train youth in aviation fields such as Aviation Engineering and Aviation Management.

The initiative aims to strengthen India's aviation workforce and is expected to boost sectoral growth under the leadership of Narendra Modi.

49. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has extended the deadline for OTT SIM-binding to which date?

दूरसंचार विभाग (DoT) ने OTT SIM-बाइंडिंग की समय सीमा किस तिथि तक बढ़ाई है?

- (a) June 30, 2026
- (b) September 30, 2026
- (c) December 31, 2026
- (d) March 31, 2027
- (e) January 1, 2027

Ans. c

Sol. DoT Extends OTT SIM-Binding Deadline to Dec 31

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has extended the deadline for SIM-binding on OTT apps like WhatsApp, Telegram, and Signal to December 31, 2026, due to industry concerns.

The earlier rule mandating automatic logout within 6 hours for web/desktop sessions has been withdrawn and replaced with a risk-based approach (logout only in suspected fraud cases).

The move aims to combat cyber frauds like digital arrests, under the Telecommunications (Telecom Cyber Security) Rules, 2024, though full technical readiness is expected by Oct–Nov 2026.

50. Ashwini Bhide became the first woman to head which civic body?

अश्विनी भिडे किस नागरिक निकाय की पहली महिला प्रमुख बनी हैं?

- (a) Delhi Municipal Corporation
- (b) Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation
- (c) Pune Municipal Corporation
- (d) Chennai Corporation
- (e) Kolkata Municipal Corporation

Ans. b

Sol. Ashwini Bhide Becomes First Woman BMC Commissioner

Ashwini Bhide has been appointed as the Municipal Commissioner of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), becoming the first woman to head one of India's oldest and richest civic bodies.

She took charge from Bhushan Gagrani and will also serve as Managing Director of Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation, while Lokesh Chandra replaces her in the CM's Office.

51. Which company announced a strategic collaboration with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Sanatan AI to launch an entrepreneurship initiative in India's spiritual services sector, including EV-based "Shop on Wheels" across Panchayats?

किस कंपनी ने National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) और Sanatan AI के साथ मिलकर भारत के आध्यात्मिक सेवाओं के क्षेत्र में उद्यमिता पहल शुरू करने की घोषणा की, जिसमें पंचायतों में EV आधारित "Shop on Wheels" शामिल है?

- (a) MakeMyTrip
- (b) Yatra
- (c) Easy Trip Planners Limited
- (d) IRCTC
- (e) Thomas Cook

Ans. c

Sol. EaseMyTrip Partners NSDC, Sanatan AI to Launch Spiritual Entrepreneurship Initiative

Easy Trip Planners Limited partnered with National Skill Development Corporation, Sanatan AI, and Bhagva platform to launch an entrepreneurship initiative in India's spiritual services sector.

The initiative "1 Panchayat – 1 Pandit – SANATANAI Shop on Wheels by EMT" aims to deploy EV-based mobile service units across 2 lakh Panchayats, offering pooja services, samagri, virtual darshan, and religious event facilitation.

52. Which Indian player won the girls' junior top honour at the Asian Squash Federation Awards 2025?

एशियन स्क्वैश फेडरेशन अवॉर्ड्स 2025 में गर्ल्स जूनियर वर्ग में शीर्ष सम्मान किस भारतीय खिलाड़ी ने जीता?

- (a) Joshna Chinappa
- (b) Dipika Pallikal
- (c) Shraddha Joshi
- (d) Sunayna Kuruvilla
- (e) Anahat Singh

Ans. e

Sol. Abhay Singh and Anahat Singh Win Top Honours at Asian Squash Federation Awards 2025

Abhay Singh was named Men's Player of the Year 2025 by the Asian Squash Federation, while Anahat Singh won the top honour in the girls' junior category.

The Indian boys' team received the Men's Team Award after winning bronze at the World Junior Team Championships 2025.

Japan's Satomi Watanabe bagged the senior ASF Women's Player of the Year award. This marks India's return to ASF annual honours since 2022, when Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa had won top awards.

53. India launched its first Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV), 'Shachi' (Yard 1280), at Goa Shipyard Limited, marking a major boost to indigenous naval capabilities. The NGOPV programme includes the construction of how many vessels?

भारत ने गोवा शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड में अपना पहला नेक्स्ट जेनरेशन ऑफशोर पेट्रोल वेसल (NGOPV), 'शची' (यार्ड 1280) लॉन्च किया, जिससे स्वदेशी नौसेना क्षमताओं को बढ़ा बढ़ावा मिला। NGOPV प्रोग्राम में कितने वेसल बनाना शामिल है?

- (a) 5
- (b) 7
- (c) 9
- (d) 11

(e) 15

Ans. d

Sol. India Launches First Indigenous NGOPV 'Shachi' to Boost Naval Capabilities

India launched its first Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV), 'Shachi' (Yard 1280), at Goa Shipyard Limited, marking a major boost to indigenous naval capabilities.

The NGOPV programme involves building 11 vessels at Goa Shipyard Limited and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers to strengthen domestic shipbuilding and speed up delivery timelines.

54. The Indian Navy inducted 'Malwan', the second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), boosting coastal defence capabilities. Which shipyard built the ASW SWC 'Malwan'?

इंडियन नेवी ने दूसरा एंटी-सबमरीन वारफेयर शैलो वॉटर क्राफ्ट (ASW SWC) 'मालवान' को शामिल किया, जिससे कोस्टल डिफेंस कैपेबिलिटीज़ को बढ़ावा मिला। ASW SWC 'मालवान' को किस शिपयार्ड ने बनाया?

- (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- (b) Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- (c) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- (d) Hindustan Shipyard
- (e) both a and c

Ans. c

Sol. Indian Navy Inducts 'Malwan' ASW Craft to Boost Coastal Defence Capabilities

The Indian Navy inducted 'Malwan', the second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, boosting coastal defence capabilities.

'Malwan' is part of a series of 8 indigenously built ASW SWCs designed for shallow water operations, enhancing surveillance and anti-submarine warfare readiness.

Named after the historic town Malwan linked to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the vessel is equipped with advanced radar, sonar, torpedoes, and anti-submarine rockets for maritime security operations.

55. Which state's Panchayats won top honours in the Deen Dayal Upadhyay and Nanaji Deshmukh Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar 2025, highlighting achievements in development, healthcare, and women empowerment?

किस राज्य के पंचायतों ने दीन दयाल उपाध्याय और नानाजी देशमुख पंचायत सतत विकास पुरस्कार 2025 में शीर्ष सम्मान जीता, जो विकास, स्वास्थ्य और महिला सशक्तिकरण में उपलब्धियों को दर्शाता है?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Tripura
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Bihar

Ans. b

Sol. Tripura Panchayats Win Top Honours at Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar 2025
Three Panchayats of Tripura won top honours in the Deen Dayal Upadhyay and Nanaji Deshmukh Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar 2025, showcasing excellence in local governance.

Sepahijala district was ranked the best District Panchayat, while Kanchabari topped in the Health-Friendly category and Baikunthapur secured third place in the Women-Friendly category.

Winners will receive financial assistance ranging from ₹50 lakh to ₹5 crore, highlighting progress in development, healthcare, and women empowerment.

56. NASA launched the Artemis II mission, marking the first crewed lunar flyby in over 50 years since the Apollo era. Which launch vehicle was used for the Artemis II mission?

NASA ने आर्टेमिस II मिशन लॉन्च किया, जो अपोलो युग के बाद 50 से ज़्यादा सालों में पहली कू वाली चांद की फ्लाईबाई थी। आर्टेमिस II मिशन के लिए किस लॉन्च व्हीकल का इस्तेमाल किया गया?

- (a) Falcon Heavy
- (b) PSLV
- (c) GSLV
- (d) Space Launch System
- (e) Ariane 5

Ans. d

Sol. NASA Launches Artemis II Mission for First Crewed Lunar Flyby in Over 50 Years
NASA launched the Artemis II mission, marking the first crewed lunar flyby in over 50 years since the Apollo era, using the Space Launch System (SLS) from Kennedy Space Center.

The mission carries four astronauts—Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and Jeremy Hansen—on a 10-day journey around the Moon aboard the Orion spacecraft.

The spacecraft will orbit the Moon without landing and conclude the mission with a splashdown in the Pacific Ocean.

The primary objective is to test spacecraft safety, perform system checks, and simulate manual piloting to prepare for future human Moon landing missions.

57. International Carrot Day is celebrated on which date?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय गाजर दिवस किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

(a) 2 April

(b) 3 April

(c) 4 April

(d) 5 April

(e) 6 April

Ans. c

Sol. 4 April - International Carrot Day

International Carrot Day is celebrated every year on 4 April to promote the consumption and awareness of carrots as a healthy vegetable.

The day was first celebrated in 2003 and has since gained popularity across many countries.

58. International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed on which date?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय माइन जागरूकता दिवस किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

(a) 1 April

(b) 2 April

(c) 3 April

(d) 4 April

(e) 5 April

Ans. d

Sol. 4 April - International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed annually on 4 April to raise awareness about landmines and explosive remnants of war.

The day aims to promote mine action efforts, ensure the safety of civilians, and support affected communities in rebuilding their lives.

It was declared by the United Nations in 2005 to encourage global efforts towards clearing landmines and reducing threats.

59. Which bank has received RBI approval to acquire up to 74% stake in RBL Bank?

किस बैंक को RBL बैंक में 74% तक हिस्सेदारी खरीदने के लिए RBI की मंजूरी मिली है?

- (a) HSBC
- (b) Emirates National Bank of Dubai
- (c) Standard Chartered
- (d) DBS Bank
- (e) Citibank

Ans. b

Sol. RBI Approves Emirates NBD to Acquire Up to 74% Stake in RBL Bank

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Emirates National Bank of Dubai (ENBD) to acquire up to 74% stake in RBL Bank, paving the way for it to become a foreign-owned bank.

ENBD must maintain at least 51% shareholding, while its voting rights are capped at 26% under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

The approval (valid for one year from April 1, 2026) follows ENBD's earlier proposal to acquire a 60% stake worth ₹26,853 crore in RBL Bank.

60. Which state government signed a Letter of Intent with Starlink India to pilot satellite-based internet services in remote hill regions to improve connectivity across key sectors?

किस राज्य सरकार ने दूरस्थ पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में सैटेलाइट आधारित इंटरनेट सेवाओं के परीक्षण के लिए Starlink India के साथ Letter of Intent साइन किया, ताकि विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कनेक्टिविटी सुधारी जा सके?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Nagaland
- (e) Sikkim

Ans. b

Sol. Meghalaya Signs Pact with Starlink to Pilot Satellite Internet in Remote Regions

The Meghalaya government signed a Letter of Intent with Starlink to pilot satellite-based internet connectivity in remote hill regions.

The initiative aims to improve connectivity in key sectors like education, healthcare, disaster management, and economic development, addressing long-standing infrastructure challenges.

About Meghalaya

- **Capital** – Shillong
- **Chief Minister** - Conrad Kongkal Sangma

- **Governor** - C. H. Vijayashankar

61. Lok Sabha Passes Bill Declaring Amaravati as Sole Capital of Andhra Pradesh. What is the name of the Bill passed to recognise Amaravati as the sole capital?

लोकसभा ने अमरावती को आंध्र प्रदेश की एकमात्र राजधानी घोषित करने वाला विधेयक पारित किया। इस विधेयक का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh Capital Bill, 2026
- (b) State Reorganisation Bill, 2026
- (c) Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- (d) Amaravati Development Bill, 2026
- (e) Capital Region Authority Bill, 2026

Ans. c

Sol. Lok Sabha Passes Bill Declaring Amaravati as Sole Capital of Andhra Pradesh

The Lok Sabha passed the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to recognise Amaravati as the sole and permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh, with Congress supporting the move while YSR Congress staged a walkout.

The Bill was passed by voice vote after a detailed debate and will now be sent to the Rajya Sabha and then to the President for final assent.

About Andhra Pradesh

- **Capital** – Amaravati
- **Chief Minister** – N Chandrababu Naidu
- **Deputy CM** – Pawan Kalyan
- **Governor** – S. Abdul Nazeer

62. Which of the following insurance companies has NOT been designated as a Domestic Systemically Important Insurer (D-SII) by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India for FY 2025–26?

इनमें से किस इश्योरेंस कंपनी को इश्योरेंस रेगुलेटरी एंड डेवलपमेंट अथॉरिटी ऑफ़ इंडिया ने FY 2025–26 के लिए डोमेस्टिक सिस्टेमिकली इम्पोर्टेंट इश्योरर (D-SII) के तौर पर डेज़िग्रेट नहीं किया है?

1. Life Insurance Corporation of India
 2. National Insurance Company Limited
 3. The New India Assurance Company Limited
 4. General Insurance Corporation of India
 5. HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited
- (a) 1 and 2
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4
 - (c) 3 and 4

(d) 1, 2 and 3

(e) 2 and 5

Ans. e

Sol. IRDAI Retains LIC, New India Assurance & GIC as D-SIIs for FY 2025–26
Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has identified LIC, New India Assurance, and GIC as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for FY 2025–26.

The D-SII list remains unchanged compared to the previous financial year.

D-SIIs are insurers with large size, high market importance, and strong domestic & global interconnectedness.

Their failure could disrupt the financial system; hence, their continuous functioning is crucial for economic stability and insurance services availability.

63. The Reserve Bank of India has approved Emirates National Bank to acquire up to 74% stake in RBL Bank, potentially converting it into a foreign bank.

Emirates NBD is based in which country?

रिज़र्व बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया ने एमिरेट्स नेशनल बैंक को RBL बैंक में 74% तक हिस्सेदारी खरीदने की मंजूरी दे दी है, जिससे यह बैंक शायद एक विदेशी बैंक बन जाएगा। एमिरेट्स NBD किस देश में है?

(a) Saudi Arabia

(b) Qatar

(c) United Arab Emirates

(d) Kuwait

(e) Bahrain

Ans. c

Sol. RBI Approves Emirates NBD to Acquire Up to 74% Stake in RBL Bank, Paving Way for Foreign Bank Status

Reserve Bank of India has approved Emirates National Bank of Dubai to acquire up to 74% stake in RBL Bank, potentially converting it into a foreign bank.

The approval (granted on April 1, 2026, valid for one year) requires ENBD to hold at least 51% shareholding, while its voting rights are capped at 26% under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

ENBD, the second-largest bank in UAE, had earlier (Oct 2025) proposed acquiring a 60% stake for ₹26,853 crore, marking a major foreign investment in India's banking sector.

64. How many transactions were recorded by Unified Payments Interface in March 2026?

मार्च 2026 में UPI द्वारा कितने ट्रांजैक्शन दर्ज किए गए?

(a) 20.39 billion

- (b) 21.50 billion
- (c) 22.64 billion
- (d) 23.10 billion
- (e) 24.00 billion

Ans. c

Sol. UPI Hits 22.64 Billion Transactions in March 2026

Unified Payments Interface recorded 22.64 billion transactions in March 2026, reflecting strong growth in digital payments.

Data shared by the National Payments Corporation of India showed an increase from 20.39 billion transactions in February to 22.64 billion in March 2026.

Total transaction value rose to ₹29.53 lakh crore in March, up from ₹26.84 lakh crore in February, indicating higher economic activity.

The average daily transactions reached 730 million, with an average daily value of ₹95,243 crore in March 2026.

65. India's defence exports reached a record ₹38,424 crore in FY 2025–26, marking a 62.66% increase from ₹23,622 crore in the previous year, as per the Ministry of Defence. What share of defence exports was contributed by Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs)?

रक्षा मंत्रालय के अनुसार, भारत का डिफेंस एक्सपोर्ट FY 2025–26 में रिकॉर्ड ₹38,424 करोड़ तक पहुंच गया, जो पिछले साल के ₹23,622 करोड़ से 62.66% ज़्यादा है। डिफेंस पब्लिक सेक्टर अंडरटेकिंग्स (DPSUs) का डिफेंस एक्सपोर्ट में कितना हिस्सा था?

- (a) 45.16%
- (b) 50.00%
- (c) 52.75%
- (d) 54.84%
- (e) 60.20%

Ans. d

Sol. India's Defence Exports Hit Record ₹38,424 Crore in FY26 with 62.66% Surge
 India's defence exports reached a record ₹38,424 crore in FY 2025–26, marking a 62.66% increase from ₹23,622 crore in the previous year, as per the Ministry of Defence.

Both sectors contributed significantly, with DPSUs accounting for 54.84% and the private sector contributing 45.16% of total exports.

Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) saw a 151% surge in exports, while the private sector grew by 14%, reflecting strong and sustained growth in India's defence industry.

66. Who won the women's 9-ball pool National Championship, ending a nine-year title drought?

किसने नौ साल के खिताबी सूखे को खत्म करते हुए महिला 9-बॉल पूल राष्ट्रीय चैंपियनशिप जीती?

- (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (b) Chitra Magimairaj
- (c) Pankaj Advani
- (d) Vidya Pillai
- (e) Ameer Kamani

Ans. b

Sol. Chitra Magimairaj Wins 9-Ball National Title, Ends 9-Year Drought with Dominant Comeback

Chitra Magimairaj ended a nine-year title drought by winning the women's 9-ball pool National Championship in Ludhiana.

She defeated Ishika Shah of Madhya Pradesh by 7–4 in the final.

With this win, Chitra claimed her third 9-ball National title and fourth overall National crown, marking a strong comeback.

67. The National Council of Educational Research and Training has recently been granted the status of "Institution deemed to be University" by the Ministry of Education on the advice of the University Grants Commission. Under which specific category has this status been conferred?

हाल ही में National Council of Educational Research and Training को Ministry of Education द्वारा, University Grants Commission की सिफारिश पर "Deemed to be University" का दर्जा दिया गया है। यह दर्जा किस विशिष्ट श्रेणी के अंतर्गत प्रदान किया गया है?

- (a) General category
- (b) Special category
- (c) Distinct category
- (d) Autonomous category
- (e) Research category

Ans. c

Sol. NCERT Granted Deemed University Status Under Distinct Category by Education Ministry

Ministry of Education, on the advice of University Grants Commission, has granted "deemed to be university" status (under a distinct category) to the National Council of Educational Research and Training.

The approval followed evaluation by a UGC Expert Committee, and NCERT has been directed to start research, doctoral (PhD), and innovative academic programmes.

Established in 1961, NCERT is an autonomous body that focuses on school education reforms, research, and development of textbooks and academic resources.

68. According to recent data released by GSMA Intelligence, Bharti Airtel has crossed 650 million global subscribers and operates across India and Africa. What is its current global rank in terms of mobile subscriber base, considering that China Mobile holds the top position worldwide?

हाल ही में GSMA Intelligence द्वारा जारी आंकड़ों के अनुसार, Bharti Airtel ने 650 मिलियन से अधिक वैश्विक सब्सक्राइबर पार कर लिए हैं और भारत व अफ्रीका में संचालन करता है। मोबाइल सब्सक्राइबर के आधार पर इसकी वैश्विक रैंक क्या है, जबकि China Mobile विश्व में पहले स्थान पर है?

(a) 1st

(b) 2nd

(c) 3rd

(d) 4th

(e) 5th

Ans. b

Sol. Bharti Airtel Becomes World's 2nd Largest Telecom Operator with 650 Million+ Subscribers

Bharti Airtel has crossed 650 million global subscribers, becoming the 2nd largest telecom operator globally by mobile user base (as per GSMA Intelligence).

The company operates across India and Africa, with over 368 million users in India and 179 million users across 14 African countries, under the leadership of Sunil Bharti Mittal.

Globally, telecom rankings are largely dominated by Chinese firms, with China Mobile leading with 1+ billion subscribers, while Airtel now holds the second position worldwide.

69. In April 2026, how many railway stations have been transferred from the East Coast Railway Zone to the South Coast Railway Zone?

अप्रैल 2026 में कितने रेलवे स्टेशनों को East Coast Railway Zone से South Coast Railway Zone में स्थानांतरित किया गया है?

(a) 5

(b) 6

(c) 7

(d) 8

(e) 9

Ans. c

Sol. 7 Railway Stations Shifted to South Coast Railway Zone in Visakhapatnam
Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu informed that 7 railway stations have been transferred from the East Coast Railway Zone to the South Coast Railway Zone headquartered in Visakhapatnam.

These stations are located between Ichchapuram and Palasa under the Khurda Division, improving administrative alignment in the region.

70. Deendayal Port Authority has regained the top position among India's major ports in FY 2025–26 by handling a record 160.11 million tonnes (MT) of cargo. Which port was overtaken by Deendayal Port Authority?

Deendayal Port Authority ने FY 2025–26 में 160.11 मिलियन टन कार्गो संभालकर भारत के प्रमुख बंदरगाहों में पहला स्थान प्राप्त किया। इसने किस बंदरगाह को पीछे छोड़ा?

- (a) Mumbai Port Authority
- (b) Paradip Port Authority
- (c) Chennai Port Authority
- (d) Visakhapatnam Port Authority
- (e) Cochin Port Authority

Ans. b

Sol. Deendayal Port Reclaims Top Spot Among India's Major Ports with Record Cargo Handling in FY 2025–26

Deendayal Port Authority has regained the top position among India's major ports in FY 2025–26 by handling a record 160.11 million tonnes (MT) of cargo.

It surpassed Paradip Port Authority, which handled 156.45 MT, and registered a 7% growth over FY 2024–25.

Located on the Gulf of Kutch in Gujarat, the port (formerly Kandla Port Trust) is one of India's oldest and most strategically important ports.

71. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has signed an agreement with which of the following to display authorised Aadhaar centres on the Mappls App in April 2026?

Unique Identification Authority of India ने अप्रैल 2026 में Mappls App पर अधिकृत आधार केंद्र दिखाने के लिए निम्नलिखित में से किसके साथ समझौता किया है?

- (a) Blinklit
- (b) MapmyIndia
- (c) Rapido
- (d) Amazon
- (e) ISRO

Ans. b

Sol. UIDAI Partners with MapmyIndia to List Authorised Aadhaar Centres
Unique Identification Authority of India has signed an agreement with MapmyIndia to display authorised Aadhaar centres on the Mappls App.
The facility will help users locate the nearest Aadhaar enrolment centres and check services such as adult enrolment, child enrolment, and address or mobile number updates.
Once implemented, the feature will ensure accurate digital mapping of Aadhaar centres, with searches on Mappls App directly guiding users to authorised centres using UIDAI data.

72. The Bhu Bharati portal, an integrated land record management system aimed at simplifying land registration and related services, has been launched by which state government?

भू भारती पोर्टल, एक इंटीग्रेटेड लैंड रिकॉर्ड मैनेजमेंट सिस्टम है जिसका मकसद लैंड रजिस्ट्रेशन और उससे जुड़ी सर्विसेज़ को आसान बनाना है, इसे किस राज्य सरकार ने लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Government of Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Government of Karnataka
- (c) Government of Telangana
- (d) Government of Maharashtra
- (e) Government of Odisha

Ans. c

Sol. Telangana Launches Bhu Bharati Portal, Replaces Dharani for Land Records Management

Government of Telangana has launched the Bhu Bharati portal, an integrated land record management system aimed at simplifying land registration and related services.

The new portal replaces the earlier Dharani portal, improving transparency and efficiency in land record management.

About Telangana

- **Established** – 2 June 2014
- **Capital** – Hyderabad
- **Chief Minister** – Revanth Reddy
- **Deputy CM** – Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka
- **Governor** – Shiv Pratap Shukla

73. Which police force has been awarded the President's Police Colour in April 2026?

अप्रैल 2026 में किस पुलिस बल को राष्ट्रपति पुलिस ध्वज (President's Police Colour) प्रदान किया गया?

- (a) Odisha Police
- (b) Uttar Pradesh Police
- (c) Goa Police
- (d) Kerala Police
- (e) Punjab Police

Ans. a

Sol. Odisha Police Conferred President's Police Colour for Exceptional Service and Excellence in Policing

Odisha Police has been conferred the prestigious President's Police Colour, the highest honour awarded to any police or military unit in India for exceptional service and professionalism.

The award coincides with the 90th Police Foundation Day of Odisha (Utkal Divas), highlighting the force's legacy along with its modern achievements in law and order maintenance.

The recognition was given after evaluation by the Ministry of Home Affairs for excellence in crime prevention, anti-Maoist operations, technology adoption, and citizen-centric policing initiatives.

74. Thailand will host the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings from 12–18 October 2026 in Bangkok at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. The country is returning as host after 35 years, having last hosted the meetings in 1991. What is the theme of the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings 2026 in Thailand?

थाईलैंड 12-18 अक्टूबर 2026 तक बैंकॉक के क्वीन सिरीकिट नेशनल कन्वेंशन सेंटर में IMF-वर्ल्ड बैंक की सालाना मीटिंग्स होस्ट करेगा। देश 35 साल बाद होस्ट के तौर पर वापस आ रहा है, पिछली बार 1991 में मीटिंग्स होस्ट की थीं। 2026 की मीटिंग्स का थीम क्या है?

- (a) Strengthening Global Finance
- (b) Inclusive Growth and Innovation
- (c) Thailand's New Horizons: Empowering People, Building Resilience
- (d) Sustainable Development for Future
- (e) Global Economic Transformation

Ans. c

Sol. Thailand to Host IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings 2026 After 35 Years in Bangkok

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The country is returning as host after 35 years, having last hosted the meetings in 1991.

Theme of the 2026 meetings: "Thailand's New Horizons: Empowering People, Building Resilience".

75. As part of a major defence collaboration, GE Aerospace delivered an F404-IN20 engine to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for use in the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) MK1A. Which numbered engine has been delivered by GE Aerospace to HAL in this context?

एक बड़े डिफेंस कोलैबोरेशन के हिस्से के तौर पर, GE एयरोस्पेस ने तेजस लाइट कॉम्बैट एयरक्राफ्ट (LCA) MK1A में इस्तेमाल के लिए हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड (HAL) को F404-IN20 इंजन दिया। इस मामले में GE एयरोस्पेस ने HAL को कौन सा नंबर वाला इंजन दिया है?

- (a) 3rd
- (b) 4th
- (c) 5th
- (d) 6th
- (e) 7th

Ans. d

Sol. GE Aerospace Delivers 6th F404-IN20 Engine to HAL for Tejas MK1A Under 99-Engine Deal

GE Aerospace delivered the 6th F404-IN20 engine to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the Tejas LCA MK1A.

The delivery took place in the United States, and the engine will be transported to India.

This is part of a 2021 deal under which GE Aerospace will supply 99 F404-IN20 engines to HAL.

76. INS Sunayna was flagged off as part of which mission by the Indian Navy?

INS Sunayna को भारतीय नौसेना द्वारा किस मिशन के तहत रवाना किया गया?

- (a) Operation Samudra Setu
- (b) Mission SAGAR
- (c) IOS SAGAR
- (d) Operation Sankalp
- (e) Indo-Pacific Mission

Ans. c

Sol. INS Sunayna Flagged Off from Mumbai for IOS SAGAR Mission with 16-Nation Participation

The Indian Navy flagged off INS Sunayna as part of the IOS SAGAR mission from Mumbai amid tensions in the Strait of Hormuz.

The vessel carries Indian Navy personnel along with representatives from 16 foreign countries, highlighting international maritime cooperation.

The mission will include port calls at Colombo, Phuket, Jakarta, Singapore, Chittagong, Yangon, and Male, before concluding at Kochi.

The ship was flagged off by Sanjay Seth in the presence of Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi at the Naval Dockyard.

77. National Maritime Day in India is observed on which date?

भारत में राष्ट्रीय समुद्री दिवस किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 2 April
- (b) 5 April
- (c) 7 April
- (d) 10 April
- (e) 8 April

Ans. b

Sol. 5 April - National Maritime Day

National Maritime Day is observed every year on 5 April in India to recognize the vital role of the maritime sector in trade, economy, and national development.

Theme 2026 - Maritime India – Empowering Progress

The day commemorates the historic voyage of SS Loyalty (1919), the first Indian-owned ship of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, which sailed from Mumbai to London.

78. International Day of Conscience is observed every year on 5 April to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, and understanding among people across the world. What is the theme of International Day of Conscience 2026?

दुनिया भर के लोगों में शांति, सहनशीलता, सबको साथ लेकर चलने और समझ को बढ़ावा देने के लिए हर साल 5 अप्रैल को इंटरनेशनल डे ऑफ़ कॉन्शियस मनाया जाता है। इंटरनेशनल डे ऑफ़ कॉन्शियस 2026 की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Peace for All
- (b) Global Harmony
- (c) Reinventing Peace with Youth
- (d) Unity in Diversity
- (e) Future of Peace

Ans. c

Sol. 5 April - International Day of Conscience

International Day of Conscience is observed every year on 5 April to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, and understanding among people across the world.

Theme 2026 - Reinventing Peace with Youth

The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2019 to emphasize the importance of ethical awareness and moral responsibility.

79. _____ batter Rassie van der Dussen has announced his retirement from international cricket, ending a successful career as a key white-ball performer for the Proteas.

_____ बैटर रासी वैन डेर डुसेन ने इंटरनेशनल क्रिकेट से रिटायरमेंट की घोषणा की है, जिससे प्रोटियाज के लिए एक अहम व्हाइट-बॉल परफॉर्मर के तौर पर उनका सफल करियर खत्म हो गया।

- (a) Australia
- (b) South Africa
- (c) England
- (d) New Zealand
- (e) West Indies

Ans. b

Sol. Rassie van der Dussen Retires from International Cricket After Illustrious White-Ball Career with South Africa

South Africa batter Rassie van der Dussen has announced his retirement from international cricket, ending a successful career as a key white-ball performer for the Proteas.

He made his international debut in T20I cricket against Zimbabwe in 2019 at the age of 29 after strong domestic performances.

He will continue playing domestic cricket despite retiring from international cricket and ended his career across formats with 905 Test runs, 2657 ODI runs, and 1406 T20I runs.

Recently Retired Players

- *Carolina Marín (Spain) - professional badminton*
- *Gurjant Singh - International Hockey*
- *Sarfraz Ahmed (Pakistan) - International Cricket*
- *Saina Nehwal (India) - Badminton*
- *Alyssa Healy (Australia)- All forms of international cricket*

80. Consider the following statements regarding Khelo India Tribal Games 2026: Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

1. The event was hosted by Chhattisgarh.
2. Karnataka emerged as the overall champion.
3. The official mascot was "Morveer".

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- (e) all are correct

Ans. e

Sol. Khelo India Tribal Games 2026: Karnataka Emerges Champion as Chhattisgarh Hosts Maiden Edition

The maiden Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 was hosted by Chhattisgarh, where Karnataka emerged as the overall champion.

Karnataka topped the medal tally with 23 Gold, 8 Silver, and 7 Bronze medals, followed by Odisha (21 Gold) and Jharkhand (16 Gold).

The official mascot of the Games was "Morveer", and the event was conducted across three cities—Raipur, Jagdalpur, and Sarguja in Chhattisgarh.

The Games featured seven medal sports: Athletics, Football, Hockey, Weightlifting, Archery, Swimming, and Wrestling.

A total of 3,800 athletes from 30 States and Union Territories participated, with Mallakhamb and Kabaddi included as demonstration sports.

81 . The International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, observed on 4 April, highlights global efforts to prevent harm caused by landmines and explosive remnants of war. What is the theme for the year 2026 for the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action?

4 अप्रैल को मनाया जाने वाला इंटरनेशनल डे फॉर माइन अवेयरनेस एंड असिस्टेंस इन माइन एक्शन, लैंडमाइन और युद्ध के बचे हुए विस्फोटकों से होने वाले नुकसान को रोकने के लिए दुनिया भर में किए जा रहे प्रयासों पर रोशनी डालता है। साल 2026 के लिए इंटरनेशनल डे फॉर माइन अवेयरनेस एंड असिस्टेंस इन माइन एक्शन की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Safe World for All
- (b) Peace and Development
- (c) Invest in Peace; Invest in Mine Action
- (d) Mine-Free Future 2030
- (e) Global Safety First

Ans. c

Sol. 4 April - International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

The International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, observed on 4 April, highlights global efforts to prevent harm caused by landmines and explosive remnants of war.

Theme 2026 - Invest in Peace; Invest in Mine Action

It aims to promote mine risk education, support victims, and strengthen international cooperation for safe and mine-free communities.

82. What is the name of the AI-powered chatbot introduced by the Income Tax Department to provide real-time assistance to taxpayers on the new portal?

आयकर विभाग द्वारा नए पोर्टल पर करदाताओं को रियल-टाइम सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए शुरू किए गए AI-आधारित चैटबॉट का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Tax Sathi
- (b) e-Friend
- (c) Kar Saathi
- (d) Income Bot
- (e) Digital Helper

Ans. c

Sol. Income Tax Department Launches New Website and AI Assistant 'Kar Saathi' Under PRARAMBH 2026 Campaign

The Income Tax Department has launched a new website along with an AI-based assistant named Kar Saathi to simplify compliance under the Income Tax Act, 2025. The launch is aligned with the nationwide awareness campaign PRARAMBH 2026, aimed at guiding taxpayers about updated rules and procedures.

The new website provides a single platform for all income tax-related information, while Kar Saathi (AI chatbot) offers real-time automated responses to taxpayer queries.

83. The Central Government has mandated petrol pumps to supply E20 fuel as part of India's clean energy transition strategy. What is the minimum octane rating required for E20 fuel under the new government mandate?

केंद्र सरकार ने स्वच्छ ऊर्जा रणनीति के तहत पेट्रोल पंपों को E20 ईंधन की आपूर्ति अनिवार्य की है। इस नए नियम के तहत E20 ईंधन के लिए न्यूनतम ऑक्टेन रेटिंग क्या है?

- (a) 91 RON
- (b) 92 RON
- (c) 93 RON
- (d) 95 RON
- (e) 98 RON

Ans. d

Sol. India Mandates E20 Fuel with 95 RON Octane Rating to Boost Clean Energy Transition

The Central Government has mandated petrol pumps to supply E20 fuel with a minimum 95 Research Octane Number (RON) octane rating as part of India's clean energy transition strategy.

E20 fuel is a blend of 20% ethanol and 80% petrol, aimed at reducing fossil fuel dependence and lowering vehicular emissions.

Compared to regular petrol (91–92 RON), E20 fuel offers a higher 95 RON octane rating, improving engine performance and ensuring smoother combustion.

84. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, in collaboration with which of the following, has developed the India SDG Dashboard?

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय ने निम्न में से किसके सहयोग से भारत का SDG डैशबोर्ड विकसित किया है?

- (a) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) United Nations Resident Coordinator Office
- (d) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
- (e) World Trade Organization

Ans. c

Sol. India Launches SDG Dashboard in Collaboration with UN to Track Sustainable Development Goals Progress

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, in collaboration with the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office, has developed the India SDG Dashboard.

The dashboard is a centralized platform designed to monitor and track India's progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

85. From which classes has India introduced the new AI and Coding Education curriculum under the recent education reform initiative?

भारत में हाल ही में शुरू किए गए शिक्षा सुधार के तहत AI और कोडिंग शिक्षा पाठ्यक्रम किस कक्षा से शुरू किया गया है?

- (a) Class 1 to 5
- (b) Class 6 to 10
- (c) Class 3 to 8
- (d) Class 9 to 12
- (e) Class 5 to 10

Ans. c

Sol. India Introduces AI and Coding Curriculum for Classes 3–8 from 2026–27 Under NEP 2020

The Ministry of Education and the Central Board of Secondary Education have launched a new AI and Computational Thinking curriculum for Classes 3 to 8 from the 2026–27 session.

The curriculum focuses on basic coding, AI concepts, logical thinking, and data handling to build early digital skills among students.

It is aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023.

86. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways signed a Plan of Implementation with the KOICA. to strengthen skill development in India's shipbuilding and marine sector. KOICA stands for which organisation?

बंदरगाह, जहाजरानी और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय ने भारत के जहाज निर्माण और समुद्री क्षेत्र में कौशल विकास को मजबूत करने के लिए KOICA के साथ एक 'कार्यान्वयन योजना' (Plan of Implementation) पर हस्ताक्षर किए। KOICA किस संगठन का संक्षिप्त रूप है?

- (a) Korea International Cooperation Agency
- (b) Korean International Construction Authority
- (c) Korea Industrial Cooperation Association
- (d) Korean Investment and Commerce Agency
- (e) Korean International Construction Agency

Ans. a

Sol. India Signs KOICA Pact to Boost Shipbuilding Skills Under Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways signed a Plan of Implementation with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to strengthen skill development in India's shipbuilding and marine sector.

The agreement aims to develop a skilled workforce and boost shipbuilding as a key driver of India's economic growth under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

The project focuses on building professional talent and positioning shipbuilding as a strategically important sector for India's global maritime standing.

87. Which country is Min Aung Hlaing associated with, who recently became President?

हाल ही में राष्ट्रपति बने मिन आंग ह्लाइंग किस देश से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Thailand
- (b) Vietnam
- (c) Myanmar
- (d) Cambodia
- (e) Malaysia

Ans. c**Sol.** Min Aung Hlaing Elected Myanmar President

Min Aung Hlaing has been elected as President of Myanmar by a pro-military parliament.

He previously led the 2021 Myanmar military coup, ousting Aung San Suu Kyi's elected government.

About Myanmar

- **Capital-** Naypyidaw
- **Currency-** Myanmar Kyat
- **Official language-** Burmese

88. Who has been appointed as the new Information and Broadcasting Secretary?

नए सूचना एवं प्रसारण सचिव के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Chanchal Kumar
- (b) Shraddha Joshi
- (c) Rohit Kansal
- (d) Bhuvnesh Kumar
- (e) Sanjay Jaju

Ans. a**Sol.** Chanchal Kumar Named Information and Broadcasting Secretary

The Centre appointed Chanchal Kumar as the new Information and Broadcasting Secretary, while Sanjay Jaju was shifted to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

Bhuvnesh Kumar has been appointed as Tourism Secretary, strengthening leadership in the tourism sector.

Srivatsa Krishna has been appointed Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, and Rohit Kansal as Secretary, Department of Rural Development.

89. Who has taken additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)?

स्टील अथॉरिटी ऑफ़ इंडिया लिमिटेड (SAIL) के चेयरमैन और मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर का एडिशनल चार्ज किसने लिया है?

- (a) Krishna Kumar Singh
- (b) Parul Tyagi
- (c) N. Chandrasekaran
- (d) Shraddha Joshi
- (e) Nisha

Ans. a

Sol. Krishna Kumar Singh Takes Additional Charge as SAIL CMD

Krishna Kumar Singh has taken additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)

He succeeded Amarendu Prakash, who resigned from the post effective 1 April 2026.

About Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)

- *Founded - 24 January 1973*
- *Headquarters - New Delhi*
- *CMD - Krishna Kumar Singh (replace Amarendu Prakash)*
- *Ownership - Ministry of Steel*

90. Under the new Olympic eligibility policy, which group of athletes has been barred from competing in women's events?

नई ओलंपिक पात्रता नीति के तहत किस समूह के खिलाड़ियों को महिला प्रतियोगिताओं में भाग लेने से रोका गया है?

- (a) Junior athletes
- (b) Para-athletes
- (c) Drug addicted athletes
- (d) Transgender women
- (e) Amateur players

Ans. d

Sol. IOC Bars Transgender Women from Women's Olympic Events, Citing Fairness Concerns

The International Olympic Committee approved a new eligibility policy barring transgender women from competing in women's Olympic events to ensure fairness. IOC President Kirsty Coventry stated that even minor physical differences impact results, and allowing biological males in female categories is no longer considered equitable.

The Olympic logo of International Olympic Committee features five interlocking rings (blue, yellow, black, green, red) on a white background, symbolising the unity of five continents—Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania.

91. Who became Britain's top-rated female chess player as per FIDE April 2026 rankings?

FIDE अप्रैल 2026 रैंकिंग के अनुसार ब्रिटेन की शीर्ष रेटेड महिला शतरंज खिलाड़ी कौन बनी?

- (a) Shraddha Joshi
- (b) Koneru Humpy
- (c) Judit Polgar

(d) Hou Yifan

(e) Bodhana Sivanandan

Ans. e

Sol. 11-Year-Old Bodhana Sivanandan Becomes Britain's Top-Rated Female Chess Player

Bodhana Sivanandan, aged 11, is now Britain's top-rated female player (FIDE April 2026) with a rating of 2,366, ranked 72nd globally among women.

She has overtaken many established players, showcasing exceptional talent, discipline, and strong international performances.

92. The Election Commission of India has introduced the "Know Your Candidates" (KYC) module to enhance transparency in elections. This module, which provides detailed information about candidates such as criminal background, assets, and educational qualifications, is available on which platform?

भारत के चुनाव आयोग ने चुनावों में पारदर्शिता बढ़ाने के लिए "अपने उम्मीदवारों को जानें" (KYC) मॉड्यूल पेश किया है। यह मॉड्यूल, जो उम्मीदवारों के बारे में विस्तृत जानकारी—जैसे कि उनका आपराधिक इतिहास, संपत्ति और शैक्षिक योग्यता—प्रदान करता है, किस प्लेटफॉर्म पर उपलब्ध है?

(a) DigiLocker

(b) ECINet

(c) UMANG

(d) MyGov

(e) eCourts

Ans. b

Sol. ECI Urges Voters to Use 'Know Your Candidates' Module for Informed Voting in 2026 Elections

The **Election Commission of India** has urged **voters to make informed choices in the upcoming 2026 Assembly elections** and by-elections using the Know Your Candidates (KYC) module on the ECINet platform.

The appeal comes ahead of elections in states like Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Puducherry, along with by-elections in multiple constituencies.

The KYC module provides key details about candidates, including criminal background, assets & liabilities, educational qualifications, and verified social media accounts, promoting transparency in elections.

About Election Commissioner of India (ECI)

- It is a constitutional body to conduct and regulate elections in the country.
- It consists of a chief election commissioner (CEC) and two election commissioners (usually retired IAS or IRS officers)

- *Founded - 25 January 1950*
- *Headquarters - New Delhi*
- *1st Chief - Sukumar Sen*
- *1st Women Chief - V.S. Ramadevi*
- *26th Chief - Gyanesh Kumar (replace Rajiv Kumar)*
- *Commissioner - Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi*
- *Tenure - 6/65yrs*

93. Indian Railways earned a record revenue from scrap disposal in FY 2025–26 amounting to:

भारतीय रेलवे ने वित्त वर्ष 2025–26 में कबाड़ निपटान से रिकॉर्ड राजस्व अर्जित किया, जो था:

- (a) ₹5,501 crore
- (b) ₹6,000 crore
- (c) ₹6,711 crore
- (d) ₹7,070 crore
- (e) ₹6,735 crore

Ans. e

Sol. Indian Railways Achieves Record ₹6,735 Crore Scrap Revenue in FY26

Indian Railways achieved a **record ₹6,735 crore from scrap disposal in FY 2025–26**, surpassing its target of ₹6,000 crore by over 12%, boosting non-fare revenue.

The total scrap sales reached ₹6,735.52 crore by March 30, with a strong surge in the final month helping the national transporter comfortably exceed its annual target.

Key contributors included South Central Railway, Western Railway, Eastern Railway, and Northern Railway, with SCR and WR significantly outperforming their respective targets.

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94. NITI Aayog, under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), has launched the ATL Sarthi initiative and Mentor India Academy in Telangana to strengthen school-level innovation. The initiative aims to provide structured mentorship and institutional support to Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs), helping students convert ideas into practical solutions. How many ATLs are covered under this initiative in Telangana?

NITI Aayog ने, **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** के तहत, स्कूली स्तर पर इनोवेशन को मज़बूत करने के लिए तेलंगाना में **ATL Sarthi** पहल और **Mentor India Academy** शुरू की है। इस पहल का मकसद **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs)** को व्यवस्थित मेंटरशिप और संस्थागत सहायता देना है, जिससे छात्रों को अपने आइडिया को व्यावहारिक समाधानों में बदलने में मदद मिल सके। तेलंगाना में इस पहल के तहत कितने **ATL** शामिल हैं?

- (a) 300
- (b) 325
- (c) 350

(d) 379

(e) 400

Ans. d

Sol. NITI Aayog Launches ATL Sarthi and Mentor India Academy in Telangana to Boost School-Level Innovation

NITI Aayog, under the Atal Innovation Mission, launched the **ATL Sarthi initiative and Mentor India Academy in Telangana** to promote school-level innovation and support young innovators.

The programme will provide structured mentorship and institutional support to 379 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs), enabling students to transform ideas into practical solutions aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

ATLs will be organized into regional clusters with support from nodal institutions, and Vardhaman College of Engineering has been designated as the nodal institution for Telangana to provide technical and mentorship support.

95. The 'School Chalen Hum' Campaign was launched by which state government?

'स्कूल चलें हम' अभियान किस राज्य सरकार द्वारा शुरू किया गया था?

(a) Uttar Pradesh

(b) Rajasthan

(c) Madhya Pradesh

(d) Gujarat

(e) Bihar

Ans. c

Sol. Madhya Pradesh Launches 'School Chalen Hum' Campaign to Boost Enrolment and Quality Education

The Madhya Pradesh Government, led by Mohan Yadav, launched the 'School Chalen Hum' Campaign 2025–26 from a government school in Bhopal to boost school enrolment and improve education quality.

Conducted from 1–4 April, the campaign covered 55 districts and over 50,000 villages, aligning with Pravesh Utsav and focusing on distributing 5.6 crore textbooks and learning materials.

The initiative supports the goals of National Education Policy 2020, with enrolment rising by 19.6% overall and 32.4% in government schools, while Sandipani Vidyalayas and PM-SHRI schools promote better infrastructure and quality education.

About Madhya Pradesh

- **Capital** – Bhopal
- **Chief Minister** – Dr Mohan Yadav

- **Deputy CM** - Jagdish Devda & Rajendra Shukla
- **Governor** – Mangubhai C. Patel

96. The vibrant festival of Rongali Bihu is celebrated across Assam, marking the Assamese New Year and the arrival of spring with music, dance, and traditional customs. Rongali Bihu is also known by which other name?

रोंगाली बिहू का जीवंत त्योहार पूरे असम में मनाया जाता है, जो संगीत, नृत्य और पारंपरिक रीति-रिवाजों के साथ असमिया नव वर्ष और वसंत के आगमन का प्रतीक है। रोंगाली बिहू को और किस नाम से जाना जाता है?

- (a) Magh Bihu
- (b) Kati Bihu
- (c) Bohag Bihu
- (d) Pongal
- (e) Baisakhi

Ans. c

Sol. Rongali Bihu Celebrations Begin in Assam

The vibrant festival of Rongali Bihu, also known as Bohag Bihu, is celebrated across Assam, marking the Assamese New Year and the arrival of spring with music, dance, and traditional customs.

It is the most prominent of the three Bihu festivals, symbolising joy, renewal, and agricultural prosperity, reflecting the rich cultural heritage and unity of Assamese society.

The term 'Rongali' comes from 'Rong' meaning happiness, and the festival coincides with the sowing season, making it especially significant for agrarian communities.

97. The Puri Police in Puri launched the "Puri Police Assistant" WhatsApp chatbot to enhance citizen services and accessibility. Which organisation supported the development of this chatbot?

पुरी पुलिस ने नागरिक सेवाओं और पहुँच को बेहतर बनाने के लिए "पुरी पुलिस असिस्टेंट" WhatsApp चैटबॉट लॉन्च किया। इस चैटबॉट के विकास में किस संगठन ने सहायता की?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) Punjab National Bank
- (e) Axis Bank

Ans. d

Sol. Puri Police Launches 'Puri Police Assistant' WhatsApp Chatbot for 24×7 Citizen Services

The Puri Police in Puri launched the “Puri Police Assistant” WhatsApp chatbot to enhance citizen services and accessibility.

The chatbot provides 24×7 support for public queries and essential services, improving convenience and digital governance.

It is supported by Punjab National Bank and developed with Rezler Systems, allowing citizens to access it by sending “Hi” on WhatsApp or scanning a QR code.

About Odisha

- **Capital** – Bhubaneswar
- **Chief Minister** – Mohan Charan Majhi
- **Deputy CM** - KV Singhdeo and Pravati Parida
- **Governor** – Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati

98. What is the revised GDP growth forecast for India for FY 2026–27 as per Moody's?

मूडीज़ के अनुसार, वित्त वर्ष 2026-27 के लिए भारत की GDP वृद्धि का संशोधित अनुमान क्या है?

- (a) 5.5%
- (b) 5.8%
- (c) 6.0%
- (d) 6.5%
- (e) 6.8%

Ans. c

Sol. Moody's Cuts India's FY27 Growth Forecast to 6.0% Amid West Asia Conflict
 Moody's Ratings has downgraded India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2026–27 to 6.0%, from its earlier estimate of 6.8%.

The revision is attributed to the economic impact of the West Asia conflict, which is affecting global stability and growth prospects.

GDP Projection List 2026

- ICRA – 7.6% (FY26), 6.5%(FY27)
- OECD – 6.1 % (FY27)
- S&P Global Ratings – 7.6% (FY26); 7.1% (FY27)
- Fitch Rating – 7.5% (FY26); 6.7% (FY27)
- CRISIL – 7.1% (FY27) Update 14/3/2026

99. Which bank recently crossed the milestone of ₹30 lakh crore in total global business (deposits + advances) for the first time, reaching ₹30.78 lakh crore as of March 2026, with strong growth in both deposits and advances?

हाल ही में किस बैंक ने पहली बार कुल वैश्विक कारोबार (जमा + अग्रिम) में ₹30 लाख करोड़ का मील का पत्थर पार किया, और मार्च 2026 तक ₹30.78 लाख करोड़ तक पहुँच गया, जिसमें जमा और अग्रिम दोनों में मज़बूत वृद्धि देखी गई?

- (a) Bank of Baroda
- (b) Punjab National Bank
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) Union Bank of India

Ans. a

Sol. Bank of Baroda Crosses ₹30 Lakh Crore Global Business Mark for the First Time in FY26

Bank of Baroda crossed a major milestone by surpassing ₹30 lakh crore in total global business (deposits + advances) for the first time, reaching ₹30.78 lakh crore as of March 2026, with 13.93% YoY growth.

The bank recorded strong growth in both segments, with global deposits rising by 12% and advances increasing by 16.23%, reflecting robust expansion in lending and savings.

Deposits stood at ₹16.48 lakh crore and advances at ₹14.30 lakh crore, while domestic operations also saw growth, including retail loans in India rising by 17.93% to ₹3.02 lakh crore.

About Bank of Baroda (BOB)

- **Founded** - 1908
- **Headquarters** - Vadodara, Gujarat
- **MD & CEO** - Debadatta Chand
- **Tagline** - India's International Bank

100. Microsoft has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a private university in India to set up an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Skill Centre aimed at enhancing students' digital capabilities, employability, and industry readiness. With which university has Microsoft partnered for this initiative?

Microsoft ने भारत की एक निजी यूनिवर्सिटी के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं, जिसका उद्देश्य एक आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस (AI) कौशल केंद्र स्थापित करना है। इस केंद्र का लक्ष्य छात्रों की डिजिटल क्षमताओं, रोज़गार पाने की योग्यता और उद्योग के लिए उनकी तैयारी को बेहतर बनाना है। इस पहल के लिए Microsoft ने किस यूनिवर्सिटी के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Lovely Professional University
- (b) Amity University
- (c) Chandigarh University
- (d) Manipal University

(e) Sharda University**Ans. c****Sol.** Microsoft Signs MoU with Chandigarh University to Set Up AI Skill Center at Mohali Campus

Microsoft signed an MoU with Chandigarh University to establish an AI Skill Centre at Chandigarh University's Mohali campus in Punjab.

The centre aims to enhance digital skills and employability by offering global certifications in AI, Machine Learning, Cloud, Data Science, and Cybersecurity.

Students will gain access to 4,400+ learning modules, hands-on labs, and real-world projects using Microsoft Azure.

The initiative is supported by byteXL and aligns with Microsoft's "AI for All" vision to promote inclusive digital learning.

101. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) recently celebrated the 47th Raising Day of which project in Bikaner, Rajasthan?

बॉर्डर रोड्स ऑर्गनाइज़ेशन (BRO) ने हाल ही में राजस्थान के बीकानेर में किस प्रोजेक्ट का 47वां स्थापना दिवस मनाया?

- (a) Project Himank
- (b) Project Arunank
- (c) Project Chetak
- (d) Project Shivalik
- (e) Project Beacon

Ans. c**Sol.** BRO's Project Chetak Celebrates 47th Raising Day in Bikaner, Strengthening Border Infrastructure

Border Roads Organisation celebrated the 47th Raising Day of Project Chetak in Bikaner, highlighting over four decades of service in strategically important western border regions.

Established in 1980, Project Chetak has played a key role in developing and maintaining infrastructure across Rajasthan, Punjab, and northern Gujarat, contributing to both national security and regional development.

With the motto "Chetak ka Prayas, Desh ka Vikas", the project has constructed over 4,000 km of roads and 214 km of ditch-cum-bund, supporting defence connectivity and upgrading key border roads to national highway double-lane standards.

102. Which Indian Navy ship recently arrived at Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania as part of its deployment in the South-West Indian Ocean Region?

भारतीय नौसेना का कौन-सा जहाज़ हाल ही में दक्षिण-पश्चिम हिंद महासागर क्षेत्र में अपनी तैनाती के हिस्से के रूप में दार-एस-सलाम, तंजानिया पहुँचा?

- (a) INS Vikrant
- (b) INS Kolkata
- (c) INS Chennai
- (d) INS Trikand
- (e) INS Shivalik

Ans. d)

Sol. INS Trikand Reaches Dar-es-Salaam to Boost India–Tanzania Maritime Cooperation

Indian Navy's frontline guided missile frigate INS Trikand arrived at Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania as part of its deployment in the South-West Indian Ocean Region.

The visit aims to strengthen maritime cooperation and enhance bilateral defence and naval ties between India and Tanzania.

103. Which of the following countries participated in the anti-submarine warfare exercise 'Sea Dragon 2026'?

निम्नलिखित में से किन देशों ने पनडुब्बी-रोधी युद्ध अभ्यास 'सी ड्रैगन 2026' में भाग लिया?

- (a) India, China, Russia, Japan
- (b) India, USA, Japan, Australia, New Zealand
- (c) India, UK, France, Germany, USA
- (d) India, South Korea, Japan, Canada
- (e) India, Brazil, USA, Australia

Ans. b

Sol. India Participates in 'Sea Dragon 2026' Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise with Quad+ Nations in USA

India, along with the United States, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, participated in the anti-submarine warfare exercise 'Sea Dragon 2026', which concluded at Andersen Air Force Base.

The exercise was hosted by the U.S. Navy's Task Force 72, focusing on enhancing coordination in anti-submarine warfare operations.

104. World Health Day is observed every year on 7 April to raise awareness about global health issues and promote well-being for all. What is the theme of World Health Day 2026?

विश्व स्वास्थ्य दिवस हर साल 7 अप्रैल को वैश्विक स्वास्थ्य मुद्दों के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने और सभी के कल्याण को बढ़ावा देने के लिए मनाया जाता है। विश्व स्वास्थ्य दिवस 2026 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Health for All
- (b) Global Wellness
- (c) Together for health. Stand with science
- (d) Healthy World
- (e) Science for Life

Ans. c

Sol. 7 April - World Health Day

World Health Day is observed every year on 7 April to raise awareness about global health issues and promote well-being for all.

Theme 2026 - Together for health. Stand with science

The day marks the establishment of the World Health Organisation in 1948, which works towards improving international public health.

Each year, it is celebrated with a specific theme focusing on key health challenges and encouraging global action for better healthcare systems.

105. PM Narendra Modi has virtually launched Karmayogi Sadhana Saptah 2026 at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre, marking 5 years of Mission Karmayogi, a major civil services reform and training initiative.

The programme was organised by which body?

PM नरेंद्र मोदी ने डॉ. अंबेडकर इंटरनेशनल सेंटर में 'कर्मयोगी साधना सप्ताह 2026' का वर्चुअल रूप से शुभारंभ किया। यह कार्यक्रम 'मिशन कर्मयोगी' के 5 वर्ष पूरे होने के अवसर पर आयोजित किया गया, जो सिविल सेवाओं में सुधार और प्रशिक्षण से जुड़ी एक प्रमुख पहल है। यह प्रोग्राम किस संस्था ने आयोजित किया था?

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) UPSC
- (c) Capacity Building Commission
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (e) Department of Personnel

Ans. c

Sol. PM Modi Launches Karmayogi Sadhana Saptah 2026 to Mark 5 Years of Civil Services Reform

PM Narendra Modi has virtually launched Karmayogi Sadhana Saptah 2026 at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre, marking 5 years of Mission Karmayogi, a major civil services reform and training initiative.

The programme was organised by the Capacity Building Commission from 2–8 April 2026, focusing on enhancing the skills, efficiency, and performance of civil servants.

The initiative is built on three key pillars—Technology, Tradition, and Tangible

Outcomes, aimed at modernising governance and improving public service delivery.

106. International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) is observed every year on 6 April to promote peace, inclusion, and social development through sports. What is the theme of IDSDP 2026?

विकास और शांति के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय खेल दिवस (IDSDP) हर साल 6 अप्रैल को खेलों के माध्यम से शांति, समावेश और सामाजिक विकास को बढ़ावा देने के लिए मनाया जाता है। IDSDP 2026 का विषय (Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Power of Sports
- (b) Sports for Unity
- (c) Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers
- (d) Play for Peace
- (e) Global Sports Movement

Ans. c

Sol. 6 April - International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP)

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) is observed every year on 6 April to promote peace, inclusion, and social development through sports.

Theme 2026 - Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers

The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2013, recognizing sport as a powerful tool for unity and positive change.

It also marks the opening of the first modern Olympic Games held in 1896 in Athens.

107. The Reserve Bank of India, in its latest monetary policy, projected India's real GDP growth for FY 2026–27 while maintaining a neutral stance. What is the estimated growth rate?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने अपनी नई मॉनेटरी पॉलिसी में, फ़ाइनेंशियल ईयर 2026–27 के लिए भारत की रियल GDP ग्रोथ का अनुमान लगाया है, जबकि न्यूट्रल रुख बनाए रखा है। अनुमानित ग्रोथ रेट क्या है?

- (a) 7.6%
- (b) 6.5%
- (c) 6.9%
- (d) 5.8%
- (e) 7.2%

Ans. (c)

Sol. RBI Holds Repo Rate at 5.25% with Neutral Stance

The Reserve Bank of India kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25%, maintaining a neutral monetary policy stance.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), chaired by Sanjay Malhotra, unanimously decided to hold rates steady in its first bi-monthly meeting of the fiscal year.

The RBI projected GDP growth at 6.9% for FY 2026–27, while estimating 7.6% growth for the previous financial year.

Inflation outlook remains a concern, with CPI inflation projected at 4.6% for FY 2026–27, mainly due to rising energy prices and global uncertainties.

RBI Current Policy Rate are as under

- *Policy Repo Rate* – 5.25%
- *Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)* – 5.00%
- *Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)* – 5.50%
- *Bank Rate* – 5.50%
- *Reverse Repo Rate* – 3.35%
- *Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)* – 3.00%
- *Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)* – 18%

108. The Tri-Service seminar 'Ran Samwad' was held on April 9–10 in Bengaluru, focusing on evolving warfare strategies. 'Ran Samwad' seminar was organised by which ministry?

त्रि-सेवा सेमिनार 'रण संवाद' 9-10 अप्रैल को बेंगलुरु में आयोजित किया गया था। 'रण संवाद' सेमिनार किस मंत्रालय द्वारा आयोजित किया गया था?

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of External Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Defence
- (d) Ministry of Science & Technology
- (e) Ministry of Finance

Ans. c

Sol. Tri-Service 'Ran Samwad' Seminar in Bengaluru to Focus on Multi-Domain Warfare Strategy

The Tri-Service seminar 'Ran Samwad' will be held on April 9–10 in Bengaluru, focusing on evolving warfare strategies.

Organised by the Ministry of Defence, the seminar initiates a structured dialogue on emerging paradigms of warfare.

The theme "Multi-Domain Operations" emphasises preparing India's defence forces across land, air, sea, cyber, space, and cognitive domains.

109. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the BIRAC-BioNEST Incubation Centre at Central Food Technology and Research Institute in _____, boosting India's food innovation ecosystem.

जितेंद्र सिंह ने CFTRI में BIRAC-BioNEST इन्क्यूबेशन सेंटर का उद्घाटन _____ में किया, जिससे भारत के खाद्य नवाचार तंत्र को बढ़ावा मिला।

- (a) Mysuru

(b) Hyderabad

(c) Bengaluru

(d) Chennai

(e) Pune

Ans. a

Sol. Jitendra Singh Inaugurates BIRAC-BioNEST Centre at CFTRI to Boost Food Innovation and Startups

Jitendra Singh inaugurated the BIRAC-BioNEST Incubation Centre at Central Food Technology and Research Institute in Mysuru, boosting India's food innovation ecosystem.

The initiative aims to bridge the gap between laboratory research and commercial applications, promoting startup-driven technologies in food processing and biotechnology.

The centre offers state-of-the-art incubation facilities, supporting startups in research, scale-up, and regulatory processes to develop market-ready solutions

110. The "Gen Z Vote" awareness song was launched by Gyanesh Kumar in Kochi to strengthen democratic participation. What is the primary objective of this initiative?

लोकतांत्रिक भागीदारी को मजबूत करने के लिए कोच्चि में ज्ञानेश कुमार ने "Gen Z Vote" जागरूकता गीत लॉन्च किया। इस पहल का प्राथमिक उद्देश्य क्या है?

(a) Increasing voter turnout among first-time voters

(b) Promoting voter awareness about electoral rights and duties

(c) Encouraging youth (Gen Z) to actively participate in elections

(d) Reducing voter apathy in urban areas

(e) Strengthening inclusive and participatory electoral process

Ans. c

Sol. CEC Gyanesh Kumar Launches 'Gen Z Vote' Song in Kochi to Boost Youth Voter Participation

Gyanesh Kumar launched the "Gen Z Vote" awareness song in Kochi to motivate young voters to engage in the electoral process.

The initiative aims to increase voter participation among youth (Gen Z) by promoting awareness about the importance of voting in a democracy.

111. Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary has reintroduced blackbucks into the Rampur grassland, marking a significant step toward biodiversity conservation and ecological restoration. Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

बारनवापारा वन्यजीव अभयारण्य ने रामपुर घास के मैदान में काले हिरणों को फिर से शामिल किया है, जो जैव विविधता संरक्षण और पारिस्थितिक बहाली की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। बारनवापारा वन्यजीव अभयारण्य किस राज्य में स्थित है?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Chhattisgarh
- (e) Maharashtra

Ans. d

Sol. Blackbucks Reintroduced in Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary to Boost Biodiversity Conservation

Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary has reintroduced blackbucks into the Rampur grassland, marking a significant step toward biodiversity conservation and ecological restoration.

The sanctuary is located in the Mahasamund district, Chhattisgarh, and covers around 245 sq. km, deriving its name from the villages Bar and Nawapara.

The ecosystem is supported by tributaries of the Mahanadi River, with the Balamdehi River (west) and Jonk River (northeast) forming key geographical boundaries.

About Chhattisgarh

- **Capital** – Raipur
- **Chief Minister** – Vishnu Deo Sai (replace Bhupesh Baghel)
- **Deputy CM** - Arun Sao & Vijay Sharma
- **Governor** – Raman Deka

112. Which state government has launched the Mukhyamantri Annapurna Yojana (MAPY), a major food security initiative aimed at providing additional free rice to over 10 million vulnerable families under the public distribution system?

किस राज्य सरकार ने मुख्यमंत्री अन्नपूर्णा योजना (MAPY) शुरू की है, जिसका उद्देश्य सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के तहत 10 मिलियन से अधिक कमजोर परिवारों को अतिरिक्त मुफ्त चावल प्रदान करना है?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Chhattisgarh

Ans. d

Sol. Odisha Launches 'Mukhyamantri Annapurna Yojana' to Strengthen Food Security

The Odisha Government has launched the Mukhyamantri Annapurna Yojana (MAPY) to strengthen food security for over 10 million vulnerable families.

Under the scheme, beneficiaries covered by the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and the State Food Security Scheme will receive an additional 5 kg of free rice per person per month, increasing total allocation to 10 kg.

The scheme, approved under Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, will be implemented from 2026–27 and is one of the largest state-funded expansions of the Public Distribution System (PDS) in India.

About Odisha

- **Capital** – Bhubaneswar
- **Chief Minister** – Mohan Charan Majhi (replace Naveen Patnaik)
- **Deputy CM** - KV Singhdeo and Pravati Parida
- **Governor** – Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati

113. Which state government launched the 'Safe Mobility Program' aimed at empowering women by providing employment opportunities and ensuring safer transportation for women and girls?

महिलाओं को रोजगार प्रदान करने और सुरक्षित परिवहन सुनिश्चित करने के उद्देश्य से 'सेफ मोबिलिटी प्रोग्राम' किस राज्य सरकार ने शुरू किया?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Bihar

Ans. d

Sol. Uttar Pradesh Launches 'Safe Mobility Program' to Empower Women and Ensure Safe Transport

The Uttar Pradesh Government has launched the 'Safe Mobility Program' to promote women empowerment and create employment opportunities.

The scheme trains women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to become e-rickshaw drivers, ensuring safer and more accessible transport for women and girls.

Around 1,000 e-rickshaws will be provided and operated exclusively by female drivers, targeting safe travel for school-going girls and working women.

About Uttar Pradesh

- **Capital** - Lucknow
- **Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

114. The Bodleian Libraries at the University of Oxford have launched a nationwide UK tour of the Shikshapatri to mark its 200th anniversary. Who composed the Shikshapatri?

ऑक्सफ़ोर्ड विश्वविद्यालय की बोडलियन लाइब्रेरीज़ ने 'शिक्षापत्री' की 200वीं वर्षगांठ के अवसर पर इसका पूरे UK में राष्ट्रव्यापी दौरा शुरू किया है। शिक्षापत्री की रचना किसने की थी?

- (a) Swami Vivekananda
- (b) Adi Shankaracharya
- (c) Ramanujacharya
- (d) Sahajanand Swami
- (e) Dayanand Saraswat

Ans. d

Sol. Oxford's Bodleian Libraries Launch UK Tour of 'Shikshapatri' on 200th Anniversary

The Bodleian Libraries at the University of Oxford have launched a nationwide UK tour of the Shikshapatri to mark its 200th anniversary.

The Shikshapatri is one of the most significant and rare Hindu scriptures.

Shikshapatri, which means a letter of teachings, was composed in 1826 at Vadtal in Gujarat by Sahajanand Swami.

Organised in collaboration with leaders of the Swaminarayan faith, the tour will showcase the manuscript in major temples, offering thousands the chance to view the sacred text that emphasises ethical living and spiritual guidance.

Written on what is described as the fifth day of the bright half of the month," the manuscript contains 212 Sanskrit verses summarising key teachings from Hindu scriptures.

115. Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of Shirpur Merchants' Co-operative Bank due to inadequate capital and poor earning prospects, effective April 6, 2026. Depositors of the bank are insured up to what amount by DICGC?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने अपर्याप्त पूंजी और कमाई की खराब संभावनाओं के कारण शिरपुर मर्चेन्ट्स को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक का लाइसेंस रद्द कर दिया है; यह आदेश 6 अप्रैल, 2026 से प्रभावी होगा। DICGC द्वारा बैंक के जमाकर्ताओं को कितनी राशि तक का बीमा कवर प्रदान किया जाता है?

- (a) ₹1 lakh
- (b) ₹2 lakh
- (c) ₹3 lakh
- (d) ₹4 lakh
- (e) ₹5 lakh

Ans. e

Sol. RBI Cancels Licence of Shirpur Merchants' Co-operative Bank Over Financial Weakness

Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of Shirpur Merchants' Co-operative Bank due to inadequate capital and poor earning prospects, effective April 6, 2026. The bank has ceased all banking operations, and authorities have been directed to initiate its winding up and appoint a liquidator.

Depositors are eligible to receive up to ₹5 lakh as insurance cover from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation.

Around 99.7% of depositors are expected to get their full deposits back under the DICGC insurance scheme.

116. Razorpay has partnered with which company to enable payment integration in AI applications?

रेज़रपे ने AI एप्लिकेशन में पेमेंट इंटीग्रेशन के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Google
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) Amazon
- (d) OpenAI
- (e) Meta

Ans. d

Sol. Razorpay Partners with OpenAI to Enable Seamless Payment Integration in AI Apps

Razorpay has partnered with OpenAI to enable developers to integrate payments directly into AI applications within minutes.

Through this collaboration, developers using OpenAI Codex can seamlessly embed Razorpay's payment gateway into their applications.

117. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has granted R1 approval to the M Pallonji Group for launching a new general insurance venture in partnership with which bank and Divya Sehgal?

इंश्योरेंस रेगुलेटरी एंड डेवलपमेंट अथॉरिटी ऑफ़ इंडिया ने एम पलोनजी ग्रुप को किस बैंक और दिव्या सहगल के साथ पार्टनरशिप में एक नया जनरल इंश्योरेंस वेंचर शुरू करने के लिए R1 अप्रूवल दिया है?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) SBI
- (e) Federal Bank

Ans. e

Sol. IRDAI Grants R1 Approval to M Pallonji Group for New General Insurance Venture

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has granted R1 approval to the M Pallonji Group for launching a new general insurance venture in partnership with Federal Bank and Divya Sehgal.

The proposed venture will have a 51% stake held by M Pallonji Group, with additional funding support from Federal Bank and family offices, and will be promoted by Mehli Mistry and Pheroze Mistry.

Under IRDAI's approval process, R1 stage assesses business plan, capital commitment, and governance structure, followed by R2 (capital readiness) and R3 (final approval).

The company is expected to start operations with an initial capital of around ₹200 crore, amid growing competition in the sector with new entrants like Kiwi General Insurance entering the market.

118. Geetanjali Om Parkash created history by becoming the first Indian to win which prestigious global title in 2026?

गीतांजलि ओम प्रकाश ने 2026 में कौन सा प्रतिष्ठित ग्लोबल टाइटल जीतने वाली पहली भारतीय बनकर इतिहास रचा?

- (a) Mrs Universe 2026
- (b) Mrs World 2026
- (c) Mrs International World Classic 2026
- (d) Miss Earth 2026
- (e) Mrs Asia Pacific 2026

Ans. c

Sol. Geetanjali Om Parkash Wins Mrs International World Classic 2026

Geetanjali Om Parkash won the title of Mrs International World Classic 2026 at the grand finale held in Kuala Lumpur.

This victory marks the first time India has secured this prestigious international crown.

She also received special awards, including "Mrs Empowerment" and "Most Exotic National Costume" during the event.

119. Menaka Guruswamy has become India's first openly queer what?

मेनका गुरुस्वामी भारत की पहली खुले तौर पर क्वियर क्या बनी हैं?

- (a) Judge
- (b) Minister

- (c) Governor
 (d) Member of Parliament
 (e) Chief Justice

Ans. d

Sol. Menaka Guruswamy Becomes India's First Openly Queer MP

Menaka Guruswamy has become India's first openly queer Member of Parliament, taking oath as a Rajya Sabha MP, marking a historic moment for LGBTQ+ representation in politics.

Nominated by the Trinamool Congress, her appointment has been widely seen as a progressive step, enhancing women's and minority representation in the Upper House.

Guruswamy identifies as queer and has pledged to uphold values of equality, fraternity, and non-discrimination, strengthening LGBTQ+ visibility in India's political landscape.

120. Blanka Vlašić has been appointed as the International Event Ambassador for which event?

ब्लांका व्लासिच को किस इवेंट का इंटरनेशनल एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Mumbai Marathon 2026
 (b) World 10K Bengaluru 2026
 (c) Delhi Half Marathon 2026
 (d) Asian Games
 (e) Commonwealth Games 2026

Ans. b

Sol. Blanka Vlašić Named Ambassador for World 10K Bengaluru 2026

Croatia High Jumper Blanka Vlašić has been appointed as the International Event Ambassador for the World 10K Bengaluru 2026, scheduled to be held on April 26. The event is a World Athletics Gold Label Race, known for attracting top international runners along with large-scale public participation.

Blanka Vlašić is a double Olympic medallist (silver at the Beijing 2008 Olympics and bronze at the Rio 2016 Olympics) and a two-time world champion, holding a personal best jump of 2.08 m.

Recent Brand Ambassador

- A. R. Rahman - Yamaha Music India Private Ltd
- Jasprit Bumrah - Uniqlo (subsidiary of Fast Retailing Co., Ltd)
- Bhavitha Mandava - First Indian House Ambassador for Chanel
- Sania Mirza - The Derma Company
- Sachin Tendulkar - Global Champion for Road Safety by the United Nations

121. NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) signed an MoU with which company for solar panel collaboration?

न्यू स्पेस इंडिया लिमिटेड (NSIL) ने सोलर पैनल सहयोग के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ समझौता किया?

- (a) Skyroot Aerospace
- (b) Bellatrix Aerospace
- (c) Dhruva Space
- (d) Agnikul Cosmos
- (e) Pixxel

Ans. c

Sol. NSIL Partners with Dhruva Space for Space-Grade Solar Panel Development
NewSpace India Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dhruva Space for collaboration in solar panel development.

The partnership will focus on the design, manufacturing, testing, and supply of space-grade solar panels for satellite and space missions.

122. Which stadium unveiled the "Rahul Dravid End" and "Anil Kumble End"?

"राहुल द्रविड़ एंड" और "अनिल कुंबले एंड" किस स्टेडियम में अनावरण किए गए?

- (a) Wankhede Stadium
- (b) Eden Gardens
- (c) M. Chinnaswamy Stadium
- (d) Arun Jaitley Stadium
- (e) Narendra Modi Stadium

Ans. c

Sol. Dravid and Kumble Honoured with Named Stands at Chinnaswamy Stadium

The Rahul Dravid End and Anil Kumble End were officially unveiled at the M.

Chinnaswamy Stadium, honouring two iconic Indian cricket legends.

The naming ceremony was conducted by the Karnataka State Cricket Association, celebrating the immense contributions of both players to Indian and Karnataka cricket.

123. Bank of Baroda launched "bob SAMVAD", an AI-powered multilingual conversational platform to enhance customer interaction at bank branches. The platform enables real-time, two-way communication in 22 languages. In the first phase, bob SAMVAD will be rolled out across how many states?

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा ने बैंक शाखाओं में ग्राहकों के साथ बातचीत को बेहतर बनाने के लिए "bob SAMVAD" लॉन्च किया है, जो एक AI-संचालित बहुभाषी संवादी प्लेटफ़ॉर्म है। यह प्लेटफ़ॉर्म

22 भाषाओं में रीयल-टाइम, दो-तरफ़ा संचार की सुविधा देता है। पहले चरण में, bob SAMVAD को कितने राज्यों में शुरू किया जाएगा?

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) 6
- (e) 7

Ans. c

Sol. Bank of Baroda Launches AI-Based 'bob SAMVAD' Platform to Enhance Customer Experience

Bank of Baroda launched "bob SAMVAD", an AI-powered multilingual conversational platform to enhance customer interaction at bank branches.

The platform enables real-time, two-way communication in 22 languages, eliminating language barriers using AI-based speech and translation technology.

In the first phase, bob SAMVAD will be rolled out across 250 branches in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. This will be followed by a phased, large-scale deployment across the bank's branch network.

About Bank of Baroda (BOB)

- **Founded** - 1908
- **Headquarters** - Vadodara, Gujarat
- **MD & CEO** - Debadatta Chand
- **Tagline** - India's International Bank

124. Which company has launched a co-branded credit card in partnership with the State Bank of India, offering benefits such as zero joining fee for the first year and availability on RuPay and Visa platforms?

किस कंपनी ने State Bank of India के साथ मिलकर को-ब्रांडेड क्रेडिट कार्ड लॉन्च किया है, जिसमें पहले वर्ष के लिए शून्य जॉइनिंग शुल्क और RuPay व Visa प्लेटफॉर्म पर उपलब्धता जैसी सुविधाएँ शामिल हैं?

- (a) Amazon Pay
- (b) Paytm
- (c) PhonePe
- (d) Google Pay
- (e) Mobikwik

Ans. c

Sol. PhonePe-SBI Launch Co-Branded Credit Card with Zero Joining Fee

Digital payments company PhonePe has launched a co-branded credit card in partnership with State Bank of India.

The PhonePe SBI Card is being offered with a limited-period promotional benefit of zero joining fee for the first year.

The card will be available on both RuPay and Visa payment networks, providing wider usability across platforms.

125. In April 2026, which organization has revised India's FY 2026–27 GDP growth forecast to 6.2%?

अप्रैल 2026 में, किस संगठन ने भारत के वित्त वर्ष 2026-27 के GDP वृद्धि अनुमान को संशोधित करके 6.2% कर दिया है?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) IMF
- (c) Morgan Stanley
- (d) RBI
- (e) ADB

Ans. c

Sol. Morgan Stanley Lowers India FY26–27 Growth Forecast to 6.2% Citing Gulf Conflict Pressures

Global investment bank Morgan Stanley has cut India's FY 2026–27 GDP growth forecast to 6.2%, reducing it by 30 basis points from its earlier estimate.

The downgrade is driven by concerns over supply-side disruptions and rising cost pressures, mainly due to the ongoing Gulf conflict impact on global economic conditions.

GDP Projection List 2025

- Moody's Rating – 6.8 (FY27)
- ICRA – 7.6% (FY26), 6.5%(FY27)
- OECD – 6.1 % (FY27)
- S&P Global Ratings – 7.6% (FY26); 7.1% (FY27)
- Fitch Rating – 7.5% (FY26); 6.7% (FY27) U
- CRISIL – 7.1% (FY27)

126. What is the name of the autobiography launched by former CBI Director R.K. Raghavan?

पूर्व CBI निदेशक आर.के. राघवन की आत्मकथा का नाम क्या है?

- (a) A Life in Service
- (b) Duty Beyond Time
- (c) Inside the Investigation
- (d) Journey of Justice
- (e) A Road Well Travelled

Ans. e

Sol. Former CBI Director R.K. Raghavan Launches Autobiography 'A Road Well Travelled'

Former R.K. Raghavan launched his autobiography "A Road Well Travelled", which is an upgraded edition highlighting his journey from state police cadre to the Intelligence Bureau and later becoming the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The book also covers key moments of his career, including his association with leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee, M.G. Ramachandran, and Jayalalithaa, and begins with the tragic assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi (1991, Sriperumbudur), where Raghavan was part of the security detail.

127. Under which initiative did INS Sunayna arrive at Malé, Maldives during its operational deployment?

INS सुनयना किस पहल के तहत अपने ऑपरेशनल डिप्लॉयमेंट के दौरान माले, मालदीव पहुंची?

- (a) SAGAR Bharat Mission
- (b) IOS SAGAR Initiative
- (c) Samudra Setu Mission
- (d) Neighbourhood First Policy
- (e) Indo-Pacific Vision

Ans. b

Sol. INS Sunayna Arrives in Maldives Under IOS SAGAR Initiative with 16 Friendly Foreign Countries Personnel

INS Sunayna, an Indian Navy ship, reached Malé (Maldives) as part of its operational deployment under the IOS SAGAR (Indian Ocean Ship – Security and Growth for All in the Region) initiative, marking its first port call under this mission.

The deployment is significant for regional maritime cooperation as it includes personnel from 16 Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs), promoting joint training, coordination, and maritime security in the Indian Ocean region.

128. Where will the second edition of the Rugby Premier League (RPL) be held in June 2026?

जून 2026 में रग्बी प्रीमियर लीग (RPL) का दूसरा एडिशन कहाँ होगा?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Bengaluru

(e) Chennai

Ans. c

Sol. Hyderabad to Host Rugby Premier League 2026

Rugby India has announced that the second edition of the Rugby Premier League (RPL) will be hosted in Hyderabad, marking an important step in expanding rugby in India.

The tournament is scheduled to take place from June 16 to June 28, 2026 at the Gachibowli Stadium, which will serve as the main venue for the league matches. The league will feature six teams: Bengaluru Bravehearts, Chennai Bulls, Delhi Redz, Hyderabad Heroes, Kalinga Black Tigers, and Mumbai Dreamers.

129. Who won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup held in Granada, Spain, and also created a junior world record with a total score of 487.7 points?

स्पेन के ग्रेनाडा में आयोजित ISSF वर्ल्ड कप के 10m एयर पिस्टल मिक्स्ड टीम इवेंट में स्वर्ण पदक किसने जीता और 487.7 अंकों के साथ जूनियर विश्व रिकॉर्ड भी बनाया?

- (a) Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary
- (b) Palak Gulia and Mukesh Nelavalli
- (c) Anjum Moudgil and Rudrankksh Patil
- (d) Elavenil Valarivan and Deepak Kumar
- (e) Heena Sidhu and Abhishek Verma

Ans. b

Sol. Palak Gulia and Mukesh Nelavalli Win Gold with Junior World Record in ISSF 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Event

Indian shooters Palak Gulia and Mukesh Nelavalli won gold medal in 10m air pistol mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup, Granada (Spain) with a junior world record score of 487.7 points.

The duo broke the previous junior world record of 481.3 points, while finishing the final ahead of China (silver) and Hungary (bronze); Mukesh also made his senior ISSF World Cup debut, scoring 244.7.

Palak had earlier won medals at the 2023 Asian Games, while Mukesh is a junior world champion, marking both as rising stars in Indian pistol shooting.

130. Consider the following statements about the Artemis II record:

Artemis II रिकॉर्ड के बारे में निम्न कथनों पर विचार कीजिए:

1. It travelled about 4.07 lakh km from Earth.
2. It became the farthest human travel from Earth.
3. The previous record was set by the Apollo 11 mission.

4. It carried 5 astronauts on board.

Which of the statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (e) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans. d

Sol. Artemis II Astronauts Set New Record, Travel Farthest from Earth at 4.07 Lakh Km
Astronauts of the Artemis II Mission created history by travelling farther from Earth than any humans before, reaching about 4.07 lakh km (252,756 miles).

The mission is part of NASA's Artemis programme, aimed at deep space and future lunar exploration.

The crew included Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen aboard the Orion spacecraft.

They surpassed the previous record set by Apollo 13 (1970), which had reached a distance of 248,655 miles (400,171 km) from Earth.

The Orion spacecraft flew as close as 4,070 miles to the Moon and spent nearly six hours observing its far side, a region that is usually not visible from Earth.

131. The Government of India has signed an MoU to establish an aviation security testing centre with which two institutions?

भारत सरकार ने विमानन सुरक्षा परीक्षण केंद्र स्थापित करने के लिए किन दो संस्थानों के साथ MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) ISRO and DRDO
- (b) BCAS and IIT Delhi
- (c) Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and RRU
- (d) CISF and NIA
- (e) HAL and BEL

Ans. c

Sol. India to Set Up Indigenous Aviation Security Equipment Testing Centre via BCAS–Rashtriya Raksha University MoU

The Government of India announced a collaboration between the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and Rashtriya Raksha University through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The MoU aims to set up an indigenous aviation security equipment testing centre to strengthen India's aviation security ecosystem.

The proposed testing centre will be developed at Rashtriya Raksha University, promoting domestic capability in aviation security technologies.

132. The National Council of Educational Research and Training has reconstituted its National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC) following observations by the Supreme Court of India. The reconstitution of NSTC was prompted by observations related to which subject?

राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद (NCERT) ने भारत के सर्वोच्च न्यायालय की टिप्पणियों के बाद अपनी 'राष्ट्रीय पाठ्यक्रम और शिक्षण-अधिगम सामग्री समिति' (NSTC) का पुनर्गठन किया है। NSTC का यह पुनर्गठन किस विषय से संबंधित टिप्पणियों के कारण किया गया था?

- (a) Mathematics
- (b) Science
- (c) Social Science
- (d) English
- (e) Economics

Ans. c

Sol. NCERT Reconstitutes NSTC with 20-Member Panel After Supreme Court Observations

The National Council of Educational Research and Training has reconstituted its National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC) following observations by the Supreme Court of India on a Class 8 social science textbook. NCERT has formed a new 20-member committee to review and strengthen syllabus and learning materials.

The committee is chaired by M.C. Pant, with Manjul Bhargava as co-chairperson.

133. To Lam was elected as the President of which country?

टो लाम किस देश के राष्ट्रपति चुने गए हैं?

- (a) Thailand
- (b) Cambodia
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Laos
- (e) Indonesia

Ans. c

Sol. To Lam Elected Vietnam's President

To Lam, Secretary General of the Communist Party of Vietnam, was unanimously elected as Vietnam's President for a five-year term by the National Assembly.

His election marks a significant shift in Vietnam's power structure, as the roles of party chief and state president are now combined, which were traditionally held by separate individuals.

About Vietnam

- Capital - Hanoi
- Currency - Vietnamese dong
- Official language - Vietnamese

134. World Health Day is observed every year on 7 April to raise awareness about global health issues. World Health Day is observed every year on which date?

विश्व स्वास्थ्य दिवस हर साल 7 अप्रैल को वैश्विक स्वास्थ्य मुद्दों के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए मनाया जाता है। विश्व स्वास्थ्य दिवस हर साल किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 5 April
- (b) 6 April
- (c) 9 April
- (d) 7 April
- (e) 10 April

Ans. d

Sol. 7 April - World Health Day

World Health Day is observed every year on 7 April to raise awareness about global health issues.

Theme 2026 - Together for health. Stand with science.

The day marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization in 1948.

Each year, it is celebrated with a specific theme focusing on key public health priorities and challenges worldwide.

135. Bhuvneshwar Kumar became the first fast bowler to achieve which milestone in the Indian Premier League?

भुवनेश्वर कुमार IPL में किस उपलब्धि को हासिल करने वाले पहले तेज गेंदबाज बने?

- (a) 100 wickets
- (b) 150 wickets
- (c) 200 wickets
- (d) 250 wickets
- (e) 300 wickets

Ans. c

Sol. Bhuvneshwar Kumar Becomes First Fast Bowler to Reach 200 IPL Wickets

Bhuvneshwar Kumar became the first fast bowler to take 200 wickets in the Indian Premier League, achieving the milestone by dismissing Ayush Mhatre. He is currently the second-highest wicket-taker in IPL history, behind Yuzvendra Chahal (223 wickets).

136. Murali Sreeshankar won the men's long jump at the Indian Athletics Series 2026 with a best effort of:

मुरली श्रीशंकर ने इंडियन एथलेटिक्स सीरीज 2026 में पुरुष लंबी कूद में कितनी दूरी के साथ जीत दर्ज की?

- (a) 7.91 m
- (b) 8.00 m
- (c) 8.15 m
- (d) 8.25 m
- (e) 7.80 m

Ans. c

Sol. Murali Sreeshankar Shines at Indian Athletics Series 2026 with 8.15m Jump
Murali Sreeshankar won the men's long jump at the Indian Athletics Series 2026 in Bengaluru with a jump of 8.15m, crossing the Asian Games qualifying mark. Abdulla Aboobacker (16.82m) won the men's triple jump, while Sarvesh Kushare (2.23m) clinched the men's high jump title.
Other highlights included wins by Ancy Sojan (women's long jump), Baranica Elangovan (pole vault), and Bibin Antony (77.53m) in men's javelin throw, with the series set to continue in Udaipur, Sangrur, and Ranchi.

137. Divya Singh, a cyclist from Uttar Pradesh, completed the Everest Base Camp expedition, showcasing remarkable endurance. In how many days did she complete this journey?

उत्तर प्रदेश की साइकिलिस्ट दिव्या सिंह ने कमाल की हिम्मत दिखाते हुए एवरेस्ट बेस कैंप अभियान पूरा किया। उन्होंने यह यात्रा कितने दिनों में पूरी की?

- (a) 10 days
- (b) 12 days
- (c) 14 days
- (d) 16 days
- (e) 18 days

Ans. c

Sol. Divya Singh Completes Everest Base Camp Cycling Expedition in 14 Days
Divya Singh from Uttar Pradesh completed the Everest Base Camp expedition in just 14 days, showcasing remarkable endurance.

She began her journey from Kathmandu and cycled through challenging mountainous terrain, riding 10–12 hours daily.

Everest Base Camp is situated at an altitude of about 5,364 metres, making the expedition physically demanding.

138. The World Bank has revised India's FY27 growth forecast to what percentage?

विश्व बैंक ने भारत के FY27 के विकास अनुमान को कितने प्रतिशत तक संशोधित किया है?

- (a) 6.1%
- (b) 6.3%
- (c) 6.6%
- (d) 6.8%
- (e) 7.0%

Ans. c

Sol. World Bank Raises India FY27 Growth Forecast to 6.6%, Cites Strong Demand and Export Strength

The World Bank has raised India's FY27 growth forecast to 6.6% from 6.3%, citing strong domestic demand and export performance, but noted that growth may moderate due to global headwinds, including Middle East conflict.

For FY26, India's economy is projected to grow at 7.6% (up from 7.1% in FY25), driven by resilient domestic demand and robust exports, according to the World Bank's South Asia Economic Update.

While the RBI projects slightly higher FY27 growth at 6.9%.

GDP Projection List 2025

- Morgan Stanley – 6.2% (FY27)
- Moody's Rating – 6.8 (FY27)
- ICRA – 7.6% (FY26), 6.5%(FY27)
- OECD – 6.1 % (FY27)

139. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of BPCL?

BPCL के नए अध्यक्ष एवं प्रबंध निदेशक (CMD) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Sanjay Khanna
- (b) Suresh Kumar
- (c) R.K. Singh
- (d) Alok Sharma
- (e) Amitabh Kant

Ans. a

Sol. Sanjay Khanna Appointed as Chairman & Managing Director of BPCL

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Sanjay Khanna as the new Chairman and Managing Director (C&MD) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).

He will serve in this role until May 31, 2029, leading one of India's major public sector oil and gas companies.

About Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

- *Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) is an Indian central public sector undertaking under the ownership of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.*
- *BPCL is India's second-largest government-owned downstream oil producer.*
- *It operates three refineries in Bina, Kochi, and Mumbai.*
- *Founded – 24 January 1952*
- *Headquarters - Mumbai*
- *CMD - Sanjay Khanna*

140. Which Indian diplomat has been re-elected to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) for the term 2027–2030?

किस भारतीय राजनयिक को 2027-2030 की अवधि के लिए आर्थिक, सामाजिक और सांस्कृतिक अधिकार समिति (CESCR) के लिए फिर से चुना गया है?

- (a) Ruchira Kamboj
- (b) Shraddha Joshi
- (c) Preeti Saran
- (d) Syed Akbaruddin
- (e) Harsh Vardhan Shringla

Ans. c

Sol. India Elected to Key ECOSOC Bodies; Preeti Saran Re-elected to UN Committee
 India has been elected by acclamation to several subsidiary bodies of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of the six main organs of the UN.

India secured membership in key ECOSOC bodies including the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (2027–2030), Committee on NGOs (2027–2030), and Committee for Programme and Coordination (2027–2029).

Preeti Saran has been re-elected to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for the term 2027–2030.

These bodies play important roles in global governance, including policy discussions on science & technology, NGO accreditation, and UN programme planning and coordination.

141. The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), launched in 2015, has completed 11 years on 8 April, and has been highlighted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a major driver of self-employment and youth entrepreneurship across the country. What is the maximum collateral-free loan limit under PM Mudra Yojana?

साल 2015 में शुरू हुई प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना (PMMY) ने 8 अप्रैल को अपने 11 साल पूरे कर लिए हैं। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने इस योजना को पूरे देश में स्वरोजगार और युवा उद्यमिता को बढ़ावा देने वाला एक प्रमुख माध्यम बताया है। प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना के तहत बिना किसी गारंटी के (collateral-free) दिए जाने वाले लोन की अधिकतम सीमा क्या है?

- (a) ₹10 lakh
- (b) ₹15 lakh
- (c) ₹20 lakh
- (d) ₹25 lakh
- (e) ₹30 lakh

Ans. c

Sol. PM Mudra Yojana Completes 11 Years

The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), launched in 2015, has completed 11 years on 8 April, and has been highlighted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a major driver of self-employment and youth entrepreneurship across the country. The scheme has sanctioned around 58 crore loans worth over ₹40 lakh crore, with two-thirds of beneficiaries being women and about one-fifth first-time entrepreneurs, reflecting strong financial inclusion and empowerment. The scheme provides collateral-free loans up to ₹20 lakh under categories Shishu, Kishor, Tarun, and TarunPlus, supporting different stages of business growth and contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

The scheme offers four categories of loans:

- Shishu (up to 50,000)
- Kishor (up to 5 lakh)
- Tarun (up to 10 lakh)
- Tarun Plus (up to 20 lakh)

142. India has recently withdrawn its proposal to host which Conference of the Parties (COP) summit under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)?

भारत ने हाल ही में संयुक्त राष्ट्र जलवायु परिवर्तन फ्रेमवर्क कन्वेंशन (UNFCCC) के तहत किस COP सम्मेलन की मेजबानी के अपने प्रस्ताव को वापस ले लिया है?

- (a) COP 28
- (b) COP 29
- (c) COP 30

(d) COP 33

(e) COP 31

Ans. d

Sol. India withdraws proposal to host COP 33 climate summit in 2028

India has withdrawn its proposal to host the 33rd Conference of the Parties (COP 33) under the UNFCCC in 2028, and the decision was communicated to the Asia-Pacific group.

Earlier, India had officially proposed hosting COP 33 in 2028, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi announcing the bid during his special address at the COP 28 High-Level Segment (2023, UAE).

The COP (Conference of the Parties) is the highest decision-making body of the UNFCCC, which brings together countries to discuss global climate action and environmental commitments.

2026 COP 31 Summit - Antalya, Turkiye

2027 COP 32 summit - Addis Ababa Ethiopia.

143. An Indian Army contingent has been deployed to participate in a joint special forces exercise with Egypt. What is the name of this exercise?

भारतीय सेना की एक टुकड़ी को मिस्र के साथ आयोजित संयुक्त विशेष बल अभ्यास में भेजा गया है। इस अभ्यास का नाम क्या है?

(a) Exercise Vajra Prahar

(b) Exercise Cyclone-IV

(c) Exercise Desert Eagle

(d) Exercise Mitra Shakti

(e) Exercise Surya Kiran

Ans. b

Sol. Indian Army Participates in India–Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise ‘Cyclone-IV’ at Anshas

An Indian Army contingent of 25 Special Forces personnel has departed for Egypt to participate in the 4th edition of India–Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise “Cyclone-IV”, scheduled at Anshas, Egypt.

The exercise aims to enhance joint mission planning, interoperability, and special operations capabilities through training in a realistic operational environment with Egyptian Special Forces.

144. KreditBee has entered the unicorn club after raising \$280 million, achieving a valuation of _____. With this, the company has become the first unicorn of Financial Year 2026–27.

KreditBee ने \$280 मिलियन जुटाने के बाद यूनिकॉर्न क्लब में प्रवेश कर लिया है, और _____ का मूल्यांकन हासिल किया है। इसके साथ ही, यह कंपनी वित्तीय वर्ष 2026–27 की पहली यूनिकॉर्न बन गई है।

- (a) \$1.0 billion
- (b) \$1.2 billion
- (c) \$1.5 billion
- (d) \$2.0 billion
- (e) \$2.5 billion

Ans. c

Sol. KreditBee Becomes First Unicorn of FY 2026–27

KreditBee has entered the unicorn club after raising \$280 million, achieving a valuation of \$1.5 billion.

With this, the company has become the first unicorn of Financial Year 2026-27.

145. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a ₹14,105.83 crore hydropower project named Kalai-II Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Arunachal Pradesh with an installed capacity of 1,200 MW. On which river will this project be constructed?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में आर्थिक मामलों की कैबिनेट कमेटी (CCEA) ने अरुणाचल प्रदेश में कलाई-II हाइड्रो इलेक्ट्रिक प्रोजेक्ट (HEP) नाम के ₹14,105.83 करोड़ के हाइड्रोपावर प्रोजेक्ट को मंजूरी दी है, जिसकी इंस्टॉल्ड कैपेसिटी 1,200 MW है। यह प्रोजेक्ट किस नदी पर बनेगा?

- (a) Brahmaputra River
- (b) Lohit River
- (c) Shradha River
- (d) Teesta River
- (e) Siang River

Ans. b

Sol. CCEA Approves ₹14,105 Crore Kalai-II Hydropower Project of 1,200 MW in Arunachal Pradesh

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a ₹14,105.83 crore hydropower project named Kalai-II Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Arunachal Pradesh.

The project will be built on the Lohit River in Anjaw district and will have an installed capacity of 1,200 MW, consisting of six units of 190 MW and one unit of 60 MW.

It will be developed through a joint venture between THDC India Limited and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, aiming to boost clean energy generation in the region.

146. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the Kamala Hydro Electric Project in which state?

कैबिनेट आर्थिक मामलों की समिति (CCEA) ने कमा ला जलविद्युत परियोजना को किस राज्य में मंजूरी दी है?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Meghalaya
- (e) Nagaland

Ans. c

Sol. CCEA Approves ₹26,069 Crore Kamala Hydropower Project of 1,720 MW in Arunachal Pradesh

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a ₹26,069.50 crore Kamala Hydro Electric Project with an installed capacity of 1,720 MW in Arunachal Pradesh.

The project will be developed across Kamle, Kra Daadi, and Kurung Kumey districts and will be implemented by NHPC Limited in partnership with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

The project will comprise nine generating units, including eight units of 210 MW each and one unit of 40 MW, contributing to the region's clean energy development.

147. Which organisation has launched the 'Arogya Van' initiative?

'आरोग्य वन' पहल किस संगठन ने शुरू की है?

- (a) Ministry of Environment
- (b) NITI Aayog
- (c) National Highways Authority of India
- (d) Forest Survey of India
- (e) CPWD

Ans. c

Sol. NHAI Launches 'Arogya Van' Initiative to Boost Medicinal Tree Plantation along National Highways

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched the 'Arogya Van' initiative to develop medicinal tree plantations along National Highways, aiming to integrate green cover with infrastructure development.

The main objective of the initiative is to enhance biodiversity and promote ecological sustainability by utilising vacant land available along highway corridors for environmental improvement.

Under this programme, around 67,462 medicinal trees will be planted across multiple states including Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi-NCR, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh.

About National Highways Authority of India

- *Formation- 1995*
- *Headquarters- Delhi*
- *Ministry- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways*

148. In which Indian state will the proposed airports at Warangal and Adilabad be developed to improve regional connectivity?

क्षेत्रीय संपर्क (regional connectivity) को मजबूत करने के लिए वारंगल और आदिलाबाद में प्रस्तावित हवाई अड्डे किस राज्य में विकसित किए जाएंगे?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Telangana
- (e) Chhattisgarh

Ans. d

Sol. Two New Airports to Be Developed in Telangana at Warangal and Adilabad to Boost Regional Connectivity

The Union Ministry of Civil Aviation has announced the development of two new airports in Telangana, to be established at Warangal and Adilabad, aimed at strengthening regional air connectivity and infrastructure.

The Adilabad airport will be developed by the Ministry of Defence, while the Warangal airport project will be executed to enhance better connectivity and boost regional aviation development in the state.

149. With which foreign company has NTPC signed an MoU to explore nuclear power projects in India?

NTPC ने भारत में परमाणु ऊर्जा परियोजनाओं के लिए किस विदेशी कंपनी के साथ समझौता किया है?

- (a) Rosatom
- (b) Électricité de France
- (c) Westinghouse Electric
- (d) General Electric
- (e) Siemens Energy

Ans. b

Sol. NTPC Signs MoU with EDF to Explore Cooperation in Nuclear Power Projects in India

State-owned NTPC has signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Électricité de France (EDF) to explore collaboration in the development of new nuclear power projects in India, marking a step toward expanding nuclear energy cooperation.

The agreement has received approval from the concerned ministries of the Government of India, indicating official support for exploring advanced nuclear technology partnerships and energy expansion initiatives.

150. Greece has announced a ban on social media access for children under 15 years, with the restriction set to come into effect from _____, aiming to regulate digital usage among minors.

ग्रीस ने 15 साल से कम उम्र के बच्चों के लिए सोशल मीडिया एक्सेस पर बैन लगाने की घोषणा की है। यह पाबंदी _____ से लागू होगी, जिसका मकसद नाबालिगों के बीच डिजिटल इस्तेमाल को रेगुलेट करना है।

- (a) 1 June 2026
- (b) 1 December 2026
- (c) 1 January 2027
- (d) 1 January 2028
- (e) 1 May 2026

Ans. c

Sol. Greece to Ban Social Media Access for Children Under 15 from 1 January 2027
 Greece has announced a ban on social media access for children under 15 years, with the restriction set to come into effect from 1 January 2027, aiming to regulate digital usage among minors.

The decision was announced by Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, reflecting the government's focus on protecting children from the negative impacts of excessive social media exposure.

151. Senior leader Mohsina Kidwai passed away, marking the end of a long and significant political career in Indian public life. Mohsina Kidwai was associated with which political party?

सीनियर लीडर मोहसिना किदवई का निधन हो गया, जिससे भारतीय पब्लिक लाइफ में उनके लंबे और अहम पॉलिटिकल करियर का अंत हो गया। मोहसिना किदवई किस पॉलिटिकल पार्टी से जुड़ी थीं?

- (a) BJP
- (b) CPI(M)
- (c) Indian National Congress

(d) AAP

(e) JD(U)

Ans. c

Sol. Senior Congress Leader and Former Union Minister Mohsina Kidwai Passes Away

Senior Congress leader Mohsina Kidwai passed away, marking the end of a long and significant political career in Indian public life.

She served as a Union Minister under Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, handling key portfolios including Health, Rural Development, Urban Development, and Transport.

152. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of NASSCOM Foundation?

NASSCOM फाउंडेशन के नए चेयरपर्सन के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

(a) Rostow Ravanan

(b) UB Pravin Rao

(c) Salil Parekh

(d) Shraddha Joshi

(e) Kris Gopalakrishnan

Ans. b

Sol. UB Pravin Rao Appointed Chairperson of NASSCOM Foundation

NASSCOM Foundation has appointed U B Pravin Rao as its new Chairperson, succeeding Rostow Ravanan after completion of his tenure.

He has previously served as Vice-Chairperson and Chairman within NASSCOM (since 2014) and was also the Chief Operating Officer of Infosys from 2014 to 2021, and will now guide the Foundation's strategic vision aligned with Viksit Bharat.

Recent Appointments

- **India's first openly queer Member of Parliament** - Menaka Guruswamy
- **CMD of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)** - Krishna Kumar Singh (replace Amarendu Prakash)
- **Municipal Commissioner of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corp (BMC)**- Ashwini Bhide (first woman to head one of India's oldest and richest civic bodies)
- **CMD of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited** -Burra Vamsi Rama Mohan (replace Ravindra Kumar Tyagi); (till July 2030)

153. World Homoeopathy Day is observed on April 10 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of Homoeopathy. What is the theme of World Homoeopathy Day 2026?

विश्व होम्योपैथी दिवस हर साल 10 अप्रैल को होम्योपैथी के संस्थापक सैमुअल हैनिमैन की जयंती के उपलक्ष्य में मनाया जाता है। विश्व होम्योपैथी दिवस 2026 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Homoeopathy for Universal Health
- (b) Integrating Homoeopathy in Public Health
- (c) Homoeopathy for a Healthier Future
- (d) Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health
- (e) Holistic Healing through Homoeopathy

Ans. d

Sol. 10 April - World Homoeopathy Day

World Homoeopathy Day is observed on April 10 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of Homoeopathy.

Theme 2026 - Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health

The day aims to promote awareness about homoeopathy and highlight its contribution to global healthcare.

154. National Safe Motherhood Day is observed every year on 11 April in India to raise awareness about maternal health and safe pregnancy practices.

National Safe Motherhood Day is observed to mark the birth anniversary of whom?

भारत में हर साल 11 अप्रैल को नेशनल सेफ मदरहुड डे मनाया जाता है ताकि माँ की सेहत और प्रेग्नैसी के सुरक्षित तरीकों के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाई जा सके। नेशनल सेफ मदरहुड डे किसके जन्मदिन के मौके पर मनाया जाता है?

- (a) Sarojini Naidu
- (b) Indira Gandhi
- (c) Kasturba Gandhi
- (d) Mother Teresa
- (e) Annie Besant

Ans. d

Sol. National Safe Motherhood Day is observed every year on 11 April in India to raise awareness about maternal health and safe pregnancy practices.

The day marks the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi and highlights the importance of proper healthcare for mothers before, during, and after childbirth.

It aims to reduce maternal mortality by promoting institutional deliveries, skilled care, and access to quality healthcare services.

155. Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Remembrance Day is observed on which date?

जलियांवाला बाग हत्याकांड स्मृति दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 10 April

(b) 11 April

(c) 12 April

(d) 13 April

(e) 14 April

Ans. d

Sol. 13 April - Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Remembrance Day

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Remembrance Day is observed on 13 April to pay tribute to the victims of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre.

The massacre took place in 1919 in Amritsar, where British troops under General Dyer opened fire on a peaceful gathering, killing hundreds of unarmed civilians.

The day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made during India's freedom struggle and highlights the brutality of colonial rule.

156. Asha Bhosle, the legendary playback singer, passed away at the age of 92 at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai. Asha Bhosle was awarded which of the following honours in 2000?

महान पार्श्व गायिका आशा भोसले का 92 वर्ष की आयु में मुंबई के ब्रीच कैंडी अस्पताल में निधन हो गया। वर्ष 2000 में आशा भोसले को निम्नलिखित में से किस सम्मान से सम्मानित किया गया था?

(a) Padma Shri

(b) Padma Bhushan

(c) Dadasaheb Phalke Award

(d) Bharat Ratna

(e) Sahitya Akademi Award

Ans. c

Sol. Legendary Playback Singer Asha Bhosle Passes Away at 92

Asha Bhosle, the legendary playback singer, passed away at the age of 92 at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai.

Asha Bhosle began her playback career in 1943 and went on to record thousands of songs in nearly 20 Indian and international languages, working with legendary composers like R. D. Burman and A. R. Rahman.

She delivered iconic hits such as "Chura Liya Hai Tumne Jo Dil Ko" and "O Haseena Zulfonwale Jane Jahan," becoming one of the most versatile voices in Indian music history.

She received several prestigious honours including the Padma Vibhushan (2008) and Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2000) for her outstanding contribution to Indian music.

157. India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI), developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), completed how many years of operation in 2026?

भारत का यूनिफाइड पेमेंट्स इंटरफेस (UPI), जिसे नेशनल पेमेंट्स कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (NPCI) ने विकसित किया है, ने 2026 में अपने संचालन के कितने वर्ष पूरे किए?

- (a) 5 years
- (b) 7 years
- (c) 8 years
- (d) 10 years
- (e) 12 years

Ans. d

Sol. UPI Completes 10 Years with Massive Growth in Transactions and Value
India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI), developed by the National Payments Corporation of India, has completed 10 years since its launch in 2016.

UPI has witnessed massive growth in transaction volume, rising from 1.78 crore to 21,898 crore transactions (around 12,000× increase).

The transaction value has surged from ₹6,952 crore to ₹285 lakh crore, marking an extraordinary 4,000× growth over the decade.

158. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)?

ओपन नेटवर्क फॉर डिजिटल कॉमर्स (ONDC) के MD और CEO के तौर पर किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Shraddha Joshi
- (b) Vibhor Jain
- (c) Amitabh Kant
- (d) Renu Gupta
- (e) Sanjeev Sanyal

Ans. b

Sol. Vibhor Jain Appointed MD & CEO of ONDC

Vibhor Jain has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

He previously held the position of Chief Operating Officer (COO) at ONDC and succeeded former CEO Thampy Koshy.

159. For the first time since independence, the Constitution of India has been released in Devanagari script for which of the following languages?

आज़ादी के बाद पहली बार, भारत का संविधान देवनागरी लिपि में निम्नलिखित में से किस भाषा के लिए जारी किया गया है?

- (a) Urdu
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Sindhi
- (d) Gujarati
- (e) Marathi

Ans. c

Sol. VP C. P. Radhakrishnan Releases First-Ever Sindhi Version of Constitution in Devanagari Script

C. P. Radhakrishnan released the Sindhi version of the Constitution of India in Devanagari script in New Delhi, marking its first-ever release since independence. He highlighted that Sindhi is one of the oldest and most melodious languages and emphasized the importance of making the Constitution accessible in diverse languages.

The release was made on the occasion of Sindhi Bhasha Diwas.

160. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director Designate of Cholamandalam MS General Insurance (Chola MS)?

चोलामंडलम MS जनरल इश्योरेंस (चोला MS) के मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर डेज़िग्रेट के तौर पर किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) V. Suryanarayanan
- (b) Rajive Kumaraswami
- (c) Shraddha Joshi
- (d) Ajay Piramal
- (e) Sanjiv Mehta

Ans. b

Sol. Rajive Kumaraswami Appointed MD Designate of Chola MS

Rajive Kumaraswami has been appointed as Managing Director Designate of Cholamandalam MS General Insurance (Chola MS).

He will take over as Managing Director & CEO from June 1, 2026, succeeding V. Suryanarayanan.

Recent Appointments in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Non-Executive Chairman of South Indian Bank** - Jose Joseph Kattoor (replace V J Kurian); for 3 years
- **Whole-Time Member of SEBI** - Kompella Venkata Ramana Murty
- **MD & CEO of Yes Bank** - Vinay Muralidhar Tonse (replace Prashant Kumar); for 3 year
- **MD & CEO of HDFC ERGO General Insurance** - Parthanil Ghosh (replace Anuj Tyagi)

- **CMD of General Insurance Corporation of India** - Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi

161. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC)?

भारतीय डिजिटल पेमेंट इंटेलिजेंस कॉर्पोरेशन (IDPIC) के MD & CEO के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Shradha Joshi
- (b) K. Satyanarayana Raju
- (c) Rajnish Kumar
- (d) Amitabh Chaudhry
- (e) Uday Kotak

Ans. b

Sol. K. Satyanarayana Raju Appointed MD & CEO of IDPIC

K. Satyanarayana Raju has been appointed as the Managing Director & CEO of the Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC), Mumbai, Maharashtra.

He previously served as the Managing Director & CEO of Canara Bank, bringing extensive banking and financial experience to the role.

About IDPIC

- *The Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC) is India's central platform for detecting, preventing, and analysing digital payment fraud in real time.*
- *It is incorporated as a Section 8 company under the Companies Act, 2013, focusing on strengthening the digital payments ecosystem.*
- *IDPIC uses advanced technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and Big Data Analytics to enhance security and trust in digital payments.*

162. Abu Hasem Khan Chowdhury, popularly known as 'Dalu Babu', was associated with which political party?

अबू हसेम खान चौधरी, जिन्हें 'डालू बाबू' के नाम से जाना जाता है, किस पॉलिटिकल पार्टी से जुड़े थे?

- (a) Bharatiya Janata Party
- (b) Indian National Congress
- (c) CPI(M)
- (d) Trinamool Congress
- (e) Samajwadi Party

Ans. b

Sol. Veteran Congress Leader Abu Hasem Khan Chowdhury 'Dalu Babu' Passes Away at 88

Abu Hasem Khan Chowdhury, popularly known as 'Dalu Babu', passed away at the age of 88 in Kolkata, West Bengal.

He served as an MLA from Kaliyachok (1996–2006) and later as an MP from Malda Dakshin constituency.

During the UPA government, he held the position of Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, contributing to public health policies.

163. C. D. Gopinath, former India cricketer, passed away recently and was the last surviving member of India's first-ever Test victory in 1952. Against which country did India secure its first-ever Test victory?

सी. डी. गोपीनाथ, पूर्व भारतीय क्रिकेटर, का हाल ही में निधन हो गया और वह 1952 में भारत की पहली टेस्ट जीत के आखिरी जीवित सदस्य थे। भारत ने किस देश के खिलाफ अपनी पहली टेस्ट जीत हासिल की थी?

- (a) Australia
- (b) England
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) South Africa
- (e) New Zealand

Ans. b

Sol. Former India Cricketer C. D. Gopinath Passes Away

C. D. Gopinath, former India cricketer, passed away recently and was the last surviving member of India's first-ever Test victory against England in 1952.

He was also part of the Madras team that won the Ranji Trophy in 1954–55, marking a significant contribution to domestic cricket.

164. Laura Cardoso created history by becoming the first player to take 9 wickets in a T20 International match. Laura Cardoso represents which country?

लॉरा कार्डोसो T20 इंटरनेशनल मैच में 9 विकेट लेने वाली पहली खिलाड़ी बनकर इतिहास रच दिया। लॉरा कार्डोसो किस देश का प्रतिनिधित्व करती हैं?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) Australia
- (c) Brazil
- (d) England
- (e) India

Ans. c

Sol. Brazil's Laura Cardoso Scripts History with Record 9-Wicket Haul in T20I

Laura Cardoso created history by becoming the first player to take 9 wickets in a T20 International match.

Brazilian fast bowler achieved this feat against Lesotho in the Kalahari Women's T20I Tournament.

She delivered a record-breaking performance with figures of 9 wickets for just 4 runs in 3 overs, one of the best in T20I history.

165. 'Operation Him Setu', launched by the Indian Army to evacuate stranded tourists after landslides disrupted road connectivity in Lachen and nearby areas, was conducted in which Indian state?

'ऑपरेशन हिम सेतु', जिसे भारतीय सेना द्वारा लाचेन और आसपास के क्षेत्रों में भूस्खलन के कारण सड़क संपर्क बाधित होने के बाद फंसे पर्यटकों को निकालने के लिए शुरू किया गया, किस भारतीय राज्य में संचालित किया गया?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Sikkim
- (e) Jammu & Kashmir

Ans. d

Sol. Indian Army Launches 'Operation Him Setu' to Rescue Stranded Tourists in North Sikkim

Indian Army's Trishakti Corps launched Operation Him Setu to evacuate stranded tourists in Lachen, North Sikkim after landslides disrupted road connectivity.

Despite heavy snowfall and harsh weather, troops opened critical passes and alternate routes, enabling phased evacuation of tourists from the affected region.

In coordination with the Border Roads Organisation, rescue efforts have cleared roads and restored connectivity, with 135 tourists evacuated so far.

166. Which two key Indian agencies have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance coordination, data sharing, and intelligence inputs in order to effectively tackle cyber fraud and financial crimes in the country?

भारत में साइबर धोखाधड़ी और वित्तीय अपराधों से प्रभावी ढंग से निपटने के लिए समन्वय, डेटा साझाकरण और खुफिया जानकारी को मजबूत करने हेतु किन दो प्रमुख एजेंसियों ने हाल ही में समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) RBI and SEBI
- (b) CBI and NIA
- (c) FIU-IND and I4C
- (d) ED and RBI

(e) SEBI and IRDAI**Ans. c****Sol.** FIU-IND and I4C Sign MoU to Strengthen Fight Against Cyber and Financial Crimes

Financial Intelligence Unit-India and Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre have signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation in tackling cyber frauds and financial crimes.

Under the agreement, FIU-IND will share data on suspicious financial transactions, while I4C will provide inputs on cybercrime trends and digital fraud patterns.

167. Which global technology company has recently launched the advanced AI model 'Muse Spark' as part of its strategy to strengthen its position in the artificial intelligence race and move towards superintelligence?

किस वैश्विक टेक कंपनी ने हाल ही में 'Muse Spark' नामक उन्नत AI मॉडल लॉन्च किया है, जो कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता की दौड़ में अपनी स्थिति मजबूत करने और सुपरइंटेलिजेंस की दिशा में आगे बढ़ने की रणनीति का हिस्सा है?

- (a) Google
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) Meta Platforms
- (d) Amazon
- (e) Apple

Ans. c**Sol.** Meta Launches 'Muse Spark' AI Model to Boost Superintelligence Ambitions

Meta Platforms has launched Muse Spark, a new AI model to strengthen its position in the global artificial intelligence race.

Muse Spark is part of Meta's broader superintelligence strategy, developed by a specialised AI team to advance machine intelligence capabilities.

The launch reflects Meta's increasing focus on high-end AI investments, aiming to build systems with the potential to surpass human-level reasoning in the future.

168. Which company became the first FMCG firm in India to cross ₹1 lakh crore turnover in FY 2025–26?

FY 2025–26 में ₹1 लाख करोड़ टर्नओवर पार करने वाली भारत की पहली FMCG कंपनी कौन बनी?

- (a) Nestle India
- (b) ITC Limited
- (c) Amul
- (d) Britannia

(e) Dabur

Ans. c

Sol. Amul Becomes First FMCG Company to Cross ₹1 Lakh Crore Turnover; Saraswat Bank Achieves Milestone in Urban Cooperative Banking

Amul became the first FMCG company in India to cross a turnover of ₹1 lakh crore in FY 2025–26, reaching ₹1,00,000 crore with around 11% growth.

Saraswat Cooperative Bank also crossed ₹1 lakh crore in total business, becoming the first urban cooperative bank to achieve this milestone.

Saraswat Cooperative Bank is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra, marking a significant achievement in the cooperative banking sector.

169. Punjab National Bank (PNB) has signed an MoU with which platform to enhance financial access and provide credit support to sellers?

पंजाब नेशनल बैंक (PNB) ने विक्रेताओं को वित्तीय सहायता और ऋण सुविधा प्रदान करने के लिए किस प्लेटफॉर्म के साथ समझौता किया है?

(a) Amazon India

(b) Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

(c) Flipkart

(d) Reserve Bank of India

(e) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Ans. b

Sol. PNB Partners with GeM to Provide Collateral-Free Loans to Sellers via GeM Sahay Portal

Punjab National Bank has signed an MoU with the Government e-Marketplace to enhance financial access for sellers.

Under this partnership, sellers—especially MSMEs—can avail quick, collateral-free short-term loans via the GeM Sahay Portal, improving liquidity and enabling seamless, paperless credit access.

170. Which bank has recently launched the 'Aspire' banking programme along with a dedicated debit card for premium customers?

हाल ही में किस बैंक ने प्रीमियम कस्टमर्स के लिए एक डेडिकेटेड डेबिट कार्ड के साथ 'एस्पायर' बैंकिंग प्रोग्राम लॉन्च किया है?

(a) HDFC Bank

(b) ICICI Bank

(c) State Bank of India

(d) DBS Bank India

(e) Axis Bank

Ans. d**Sol.** DBS Bank India Launches 'DBS Aspire' Programme

DBS Bank India has launched the 'DBS Aspire' banking programme along with the Aspire debit card.

The programme is targeted at emerging affluent and well-travelled customers, offering premium banking benefits and services.

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector

- PhonePe–SBI Launch **Co-Branded Credit Card** with Zero Joining Fee
- SEBI launched the '**Verified App Label**' initiative to enhance investor safety in digital platforms.
- NHB Launches **Gruh Sugam Portal** to Digitize Home Loans for Defence and Government Employees
- Jio Payments Bank Launches **UPI-Based Cardless Cash Withdrawal Facility** to Boost Financial Inclusion

171. The Ministry of Coal has recognised Insurance Surety Bonds (ISBs) as an alternative to bank guarantees (BGs) for bid and performance security. The recognition of ISBs follows amendments in which rules?

कोयला मंत्रालय ने बिड और परफॉर्मेंस सिव्योरिटी के लिए बैंक गारंटी (BGs) के विकल्प के तौर पर इश्योरेंस श्योरिटी बॉन्ड (ISBs) को मान्यता दी है। ISBs की मान्यता किन नियमों में बदलाव के बाद दी गई है? ISBs की मान्यता किस नियम में बदलाव के बाद दी गई है?

- Companies Act 2013
- RBI Act 1934
- General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017
- SEBI Regulations
- Banking Regulation Act

Ans. c**Sol.** Coal Ministry Allows Insurance Surety Bonds as Alternative to Bank Guarantees for Project Security

The Ministry of Coal has recognised Insurance Surety Bonds (ISBs) as an alternative to bank guarantees (BGs) for bid and performance security.

ISBs act as a risk transfer mechanism, protecting projects from financial losses if contractors fail to meet contractual obligations.

This move follows amendments to the General Financial Rules 2017 by the Ministry of Finance, promoting flexible and efficient financial instruments in public procurement.

172. Consider the following statements about 'Utkarsh 2029' of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI):

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) के 'उत्कर्ष 2029' के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

1. It is a medium-term strategy framework for the period April 2026 to March 2029.
2. It replaces the earlier Shraddha 2.0 (2023–2025) framework.
3. It aims to expand Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) and promote cross-border payments.
4. It includes 'Global India' as one of its key pillars.

Which of the statements given above are CORRECT?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (e) 1 and 4 only

Ans. c

Sol. RBI Unveils 'Utkarsh 2029' Strategy Framework to Strengthen Digital Finance and Global Role

The Reserve Bank of India has launched its medium-term strategy framework 'Utkarsh 2029' for the period April 2026 to March 2029.

It builds upon the earlier Utkarsh 2.0 (2023–2025) and will guide RBI's future policies and strategic priorities.

The framework is based on six pillars: robust regulation, customer-centric and inclusive finance, competitive markets, effective technology, a future-ready organisation, and Global India.

RBI plans to expand Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), promote cross-border payments, and modernise currency management through Project Sa-Mudra with increased digitisation.

About Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- **Founded** - 1 April 1935
- **RBI Nationalized** - 1 January 1949
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **RBI set up** - Hilton Young Commission
- **1st Governor** - Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)
- **1st Indian Governor** - CD Deshmukh
- **Governor** - Sanjay Malhotra (26th)
- **RBI Deputy Governor (4)** - 1. Tavarana Rabi Sankar
2. Swaminathan Janakiraman
3. Poonam Gupta

4. Shirish Chandra Murmu

173. What is ADB's projected GDP growth rate of India for FY 2026–27?

FY 2026–27 के लिए भारत की GDP वृद्धि दर ADB ने कितनी अनुमानित की है?

- (a) 7.6%
- (b) 6.5%
- (c) 6.9%
- (d) 7.3%
- (e) 6.2%

Ans. c

Sol. ADB Projects India's GDP Growth at 6.9% for FY27

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has projected India's GDP growth at 6.9% for FY 2026–27, lower than 7.6% for FY 2025–26, while expecting a rebound to 7.3% in FY 2027–28.

ADB's forecast of 6.9% for FY 2026–27 is higher than the World Bank's estimate of 6.6% and is aligned with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) projection of 6.9%.

174. According to the latest data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), what was India's retail inflation rate (CPI-based) in March, marking a 13-month high?

राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी कार्यालय (NSO) द्वारा जारी नवीनतम आंकड़ों के अनुसार, मार्च में भारत की खुदरा महंगाई दर (CPI आधारित) कितनी रही, जो 13 महीनों का उच्च स्तर है?

- (a) 3.2%
- (b) 3.4%
- (c) 3.6%
- (d) 3.1%
- (e) 3.8%

Ans. b

Sol. India's Retail Inflation Rises to 13-Month High of 3.4% in March

India's retail inflation (CPI) increased to 3.4% in March, marking a 13-month high, compared to 3.2% in February.

The rise in inflation was reported by the National Statistical Office (NSO), indicating a slight uptick in consumer prices during the month.

Previous Months CPI-based Retail inflation

- **December 2025 – 1.33%**
- **January 2026 – 2.75% (Update : Base Year 2024 Start)**
- **February 2026 – 3.21%**

175. Which bank has recently launched its first dedicated retail banking product, 'Smart Save Account', to expand its presence in the retail segment?
 किस बैंक ने हाल ही में रिटेल सेगमेंट में अपनी मौजूदगी बढ़ाने के लिए अपना पहला डेडिकेटेड रिटेल बैंकिंग प्रोडक्ट, 'स्मार्ट सेव अकाउंट' लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) CSB Bank
- (e) State Bank of India

Ans. d

Sol. CSB Bank Launches 'Smart Save Account' to Boost Retail Banking Portfolio
 CSB Bank Limited has launched its first dedicated retail product, the 'SMART SAVE ACCOUNT', to strengthen and expand its retail banking segment.
 The SMART SAVE ACCOUNT is offered in three variants – Savings Account, Current Account, and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) Account.

About CSB Bank Limited

- CSB Bank Limited is an Indian private-sector bank headquartered in Thrissur, formerly known as Catholic Syrian Bank.
- The bank was founded in 1920, making it one of the oldest private sector banks in India, with a long history in banking services.
- The bank was rebranded in 2019 from Catholic Syrian Bank to CSB Bank Limited and is listed on Indian stock exchanges (BSE & NSE).

176. 'bob World Lite', launched through a partnership between Reliance Jio and Bank of Baroda, is primarily designed to cater to which category of users in order to promote financial inclusion?

रिलायंस जियो और बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा के बीच पार्टनरशिप से लॉन्च किया गया 'बॉब वर्ल्ड लाइट' मुख्य रूप से फाइनेंशियल इनक्लूजन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किस कैटेगरी के यूज़र्स के लिए बनाया गया है?

- (a) Smartphone users in metro cities
- (b) Corporate banking customers
- (c) Feature phone users
- (d) Only NRI customers
- (e) High-net-worth individuals

Ans. c

Sol. Reliance Jio and Bank of Baroda partner to launch 'bob World Lite'
 Reliance Jio and Bank of Baroda have partnered to launch 'bob World Lite', a mobile banking app for feature phone users, available on the JioPhone Prima 4G.

The initiative aims to boost financial inclusion and digital payments, especially for users in semi-urban and rural areas, aligning with the Government of India and RBI's vision.

177. Consider the following statements regarding Poshan Pakhwada 2026:

पोषण पखवाड़ा 2026 के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

- It is the 8th edition of the nationwide nutrition awareness campaign.
- It is observed from April 9 to April 23, 2026.
- It is implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- It focuses on early childhood development and nutrition awareness.
- The theme of 2026 is "Maximizing Brain Development in the First Six Years of Life."

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (b) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- (e) All of the above

Ans. b

Sol. 8th Poshan Pakhwada Launched to Boost Nutrition and Early Childhood Development Awareness

The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the 8th edition of Poshan Pakhwada from April 9 to April 23, 2026, to promote nutrition awareness and early childhood development.

The theme for 2026 is "Maximising Brain Development in the First Six Years of Life", highlighting the importance of the first 1,000 days and early childhood care.

The initiative is part of POSHAN Abhiyaan, under which over 150 crore awareness activities and 9.8 crore community events have been conducted.

The campaign is implemented nationwide through Anganwadi centres and frontline workers (ASHA, ANM), focusing on maternal and child nutrition, breastfeeding, and community participation.

178. Who inaugurated the Unnat Krishi Mahotsav in Madhya Pradesh?

मध्य प्रदेश में उन्नत कृषि महोत्सव का उद्घाटन किसने किया?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Nitin Gadkari
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Shivraj Singh Chouhan

(e) Mohan Yadav

Ans. c

Sol. Rajnath Singh Inaugurates Unnat Krishi Mahotsav Showcasing Modern Agri Technologies

Rajnath Singh inaugurated the three-day Unnat Krishi Mahotsav in Raisen, Madhya Pradesh, showcasing modern agricultural technologies like drones, solar pumps, and micro-irrigation.

The festival features expert interactions with farmers on 20 topics, including AI in agriculture and integrated farming, with participation from over 300 exhibitors and expected attendance of 50,000+ farmers.

179. Which state police has launched the AI-based tool 'NARIT AI', designed to strengthen narcotics investigations under the NDPS Act, 1985?

किस राज्य की पुलिस ने NDPS Act, 1985 के तहत मादक पदार्थों की जांच को मजबूत करने के लिए AI आधारित टूल 'NARIT AI' लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Maharashtra Police
- (b) Gujarat Police
- (c) Punjab Police
- (d) Rajasthan Police
- (e) Uttar Pradesh Police

Ans. b

Sol. Gujarat Police Launches 'NARIT AI', India's First AI Tool for Narcotics Investigations

Gujarat Police has launched an AI-based tool 'NARIT AI' (Narcotics Analysis and Retrieval Augmented Generation-based Investigation Tool) to strengthen narcotics investigations.

It is India's first-of-its-kind AI system designed to assist investigations under the NDPS Act, 1985.

About Gujarat

- Capital- Gandhinagar
- Chief Minister- Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel
- Governor- Acharya Devvrat

180. Which organization has launched the world's first global university for wildlife and veterinary sciences?

वन्यजीव और पशु चिकित्सा विज्ञान के लिए दुनिया का पहला वैश्विक विश्वविद्यालय किस संगठन ने शुरू किया है?

- (a) WWF

- (b) Vantara
- (c) ICAR
- (d) FAO
- (e) UNESCO

Ans. b

Sol. Vantara to Establish World's First Global University for Wildlife and Veterinary Sciences in Gujarat

Vantara has announced the launch of the world's first global university for wildlife and veterinary sciences in Jamnagar, Gujarat.

The university aims to train future professionals in wildlife conservation, veterinary medicine, and animal care.

Vantara, founded by Anant Ambani, focuses on advancing global wildlife conservation initiatives.

181. Deakin University of Australia has signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which Indian state government to advance applied artificial intelligence and innovation through the AIKAM hub?

ऑस्ट्रेलिया की डिकिन यूनिवर्सिटी ने एप्लाइड आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस और नवाचार को बढ़ावा देने के लिए AIKAM हब के माध्यम से किस भारतीय राज्य सरकार के साथ रणनीतिक समझौता (MoU) किया है?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Ans. c

Sol. Deakin University and Telangana Govt Sign MoU to Boost AI Research and Innovation

Deakin University and the Government of Telangana, through its AI hub AIKAM, signed an MoU in Hyderabad to advance applied artificial intelligence.

The partnership will establish the Aikam-Deakin Hub for Research in Intelligent Technology & Innovation (Aikam-DHRITI) focusing on AI research, innovation, and collaboration.

The initiative aims at mass upskilling, startup support, and developing ethical, scalable AI solutions for public services and global impact.

182. Tata Power has partnered with which organisation for upskilling in wind turbine O&M?

टाटा पावर ने विंड टरबाइन O&M में अपस्किंग के लिए किस संगठन के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) NTPC
- (b) BHEL
- (c) CORE
- (d) SECI
- (e) NHPC

Ans. c

Sol. Tata Power Partners CORE to Upskill Workforce in Wind Energy Operations and Maintenance

Tata Power has partnered with the Centre of Renewable Energy (CORE), the training arm of POWERCON Group, to upskill its workforce in wind turbine Operations and Maintenance (O&M).

The training programme is structured in three phases, covering theoretical learning, hands-on field training at wind sites, and advanced diagnostics including data analytics and asset performance management.

Participants will gain practical exposure at POWERCON's Centre for Engineering Excellence (CFEE), working on turbine simulations, power systems, and component-level repairs.

The programme also includes training at the Energy Studio, focusing on real-time operations and analytics of wind, solar, and battery energy storage systems (BESS).

183. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), an Indian defence public sector undertaking, has acquired a controlling stake in which of the following companies as part of its first international expansion deal?

मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स लिमिटेड (MDL), एक भारतीय रक्षा सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र उपक्रम, ने अपने पहले अंतरराष्ट्रीय विस्तार सौदे के तहत निम्नलिखित में से किस कंपनी में नियंत्रक हिस्सेदारी खरीदी है?

- (a) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- (b) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- (c) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- (d) Colombo Dockyard PLC
- (e) Larsen & Toubro Shipyard

Ans. d

Sol. Mazagon Dock Acquires 51% Stake in Colombo Dockyard

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) has acquired a 51% controlling stake in Colombo Dockyard PLC, marking its first international acquisition.

The deal, valued at ₹249.5 crore, makes Sri Lanka's largest shipyard a subsidiary of MDL.

MDL is a Defence Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, strengthening India's global shipbuilding presence.

184. Who was Jim Whittaker, who recently passed away?

हाल ही में दिवंगत हुए जिम व्हिटेकर कौन थे?

- (a) First Indian to climb Everest
- (b) First American to summit Mount Everest
- (c) First British explorer of Everest
- (d) First Nepalese climber
- (e) First Asian mountaineer

Ans. b

Sol. Jim Whittaker, First American to Summit Mount Everest, Passes Away

Jim Whittaker, the first American to successfully climb Mount Everest, has passed away.

He made history on 1 May 1963 by reaching the summit with Nawang Gombu, becoming the 10th person in the world to achieve this feat under extreme conditions.

185. International Day of Human Space Flight is observed every year on which date?

इंटरनेशनल ह्यूमन स्पेस फ्लाइट डे हर साल किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 10 April
- (b) 11 April
- (c) 12 April
- (d) 13 April
- (e) 14 April

Ans. c

Sol. 12 April - International Day of Human Space Flight

International Day of Human Space Flight is observed every year on 12 April to mark the beginning of human space exploration.

The day commemorates the first human spaceflight by Yuri Gagarin in 1961, when he orbited the Earth aboard Vostok 1.

It highlights the achievements of space science and the contribution of space exploration to global scientific and technological development.

186. Which company launched the new AI model "Muse Spark"?

नया AI मॉडल "Muse Spark" किस कंपनी ने लॉन्च किया?

- (a) Google
- (b) Microsoft

(c) **Meta Platforms**

(d) **Amazon**

(e) **Apple**

Ans. c

Sol. Meta Unveils "Muse Spark" AI Model After Major Team Overhaul

Meta Platforms has launched its new AI model Muse Spark, replacing Llama 4, and aims to deliver faster performance with improved reasoning in science, math, and health.

Muse Spark will power Meta's ecosystem, including Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and Messenger, but is currently available only in the United States.

187. Who has become the first BJP Chief Minister of Bihar?

बिहार के पहले BJP मुख्यमंत्री बनने वाले कौन हैं?

(a) **Jitendra Kumar**

(b) **Vijay Kumar Sinha**

(c) **Samrat Choudhary**

(d) **Dilip Jaiswal**

(e) **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**

Ans. c

Sol. Samrat Choudhary Becomes Bihar's First BJP Chief Minister

Samrat Choudhary took oath as Bihar's new Chief Minister at Lok Bhavan, Patna, becoming the first BJP leader to hold the top post in the state.

He was unanimously elected as the NDA Legislature Party leader after a BJP Legislative Party meeting.

The development followed the resignation of Nitish Kumar after his election to the Rajya Sabha, while BJP—holding 89 seats as the single largest party in the 243-member Assembly.

About Bihar

- Formation – 22 March 1912
- **Capital** – Patna
- **Chief Minister** – Samrat Choudhary
- **Governor** – Lieutenant General (Retired) Syed Ata Hasnain

188. Which two entities have collaborated to launch the limited-edition FIFA World Cup 2026 Pixel Credit Card along with a 'Spend & Win' campaign offering match packages and merchandise?

किस दो संस्थाओं ने मिलकर FIFA World Cup 2026 Pixel Credit Card और 'Spend & Win' अभियान लॉन्च किया है, जिसमें मैच पैकेज और मर्चेन्डाइज जीतने का अवसर दिया जा रहा है?

- (a) Mastercard & State Bank of India
- (b) Visa & HDFC Bank
- (c) RBI & ICICI Bank
- (d) NPCI & Axis Bank
- (e) Paytm & Yes Bank

Ans. b

Sol. Visa & HDFC Bank Launch FIFA World Cup 2026 Pixel Credit Card with 'Spend & Win' Campaign

Visa and HDFC Bank have launched a limited-edition FIFA World Cup 2026 Pixel Credit Card along with a nationwide "Spend & Win" campaign, offering rewards like match tickets and official merchandise.

The card, a variant of the Pixel Play digital credit card, features FIFA-themed branding and is available via the PayZapp app and HDFC Bank website; it was launched in Mumbai in the presence of former footballer Michael Owen.

The Spend & Win campaign covers credit, debit, business, and forex cards, allowing users to win match packages, staycations, merchandise, and shopping vouchers through everyday spending.

189. The Reserve Bank of India has returned the application of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank seeking conversion into a universal bank. As per RBI guidelines, what is the minimum net worth requirement for a Small Finance Bank (SFB) to be eligible for conversion into a universal bank, based on the latest audited financials?

रिज़र्व बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया ने उज्जीवन स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक का यूनिवर्सल बैंक में बदलने का एप्लीकेशन वापस कर दिया है। RBI की गाइडलाइंस के मुताबिक, लेटेस्ट ऑडिटेड फाइनेंशियल्स के आधार पर, किसी स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक (SFB) को यूनिवर्सल बैंक में बदलने के लिए मिनिमम नेट वर्थ कितनी होनी चाहिए?

- (a) ₹500 crore
- (b) ₹750 crore
- (c) ₹1,000 crore
- (d) ₹1,500 crore
- (e) ₹2,000 crore

Ans. c

Sol. RBI returns Ujjivan SFB's application to convert into universal bank

The Reserve Bank of India has returned the application of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank seeking conversion into a universal bank.

Meanwhile, AU Small Finance Bank had received RBI approval earlier to transition into a universal bank, highlighting differing regulatory outcomes.

RBI Sets Key Eligibility Criteria for Small Finance Banks to Transition into Universal Banks:

- The bank must have Scheduled Status and a satisfactory performance track record for at least 5 years.
- Its shares should be listed on a recognized stock exchange.
- The bank must maintain a minimum net worth of ₹1,000 crore as per the last audited quarter.
- It should comply with the prescribed CRAR (Capital to Risk-weighted Assets Ratio) norms for Small Finance Banks.
- The bank must have reported net profit in the last two financial years.
- Asset quality should be strong, with GNPA $\leq 3\%$ and NNPA $\leq 1\%$ over the last two financial years.

190. Which ministry granted approval to the National Stock Exchange (NSE) for reserving the name 'National Coal Exchange of India Limited' for its proposed coal exchange venture?

प्रस्तावित कोयला एक्सचेंज के लिए 'National Coal Exchange of India Limited' नाम आरक्षित करने हेतु नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (NSE) को किस मंत्रालय ने मंजूरी प्रदान की है?

- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Coal
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- NITI Aayog

Ans. c

Sol. NSE Gets MCA Approval for 'National Coal Exchange of India' Name

The National Stock Exchange of India has received approval from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to reserve the name "National Coal Exchange of India Limited" for its proposed coal exchange venture.

The approval is only for the company name and does not grant operational or regulatory clearance for the exchange.

NSE plans to set up a wholly owned subsidiary, investing up to ₹100 crore with a 60% stake, while the remaining 40% will be offered to other shareholders.

191. The Ministry of Labour & Employment has signed MoUs with Porter and Gigin Technologies to enhance employment opportunities and strengthen digital job matching through which government platform?

श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय ने Porter और Gigin Technologies के साथ रोजगार के अवसर बढ़ाने और डिजिटल जॉब मैचिंग को मजबूत करने के लिए किस सरकारी प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से MoU साइन किया है?

- (a) e-Shram Portal
- (b) Skill India Portal
- (c) National Career Service Portal
- (d) DigiLocker
- (e) PM Gati Shakti Portal

Ans. c

Sol. Labour Ministry Signs MoUs with Porter & Gigin to Boost Jobs via NCS Portal

The Ministry of Labour & Employment has signed MoUs with Porter and Gigin Technologies to enhance employment opportunities via the National Career Service (NCS) portal.

Through this collaboration, Porter will promote large-scale driving and logistics jobs, providing real-time and transparent job access to workers using the NCS platform. Porter aims to generate around 6 lakh job opportunities annually and up to 30 lakh opportunities by 2030, boosting employment in the logistics sector.

192. Birkbeck, University of London, has received approval to establish its global campus in which of the following Indian cities, enabling students to pursue international degrees at significantly lower cost?

बिर्कबेक, यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ लंदन को अपना वैश्विक परिसर स्थापित करने के लिए भारत के किस शहर में मंजूरी मिली है, जिससे छात्र कम लागत पर अंतरराष्ट्रीय डिग्री प्राप्त कर सकेंगे?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Bengaluru
- (e) Chennai

Ans. d

Sol. Birkbeck, University of London Gets UGC Nod to Set Up Bengaluru Campus

Birkbeck, University of London, has received a Letter of Intent from the University Grants Commission to set up its global campus in Bengaluru.

This initiative will allow Indian students to pursue University of London degrees in India at nearly 60% lower cost, improving access to international education.

193. Which edition of the India–Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise ‘DUSTLIK’ is being conducted in April 2026 at the Gurumsaray Training Area in Uzbekistan?

अप्रैल 2026 में उज्बेकिस्तान के गुरुमसराय प्रशिक्षण क्षेत्र में आयोजित भारत-उज्बेकिस्तान संयुक्त सैन्य अभ्यास 'DUSTLIK' का कौन सा संस्करण है?

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 7th
- (d) 8th
- (e) 9th

Ans. c

Sol. Indian Army Departs for 7th India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise 'DUSTLIK 2026'

The Indian Army contingent has departed for the 7th edition of India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise 'DUSTLIK', scheduled from 12-25 April 2026 at Gurumsaray Training Area, Uzbekistan.

Exercise DUSTLIK is an annual bilateral military exercise conducted alternately between India and Uzbekistan; the previous edition (2025) was held in Aundh (Pune), India.

Recent Exercises In News

- 16th edition of **Joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR** between India and USA - Bakloh Himachal Pradesh
- 7th edition of Joint Military Exercise '**Dharma Guardian**' between India and Japan - Uttarakhand
- 13th edition of joint military **Exercise KHANJAR** between India and Kyrgyzstan - Misamari in Sonitpur district of Assam.
- Training exercise "**Agni Pariksha**" between Indian Army and ITBP - Sigar, East Siang district Arunachal Pradesh

194. A life-size bronze statue recently unveiled at Westlake Square Park in Seattle, marking the first installation hosted by a US city government, is of which eminent Indian personality?

सिएटल के वेस्टलेक स्क्वायर पार्क में हाल ही में अनावरण की गई जीवन-आकार की कांस्य प्रतिमा, जो किसी अमेरिकी शहर सरकार द्वारा पहली बार स्थापित की गई है, किस महान भारतीय व्यक्तित्व की है?

- (a) Swami Vivekananda
- (b) Rabindranath Tagore
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi
- (d) Subhas Chandra Bose
- (e) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

Ans. a

Sol. Seattle Becomes First US City to Install Swami Vivekananda Statue at Westlake Square

Seattle has become the first city government in the United States to host a life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda at Westlake Square Park.

The bronze statue was unveiled by Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson and the Consul General of India, marking a significant cultural milestone.

Located in downtown Seattle, Westlake Square is a high-footfall area with over 4 lakh daily visitors, situated near major landmarks like Amazon HQ (Spheres) and Seattle Convention Center.

195. The World Bank has released how much amount for Phase-I of the Amaravati Capital Development Project?

विश्व बैंक ने अमरावती राजधानी विकास परियोजना के प्रथम चरण के लिए कितनी राशि जारी की है?

- (a) \$200 million
- (b) \$250 million
- (c) \$340 million
- (d) \$500 million
- (e) \$800 millio

Ans. c

Sol. World Bank Releases \$340 Million for Amaravati Capital Project in Andhra Pradesh

The World Bank has released \$340 million for Phase-I of the Amaravati Capital Development Project in Andhra Pradesh.

The project is being jointly supported by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) along with the World Bank.

Both institutions have committed a total of \$1.6 billion (\$800 million each) for the development of Amaravati capital.

The Government of India will contribute ₹1,400 crore as part of its total ₹15,000 crore commitment to the project.

196. Artemis II successfully returned to Earth with a splashdown in the Pacific Ocean, marking the first crewed lunar mission in over 50 years after the Apollo Program. What is the name of the Orion capsule used in Artemis II?

आर्टेमिस II प्रशांत महासागर में स्प्लैशडाउन के साथ सफलतापूर्वक पृथ्वी पर लौट आया, जो अपोलो प्रोग्राम के बाद 50 से ज़्यादा सालों में पहला कू वाला लूनर मिशन था। आर्टेमिस II में इस्तेमाल किए गए ओरियन कैप्सूल का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Endeavour

- (b) Discovery
- (c) Challenge
- (d) Freedom
- (e) Integrity

Ans. e

Sol. Artemis II Returns Successfully, Marking First Crewed Lunar Mission in 50 Years
Artemis II successfully returned to Earth with a splashdown in the Pacific Ocean, marking the first crewed lunar mission in over 50 years after the Apollo Program. The mission carried four astronauts—Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and Jeremy Hansen—aboard the Orion capsule named “Integrity.”

Launched on April 1, 2026, the nearly 10-day mission achieved multiple key milestones in deep space exploration.

The crew traveled a record 252,756 miles, surpassing the distance of Apollo 13, making it the farthest journey by humans from Earth.

197. Who has been elected as the new President of Iraq?

इराक के नए राष्ट्रपति कौन चुने गए हैं?

- (a) Mohammed Al-Sudani
- (b) Nizar Amedi
- (c) Haider Al-Abadi
- (d) Barham Salih
- (e) Adel Abdul-Mahdi

Ans. b

Sol. Iraq Elects Kurdish Leader Nizar Amedi as New President

Nizar Amedi has been elected as the new President of Iraq by parliament after the November elections.

He is a former environment minister and has led the political office of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) in Baghdad since 2024.

About Iraq

- **Capital-** Baghdad
- **Currency-** Dinar
- **President -** Nizar Amedi

198. Who has been re-elected as the President of Djibouti?

जिबूती के राष्ट्रपति के रूप में किसे फिर से चुना गया है?

- (a) Mohamed Farah Samatar
- (b) Ismail Omar Guelleh

(c) Hassan Sheikh Mohamud

(d) Abiy Ahmed

(e) Uhuru Kenyatta

Ans. b

Sol. Djibouti President Ismail Omar Guelleh Re-elected for Sixth Term

Ismail Omar Guelleh has been re-elected for a sixth term with 97.81% of the vote in the recent presidential election.

He has been in power since 1999 in Djibouti, ruling the country for over two decades, after succeeding his uncle Hassan Gouled Aptidon.

Newly Appointed Prime Ministers & Presidents

- *President of Iraq - Kurdish Leader Nizar Amedi*
- *President of Vietnam - To Lam*
- *President of Myanmar - Min Aung Hlaing*
- *Prime Minister of Mongolia - Uchral Nyam-Osor*
- *PM of Nepal - Balen Shah (Nepal's Youngest PM)*

199. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Delhi–Dehradun Economic Corridor, a major infrastructure project aimed at boosting connectivity and development.

What is the total length of the Delhi–Dehradun Economic Corridor?

PM नरेंद्र मोदी ने दिल्ली-देहरादून इकोनॉमिक कॉरिडोर का उद्घाटन किया। यह एक बड़ा इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर प्रोजेक्ट है जिसका मकसद कनेक्टिविटी और विकास को बढ़ावा देना है। दिल्ली-देहरादून इकोनॉमिक कॉरिडोर की कुल लंबाई कितनी है?

(a) 150 km

(b) 180 km

(c) 201 km

(d) 213 km

(e) 250 km

Ans. d

Sol. PM Modi Inaugurates ₹12,000 Crore Delhi–Dehradun Economic Corridor to Boost Connectivity

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Delhi–Dehradun Economic Corridor, a major infrastructure project aimed at boosting connectivity and development.

The corridor is a 213 km-long, six-lane access-controlled expressway built at an estimated cost of around ₹12,000 crore.

It connects Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, significantly improving regional connectivity and reducing travel time.

200. What is India's revised GDP growth forecast for FY 2026–27 by the IMF?

IMF ने FY 2026–27 के लिए भारत का रिवाइज्ड GDP ग्रोथ अनुमान क्या है?

- (a) 6.0%
- (b) 6.2%
- (c) 6.5%
- (d) 6.8%
- (e) 6.5%

Ans. c

Sol. IMF Raises India's Growth Forecast to 6.5% for FY 2026–27

The International Monetary Fund has raised India's GDP growth forecast to 6.5% for FY 2026–27, an upward revision of 30 basis points in its latest World Economic Outlook.

For FY 2025–26, the IMF has also increased India's growth estimate to 7.6%, reflecting strong economic performance.

The growth rate is expected to remain stable at 6.5% in FY 2027–28, indicating sustained economic momentum.

Update GDP Projection List

- ADB – 7.6% (FY26); 6.9%(FY27)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY27)
- Morgan Stanley – 6.2% (FY27)
- Moody's Rating – 6.8 (FY27)

201. RBI has cancelled the licence of National Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd, Pratapgarh. Which organisation provides deposit insurance to bank customers in India?

RBI ने नेशनल अर्बन कोऑपरेटिव बैंक लिमिटेड, प्रतापगढ़ का लाइसेंस कैंसल कर दिया है। कौन सी संस्था भारत में बैंक कस्टमर्स को डिपॉजिट इंश्योरेंस देती है?

- (a) LIC
- (b) RBI
- (c) DICGC
- (d) SEBI
- (e) NABARD

Ans. c

Sol. RBI Cancels Licence of National Urban Cooperative Bank, Pratapgarh

RBI has cancelled the licence of National Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd Pratapgarh.

Following this action, the bank has been prohibited from carrying out banking activities, including accepting and repaying deposits.

Depositors are eligible for insurance up to 25 lakh from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation.

202. Which of the following regulatory authorities approved PPFAS Asset Management to act as a sponsor for a pension fund under the National Pension System (NPS)?

निम्नलिखित में से किस नियामक प्राधिकरण ने PPFAS एसेट मैनेजमेंट को राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली (NPS) के तहत पेंशन फंड स्पॉन्सर बनने की मंजूरी दी?

- (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- (c) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
- (d) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- (e) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Ans. c

Sol. PPFAS Asset Management Gets PFRDA Approval to Sponsor Pension Fund Under NPS

PPFAS Asset Management has received approval from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority to act as a sponsor for a pension fund under the National Pension System.

The company will soon begin managing retirement savings of NPS subscribers by setting up a separate pension fund entity to handle and grow these investments. Mumbai-based PPFAS Asset Management, established in 2011, is part of the PPFAS group promoted by Parag Parikh Financial Advisory Services Ltd., which has a long-standing presence in India's financial sector.

203. The Dr. Ambedkar Foundation organised the 136th Birth Anniversary celebration of Dr B. R. Ambedkar on April 14, 2026, at Prerna Sthal, Parliament House premises in New Delhi. Under which Ministry was the event organized?

डॉ. अंबेडकर फाउंडेशन ने 14 अप्रैल, 2026 को नई दिल्ली में संसद भवन परिसर में प्रेरणा स्थल पर डॉ. बी. आर. अंबेडकर की 136वीं जयंती मनाई। यह कार्यक्रम किस मंत्रालय के तहत आयोजित किया गया था?

- (a) Ministry of Culture
- (b) Ministry of Finance
- (c) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- (d) Ministry of Education
- (e) Ministry of Defence

Ans. c

Sol. Dr. Ambedkar Foundation Celebrates 136th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar at Parliament House

The Dr. Ambedkar Foundation organised the 136th Birth Anniversary celebration of Dr B. R. Ambedkar on April 14, 2026, at Prerna Sthal, Parliament House premises in New Delhi under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti is observed every year to honor Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's legacy as a social reformer, jurist, economist, and the principal architect of the Indian Constitution, highlighting his lifelong contribution to social justice, equality, and democracy.

204. Infosys has appointed which tennis player as its Global Brand Ambassador?
इंफोसिस ने किस टेनिस खिलाड़ी को अपना ग्लोबल ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया है?

- (a) Novak Djokovic
- (b) Rafael Nadal
- (c) Carlos Alcaraz
- (d) Roger Federer
- (e) Andy Murray

Ans. c

Sol. Infosys Partners with Carlos Alcaraz as Global Brand Ambassador to Develop AI-Powered Tennis Performance Tools

Infosys has announced a multi-year partnership with world No. 1 tennis player Carlos Alcaraz, appointing him as its Global Brand Ambassador.

The partnership will leverage Infosys's AI-first offering Infosys Topaz to develop AI-powered match analytics and personalized performance applications to support match preparation and in-game strategy.

205. Who has been appointed as the Secretary General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?

फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडियन चैंबर्स ऑफ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री (FICCI) के सेक्रेटरी जनरल के तौर पर किसे अपॉइंट किया गया है?

- (a) Jyoti Vij
- (b) Anil Kumar
- (c) Anant Swarup
- (d) Rajiv Kumar
- (e) Sunil Bharti

Ans. c

Sol. FICCI Appoints Anant Swarup as Secretary General

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has appointed Anant Swarup as its new Secretary General.

Jyoti Vij will continue as Director General, ensuring continuity in the leadership of FICCI.

About Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)

- **Formation** - 1927
- **Founder** - Ghanshyam Das Birla and Purshottamdas Thakurdas
- **Headquarters** - New Delhi
- **Secretary General** – Anant Swarup
- **Director General** – Jyoti Vij

206. Who has been appointed as the first woman in the history of Australia to lead its Army as Chief of Army?

ऑस्ट्रेलिया के इतिहास में सेना का नेतृत्व करने वाली पहली महिला कौन नियुक्त की गई हैं?

- (a) Mary Johnson
- (b) Susan Coyle
- (c) Emma Williams
- (d) Lisa Brown
- (e) Kate Wilson

Ans. b

Sol. Australia Appoints Lt. Gen. Susan Coyle as First Woman Chief of Army in Historic Military Reshuffle

Australia appointed Lieutenant General Susan Coyle as the first woman to lead its Army, marking a historic first in the country's military leadership. She will take over as Chief of Army in July, replacing Lieutenant General Simon Stuart.

Lt. Gen. Susan Coyle, currently Chief of Joint Capabilities, has served in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) since 1987 and has held several senior command positions.

In a broader leadership reshuffle, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond has been appointed as the new head of the Australian Defence Force, succeeding Admiral David Johnston, while Rear Admiral Matthew Buckley will lead the Navy.

About Australia

- **Capital** - Canberra
- **Currency** - Dollar
- **President** - Anthony Albanese

207. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira at Sri Kshetra Adichunchanagiri in Mandya district, Karnataka, and offered prayers at the site. The memorial is dedicated to Sri Sri Sri Dr Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji, the 71st pontiff of the Adichunchanagiri

Math, recognising his contributions in education, healthcare, and social service.

The Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira is built in which architectural style?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने कर्नाटक के मांड्या ज़िले के श्री क्षेत्र आदिचुंचनगिरी में गुरु भैरवैक्य मंदिर का उद्घाटन किया और वहाँ पूजा-अर्चना की। यह मेमोरियल आदिचुंचनगिरी मठ के 71वें पुजारी श्री श्री श्री डॉ. बालगंगाधरनाथ महास्वामीजी को समर्पित है, जो शिक्षा, हेल्थकेयर और समाज सेवा में उनके योगदान को पहचान देता है। गुरु भैरवैक्य मंदिर किस आर्किटेक्चरल स्टाइल में बना है?

- (a) Mughal Style
- (b) Indo-Islamic Style
- (c) Dravidian Style
- (d) Modern Glass Style
- (e) Gothic Style

Ans. c

Sol. PM Modi Inaugurates Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira at Adichunchanagiri in Karnataka's Mandya District

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira at Sri Kshetra Adichunchanagiri in Mandya district, Karnataka, and offered prayers at the site.

The memorial is dedicated to Sri Sri Sri Dr Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji, the 71st pontiff of the Adichunchanagiri Math, recognising his contributions in education, healthcare, and social service.

Built in traditional Dravidian architectural style, the Mandira highlights India's cultural heritage and is expected to serve as a major spiritual and cultural landmark, attracting devotees and scholars.

208. Which institute has become the first CCRAS institute to achieve ISO 15189:2022 accreditation in Biochemistry and Haematology?

Biochemistry और Haematology में ISO 15189:2022 मान्यता प्राप्त करने वाला पहला CCRAS संस्थान कौन-सा है?

- (a) AIIMS New Delhi
- (b) CARI Bengaluru
- (c) NIMHANS Bengaluru
- (d) ICMR Delhi
- (e) PGIMER Chandigarh

Ans. b

Sol. CARI Bengaluru Becomes First CCRAS Institute to Get ISO 15189:2022 Accreditation in Biochemistry and Haematology

The Clinical Laboratory at the Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI Bengaluru) has become the first institute under CCRAS to achieve ISO 15189:2022 accreditation in Biochemistry and Haematology.

The accreditation certifies that the laboratory meets global standards for accuracy, reliability, and safety in diagnostic services and strengthens evidence-based Ayurvedic healthcare.

The facility has also received NABL accreditation for 50 test parameters, marking its transition into a centre of excellence in diagnostic testing under AYUSH systems.

209. On which date is World Chagas Disease Day observed annually?

विश्व चागास रोग दिवस हर वर्ष किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 10 April
- (b) 12 April
- (c) 14 April
- (d) 16 April
- (e) 18 April

Ans. c

Sol. 14 April - World Chagas Disease Day

World Chagas Disease Day, observed annually on 14 April, aims to raise global awareness about Chagas disease, a neglected tropical disease that affects an estimated 8 million people worldwide, mainly in Latin America.

It highlights the causes, symptoms, and serious long-term complications of Chagas disease, including heart damage and digestive system problems that can appear years after infection.

210. Which company signed a brand endorsement deal with Smriti Mandhana?

स्मृति मंधाना के साथ ब्रांड एंडोर्समेंट डील किस कंपनी ने की?

- (a) Puma
- (b) Nike
- (c) Agilitas Sports
- (d) Adidas
- (e) Reebok

Ans. c

Sol. Smriti Mandhana Partners with Agilitas Sports for One8 Brand

Agilitas Sports has signed a brand endorsement deal with Smriti Mandhana for its premium sportswear brand One8.

Earlier, Virat Kohli acquired a minority stake in Agilitas Sports for around ₹40 crore.

As part of the agreement, Agilitas Sports also acquired Kohli's sportswear brand One8, strengthening its presence in the sports apparel market.

Recent Brand Ambassador

- *Blanka Vlašić - World 10K Bengaluru 2026*
- *A. R. Rahman - Yamaha Music India Private Ltd*
- *Jaspri Bumrah - Uniqlo (subsidiary of Fast Retailing Co., Ltd)*
- *Bhavitha Mandava - First Indian House Ambassador for Chanel*
- *Sania Mirza - The Derma Company*

211. International Wellness Day is observed on which date?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वेलनेस दिवस किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 17 April
- (b) 10 April
- (c) 15 April
- (d) 16 April
- (e) 18 April

Ans. c

Sol. 15 April - International Wellness Day

United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed International Wellness Day to be observed on 15 April, promoting holistic well-being across the globe.

The day focuses on raising awareness and encouraging action for physical, mental, and emotional health through education and wellness initiatives.

212. Sonam Wangchuk, who recently passed away, was associated with which profession?

हाल ही में निधन हुए सोनम वांगचुक किस पेशे से जुड़े थे?

- (a) Scientist
- (b) Politician
- (c) Indian Army Officer
- (d) Sports person
- (e) Journalist

Ans. c

Sol. Lion of Ladakh' Sonam Wangchuk, Maha Vir Chakra Awardee, Passes Away

Sonam Wangchuk, a decorated Indian Army officer, passed away; he was honoured with the Maha Vir Chakra for his bravery.

He was popularly known as the "Lion of Ladakh" for his courageous role during the Kargil War.

As a Major, he led the Ladakh Scouts in the strategically important Chorbat La (Batalik sector) at an altitude of around 18,000 feet.

213. Who won the gold medal in the compound women's final at the World Archery Para Series in Bangkok?

बैंकॉक में आयोजित वर्ल्ड आर्चरी पैरा सीरीज में कंपाउंड महिला फाइनल में स्वर्ण पदक किसने जीता?

- (a) Sheetal Devi
- (b) Payal Nag
- (c) Deepika Kumari
- (d) Jyoti Surekha
- (e) Sakshi Malik

Ans. b

Sol. Payal Nag Upsets World No.1 to Win Gold as India Tops Medal Table at World Archery Para Series

Payal Nag created a major upset by defeating world No.1 Sheetal Devi to win the gold medal in the compound women's final at the World Archery Para Series in Bangkok.

India delivered an outstanding performance, winning a total of 13 medals (7 Gold, 3 Silver, 3 Bronze) at the tournament.

India finished first on the medal table, ahead of Indonesia (2nd with 6 medals) and Thailand (3rd with 5 medals).

214. Amelia Kerr has won the ICC Women's Player of the Month for March for her exceptional all-round display. Amelia Kerr is associated with which country?

मेलिया केर ने अपने शानदार ऑल-राउंड प्रदर्शन के लिए मार्च के लिए ICC विमेंस प्लेयर ऑफ़ द मंथ का अवॉर्ड जीता है। अमेलिया केर किस देश से जुड़ी हैं?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) England
- (c) Australia
- (d) South Africa
- (e) India

Ans. a

Sol. Sanju Samson and Amelia Kerr Named ICC Players of the Month for March

Sanju Samson was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March, thanks to his outstanding performances in the T20 format.

Amelia Kerr, captain of the New Zealand women's team, won the ICC Women's Player of the Month for March for her exceptional all-round display.

ICC Men's Player of the Month

- November 2025 – Simon Harmer (South Africa)
- December 2025 - Mitchell Starc (Australia)
- January 2025 - Daryl Mitchell (New Zealand)
- February 2026 - Sahibzada Farhan (Pakistan)

ICC Women's Player of the Month

- November 2025 – Shafali Verma (India)
- December 2025 - Laura Wolvaardt (South Africa)
- January 2026 - Sobhana Mostary (Bangladesh)
- February 2026 - Arundhati Reddy (India)

215. Who among the following were named the Leading Men's and Women's Cricketers in the World for 2025 by Wisden Cricketers' Almanack?

निम्नलिखित में से किन खिलाड़ियों को Wisden द्वारा 2025 के लिए Leading Men's और Women's Cricketers in the World घोषित किया गया?

- (a) Joe Root and Smriti Mandhana
- (b) Steve Smith and Ellyse Perry
- (c) Mitchell Starc and Deepti Sharma
- (d) Ben Stokes and Harmanpreet Kaur
- (e) Kane Williamson and Meg Lanning

Ans. c

Sol. Wisden 2025: Mitchell Starc & Deepti Sharma Named Leading Cricketers
 Mitchell Starc and Deepti Sharma were named Leading Cricketers in the World for 2025 by Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, with Starc winning the men's award and Deepti the women's.

Abhishek Sharma was named the Leading T20 Cricketer, while Wisden also announced its Five Cricketers of the Year: Shubman Gill, Ravindra Jadeja, Rishabh Pant, Mohammed Siraj, and Haseeb Hameed.

Shubman Gill also received the Wisden Trophy for best individual Test performance for his 430-run effort at Edgbaston, leading India to victory.

The recognitions come ahead of the 163rd edition release of Wisden Almanack, an authoritative annual record of global cricket achievements and statistics.

216. Which company announced the acquisition of Globalstar?

ग्लोबलस्टार के अधिग्रहण की घोषणा किस कंपनी ने की?

- (a) Google
- (b) Amazon
- (c) Microsoft
- (d) Meta
- (e) Apple

Ans. b

Sol. Amazon to Acquire Globalstar in \$11.57 Billion Deal to Boost Project Kuiper and Rival Starlink

Amazon has announced plans to acquire satellite communications firm Globalstar in a deal worth \$11.57 billion.

Globalstar operates a network of satellites, and the acquisition will strengthen Amazon's satellite initiative, Project Kuiper (Amazon LEO).

The move is seen as a strategic effort by Amazon to compete with SpaceX's satellite internet service, Starlink.

217. Which of the following organisations has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on preserving and showcasing India's democratic and national heritage?

निम्नलिखित में से किन संगठनों ने भारत की लोकतांत्रिक और राष्ट्रीय विरासत के संरक्षण और प्रदर्शन के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India and SEBI
- (b) India Post and Prime Ministers Museum & Library
- (c) NITI Aayog and UGC
- (d) ISRO and DRDO
- (e) LIC and SBI

Ans. b

Sol. India Post and PM Museum Sign MoU to Promote India's Democratic Heritage
India Post and the Prime Minister Museum and Library signed an MoU to preserve and promote India's democratic and national heritage jointly.

The agreement was signed on the foundation day of the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya in New Delhi, marking a step towards enhancing public awareness of India's political history.

218. The Telangana government has recently declared cancer as a notifiable disease, requiring mandatory reporting of cases by healthcare institutions within a specified time frame. Within how many days must such cases be reported?

तेलंगाना सरकार ने हाल ही में कैंसर को एक अधिसूचित रोग घोषित किया है, जिसके तहत स्वास्थ्य संस्थानों द्वारा निर्धारित समय सीमा के भीतर मामलों की अनिवार्य रिपोर्टिंग आवश्यक है। ऐसे मामलों को कितने दिनों के भीतर रिपोर्ट करना होगा?

- (a) 7 days
- (b) 15 days
- (c) 30 days
- (d) 45 days
- (e) 60 days

Ans. c

Sol. Telangana Declares Cancer a Notifiable Disease; Mandatory Reporting Within One Month

The Government of Telangana has declared cancer a notifiable disease, making it mandatory to report all diagnosed cases across the state.

Under the directive, all hospitals, diagnostic labs, and clinics—both public and private—must report cancer cases within one month of diagnosis to ensure better tracking and healthcare planning.

About Telangana

- **Established** – 2 June 2014
- **Capital** – Hyderabad
- **Chief Minister** – Revanth Reddy
- **Deputy CM** - Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka
 - **Governor** – Shiv Pratap Shukla

219. India's wholesale inflation rose to what percentage in March, reaching a three-month high?

मार्च में भारत की थोक महंगाई दर कितने प्रतिशत पर पहुंच गई, जो तीन महीने का उच्च स्तर है?

- (a) 2.5%
- (b) 3.1%
- (c) 3.9%
- (d) 4.5%
- (e) 5.2%

Ans. c

Sol. India's Wholesale Inflation Rises to 3-Month High of 3.9% in March on Rising Fuel and Power Costs

India's wholesale inflation, measured by the Wholesale Price Index, rose to a three-month high of 3.9% in March due to rising fuel and power costs.

The data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry indicates increasing pressure from higher energy input costs, with analysts warning that the trend may continue in the near term.

Recent WPI-based Wholesale inflation in India

- **January 2026** – 1.81%
- **February 2026** – 2.13%

220. In April 2026, which company's subsidiary received RBI's in-principle approval to start a Primary Dealer business?

अप्रैल 2026 में, किस कंपनी की सब्सिडियरी को प्राइमरी डीलर बिज़नेस शुरू करने के लिए RBI से इन-प्रिंसिपल मंजूरी मिली?

- (a) Bajaj Finance
- (b) Shriram Finance
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) ICICI Bank
- (e) L&T Finance

Ans. b

Sol. Shriram Finance Gets RBI Nod for Primary Dealer Business; Shares Rise on Positive Market Sentiment

Shriram Finance's wholly owned subsidiary, Shriram Overseas Investments Ltd, has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India to start a Primary Dealer business.

The new business will begin after fulfilling the conditions specified by the RBI, and is expected to strengthen Shriram Finance's position in the financial market.

221. China has overtaken the United States to become India's largest trading partner in 2025–26, with bilateral trade reaching USD 151.1 billion. What was the total bilateral trade between India and China in 2025–26?

चीन 2025-26 में अमेरिका को पीछे छोड़कर भारत का सबसे बड़ा ट्रेडिंग पार्टनर बन गया है, जिसका बाइलेटरल ट्रेड USD 151.1 बिलियन तक पहुंच गया है। 2025-26 में भारत और चीन के बीच कुल बाइलेटरल ट्रेड कितना था?

- (a) USD 120 billion
- (b) USD 135 billion
- (c) USD 151.1 billion
- (d) USD 165 billion
- (e) USD 180 billion

Ans. c

Sol. China Becomes India's Largest Trading Partner in 2025–26

China has overtaken the United States to become India's largest trading partner in 2025–26, with bilateral trade reaching USD 151.1 billion.

India's trade deficit with China widened significantly to around USD 112 billion, as imports (USD 131.63 billion) far exceeded exports (USD 19.47 billion).

While exports to China grew sharply by 36.66%, India's trade surplus with the United States declined due to slower export growth and rising imports.

222. Which state government has launched Project Sanjeevani to pilot India's first fully integrated trauma care and highway rescue protocol?

भारत का पहला पूर्णतः एकीकृत ट्रॉमा केयर और हाईवे रेस्क्यू प्रोटोकॉल पायलट करने के लिए प्रोजेक्ट संजीवनी किस राज्य सरकार ने शुरू किया है?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Tamil Nadu

Ans. b

Sol. Telangana Launches 'Project Sanjeevani' for Highway Trauma Care

Telangana has launched Project Sanjeevani to pilot India's first fully integrated trauma care and highway rescue protocol on a stretch of NH-44.

The project was introduced during the 'Arrive Alive' Road Safety Week (April 13–17) under the 99-Day Action Plan (Praja Palana Pragati Pranalika).

Implemented by SaveLIFE Foundation in collaboration with National Highways Authority of India, the pilot covers a 251 km stretch between Hyderabad and Adilabad and aims to become a scalable national model.

About Telangana

- **Established** – 2 June 2014
- **Capital** – Hyderabad
- **Chief Minister** – Revanth Reddy
- **Deputy CM** - Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka
 - **Governor** – Shiv Pratap Shukla

223. Which state government has signed an MoU to develop an Indo-Taiwan Industrial Park in the Sanand–Dholera region?

साणंद-ढोलेरा क्षेत्र में इंडो-ताइवान इंडस्ट्रियल पार्क विकसित करने के लिए किस राज्य सरकार ने MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat

- (c) Tamil Nadu
(d) Karnataka
(e) Andhra Pradesh

Ans. b

Sol. Gujarat Signs MoU to Set Up Indo-Taiwan Industrial Park in Sanand–Dholera Region

The Gujarat Government has signed an MoU to establish an Indo-Taiwan Industrial Park in the Sanand–Dholera region to boost industrial development.

The agreement was signed with Allegiance International Company Limited to strengthen India–Taiwan industrial collaboration and investment.

About Gujarat

- Capital- Gandhinagar
- Chief Minister- Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel
- Governor- Acharya Devvrat

224. Which team won the 16th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women's National Championship?

16वीं हॉकी इंडिया सब-जूनियर महिला राष्ट्रीय चैंपियनशिप किस टीम ने जीती?

- (a) Haryana
(b) Punjab
(c) Jharkhand
(d) Odisha
(e) Maharashtra

Ans. c

Sol. Hockey Jharkhand Clinches Third Consecutive Sub-Junior Women's National Title
Hockey Jharkhand won the 16th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women's National Championship, securing a third consecutive title (2024–2026) and showcasing dominance at the grassroots level.

The success is backed by strong infrastructure development in Jharkhand, including extensive astroturf facilities built between 2014 and 2026, helping nurture young hockey talent.

225. Who emerged as the winner of the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 held in Cyprus?

साइप्रस में आयोजित FIDE महिला कैंडिडेट्स टूर्नामेंट 2026 की विजेता कौन बनीं?

- (a) Koneru Humpy
(b) R. Vaishali
(c) Harika Dronavalli

(d) Ju Wenjun

(e) Hou Yifan

Ans. b

Sol. R. Vaishali Wins FIDE Women's Candidates 2026

R. Vaishali won the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 in Cyprus, defeating Kateryna Lagno and finishing with 8.5/14 points.

With this victory, Vaishali has earned the right to challenge reigning world champion Ju Wenjun for the Women's World Championship later this year.

226. In a significant move to strengthen India's financial security framework, which two organisations signed a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to improve information sharing and coordination in the financial sector?

भारत की वित्तीय सुरक्षा प्रणाली को मजबूत करने के लिए किन दो संगठनों ने वित्तीय क्षेत्र में सूचना साझा करने और समन्वय बढ़ाने हेतु एक व्यापक MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

(a) RBI and SEBI

(b) DoT and SEBI

(c) FIU and PFRDA

(d) Ministry of Finance and IRDAI

(e) NITI Aayog and RBI

Ans. c

Sol. FIU-PFRDA Sign MoU to Strengthen AML & Counter Terror Financing Efforts
Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) signed an MoU to enhance information sharing and coordination between the two agencies.

The agreement will facilitate joint outreach and training programmes for regulated and reporting entities to strengthen compliance mechanisms.

The initiative aims to boost Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating Financing of Terrorism (CFT) efforts by assessing risks, identifying vulnerabilities, and sharing red flag indicators for suspicious transactions.

227. Under the 'Water Forward' initiative launched by the World Bank Group, by which year is the target set to ensure water security for over 1 billion people globally?

वर्ल्ड बैंक ग्रुप द्वारा शुरू की गई 'वॉटर फॉरवर्ड' पहल के तहत, किस साल तक दुनिया भर में 1 बिलियन से ज़्यादा लोगों के लिए पानी की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है?

(a) 2025

(b) 2027

(c) 2028

(d) 2030

(e) 2035

Ans. d

Sol. World Bank Group Launches 'Water Forward' Initiative to Ensure Water Security for 1 Billion People by 2030

World Bank Group launched a global initiative named "Water Forward", aiming to ensure water security for over 1 billion people by 2030.

A key feature of the initiative is country-led "Water Compacts", where governments will set reform priorities, strengthen institutions, and develop investment pathways for water management.

The World Bank Group has committed to directly support water security for 400 million people by 2030, as part of its targeted contribution under the programme.

The initiative brings together major global lenders, including the Asian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, European Investment Bank, and New Development Bank to accelerate funding and project implementation.

228. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare chaired the 1st BRICS Health Working Group (HWG) Meeting 2026 in New Delhi, bringing together member countries to discuss cooperation in public health. What is the theme of India's BRICS Chairmanship in 2026?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय ने नई दिल्ली में पहली BRICS स्वास्थ्य कार्य समूह (HWG) बैठक 2026 की अध्यक्षता की, जिसमें सदस्य देशों को सार्वजनिक स्वास्थ्य के क्षेत्र में सहयोग पर चर्चा करने के लिए एक साथ लाया गया। 2026 में भारत की BRICS अध्यक्षता का विषय क्या है?

(a) Health for All

(b) Digital Transformation

(c) Global Unity and Peace

(d) Economic Growth and Trade

(e) Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability

Ans. e

Sol. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Hosts First BRICS Health Working Group Meeting 2026 in New Delhi

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare chaired the 1st BRICS Health Working Group (HWG) Meeting 2026 in New Delhi, bringing together member countries to discuss cooperation in public health.

As BRICS Chair 2026, India is guided by the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability", emphasizing a people-centric approach and stronger global health collaboration.

Two new priority areas proposed by India:

- BRICS Mission for Healthy Lifestyles (focus on diet, physical activity, tobacco, alcohol risks)
- Promotion of Mental Health and Wellness (reduce stigma, improve services, integrate into public health)

229. The 173rd anniversary of India's first passenger train (celebrated in 2026) marks the train that ran between which two places?

2026 में मनाई गई भारत की पहली यात्री ट्रेन की 173वीं वर्षगांठ किस दो स्थानों के बीच चली ट्रेन से संबंधित है?

- (a) Mumbai – Pune
- (b) Bori Bunder – Thane
- (c) Delhi – Agra
- (d) Kolkata – Howrah
- (e) Chennai – Bengaluru

Ans. b

Sol. 173 Years of Indian Railways: Ashwini Vaishnaw Celebrates Historic First Train Journey

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw marked the 173rd anniversary of India's first passenger train (16 April 1853), which ran between Bori Bunder (Mumbai) and Thane. He shared a historic image of the Thane railway bridge and released a collage comparing the early train with a modern Amrit Bharat Express, highlighting the journey of Indian Railways.

230. India achieved a record export performance in the financial year 2025–26, reflecting steady growth in its global trade. What was the total export value of India during this period?

भारत ने वित्त वर्ष 2025–26 में वैश्विक व्यापार में स्थिर वृद्धि दर्शाते हुए रिकॉर्ड निर्यात प्रदर्शन हासिल किया। इस अवधि के दौरान भारत का कुल निर्यात मूल्य कितना था?

- (a) \$800 billion
- (b) \$820 billion
- (c) \$825 billion
- (d) \$840 billion
- (e) \$860 billion

Ans. e

Sol. India Achieves Record \$860 Billion Exports in FY 2025–26 with 4.2% Growth
India achieved a record export of \$860 billion in FY 2025-26, surpassing the previous year's \$825 billion.

The exports registered a 4.2% growth, reflecting steady expansion in India's global trade performance.

231. India's unemployment rate reached a five-month high in March 2026.

What was the unemployment rate recorded during this period?

मार्च 2026 में भारत की बेरोजगारी दर पांच महीने के उच्च स्तर पर पहुंच गई। इस अवधि में दर्ज बेरोजगारी दर क्या थी?

- (a) 4.5%
- (b) 4.7%
- (c) 4.9%
- (d) 5.1%
- (e) 5.5%

Ans. d

Sol. India's Unemployment Rate Rises to 5.1% in March 2026

India's unemployment rate rose to a five-month high of 5.1% in March 2026, up from 4.9% in February 2026.

The data is based on the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released by the National Statistics Office (NSO).

The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) stood at 55.4%, while the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) declined to 52.6% in March 2026, indicating employment trends in the country.

232. Life Insurance Corporation of India launched two mobile apps—MyLIC and Super Sales Saathi—to enhance digital services and customer experience. The MyLIC mobile application is primarily designed for whom?

भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम (LIC) ने अपनी डिजिटल सेवाओं और कस्टमर अनुभव को बेहतर बनाने के लिए दो मोबाइल ऐप लॉन्च किए हैं—MyLIC (ग्राहकों के लिए) और Super Sales Saathi (एजेंटों के लिए)। MyLIC मोबाइल एप्लिकेशन मुख्य रूप से किसके लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है?

- (a) Insurance agents
- (b) Government officials
- (c) Intermediaries
- (d) Policyholders
- (e) Bank employees

Ans. d

Sol. Life Insurance Corporation of India Launches MyLIC & Super Sales Saathi Apps to Boost Digital Services

Life Insurance Corporation of India launched two mobile apps—MyLIC and Super Sales Saathi—to enhance digital services and customer experience.

The MyLIC app enables users to manage policies, pay premiums, track benefits in real time, avail paperless loans, revive lapsed policies, and purchase new policies online.

The Super Sales Saathi app provides AI-driven sales tools, real-time policy tracking, customer communication, digital sales kits, and performance dashboards, powered by LIC's DIVE (Digital Innovation & Value Enhancement) initiative.

About Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)

- *Founded – 1 September 1956*
- *Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra*
- *Chairperson – R. Doraiswamy*

233. The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam is related to which Constitutional Amendment?

नारी शक्ति वंदन अधिनियम किस संवैधानिक संशोधन से संबंधित है?

- (a) 101st Amendment
- (b) 103rd Amendment
- (c) 105th Amendment
- (d) 106th Amendment
- (e) 108th Amendment

Ans. (d)

Sol. Nari Shakti Vandan Bill Fails in Lok Sabha After Missing Two-Thirds Majority

The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Constitution 106th Amendment Act, 2023) was defeated in the Lok Sabha after failing to secure the required two-thirds majority for a Constitutional amendment.

The Bill proposed 33% reservation for women in Lok Sabha, State Assemblies, and Delhi Assembly, along with increasing Lok Sabha seats from 543 to 816 after delimitation based on the 2011 Census.

Out of 489 members present, 278 voted in favour and 211 against, with no abstentions, leading to the Bill's rejection.

234. World Hemophilia Day is observed every year on 17 April to raise awareness about hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders. What is the theme of World Hemophilia Day 2026?

विश्व हीमोफीलिया दिवस हर साल 17 अप्रैल को हीमोफीलिया और खून बहने से जुड़ी अन्य आनुवंशिक बीमारियों के बारे में जागरूकता फैलाने के लिए मनाया जाता है। विश्व हीमोफीलिया दिवस 2026 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Health for All
- (b) Blood Safety First
- (c) Care for Rare Diseases
- (d) Treatment for All
- (e) Diagnosis: First Step to Care

Ans. e

Sol. 17 April - World Hemophilia Day

World Hemophilia Day is observed every year on 17 April to raise awareness about hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders.

Theme 2026 - Diagnosis: First Step to Care

The day highlights the importance of early diagnosis, proper treatment, and access to care for people living with bleeding disorders.

It is led by the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH), aiming to improve healthcare support and quality of life for patients worldwide.

235. With which institute has the Punjab government partnered to develop an AI-based system for real-time crime tracking and analysis?

पंजाब सरकार ने रियल-टाइम अपराध ट्रैकिंग और विश्लेषण के लिए AI आधारित सिस्टम विकसित करने हेतु किस संस्थान के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Bombay
- (c) NIT Jalandhar
- (d) IISc Bengaluru
- (e) IIT Ropar

Ans. e

Sol. Punjab Partners with IIT Ropar to Develop AI-Based Real-Time Crime Tracking System

The Punjab government has partnered with IIT Ropar to develop an AI-based system for real-time crime tracking and analysis to strengthen policing efficiency.

The system will use advanced technologies like data analytics, voice recognition, and dashboard monitoring to enable faster crime tracking and quicker decision-making by police.

About Punjab

- **Capital** – Chandigarh
- **Chief Minister** – Bhagwant Mann

• **Governor** – Gulab Chand Kataria

236. Kharungpat, where the sanctuary is planned, is located in which state?

खरुंगपत, जहाँ अभयारण्य प्रस्तावित है, किस राज्य में स्थित है?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Manipur
- (e) Tripura

Ans. d

Sol. Manipur to Develop 227-Hectare Bird Sanctuary in Kakching to Boost Eco-Tourism

The Manipur government has announced plans to develop a bird sanctuary at Kharungpat in Kakching district to boost biodiversity conservation and eco-tourism in the state.

The proposed bird sanctuary will be developed over an area of around 227 hectares, aiming to protect avian species and enhance ecological balance.

237. What is the total Central Assistance under the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF)?

अर्बन चैलेंज फंड (UCF) के तहत कुल केंद्रीय सहायता कितनी है?

- (a) ₹50,000 crore
- (b) ₹75,000 crore
- (c) ₹1 lakh crore
- (d) ₹2 lakh crore
- (e) ₹1.5 lakh crore

Ans. c

Sol. Manohar Lal Launches Urban Challenge Fund Guidelines to Boost ₹4 Lakh Crore Urban Infrastructure Push

Union Minister Manohar Lal launched the Operational Guidelines for the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) along with the Credit Repayment Guarantee Sub-Scheme (CRGSS) to strengthen urban infrastructure financing in India.

The Urban Challenge Fund, with ₹1 lakh crore Central Assistance, aims to mobilise nearly ₹4 lakh crore investment, promoting market-driven and sustainable urban development.

The fund will support key sectors such as urban mobility, redevelopment of old city areas, water and sanitation, non-motorised transport, and climate-resilient infrastructure.

The CRGSS will help Tier-II, Tier-III and hilly/North-Eastern cities access market-based financing through credit guarantees, while the scheme will run from FY 2025–26 to FY 2030–31.

238. The Government of India has constituted a high-level body named the Artificial Intelligence Governance and Economic Group (AIGEG) to guide the country's AI governance strategy and policy framework. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the AIGEG?

भारत सरकार ने देश की AI गवर्नेंस स्ट्रैटेजी और पॉलिसी फ्रेमवर्क को गाइड करने के लिए आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस गवर्नेंस एंड इकोनॉमिक ग्रुप (AIGEG) नाम की एक हाई-लेवल बॉडी बनाई है। AIGEG का चेयरपर्सन किसे बनाया गया है?

- (a) Jitin Prasada
- (b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (c) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- (d) Piyush Goyal
- (e) Narendra Modi

Ans. c

Sol. India Forms High-Level AIGEG to Steer AI Governance Strategy

The Government of India has constituted a high-level body named the Artificial Intelligence Governance and Economic Group (AIGEG) to guide the country's AI governance strategy and policy framework.

The group will be chaired by Ashwini Vaishnaw, with Jitin Prasada appointed as the Vice-Chairperson to oversee coordination and implementation.

239. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved a 2% hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) for Central government employees and pensioners. From which date will the revised Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) be effective?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय कैबिनेट ने केंद्र सरकार के कर्मचारियों और पेंशनभोगियों के लिए महंगाई भत्ते (DA) और महंगाई राहत (DR) में 2% की बढ़ोतरी को मंजूरी दी। बदला हुआ महंगाई भत्ता (DA) और महंगाई राहत (DR) किस तारीख से लागू होगा?

- (a) 1 July 2025
- (b) 1 October 2025
- (c) 1 January 2026
- (d) 1 April 2026
- (e) 1 March 2026

Ans. c

Sol. Union Cabinet Approves 2% Hike in DA and DR for Central Government Employees and Pensioners

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved a 2% hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) for Central government employees and pensioners, effective from 1 January 2026.

With this revision, DA and DR increase from 58% to 60% of basic pay and pension to offset rising inflation.

The decision will benefit around 50.46 lakh employees and 68.27 lakh pensioners, with an estimated annual financial impact of ₹6,791.24 crore, as per the 7th Central Pay Commission formula.

240. Which organisation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with C-DAC to collaborate in advanced technologies, digital transformation, and capacity building?

उन्नत तकनीकों, डिजिटल परिवर्तन और क्षमता निर्माण में सहयोग के लिए C-DAC के साथ किस संगठन ने MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited
- (b) Indian Space Research Organisation
- (c) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- (d) National Informatics Centre
- (e) Bharat Electronics Limited

Ans. a

Sol. BECIL Signs MoU with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing to Boost Advanced Tech Collaboration

Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited signed an MoU with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing to collaborate on advanced technologies, digital transformation, and capacity building.

The partnership will focus on AI, Machine Learning, 5G, and IoT, along with joint project implementation, consultancy, and development of innovative, turnkey tech solutions.

The initiative aims to boost innovation, enable technology transfer, and strengthen India's digital ecosystem in line with the Digital India vision.

241. World Liver Day is observed annually on 19 April to raise awareness about liver health and related diseases. What is the theme of World Liver Day 2026?

विश्व लिवर दिवस हर साल 19 अप्रैल को लिवर के स्वास्थ्य और उससे जुड़ी बीमारियों के बारे में जागरूकता फैलाने के लिए मनाया जाता है। विश्व लिवर दिवस 2026 का विषय (Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Solid Habits, Strong Liver
- (b) Liver Care First

- (c) Healthy Liver for All
- (d) Prevent Liver Diseases
- (e) Liver Health Matters

Ans. a

Sol. 19 April - World Liver Day

World Liver Day is observed annually on 19 April to raise awareness about liver health and related diseases.

Theme 2026 - Solid Habits, Strong Liver

The day highlights prevention and early detection of liver conditions such as Hepatitis, fatty liver, and cirrhosis.

242. Oscar Schmidt, who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?

ऑस्कर श्मिट, जिनका हाल ही में निधन हो गया, किस खेल से जुड़े थे?

- (a) Football
- (b) Cricket
- (c) Hockey
- (d) Tennis
- (e) Basketball

Ans. e

Sol. Oscar Schmidt, Brazil Basketball Legend, Passes Away

Oscar Schmidt, Brazil's basketball legend and one of the sport's greatest scorers, has passed away at the age of 68 after battling a brain tumor.

A Hall of Fame inductee (2013), he had a 30-year career, represented Brazil in five Olympic Games and four World Cups, and holds all-time scoring records in both competitions.

243. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has banned the use of which of the following leaves and their extracts in health supplements due to safety concerns, allowing only root-based usage?

खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक प्राधिकरण भारत (FSSAI) ने सुरक्षा चिंताओं के कारण स्वास्थ्य सप्लीमेंट्स में निम्नलिखित में से किसकी पत्तियों और उनके अर्क के उपयोग पर प्रतिबंध लगाया है, केवल जड़ों के उपयोग की अनुमति दी है?

- (a) Tulsi
- (b) Neem
- (c) Ashwagandha
- (d) Aloe vera
- (e) Mint

Ans. c**Sol.** FSSAI Bans Use of Ashwagandha Leaves in Supplements Over Safety Concerns

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has banned the use of ashwagandha leaves and their extracts in health supplements due to safety concerns, allowing only root-based usage.

The regulator has directed states to act against violations, amid the rapidly growing nutraceutical market, with ashwagandha valued at \$928.5 million in 2026.

244. Who has been named Person of the Year 2026 by the Harvard South Asian Association?

हार्वर्ड साउथ एशियन एसोसिएशन द्वारा 2026 का 'पर्सन ऑफ द ईयर' किसे नामित किया गया है?

- (a) Alia Bhatt
- (b) Shraddha Joshi
- (c) Sayani Gupta
- (d) Kangana Ranaut
- (e) Vidya Balan

Ans. c**Sol.** Sayani Gupta Named Harvard South Asian Association's Person of the Year 2026

Sayani Gupta has been named Person of the Year 2026 by the Harvard South Asian Association for her contribution to film, storytelling, and representation.

The award recognises individuals shaping South Asian identity, and she will be formally honoured at Harvard University later this month.

245. World Heritage Day is observed annually on 18 April to raise awareness about the importance of protecting cultural and natural heritage. What is the theme of World Heritage Day 2026?

विश्व विरासत दिवस हर साल 18 अप्रैल को सांस्कृतिक और प्राकृतिक विरासत की सुरक्षा के महत्व के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए मनाया जाता है। विश्व विरासत दिवस 2026 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Sustainable Heritage for Future
- (b) Protecting Cultural Identity
- (c) Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Contexts of Conflicts and Disasters
- (d) Heritage and Climate Change
- (e) Digital Preservation of Heritage

Ans. c**Sol.** 18 April - World Heritage Day

World Heritage Day is observed annually on 18 April to raise awareness about the importance of protecting cultural and natural heritage.

Theme 2026 - Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Contexts of Conflicts and Disasters

The day was established by UNESCO to promote preservation of monuments, historic sites, and traditions across the world.

Each year has a specific theme highlighting conservation challenges and encouraging global participation in safeguarding heritage sites.

246. Gautam Adani has overtaken Mukesh Ambani to become Asia's richest person, with a net worth of _____.

गौतम अडानी ने मुकेश अंबानी को पीछे छोड़ते हुए एशिया के सबसे अमीर व्यक्ति बने, जिनकी कुल संपत्ति _____ है।

- (a) \$85.2 billion
- (b) \$88.5 billion
- (c) \$90.8 billion
- (d) \$92.6 billion
- (e) \$95.0 billion

Ans. d

Sol. Gautam Adani Overtakes Mukesh Ambani to Become Asia's Richest

Gautam Adani has overtaken Mukesh Ambani to become Asia's richest person, with a net worth of \$92.6 billion.

Ambani's net worth stands at \$90.8 billion, placing him behind Adani in the latest global billionaire rankings.

Adani, founder of the Adani Group, is ranked 19th globally on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index and leads businesses across ports, renewable energy, airports, and coal trading.

247. In a significant step to curb rising digital frauds in India, which two organisations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to tackle telecom-linked financial scams?

भारत में बढ़ते डिजिटल धोखाधड़ी को रोकने के लिए किस दो संगठनों ने टेलीकॉम से जुड़े वित्तीय घोटालों से निपटने हेतु समझौता (MoU) किया?

- (a) RBI and SEBI
- (b) Ministry of Finance and RBI
- (c) DoT and SEBI
- (d) NITI Aayog and RBI
- (e) Ministry of IT and SEBI

Ans. c

Sol. DoT–SEBI MoU to Curb Telecom–Linked Financial Frauds

Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) signed an MoU to combat telecom-linked financial frauds and protect investors.

The agreement aims to detect suspicious telecom patterns early and prevent scams in digital trading, online onboarding, and mobile-based financial services.

By integrating telecom intelligence with market regulation, the initiative will enable faster action against cyber frauds, impersonation scams, and misuse of mobile numbers in financial markets.

248. _____ fast bowler, Rubel Hossain has announced his retirement from international cricket after a decade-long career with 159 matches across formats.

_____ के तेज़ गेंदबाज़, रुबेल हुसैन ने एक दशक लंबे करियर के बाद, जिसमें उन्होंने सभी फॉर्मेट में 159 मैच खेले, अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा कर दी है।

- (a) India
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Sri Lanka
- (e) Afghanistan

Ans. c

Sol. Rubel Hossain Announces Retirement from International Cricket

Rubel Hossain, Bangladesh's fast bowler, has announced his retirement from international cricket after a decade-long career with 159 matches across formats. He played 27 Tests, 104 ODIs, and 28 T20Is, with his last international match in 2021 against New Zealand national cricket team, and plans to continue in domestic cricket despite injury setbacks.

249. Badminton star Viktor Axelsen has announced his retirement from professional badminton after an illustrious career. Viktor Axelsen belongs to which country?

बैडमिंटन स्टार विक्टर एक्सेलसन ने एक शानदार करियर के बाद प्रोफेशनल बैडमिंटन से रिटायरमेंट की घोषणा की है। विक्टर एक्सेलसन किस देश से हैं?

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) Denmark
- (d) India
- (e) Malaysia

Ans. c

Sol. Viktor Axelsen Announces Retirement from Professional Badminton After Historic Olympic Success

Viktor Axelsen, the Danish badminton star, has announced his retirement from professional badminton after an illustrious career.

He is regarded as one of the greatest men's singles players, winning back-to-back Olympic gold medals at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paris 2024 Olympics, along with a bronze at the Rio 2016 Olympics.

Axelsen held the World No. 1 ranking for 183 weeks, making him the third-longest reigning player after Lee Chong Wei and Lin Dan.

Recently Retired Players

- *Rassie van der Dussen (South Africa) - International cricket*
- *Carolina Marín (Spain) - professional badminton*
- *Gurjant Singh - International Hockey*
- *Sarfaraz Ahmed (Pakistan) - International Cricket*

250. Who appointed K. S. Somashekhar as Secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat?

के. एस. सोमशेखर को राज्यसभा सचिवालय में सचिव के रूप में किसने नियुक्त किया?

- (a) Droupadi Murmu
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) C. P. Radhakrishnan
- (d) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- (e) Om Birla

Ans. c

Sol. Rajya Sabha Chairman C. P. Radhakrishnan Appoints K. S. Somashekhar
C. P. Radhakrishnan has appointed K. S. Somashekhar as Secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

The Rajya Sabha Secretariat is the administrative body that assists in the smooth functioning of the Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of India's Parliament.

251. Ajit Agarkar will continue as Chairman of the Senior Selection Committee, as the Board of Control for Cricket in India has extended his contract. For how long has Ajit Agarkar's contract been extended?

अजीत अगरकर सीनियर सिलेक्शन कमिटी के चेयरमैन बने रहेंगे, क्योंकि बोर्ड ऑफ़ कंट्रोल फ़ॉर क्रिकेट इन इंडिया ने उनका कॉन्ट्रैक्ट बढ़ा दिया है। अजीत अगरकर का कॉन्ट्रैक्ट कितने समय के लिए बढ़ाया गया है?

- (a) 6 months
- (b) 1 year
- (c) 2 years

(d) 3 years

(e) 5 years

Ans. b

Sol. Ajit Agarkar Reappointed as Selection Committee Chairman

Ajit Agarkar will continue as Chairman of the Senior Selection Committee, as the Board of Control for Cricket in India has extended his contract for one more year.

The extension decision is aimed at ensuring continuity in team selection with a focus on preparations for the 2027 ODI World Cup.

252. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has recently taken an important step in strengthening AI governance in India by constituting a new expert body. Which ministry is responsible for forming the Technology and Policy Expert Committee (TPEC)?

भारत में AI गवर्नेंस को मजबूत करने के लिए हाल ही में एक नई विशेषज्ञ समिति का गठन किया गया है। टेक्नोलॉजी एंड पॉलिसी एक्सपर्ट कमेटी (TPEC) का गठन किस मंत्रालय द्वारा किया गया है?

(a) Ministry of Finance

(b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

(c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

(d) Ministry of Science and Technology

(e) Ministry of Home Affairs

Ans. b

Sol. MEITY Forms TPEC to Strengthen AI Governance, Includes Experts B. Ravindran & Rajat Moona

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has constituted a Technology and Policy Expert Committee (TPEC) to support the functioning of the AI Governance and Economic Group (AIGEG).

The TPEC will be chaired by the MeitY Secretary and includes experts like B.

Ravindran and Rajat Moona as members.

253. PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 594-km-long Ganga Expressway on April 29 in Hardoi. The Ganga Expressway connects which two cities?

PM नरेंद्र मोदी 29 अप्रैल को हरदोई में 594 km लंबे गंगा एक्सप्रेसवे का उद्घाटन करेंगे। गंगा एक्सप्रेसवे किन दो शहरों को जोड़ता है?

(a) Lucknow – Jaipur

(b) Delhi – Prayagraj

(c) Meerut – Prayagraj

(d) Varanasi – Delhi

(e) Noida – Jaipur

Ans. c

Sol. PM Modi to Inaugurate 594-km Ganga Expressway Linking Meerut to Prayagraj
PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Ganga Expressway on April 29 in Hardoi. The 594-km-long expressway will run from Meerut (Bijoli village) to Prayagraj (Judapur Dandu village), connecting the western and eastern parts of the state. The project will pass through 12 districts—including Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Badaun, Shahjahanpur, Unnao, Raebareli and Pratapgarh—linking around 519 villages.

254. Consider the following statements regarding PMGSY-III extension:

PMGSY-III के विस्तार के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

1. It has been extended till March 2028.
2. The total outlay has been increased to ₹83,977 crore.
3. Phase I of PMGSY was launched in 2000.

Which of the above statements is/are CORRECT?

- (a) Only 1 and 2
- (b) Only 2 and 3
- (c) Only 1 and 3
- (d) All 1, 2 and 3
- (e) Only 1

Ans. d

Sol. Cabinet Led by Narendra Modi Extends Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana—III Till 2028

Cabinet Led by Narendra Modi Extends Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana—III Till 2028, Increases Outlay to ₹83,977 Crore
The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, has approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana—III till March 2028 beyond its earlier deadline of March 2025.

The total outlay of PMGSY-III has been increased from ₹80,250 crore to ₹83,977 crore to support continued rural road development.

The Cabinet extended timelines: roads and bridges in plain areas and roads in hilly areas till March 2028, and bridges in hilly areas till March 2029; also allowed pending works (sanctioned before March 31, 2025) to be tendered/awarded.

PMGSY was launched in phases—Phase I in 2000, Phase II in 2013, and Phase III in 2019—to enhance rural connectivity across India.

255. All India Council for Technical Education launched the 3rd edition of AICTE-VAANI to promote Indian languages in technical education and bridge the language gap. What does VAANI stand for?

ऑल इंडिया काउंसिल फॉर टेक्निकल एजुकेशन ने टेक्निकल एजुकेशन में भारतीय भाषाओं को बढ़ावा देने और भाषा के अंतर को कम करने के लिए AICTE-VAANI का तीसरा एडिशन लॉन्च किया। VAANI का मतलब क्या है?

- (a) Vision for Advancement of National Institutions
- (b) Vibrant Advocacy for Advancement and Nurturing of Indian Languages
- (c) Value Addition and National Integration
- (d) Virtual Access for Academic Network in India
- (e) Vocational Advancement and Innovation

Ans. b

Sol. AICTE Launches 3rd Edition of VAANI Scheme to Promote Indian Languages in Technical Education

All India Council for Technical Education launched the 3rd edition of AICTE-VAANI (Vibrant Advocacy for Advancement and Nurturing of Indian Languages) to promote Indian languages in technical education and bridge the language gap.

The scheme focuses on research, learning, and knowledge dissemination in regional languages, with annual funding of ₹24 crore to support around 200 conferences, seminars, and workshops.

Institutions can receive up to ₹2 lakh per event in 22 Indian languages, covering 16 emerging areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Technology, Cybersecurity, Hydrogen Energy, Space & Defence, and Agrotech.

256. The Government of Meghalaya approved the Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, 2026, granting _____ full official language status alongside English.

मेघालय सरकार ने मेघालय आधिकारिक भाषा अध्यादेश, 2026 को मंजूरी दी, जिसके तहत _____ को अंग्रेजी के साथ पूर्ण आधिकारिक भाषा का दर्जा दिया गया।

- (a) Khasi and Manipuri
- (b) Garo and Assamese
- (c) Khasi and Garo
- (d) Bengali and Garo
- (e) Hindi and Khasi

Ans. c

Sol. Meghalaya Grants Full Official Status to Khasi and Garo, Replaces 2005 Language Act

The Government of Meghalaya approved the Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, 2026, granting Khasi and Garo full official language status alongside English.

The ordinance repeals the Meghalaya State Language Act, 2005, under which Khasi and Garo earlier had only associate official language status.

About Meghalaya

- **Capital** – Shillong
- **Chief Minister** - Conrad Kongkal Sangma
- **Governor** - C. H. Vijayashankar

257. Recently, a major step towards sustainable railway operations was achieved as one of India's railway depots was declared the country's first "water-neutral" facility. In this context, which of the following depots has been recognised as India's first water-neutral railway depot?

हाल ही में सतत रेलवे संचालन की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाया गया, जब भारत के एक रेलवे डिपो को देश का पहला "जल-तटस्थ" डिपो घोषित किया गया। इस संदर्भ में, निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा डिपो भारत का पहला जल-तटस्थ रेलवे डिपो बना है?

- (a) Shakur Basti Depot
- (b) Kankaria Coaching Depot
- (c) Perambur Depot
- (d) Howrah Depot
- (e) Bandra Depot

Ans. b

Sol. Kankaria Coaching Depot Becomes India's First Water-Neutral Railway Depot
Kankaria Coaching Depot has become India's first "water-neutral" railway depot, aligning railway operations with sustainability goals.

The depot achieves water neutrality by treating and reusing water equal to its consumption, saving about 1.60 lakh litres daily and reducing dependence on fresh water.

258. At the National ECHO Youth Innovation Summit 2026 held in Hyderabad, a young innovator from Kerala was honoured with the WWF National Award for developing an AI-based application aimed at environmental conservation. Who among the following received this award?

हैदराबाद में आयोजित नेशनल ECHO यूथ इनोवेशन समिट 2026 में, पर्यावरण संरक्षण के लिए AI-आधारित ऐप विकसित करने पर केरल के एक नवप्रवर्तक को WWF नेशनल अवार्ड से सम्मानित किया गया। निम्नलिखित में से वह कौन है?

- (a) Rahul Nair
- (b) N. Alim Yusuf

- (c) Shraddha Joshi
 (d) Ankit Verma
 (e) Rohit Sharma

Ans. b

Sol. Kerala's N. Alim Yusuf Wins WWF National Award for AI App 'NeophyteID' at ECHO Summit 2026

N. Alim Yusuf from Kerala won the WWF National Award at the National ECHO Youth Innovation Summit 2026 for developing the AI-based mobile app "NeophyteID" to detect invasive plant species.

The award was presented by World Wide Fund for Nature, and he received a ₹1.5 lakh seed grant to further develop and scale the project.

The app can identify around 100 invasive plant species in Kerala and was developed at Malabar Botanical Garden and Institute for Plant Sciences.

Recent Awards

- **Harvard South Asian Association's Person of the Year 2026** - Sayani Gupta
- **Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFD 2026** - Tamil Actor Nandamuri Balakrishna
- **35th Saraswati Samman for 2025** – Bengali Novelist Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay (for Hara Parbati Katha no
- **60th Jnanpith Award for 2025**- Renowned Tamil poet and lyricist R. Vairamuthu (for Kallikkaattu Ithihasam)
- **BRICS CCI Women Empowerment Trailblazer Award 2026** - Kalpana Soren

259. Which two organisations signed an MoU for sustainable land management and ecological research in India?

भारत में सतत भूमि प्रबंधन और पारिस्थितिक अनुसंधान के लिए किस दो संगठनों ने MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) Indian Space Research Organisation and Indian Council of Agricultural Research
 (b) Space Applications Centre and Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment
 (c) NITI Aayog and TERI
 (d) ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network and ATREE
 (e) National Remote Sensing Centre and ICAR

Ans. b

Sol. ISRO SAC and ATREE Sign MoU to Advance Sustainable Land Management and Grassland Mapping in India

The Space Applications Centre and the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment signed an MoU to strengthen collaboration in research, data sharing, and knowledge exchange for sustainable land management.

The partnership will focus on mapping India's grasslands and open natural ecosystems, assessing restoration impacts on degraded lands, and improving methods for estimating above- and below-ground carbon.

The initiative aligns with India's goal of achieving Land Degradation Neutrality by 2030 and supports progress toward multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

260. Chinese Language Day is observed on which date every year?

चीनी भाषा दिवस हर वर्ष किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 18 April
- (b) 19 April
- (c) 20 April
- (d) 21 April
- (e) 22 April

Ans. c

Sol. 20 April - UN Chinese Language Day

UN Chinese Language Day is observed annually on 20 April by the United Nations to promote multilingualism and cultural diversity.

The day honours the Chinese language and its historical significance as one of the six official languages of the UN.

The United Nations has six official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.

261. World Creativity and Innovation Day is observed every year on 21 April to promote the role of creativity and innovation in all aspects of human

development. What is the theme of World Creativity and Innovation Day 2026?

वर्ल्ड क्रिएटिविटी एंड इनोवेशन डे हर साल 21 अप्रैल को मनाया जाता है ताकि इंसानी विकास के सभी पहलुओं में क्रिएटिविटी और इनोवेशन की भूमिका को बढ़ावा दिया जा सके। वर्ल्ड क्रिएटिविटी एंड इनोवेशन डे 2026 की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Innovation for Digital India
- (b) Creativity for Education Reform
- (c) Harnessing Creativity for Global Progress
- (d) Innovation for Climate Action
- (e) Creativity for Youth Empowerment

Ans. c

Sol. 21 April - World Creativity and Innovation Day

World Creativity and Innovation Day is observed every year on 21 April to promote the role of creativity and innovation in all aspects of human development.

Theme 2026 - Harnessing Creativity for Global Progress

The day highlights the importance of creative thinking in solving global challenges such as poverty, climate change, and sustainable development.

262. From where was the Indian Army's first blue-water sailing expedition "Samudra Sahas" flagged off?

भारतीय सेना का पहला ब्लू-वाटर सेलिंग अभियान "समुद्र साहस" कहाँ से रवाना किया गया?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Kochi
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Visakhapatnam
- (e) Chennai

Ans. c

Sol. Indian Army Flags Off "Samudra Sahas" Blue-Water Sailing Expedition from Mumbai to Mark Artillery Bicentenary

The Indian Army flagged off its first blue-water sailing expedition "Samudra Sahas" from Marve, Mumbai, as part of the bicentenary celebrations of the Regiment of Artillery.

The 520 nautical mile expedition along the Konkan coast will be conducted in four legs from Mumbai to Vijaydurg, Goa and back, using 21-foot Seabird class sailing boats, sailing about 7 nautical miles offshore.

263. Where was the first edition of the biannual Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 held?

नौसेना कमांडर्स सम्मेलन 2026 का पहला द्विवार्षिक संस्करण कहाँ आयोजित किया गया?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Kochi
- (c) Visakhapatnam
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) Goa

Ans. d

Sol. Indian Navy Releases INMSS-2026 at Naval Commanders' Conference in New Delhi

The first edition of the biannual Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 was held at Nausena Bhawan in New Delhi, bringing together senior leadership of the Indian Navy.

During the conference, the Indian Navy Maritime Security Strategy (INMSS-2026) was officially released to strengthen maritime security framework and operational preparedness.

264. Which company has been authorised to develop the Kochi-Kanyakumari-Thoothukudi Natural Gas Pipeline (KTPL)?

कोच्चि-कन्याकुमारी-थूथुकुडी गैस पाइपलाइन (KTPL) विकसित करने के लिए किस कंपनी को अधिकृत किया गया है?

- (a) Reliance Industries Limited
- (b) Adani Group
- (c) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- (d) Bharat Petroleum
- (e) HPCL

Ans. c

Sol. PNGRB Approves IOCL's 425 km Kochi-Thoothukudi Gas Pipeline to Boost Southern India Energy Network

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has authorised Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) to develop the Kochi-Kanyakumari-Thoothukudi Natural Gas Pipeline (KTPL) to enhance gas infrastructure in southern India.

The 425 km long pipeline will originate from the Kochi LNG Terminal in Kerala and extend to Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu, with a capacity of 6.84 MMSCMD.

265. Dinesh Trivedi has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to which country?

डॉ. दिनेश त्रिवेदी को भारत का उच्चायुक्त किस देश में नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Bhutan
- (e) Myanmar

Ans. c

Sol. Dinesh Trivedi Appointed as India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh

Dinesh Trivedi has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh.

He is a former Union Minister, having served as Railway Minister and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, and also represented Barrackpore as a Member of Parliament.

266. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex in Rajasthan. The refinery is located in which place of Rajasthan?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी राजस्थान में भारत की पहली ग्रीनफील्ड इंटीग्रेटेड रिफाइनरी-सह-पेट्रोकेमिकल कॉम्प्लेक्स का उद्घाटन करेंगे। यह रिफाइनरी राजस्थान के किस स्थान पर स्थित है?

- (a) Jaipur
- (b) Jodhpur
- (c) Udaipur
- (d) Pachpadra
- (e) Bikaner

Ans. d

Sol. PM Modi to Inaugurate India's First Greenfield Integrated Refinery-Petrochemical Complex in Rajasthan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex at Pachpadra, Rajasthan.

The project has been developed as a joint venture between Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and the Government of Rajasthan, at a cost of over ₹1,79,450 crore.

The refinery has a capacity of 9 MMTPA, along with a petrochemical production capacity of 2.4 MMTPA, making it a major energy infrastructure project.

267. Which ministry launched the initiative 'Vishwa Sutra – Weaves of India for the World'?

'Vishwa Sutra – Weaves of India for the World' पहल किस मंत्रालय ने शुरू की?

- (a) Ministry of Commerce
- (b) Ministry of Textiles
- (c) Ministry of Culture
- (d) Ministry of Tourism
- (e) Ministry of MSME

Ans. b

Sol. Ministry of Textiles Launches 'Vishwa Sutra – Weaves of India for the World' to Globalize Indian Handlooms

The Ministry of Textiles has launched the initiative 'Vishwa Sutra – Weaves of India for the World', developed by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) in collaboration with the National Institute of Fashion Technology, to promote Indian handlooms in a global design framework.

The initiative features 30 distinct handloom weaves from 30 states, creatively reinterpreted with design inspirations from 30 countries and showcased at the 61st Femina Miss India event in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

It aligns with the Government's vision of "Vocal for Local to Global" and the Prime Minister's 5F framework (Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign), highlighting cultural heritage, sustainability, and global textile outreach.

268. Which organisation has launched the AI-powered chatbot 'Abhay' to help citizens?

नागरिकों की सहायता के लिए AI आधारित चैटबॉट 'अभय' किस संगठन ने लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India
- (b) Central Bureau of Investigation
- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- (d) National Investigation Agency
- (e) Enforcement Directorate

Ans. b

Sol. CBI Launches AI Chatbot 'Abhay' to Verify Notices and Combat Digital Scams

The Central Bureau of Investigation (Central Bureau of Investigation) has launched an AI-powered chatbot named 'Abhay' to help citizens verify official notices and protect them from digital scams.

The chatbot enables users to check whether a notice is genuine or fake, thereby reducing panic and preventing financial fraud.

It was unveiled by Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant, marking a step towards technology-driven fraud prevention.

269. The NPCI-backed National Payments Corporation of India (BHIM app) has introduced a new feature that allows users to check their CIBIL score directly within the app. What is the range of CIBIL score in India?

NPCI के सहयोग से चलने वाले नेशनल पेमेंट्स कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (BHIM ऐप) ने एक नया फ़ीचर पेश किया है, जिससे यूज़र्स सीधे ऐप के अंदर ही अपना CIBIL स्कोर देख सकते हैं। भारत में CIBIL स्कोर की रेंज क्या है?

- (a) 100 to 500
- (b) 200 to 800
- (c) 300 to 900
- (d) 400 to 1000
- (e) 500 to 1200

Ans. c

Sol. BHIM App Introduces New Feature to Check CIBIL Score Directly via NPCI Support

The NPCI-backed National Payments Corporation of India (BHIM app) has introduced a new feature that allows users to check their CIBIL score directly within the app. This facility has been launched in partnership with TransUnion CIBIL, enhancing easy and secure access to credit score information for users.

What is CIBIL Score?

- *CIBIL Score (Credit Information Bureau India Limited Score) is a 3-digit numerical score (ranging from 300 to 900) that represents a person's creditworthiness.*
- *It is issued by TransUnion CIBIL based on an individual's credit history, including loan repayment behavior, credit card usage, and outstanding debts.*
- *A higher CIBIL score (closer to 900) means better credit health and higher chances of getting loans or credit cards.*
- *A low score (below 650) indicates poor credit history and reduces loan approval chances.*
- *It is widely used by banks and financial institutions to decide loan approval and interest rates.*

270. Which fintech company has partnered with AU Small Finance Bank to launch India's first LED-powered co-branded credit card?

किस फिनटेक कंपनी ने AU Small Finance Bank के साथ मिलकर भारत का पहला LED-पावर्ड को-ब्रांडेड क्रेडिट कार्ड लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) CheQ
- (b) PhonePe
- (c) Paytm Payments Bank
- (d) Google Pay
- (e) BharatPe

Ans. a

Sol. CheQ and AU Small Finance Bank Launch India's First LED-Powered Co-Branded Credit Card 'CheQ AU Credit Card'

CheQ has partnered with AU Small Finance Bank to launch India's first co-branded LED-powered credit card named "CheQ AU Credit Card", offering an innovative digital banking experience.

The credit card lights up during transactions using energy from the NFC field of POS terminals, eliminating the need for any internal battery.

The card supports dual payment networks, enabling Visa for global transactions and RuPay for UPI-based payments in India.

271. India's Eight Core Industries recorded a 0.4% contraction in March, marking the first decline in the last five months, as per data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. Which of the following is NOT part of the Eight Core Industries?

कॉमर्स और इंडस्ट्री मिनिस्ट्री के जारी डेटा के मुताबिक, मार्च में भारत की आठ कोर इंडस्ट्रीज़ में 0.4% की गिरावट आई, जो पिछले पांच महीनों में पहली गिरावट है। इनमें से कौन आठ कोर इंडस्ट्रीज़ का हिस्सा नहीं है?

- (a) Coal
- (b) Steel
- (c) Cement
- (d) Automobile
- (e) Electricity

Ans. d

Sol. India's Eight Core Industries Contract 0.4% in March After Five Months of Growth
India's Eight Core Industries recorded a 0.4% contraction in March, marking the first decline in the last five months, as per data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

The Eight Core Industries include Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement, and Electricity, which are key drivers of industrial growth. These sectors collectively account for 40.27% weight in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), making them a crucial indicator of India's industrial performance.

272. What was the total revenue achieved by India Post in FY 2025–26? FY 2025–26 में इंडिया पोस्ट का कुल राजस्व कितना रहा?

- (a) ₹13,500 crore
- (b) ₹14,200 crore
- (c) ₹15,296 crore
- (d) ₹16,012 crore
- (e) ₹17,500 crore

Ans. c

Sol. India Post Achieves Record ₹15,296 Crore Revenue in FY26, Registers 16% Growth

India Post recorded a historic revenue of ₹15,296 crore in FY 2025–26, marking a strong 16% growth, as highlighted by Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.

The growth was driven by key segments like parcels (+69%), mail services (+34%), and citizen-centric services (+70%), along with expansion in savings bank and insurance services.

India Post is transitioning into a revenue-driven, citizen-centric organisation, focusing on premium services (24/48 Speed Post), digital transformation, and enhanced logistics to become a future profit centre.

273. By which year have India and South Korea set a target to increase their bilateral trade to 50 billion dollars?

भारत और दक्षिण कोरिया ने अपने द्विपक्षीय व्यापार को 50 अरब डॉलर तक बढ़ाने का लक्ष्य किस वर्ष तक निर्धारित किया है?

- (a) 2027
- (b) 2028
- (c) 2029
- (d) 2030
- (e) 2032

Ans. d

Sol. India and South Korea to increase bilateral trade to 50 billion dollars by 2030
India and South Korea signed four MoUs covering Sports, Cultural & Creative Industries, MSMEs, and the establishment of an Industrial Cooperation Committee, along with agreements on CEPA upgrade negotiations and the India-Korea Digital Bridge.

The agreements were finalized after talks between Narendra Modi and Lee Jae Myung in New Delhi, emphasizing peace, stability, and a shared Indo-Pacific vision. Both nations launched the India-Korea Digital Bridge to deepen cooperation in AI, semiconductors, and IT, while also expanding collaboration across sectors from defence to energy and culture.

Bilateral trade has reached \$27 billion, with a target of \$50 billion by 2030, alongside growing cultural ties (K-Pop, Indian cinema) and South Korea joining initiatives like the International Solar Alliance and Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative.

274. Earth Day is observed every year on which date?

अर्थ डे हर वर्ष किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) April 21
- (b) April 22
- (c) April 23
- (d) April 24
- (e) April 25

Ans. b

Sol. 22 April - Earth Day

Earth Day is observed every year on April 22 to raise awareness about environmental protection and sustainability worldwide.

It was first celebrated in 1970, and today involves participation from over 190 countries, making it one of the largest global environmental movements.

The day promotes actions like climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, pollution control, and sustainable living practices.

275. Ahana has launched an RBI reporting solution for _____ built on its proprietary Data Model to streamline reporting across core banking, treasury, and digital systems.

Ahana ने अपने proprietary Data Model पर आधारित RBI रिपोर्टिंग समाधान _____ के लिए लॉन्च किया है, जो core banking, treasury और digital systems में रिपोर्टिंग को सुव्यवस्थित करता है।

- (a) Commercial banks
- (b) Regional Rural Banks
- (c) Co-operative banks
- (d) Payment banks
- (e) Small finance banks

Ans. c

Sol. Ahana Launches RBI Reporting Solution for Co-operative Banks with Proprietary Data Model

Ahana has launched an RBI reporting solution for co-operative banks, built on its proprietary Data Model to streamline reporting across core banking, treasury, and digital systems.

The solution addresses challenges like fragmented data, manual extraction, validation, reconciliation, and heavy reliance on spreadsheet-based workflows in reporting cycles.

It provides a governed and standardised reporting framework that consolidates data and supports RBI and MIS reporting through structured pipelines and analytics-driven processes.

276. Consider the following statements regarding Miss India 2026:

मिस इंडिया 2026 के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

1. Shradha Joshi was crowned Miss India 2026.
2. She represented Rajasthan.
3. The event marked the 61st edition of Miss India.
4. Rajnandini Pawar was the first runner-up and represented Maharashtra.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1 and 3

- (b) Only 3 and 4
- (c) Only 2 and 4
- (d) All 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (e) None of the above

Ans. b

Sol. Sadhvi Satish Sail Crowned Miss India 2026; Rajnandini Pawar Secures Runner-Up Title

Sadhvi Satish Sail from Goa was crowned Miss India 2026, while Rajnandini Pawar from Maharashtra secured the 1st runner-up position.

The 61st edition of Miss India was held, at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology in Bhubaneswar, celebrating the theme "Daughters of This Soil."

Sadhvi Satish Sail was crowned by Nikita Porwal and will represent India at the Miss World 2027.

277. NITI Aayog launched the anthology "Divya Bharat: A Window to the Soul of India", released by Vice Chairman Suman Bery in New Delhi. The anthology "Divya Bharat" is primarily related to which sector?

NITI आयोग ने "दिव्य भारत: A Window to the Soul of India" नामक संकलन लॉन्च किया, जिसे नई दिल्ली में उपाध्यक्ष सुमन बेरी ने जारी किया। "दिव्य भारत" संकलन मुख्य रूप से किस क्षेत्र से संबंधित है?

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Education
- (c) Tourism
- (d) Defence
- (e) Health

Ans. c

Sol. NITI Aayog Launches "Divya Bharat: A Window to the Soul of India" Anthology for Tourism Promotion

NITI Aayog launched the anthology "Divya Bharat: A Window to the Soul of India", released by Vice Chairman Suman Bery in New Delhi to promote tourism across all States and Union Territories.

The book serves as a year-round tourism guide, covering destinations, culture, cuisine, textiles, and handicrafts, along with a monthly travel calendar and state-wise details highlighting both famous and lesser-known places.

It complements initiatives like Dekho Apna Desh and Swadesh Darshan, along with the plan to develop 50 global destinations, aimed at boosting tourism and improving infrastructure standards.

278. Which scheme has been approved by the Union Cabinet to provide maritime insurance coverage in India?

भारत में समुद्री बीमा कवरेज प्रदान करने के लिए किस योजना को केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने मंजूरी दी है?

- (a) Bharat Shipping Insurance Scheme
- (b) Maritime India Guarantee Scheme
- (c) Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool
- (d) India Cargo Protection Scheme
- (e) National Marine Coverage Plan

Ans. c

Sol. Cabinet Approves 'Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool' with ₹12,980 Crore Sovereign Guarantee

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the creation of the 'Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool' (BMI Pool), backed by a sovereign guarantee of ₹12,980 crore, to ensure continuous and affordable maritime insurance coverage.

The BMI Pool will provide insurance for vessels carrying cargo to and from Indian ports, including those transiting volatile maritime corridors, and will cover all major maritime risks such as Hull & Machinery, Cargo, Protection & Indemnity (P&I), and War risks.

It aims to reduce India's heavy dependence on the International Group of Protection and Indemnity (IGP&I) Clubs, ensuring continuity of trade even in situations involving geopolitical tensions, sanctions, or withdrawal of foreign insurance coverage.

The Pool will have a combined underwriting capacity of around ₹950 crore, with policies issued by member insurers. It will also help develop specialized domestic expertise in marine underwriting, claims management, and legal matters tailored to Indian shipping needs, while a Governing Body will oversee its functioning.

279. How much loan has the World Bank approved for the implementation of the Rajasthan Highway Modernisation Project aimed at improving road infrastructure and safety?

सड़क बुनियादी ढांचे और सुरक्षा को बेहतर बनाने के उद्देश्य से राजस्थान हाईवे मॉडर्नाइजेशन प्रोजेक्ट के लिए विश्व बैंक ने कितने ऋण को मंजूरी दी है?

- (a) \$150 million
- (b) \$175 million
- (c) \$200 million
- (d) \$225 million
- (e) \$250 million

Ans. d

Sol. World Bank Approves \$225 Million Loan for Rajasthan Highway Modernisation Project

The World Bank has approved a USD 225 million loan for the Rajasthan Highway Modernisation Project to enhance road efficiency, resilience, and safety across the state.

The project is expected to directly benefit over 3 million people by improving connectivity and stimulating job creation in key economic sectors including agriculture, industry, mining, and tourism.

This funding from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a 35-year maturity period and a 5-year grace period.

280. By how much did CSR spending by companies listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) main board increase in FY 2024–25 compared to the previous financial year?

FY 2024–25 में NSE मुख्य बोर्ड पर सूचीबद्ध कंपनियों का CSR खर्च पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में कितने प्रतिशत बढ़ा?

- (a) 18%
- (b) 20%
- (c) 22%
- (d) 23%
- (e) 25%

Ans. d

Sol. NSE-Listed Companies' CSR Spending Jumps 23% to ₹22,212 Crore in FY25
CSR spending by companies listed on the National Stock Exchange main board increased by 23% to ₹22,212 crore in FY 2024–25, compared to ₹18,011 crore in the previous year, according to a report by PrimeInfobase (PRIME Database Group).

The rise in CSR expenditure was driven by a 22% increase in average net profit over the last three years, which determines mandatory CSR spending under the Companies Act requirement of 2% of average net profits.

Reliance Industries Ltd topped CSR spending with ₹1,309.5 crore, followed by HDFC Bank at ₹1,068.03 crore and Tata Consultancy Services at ₹960 crore.

Among states, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu emerged as the leading recipients of CSR funds.

281. Aronyak Ghosh has recently become India's which number Grandmaster?

अरन्यक घोष हाल ही में भारत के कौन-से नंबर के ग्रैंडमास्टर बने हैं?

- (a) 93rd
- (b) 94th

(c) 95th

(d) 96th

(e) 97th

Ans. c**Sol.** Aronyak Ghosh Becomes India's 95th Grandmaster

Aronyak Ghosh, Kolkata West Bengal, became India's 95th Grandmaster after achieving his final norm at the Bangkok Chess Club Open 2026.

The Kolkata-based player scored 7 points in 9 rounds, finishing tied for first place and completing his third GM norm after earlier norms at the Sants Open (2023) and Annemasse Masters (2024).

Previous Chess Grand Masters

- 94th Grandmaster - Mayank Chakraborty (Guwahati, Assam)
- 93rd Grandmaster - Aarav Dengla (Mumbai, Maharashtra)
- 92nd Grandmaster - Aaryan Varshney (Delhi)
- 91th - Raahul V.S. (Chennai, Tamil Nadu)

282. Samridh Gram Initiative has been nominated for which international recognition under the Enabling Environment category?

समृद्ध ग्राम पहल को एनेबलिंग एनवायरनमेंट श्रेणी के अंतर्गत किस अंतरराष्ट्रीय मान्यता के लिए नामांकित किया गया है?

(a) UNDP Human Development Award 2026

(b) World Summit on the Information Society Prizes 2026

(c) Global Innovation Index Award 2026

(d) UNESCO Digital Literacy Prize 2026

(e) World Bank Development Award 2026

Ans. b**Sol.** Samridh Gram Initiative Nominated for WSIS Prizes 2026 for Boosting Rural Digital Infrastructure in India

Samridh Gram Initiative, launched by the Department of Telecommunications under the BharatNet Project, has been nominated for the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2026 under the Enabling Environment category.

The initiative operates through "Samridh Kendras", which act as one-stop phygital service hubs in villages, combining physical infrastructure with digital platforms to deliver services.

It provides access to key services like healthcare, education, agriculture support, governance, financial inclusion, and e-commerce through high-speed broadband, FTTH connectivity, and public Wi-Fi.

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia recently inaugurated the first Samridh Kendra in Umri village in Guna district of Madhya Pradesh.

The initiative is being implemented in selected villages across India:

- Ari and Umri → Madhya Pradesh
- Chaurawala → Uttar Pradesh
- Narakoduru → Andhra Pradesh

283. India's economy is projected to grow by how much in 2026 as per the UN?
UN के अनुसार 2026 में भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था कितने प्रतिशत बढ़ने का अनुमान है?

- (a) 5.8%
- (b) 6.0%
- (c) 6.4%
- (d) 6.8%
- (e) 7.2%

Ans. c

Sol. UN Projects India's Economy to Grow 6.4% in 2026 and 6.6% in 2027

The United Nations projects India's economy to grow at 6.4% in 2026 and 6.6% in 2027, keeping it among the fastest-growing major economies globally.

The forecast is released in the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2026 by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

GDP Projection List

- IMF - 7.6% (FY26); 6.5% (FY27)
- ADB – 7.6% (FY26); 6.9%(FY27)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY27)
- Morgan Stanley – 6.2% (FY27)
- Moody's Rating – 6.8 (FY27)

284. Karnataka Bank has partnered with which company to enhance digital payment solutions?

कर्नाटक बैंक ने डिजिटल भुगतान समाधान को मजबूत करने के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Paytm
- (b) Razorpay
- (c) Pine Labs
- (d) PhonePe
- (e) CCAvenue

Ans. c

Sol. Karnataka Bank Partners with Pine Labs to Boost Digital Payment and PoS Solutions for Customers

Karnataka Bank has partnered with Pine Labs, a Point-of-Sale (PoS) solutions provider, to strengthen digital payment services for customers.

The collaboration supports the bank's vision of becoming the "Digital Bank of the Future" by offering advanced, user-friendly PoS terminals to retail and MSME customers.

285. State Bank of India aims to expand its balance sheet to what percentage of India's GDP by 2030?

एसबीआई 2030 तक भारत के GDP में अपने बैलेंस शीट को कितने प्रतिशत तक बढ़ाने का लक्ष्य रखता है?

- (a) 15%
- (b) 18%
- (c) 20%
- (d) 25%
- (e) 30%

Ans. d

Sol. SBI Aims to Expand Balance Sheet to 25% of India's GDP by 2030

State Bank of India has announced an ambitious plan to expand its balance sheet to 25% of India's GDP by 2030, up from around 20% currently.

As of December 2025, SBI's balance sheet size stands at ₹71.62 lakh crore, while its total business (deposits ₹57.01 lakh crore + advances ₹46.28 lakh crore) is ₹103.29 lakh crore.

The bank holds a market share of about 22% in deposits and 20% in advances, with balance sheet size reflecting its overall financial strength and asset-liability position.

286. Reserve Bank of India launched the fourth edition of its global hackathon titled "HaRBinger – Innovation for Transformation". What is the theme of RBI's HaRBinger hackathon?

रिज़र्व बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया ने अपने ग्लोबल हैकाथॉन का चौथा एडिशन लॉन्च किया, जिसका टाइटल "HaRBinger – Innovation for Transformation" है। RBI के HaRBinger हैकाथॉन की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Digital India for All: Powered by Identity, Integrity, and Inclusivity
- (b) Secure Banking: Powered by Identity, Integrity, and Inclusivity
- (c) Financial Inclusion 2030: Powered by Identity, Integrity, and Inclusivity
- (d) Smart Banking Systems: Powered by Identity, Integrity, and Inclusivity
- (e) Cashless Economy: Powered by Identity, Integrity, and Inclusivity

Ans. b

Sol. RBI Launches 4th Global Hackathon “HaRBinger” on Secure and Inclusive Banking Theme

Reserve Bank of India launched the fourth edition of its global hackathon titled “HaRBinger – Innovation for Transformation”.

The hackathon focuses on the theme “Secure Banking: Powered by Identity, Integrity, and Inclusivity”, aiming to strengthen innovation in the banking sector.

It includes three key problem statements related to enhancing secure and inclusive digital banking solutions.

- Problem Statement 1: Tokenised KYC
- Problem Statement 2: Offline CBDC (e)
- Problem Statement 3: Enhancing trust

287. The Securities and Exchange Board of India recently reduced the minimum investment limit for Social Impact Funds from ₹2 lakh to what amount in order to promote retail participation in the Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?

भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड (SEBI) ने हाल ही में सोशल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (SSE) में खुदरा भागीदारी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सोशल इम्पैक्ट फंड्स के लिए न्यूनतम निवेश सीमा को ₹2 लाख से घटाकर कितनी राशि कर दिया है?

- (a) ₹500
- (b) ₹1,000
- (c) ₹5,000
- (d) ₹10,000
- (e) ₹50,000

Ans. b

Sol. SEBI Slashes Minimum Investment in Social Impact Funds to ₹1,000, Boosting Retail Participation

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reduced the minimum investment in social impact funds from ₹2 lakh to ₹1,000, enabling wider participation in the Social Stock Exchange (SSE).

The change aligns the minimum application size for Zero Coupon Zero Principal instruments under SEBI's ICDR regulations with the revised threshold.

Investors can now start with just ₹1,000, making social impact investing accessible to retail investors.

The move allows individuals to invest in verified social projects through a regulated and transparent platform, supporting social causes effectively.

288. How much financial support has the Government of India approved for Alliance Air?

भारत सरकार ने एलायंस एयर के लिए कितनी वित्तीय सहायता मंजूर की है?

- (a) ₹250 crore
- (b) ₹350 crore
- (c) ₹460 crore
- (d) ₹500 crore
- (e) ₹600 crore

Ans. c

Sol. Centre Approves ₹460 Crore Loan to Revive Alliance Air Operations

The Government of India has approved over ₹460 crore in financial support to Alliance Air to restore grounded aircraft and revive its operations.

The assistance will be provided as a loan in three tranches linked to operational milestones—₹150 crore (first), ₹150 crore (second), and ₹160 crore (final).

The first instalment of ₹150 crore has already been released, marking the initial step in reviving the state-owned airline's operations.

289. After nearly four decades, a female Black Panther has been introduced at Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, which is the third-largest zoo in India. It is located in which state?

लगभग चार दशकों के बाद, इंदिरा गांधी प्राणी उद्यान में एक मादा ब्लैक पैन्थर को लाया गया है, जो भारत का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा चिड़ियाघर है। यह किस राज्य में स्थित है?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Odisha

Ans. c

Sol. Female Black Panther Introduced at Visakhapatnam Zoo After 40 Years Under Animal Exchange Programme

After nearly four decades, a female Black Panther has been introduced at Indira Gandhi Zoological Park (located in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh), which is the third-largest zoo in India.

The animal was brought under the Animal Exchange Programme from Assam State Zoo-cum-Botanical Garden (located in Guwahati).

290. Umiam Lake, which was recently seen in the news, is located in which state?

हाल ही में खबरों में देखा गया Umiam Lake किस राज्य में स्थित है?

- (a) Assam

(b) Meghalaya

(c) Tripura

(d) Nagaland

(e) Manipur

Ans. b

Sol. Meghalaya Govt Scraps Luxury Resort Project at Umiam Lake Amid Local Opposition

The Government of Meghalaya has scrapped the proposed luxury island resort project at Umiam Lake due to strong opposition from local stakeholders.

The project was planned at Lumpungdeng Island, but has now been cancelled following public concerns.

About Meghalaya

- **Capital** – Shillong
- **Chief Minister** - Conrad Kongkal Sangma
- **Governor** - C. H. Vijayashankar

291. Which state has notified the Jaagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar

(Amendment) Act, 2026, to enforce stricter punishment for acts of sacrilege?

किस राज्य ने अपवित्रीकरण के कृत्यों के लिए कड़ी सज़ा लागू करने हेतु 'जागत जोत श्री गुरु ग्रंथ साहिब सत्कार (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 2026' को अधिसूचित किया है?

(a) Haryana

(b) Punjab

(c) Rajasthan

(d) Uttar Pradesh

(e) Himachal Pradesh

Ans. b

Sol. Punjab Notifies New Law Imposing Stricter Punishment for Sacrilege Against Guru Granth Sahib

Government of Punjab has notified the Jaagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar (Amendment) Act, 2026 to enforce stricter punishment for acts of sacrilege.

The law introduces severe penalties, including life imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹25 lakh for offences against the Guru Granth Sahib.

About Punjab

- **Capital** – Chandigarh
- **Chief Minister** – Bhagwant Mann
- **Governor** – Gulab Chand Kataria

292. Bhupender Yadav announced Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary as a Ramsar site, taking India's total to 99. It is located in which district of Uttar Pradesh?

Bhupender Yadav ने Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary को रामसर स्थल घोषित किया, जिससे भारत की कुल संख्या 99 हो गई। यह उत्तर प्रदेश के किस जिले में स्थित है?

- (a) Hapur
- (b) Kanpur
- (c) Aligarh
- (d) Agra
- (e) Meerut

Ans. c

Sol. Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary in Aligarh Declared India's 99th Ramsar Site
Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav announced the designation of Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh. The designation of Shekha Jheel under the Ramsar Convention takes the total number of such wetlands in India to 99. Meanwhile, with the latest addition, the tally of Ramsar sites in UP has increased to 12.

293. The Suwari Festival is primarily celebrated in which state?

सुवारी महोत्सव मुख्य रूप से किस राज्य में मनाया जाता है?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Assam
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Tripura

Ans. b

Sol. Assam Celebrates 114th Suwari Festival with Cultural Grandeur in Boko
The 114th edition of the Suwari Festival was celebrated in Boko with vibrant rituals, music, dance, and participation from diverse communities. The festival showcased Assam's rich cultural heritage through traditional performances like dhul music, sports, and large public gatherings promoting unity and cultural solidarity.

About Assam

- **Formation** - 26 January 1950
- **Capital** – Dispur
- **Chief Minister** – Himanta Biswa Sarma
- **Governor** – Lakshman Prasad Acharya

294. HDFC Life Insurance Company has approved the extension of Padalkar as Managing Director & CEO. The tenure extension of Vibha Padalkar has been approved for how many years?

HDFC लाइफ इंश्योरेंस कंपनी ने मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर और CEO के तौर पर पडलकर के कार्यकाल को बढ़ाने की मंजूरी दे दी है। विभा पडलकर का कार्यकाल कितने साल के लिए बढ़ाया गया है?

- (a) 3 years
- (b) 4 years
- (c) 5 years
- (d) 6 years
- (e) 7 years

Ans. c

Sol. HDFC Life Extends Vibha Padalkar's Tenure as MD & CEO for Five Years
HDFC Life Insurance Company has approved the extension of Vibha Padalkar as Managing Director & CEO for a period of five years starting from September 12, 2026.

First appointed as MD & CEO in 2018.

About HDFC Life Insurance Company

- Founded- 2000
- Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

295. Who has been appointed as the next CEO of Apple, effective September 1, 2026?

Apple के अगले CEO के रूप में 1 सितंबर 2026 से किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Tim Cook
- (b) Sundar Pichai
- (c) John Ternus
- (d) Satya Nadella
- (e) Craig Federighi

Ans. c

Sol. Tim Cook to Become Executive Chairman, John Ternus Named Next CEO
Apple Inc. announced that Tim Cook will transition to the role of Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors.

John Ternus will become the next CEO of Apple effective September 1, 2026, becoming the company's eighth CEO.

296. World Earth Day is observed every year on April 22 to raise awareness about environmental protection and sustainability. What is the theme of World Earth Day 2026?

विश्व पृथ्वी दिवस हर साल 22 अप्रैल को पर्यावरण संरक्षण और स्थिरता के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए मनाया जाता है। विश्व पृथ्वी दिवस 2026 का विषय (Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Save Our Planet
- (b) Green Earth, Clean Future
- (c) Our Power, Our Planet
- (d) One Earth, One Future
- (e) Act for Climate

Ans. c

Sol. 22 April - World Earth Day

World Earth Day is observed every year on April 22 to raise awareness about environmental protection and sustainability.

Theme 2026 - Our Power, Our Planet

The day highlights global issues such as climate change, pollution, deforestation, and loss of biodiversity.

297. Six women from different countries have been awarded the 2026 Goldman Environmental Prize for their grassroots work to fight climate change and protect biodiversity. For the first time since its inception in 1989 by philanthropists Richard and Rhoda Goldman, all recipients are women representing Nigeria, South Korea, the UK, Papua New Guinea, the USA, and Colombia. The Goldman Environmental Prize is also known as?

अलग-अलग देशों की छह महिलाओं को क्लाइमेट चेंज से लड़ने और बायोडायवर्सिटी को बचाने के लिए ज़मीनी स्तर पर किए गए उनके काम के लिए 2026 का गोल्डमैन एनवायरनमेंटल प्राइज़ दिया गया है। 1989 में समाजसेवी रिचर्ड और रोडा गोल्डमैन द्वारा इसकी शुरुआत के बाद पहली बार, सभी पाने वालों में नाइजीरिया, साउथ कोरिया, UK, पापुआ न्यू गिनी, USA और कोलंबिया की महिलाएं हैं। गोल्डमैन पर्यावरण पुरस्कार को और किस नाम से जाना जाता है?

- (a) Green Nobel Prize
- (b) Earth Protection Award
- (c) Climate Action Medal
- (d) Biodiversity Shield Award
- (e) Global Environment Honor

Ans. a

Sol. Six Women Win 2026 Goldman Environmental Prize, First All-Female Lineup Since 1989

Six women from around the world have been awarded the 2026 Goldman Environmental Prize for their grassroots efforts to combat climate change and protect biodiversity.

For the first time since its inception in 1989 by philanthropists Richard and Rhoda Goldman, all recipients of the award are women representing Nigeria, South Korea, the UK, Papua New Guinea, the USA, and Colombia.

The winners include Iroro Tanshi (Nigeria), Borim Kim (South Korea), Sarah Finch (UK), Theonila Roka Matbob (Papua New Guinea), Alannah Acaq Hurley (USA), and Yuvelis Morales Blanco (Colombia).

Often called the "Green Nobel," the Goldman Prize recognises environmental leaders from six global regions, with each winner receiving \$200,000 in prize money.

298. The Ministry of Minority Affairs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which institution to promote skill development among minority youth under the PM VIKAS scheme?

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्रालय ने PM VIKAS योजना के तहत अल्पसंख्यक युवाओं के कौशल विकास को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किस संस्थान के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Kanpur
- (c) IIT Patna
- (d) IIM Bangalore
- (e) NIT Patna

Ans. c

Sol. Ministry of Minority Affairs Signs MoU with IIT Patna to Train 600 Minority Youth in AI & Business Analytics

Ministry of Minority Affairs signed an MoU with IIT Patna under the PM VIKAS scheme to boost skill development among minority youth.

Around 600 minority youth from Bihar will be trained in emerging fields like Artificial Intelligence and Business Analytics.

The initiative is part of Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme aimed at bridging skill gaps and enhancing employability.

299. Union Minister of Jal Shakti, C. R. Patil, launched the 9th edition of India International Water Week (IIWW-2026), India's flagship global water event. What is the theme of IIWW-2026?

केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री, सी. आर. पाटिल ने इंडिया इंटरनेशनल वॉटर वीक (IIWW-2026) के 9वें एडिशन को लॉन्च किया, जो भारत का सबसे बड़ा ग्लोबल वॉटर इवेंट है। IIWW-2026 की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Water for All
- (b) Clean Water Mission
- (c) Climate Resilient Water Management
- (d) Sustainable River Development
- (e) Blue Economy Growth

Ans. c

Sol. C. R. Patil Launches 9th India International Water Week 2026 Focused on Climate-Resilient Water Management

Union Minister of Jal Shakti, C. R. Patil, launched the 9th edition of India International Water Week (IIWW-2026), India's flagship global water event.

IIWW-2026 will be held from 22nd to 26th September 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, with the theme "Climate Resilient Water Management."

The 2nd International Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Conference 2026 will also be held from 22nd to 24th September as part of the event.

300. World Book and Copyright Day is observed annually on 23 April to promote reading, publishing, and the protection of intellectual property rights. What is the theme of World Book and Copyright Day 2026?

वर्ल्ड बुक एंड कॉपीराइट डे हर साल 23 अप्रैल को पढ़ने, पब्लिशिंग और इंटेलेक्चुअल प्रॉपर्टी राइट्स की सुरक्षा को बढ़ावा देने के लिए मनाया जाता है। वर्ल्ड बुक एंड कॉपीराइट डे 2026 की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Books for Future
- (b) Read for Growth
- (c) Reading for All
- (d) Knowledge is Power
- (e) Read, Make Your Star Shine

Ans. e

Sol. 23 April - World Book and Copyright Day

World Book and Copyright Day is observed annually on 23 April to promote reading, publishing, and the protection of intellectual property rights.

Theme 2026 - Read, Make Your Star Shine

The day was established by UNESCO to encourage people, especially youth, to discover the joy of books and reading.

23 April was chosen as it marks the death anniversary of famous authors like William Shakespeare and Miguel de Cervantes.

301. What was the growth rate of India's textile exports in FY 2025-26 compared to FY 2024-25?

FY 2024–25 की तुलना में FY 2025–26 में भारत के टेक्सटाइल एक्सपोर्ट की ग्रोथ रेट क्या थी?

- (a) 1.5%
- (b) 2.1%
- (c) 2.8%
- (d) 3.5%
- (e) 4.2%

Ans. b

Sol. India's textile sector grows 2.1% in FY 2025-26

India's textile sector demonstrated resilience in global markets, with total exports (including handicrafts) rising to ₹3,16,334.9 crore in FY 2025–26.

The sector recorded a growth of 2.1% compared to ₹3,09,859.3 crore in FY 2024–25.

302. Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has crossed 9 crore enrollments, showing its wide reach. In FY 2025–26, it added over 1.35 crore subscribers, the highest ever. In which year was APY launched?

अटल पेंशन योजना (APY) में 9 करोड़ से ज़्यादा नामांकन हो चुके हैं, जो इसकी व्यापक पहुँच को दर्शाता है। वित्त वर्ष 2025–26 में, इसमें 1.35 करोड़ से ज़्यादा सब्सक्राइबर जुड़े, जो अब तक का सबसे ज़्यादा आँकड़ा है। APY किस वर्ष शुरू की गई थी?

- (a) 2012
- (b) 2013
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2015
- (e) 2016

Ans. d

Sol. Atal Pension Yojana Crosses 9 Crore Enrollments, Records Highest-Ever Annual Subscriptions

Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has crossed a major milestone of over 9 crore total enrollments, reflecting its wide reach among citizens as of 21 April 2026.

In FY 2025–26, the scheme recorded its highest-ever annual enrollment, with more than 1.35 crore new subscribers added.

About Atal Pension Yojana (APY)

- *Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is a government pension scheme for unorganized sector workers.*
- *Launched on 9 May 2015 and administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).*
- *Eligibility: Age 18–40 years, must be an Indian citizen, and should not be an income taxpayer.*

- Provides guaranteed monthly pension after 60 years ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹5,000.
- Tagline: "APY ka Saath hai to Jeevan ka Suraksha Kavach Saath hai."

303. English Language Day is observed every year on which date?

अंग्रेज़ी भाषा दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 21 April
- (b) 22 April
- (c) 23 April
- (d) 24 April
- (e) 25 April

Ans. c

Sol. 23 April - English Language Day

English Language Day is observed annually on 23 April to promote the use and cultural diversity of the English language.

The day is celebrated by the United Nations to highlight multilingualism and linguistic diversity.

23 April marks the birth and death anniversary of William Shakespeare.

304. Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia released revised guidelines for the TDIP Scheme with an outlay of ₹203 crore to boost telecom innovation. The scheme will be implemented during which period?

केंद्रीय मंत्री ज्योतिरादित्य एम. सिंधिया ने ₹203 करोड़ के परिव्यय वाली TDIP योजना के संशोधित दिशानिर्देश जारी किए। यह योजना किस अवधि के दौरान लागू होगी?

- (a) 2026–29
- (b) 2026–30
- (c) 2026–31
- (d) 2026–32
- (e) 2026–28

Ans. c

Sol. Jyotiraditya Scindia Unveils Revised TDIP Scheme to Boost 5G, 6G and Indigenous Telecom Innovation

Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia released revised guidelines for the TDIP Scheme to boost India's role in global telecom innovation.

The scheme has a total outlay of ₹203 crore and will be implemented from 2026 to 2031.

It focuses on developing advanced technologies like 5G Advanced, 6G, and indigenous telecom solutions.

Implementation Agencies:

- Telecommunications Standards Development Society India (TSDSI)
- Telecom Centres of Excellence, India (TCOE)
- Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL)

305. Which company became the first fintech to join RBI's Centralised Payment System (CPS)?

कौन-सी कंपनी RBI के Centralised Payment System (CPS) से जुड़ने वाली पहली फिनटेक कंपनी बनी है?

- (a) Paytm
- (b) Pay Point India
- (c) PhonePe
- (d) Razorpay
- (e) BharatPe

Ans. b

Sol. Pay Point India Becomes First Fintech to Join RBI's Centralised Payment System
Pay Point India becomes the first private fintech company to join RBI's Centralised Payment System (CPS), marking a major shift in the fintech sector.

It now has direct access to key payment systems like RTGS and NEFT without relying on partner banks.

The company has been allotted its own IFSC code and maintains current as well as settlement accounts directly with the RBI.

306. The Ministry of Defence signed contracts worth approximately ₹975 crore for the procurement of which equipment?

रक्षा मंत्रालय ने लगभग ₹975 करोड़ के अनुबंध किस उपकरण की खरीद के लिए हस्ताक्षरित किए?

- (a) Missile Defence System
- (b) TRAWL Assembly
- (c) Radar Surveillance Units
- (d) Armoured Vehicles
- (e) Drone Systems

Ans. b

Sol. Defence Ministry Signs ₹975 Crore Deal for TRAWL Systems to Boost Army's Minefield Breaching Capability

The Ministry of Defence signed contracts worth around ₹975 crore with Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) and Electro Pneumatics & Hydraulics (India) Pvt. Ltd. for the procurement of TRAWL Assembly for T-72 and T-90 tanks.

The TRAWL system is a critical equipment that will enhance the Indian Army's minefield breaching capability, enabling the creation of safe vehicle lanes through anti-tank minefields.

307. Dr Gopalrao Patil, a former Rajya Sabha member and renowned paediatrician, passed away at the age of 94 in Latur, Maharashtra. What was the name of the educational institution founded by Dr Gopalrao Patil?

राज्यसभा के पूर्व सदस्य और जाने-माने बाल रोग विशेषज्ञ डॉ. गोपालराव पाटिल का महाराष्ट्र के लातूर में 94 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। डॉ. गोपालराव पाटिल द्वारा स्थापित शैक्षणिक संस्थान का नाम क्या था?

- (a) Dr. Ambedkar Shikshan Sanstha
- (b) Shiv Chhatrapati Shikshan Sanstha
- (c) Latur Education Society
- (d) Maharashtra Vidya Mandal
- (e) Shahu Maharaj Foundation

Ans. b

Sol. Former Rajya Sabha MP and Renowned Paediatrician Dr. Gopalrao Patil Passes Away at 94

Dr Gopalrao Patil, a former Rajya Sabha member and renowned paediatrician, passed away at the age of 94 in Latur, Maharashtra.

He represented the BJP in the Rajya Sabha from 1994 to 2000 and contributed to key parliamentary committees, including commerce, external affairs, and railways.

Apart from politics, he was a respected educationist, who founded the Shiv Chhatrapati Shikshan Sanstha, which runs Rajarshi Shahu College in Latur, playing a significant role in strengthening education in the region.

308. Where has OmegaBall been introduced in India for the first time?

भारत में पहली बार OmegaBall कहाँ शुरू किया गया है?

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Bombay
- (c) IISc Bengaluru
- (d) IIT Madras
- (e) NIT Trichy

Ans. d

Sol. IIT Madras Introduces OmegaBall in India; Hosts First Inter-College Tournament on Campus

IIT Madras has introduced OmegaBall in India for the first time, marking the sport's official entry into the country and proposing the formation of a national-level IIT Madras OmegaBall Club to promote its development and expansion.

To celebrate the launch, the Institute Gymkhana and Office of Dean (Students) organized an inter-college OmegaBall tournament at the Campus Football Field on 17 April 2026.

309. Who is the author of the book "Do You Know Your Hinduism?"

"Do You Know Your Hinduism?" पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?

- (a) Arundhati Roy
- (b) Amish Tripathi
- (c) Rajmohan Gandhi
- (d) Shashi Tharoor
- (e) Ramachandra Guha

Ans. c

Sol. Rajmohan Gandhi's "Do You Know Your Hinduism?"

Do You Know Your Hinduism? by Rajmohan Gandhi is a recently highlighted book that explores Hinduism as an evolving, non-monolithic tradition shaped by history, philosophy, and lived experiences.

The book encourages readers to question and understand Hinduism deeply through values like Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) and examines its meaning in the modern world.

310. Indian Navy's INS Sunayna, deployed under the IOS SAGAR initiative, arrived at Jakarta, Indonesia after earlier port calls in Thailand (Phuket) and the Maldives (Malé). INS Sunayna is which type of vessel?

IOS SAGAR पहल के तहत तैनात इंडियन नेवी का INS सुनयना, थाईलैंड (फुकेत) और मालदीव (माले) में पहले पोर्ट कॉल के बाद इंडोनेशिया के जकार्ता पहुंचा। INS सुनयना किस तरह का जहाज है?

- (a) Aircraft Carrier
- (b) Submarine
- (c) Offshore Patrol Vessel
- (d) Destroyer
- (e) Frigate

Ans. c

Sol. INS Sunayna Reaches Jakarta Under IOS SAGAR

Indian Navy's INS Sunayna, deployed under the IOS SAGAR initiative, arrived at Jakarta, Indonesia after earlier port calls in Thailand (Phuket) and the Maldives (Malé).

The Offshore Patrol Vessel carried a multinational crew from 16 friendly foreign countries and transited the Malacca and Singapore Straits before reaching Indonesia.

311. Who has won the men's title at the HCL Squash PSA Challenger Tour?

HCL स्क्वैश PSA चैलेंजर टूर में पुरुषों का खिताब किसने जीता?

- (a) Jeongmin Ryu
- (b) Harleen Tan
- (c) Suraj Kumar Chand
- (d) Ruqaiya Othman
- (e) Mohamed ElShorbagy

Ans. c

Sol. Suraj Kumar Chand Wins Men's Title at HCL Squash PSA Challenger in Chennai
India's Suraj Kumar Chand won the men's title at the HCL Squash PSA Challenger Tour in Chennai, defeating South Korea's Jeongmin Ryu in the final at the Indian Squash Academy.

This victory marked the fourth PSA Tour title of Suraj Kumar Chand's career.

In the women's final, Egypt's Ruqaiya Othman defeated Malaysia's Harleen Tan, while squash is set to make its Olympic debut at Los Angeles 2028.

312. Which bank's licence has been cancelled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) ने किस बैंक का लाइसेंस रद्द किया है?

- (a) Airtel Payments Bank
- (b) India Post Payments Bank
- (c) Paytm Payments Bank Limited
- (d) Fino Payments Bank
- (e) Jio Payments Bank

Ans. c

Sol. RBI Cancels Paytm Payments Bank Licence; Assures Full Repayment to Depositors
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the banking licence of Paytm Payments Bank Limited, prohibiting it from conducting any business with immediate effect.

The action follows earlier restrictions imposed in March 2022 and 2024, including a ban on onboarding new customers and accepting deposits or credits.

RBI has assured that the bank has sufficient liquidity to repay all depositors during the winding-up process.

313. International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace is observed on which date?

अंतरराष्ट्रीय बहुपक्षवाद और शांति के लिए कूटनीति दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 22 April
- (b) 23 April
- (c) 24 April

(d) 25 April

(e) 26 April

Ans. c

Sol. 24 April - International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace

International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace is observed on 24 April to promote the peaceful resolution of global issues through cooperation.

Established by the United Nations in 2018 (Resolution A/RES/73/127), it encourages multilateral decision-making over unilateral actions.

314. World Immunisation Week is observed from 24 to 30 April every year to promote vaccination awareness. What is the theme of World Immunisation Week 2026?

विश्व टीकाकरण सप्ताह हर वर्ष 24 से 30 अप्रैल तक मनाया जाता है। वर्ष 2026 के लिए इसका थीम क्या है?

(a) Vaccines for All

(b) Immunization for Life

(c) Humanly Possible: Saving Lives Through Immunization

(d) Protecting Future Generations

(e) For every generation, vaccines work

Ans. e

Sol. 24 - 30 April - World Immunisation Week

World Immunisation Week is observed from 24 to 30 April every year to promote vaccination awareness.

It aims to highlight the importance of vaccines in protecting people of all ages from diseases.

Theme 2026 - For every generation, vaccines work

The World Health Organisation (WHO) works with countries to raise awareness and support effective immunisation programmes.

315. International Girls in ICT Day is observed on which date?

इंटरनेशनल गर्ल्स इन ICT डे कब मनाया जाता है?

(a) 21 April

(b) 22 April

(c) 23 April

(d) 24 April

(e) 25 April

Ans. c

Sol. 23 April - International Girls in ICT Day

International Girls in ICT Day is observed every year on 23rd April to promote gender equality in the tech sector.

Theme 2026 - AI for Development: Girls shaping the digital future

The day encourages girls and young women to pursue careers in Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

316. Bhagwandas Raikwar, who passed away recently, was associated with which field?

भगवानदास रायकवार, जिनका हाल ही में निधन हो गया, किस क्षेत्र से जुड़े थे?

- (a) Classical Music
- (b) Literature
- (c) Martial Arts
- (d) Politics
- (e) Science

Ans. c

Sol. Padma Shri Awardee Bhagwandas Raikwar 'Dau' Passes Away

Renowned martial arts expert and Padma Shri awardee Bhagwandas Raikwar, popularly known as 'Dau', passed away.

He was known for preserving Bundeli Martial Arts, specifically the 'Akhada' style.

317. Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Heat Resilience and Sustainable Cooling (COE-HRSC) to tackle climate change and heatwaves. The Centre of Excellence for Heat Resilience and Sustainable Cooling (COE-HRSC) is located at which institution?

महाराष्ट्र के CM देवेन्द्र फडणवीस ने क्लाइमेट चेंज और हीटवेव से निपटने के लिए सेंटर ऑफ़ एक्सीलेंस फॉर हीट रेजिलिएंस एंड सस्टेनेबल कूलिंग (COE-HRSC) का उद्घाटन किया। सेंटर ऑफ़ एक्सीलेंस फॉर हीट रेजिलिएंस एंड सस्टेनेबल कूलिंग (COE-HRSC) किस इंस्टीट्यूशन में है?

- (a) IIT Bombay
- (b) IIM Ahmedabad
- (c) IIM Nagpur
- (d) IISc Bengaluru
- (e) IIT Delhi

Ans. c

Sol. Maharashtra CM Inaugurates Heat Resilience Centre at IIM Nagpur to Combat Climate Change

Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Heat Resilience and Sustainable Cooling (COE-HRSC) at IIM Nagpur to tackle climate change and heatwaves.

The centre has been developed in collaboration with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) to promote sustainable cooling solutions.

318. Jio Financial Services has partnered with which company to form an insurance joint venture?

जियो फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज ने बीमा संयुक्त उद्यम के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) AXA
- (b) Allianz
- (c) Zurich
- (d) MetLife
- (e) Prudential

Ans. b

Sol. Jio Financial Services Partners with Allianz for Insurance JV; Reinsurance Arm Begins Operations

Jio Financial Services has partnered with Germany-based Allianz to form a 50:50 joint venture for expanding insurance business in India, covering general and health insurance.

A separate reinsurance joint venture, Allianz Jio Reinsurance Ltd, has already begun operations after receiving approval from IRDAI.

319. Which country has recently selected its first batch of foreign astronauts, including candidates from Pakistan, for future space missions?

हाल ही में किस देश ने भविष्य के अंतरिक्ष मिशनों के लिए पाकिस्तान सहित विदेशी अंतरिक्ष यात्रियों के अपने पहले बैच का चयन किया है?

- (a) USA
- (b) Russia
- (c) China
- (d) Japan
- (e) India

Ans. c

Sol. China Selects First Foreign Astronauts from Pakistan for Tiangong Mission

China has selected Muhammad Zeeshan Ali and Khurram Daud of Pakistan as part of its first batch of foreign astronauts.

As per the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA), they will undergo training in China as reserve astronauts.

One of them will join a mission to the Tiangong space station as a payload specialist, making Pakistan the first country to send a citizen onboard Tiangong.

320. In April 2026, which country has allowed visa-free airport transit for Indian nationals?

अप्रैल 2026 में, किस देश ने भारतीय नागरिकों के लिए वीजा-फ्री एयरपोर्ट ट्रांज़िट की अनुमति दी है?

- (a) Germany
- (b) France
- (c) Italy
- (d) Spain
- (e) Netherlands

Ans. b

Sol. France Allows Visa-Free Airport Transit for Indian Nationals

France has granted permission for Indian citizens traveling through French airports to undertake airport transit without a visa, thereby making international travel even easier.

This facility applies only to passengers transiting by air through mainland France; it does not apply to other types of entry or travel.

About France

- **Capital-** Paris
- **President-** Emmanuel Macron
- **Official language-** French

321. Nadenla Bhaskar Rao was the co-founder of which political party?

नादेन्दला भास्कर राव किस राजनीतिक दल के सह-संस्थापक थे?

- (a) Indian National Congress
- (b) Bharatiya Janata Party
- (c) Telugu Desam Party
- (d) Janata Dal
- (e) YSR Congress Party

Ans. c

Sol. TDP Co-founder and Former Andhra CM Nadenla Bhaskar Rao Passes Away at 90

Veteran politician Nadenla Bhaskar Rao, co-founder of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), passed away at the age of 90 in Hyderabad after a prolonged illness.

He co-founded TDP in 1982 with N.T. Rama Rao and later served as Finance Minister in the Andhra Pradesh government.

He briefly served as Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh in 1984 for 31 days during the 'August Crisis'.

322. Consider the following statements regarding Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) targets:

सस्टेनेबल एविएशन फ्यूल (SAF) टारगेट के बारे में नीचे दिए गए स्टेटमेंट पर विचार करें:

1. 1% blending target is set for 2027.
2. 2% blending target is set for 2028.
3. 5% blending target is set for 2032.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3
- None

Ans. a

Sol. India Allows Ethanol Blending in Aviation Fuel; Sets SAF Targets for International Flights

Government of India has allowed blending of ethanol and synthetic hydrocarbons in Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to promote cleaner aviation fuel.

SAF blending targets: 1% by 2027, 2% by 2028, and 5% by 2030; currently applicable only to international flights.

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) is made from non-petroleum sources like ethanol and helps reduce carbon emissions compared to conventional jet fuel.

323. The Government of India has notified new recruitment rules for the post of Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI). The upper age limit for the DCGI post has been increased to what?

भारत सरकार ने ड्रग्स कंट्रोलर जनरल ऑफ़ इंडिया (DCGI) के पद के लिए नए भर्ती नियम नोटिफ़ाई किए हैं। DCGI पद के लिए ऊपरी उम्र सीमा बढ़ाकर कितनी कर दी गई है?

- 55 years
- 56 years
- 57 years
- 58 years
- 60 years

Ans. d

Sol. Government Notifies New Recruitment Rules for DCGI; Age Limit Raised to 58 Years

The Government of India has notified new recruitment rules for the post of Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI).

The upper age limit has been increased from 56 to 58 years, with a maximum tenure of 5 years.

The DCGI serves as the head of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO).

324. Who has been appointed as Whole-time Director of AU Small Finance Bank?

AU स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक के पूर्णकालिक निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Sanjiv Chadha
- (b) Vivek Tripathi
- (c) Rajneesh Karnatak
- (d) Atanu Kumar Das
- (e) Shyam Srinivasan

Ans. b

Sol. RBI Approves Vivek Tripathi as Whole-time Director of AU Small Finance Bank
 The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Vivek Tripathi's appointment as Whole-time Director (Executive Director) of AU Small Finance Bank for a 3-year term. Currently serving as Chief Credit Officer, Tripathi has been associated with the bank since 2014 and will join the board during its next growth phase.

About AU Small Finance Bank Limited

- *Founded - 1996*
- *Founder - Sanjay Agarwal*
- *Headquarters - Jaipur, Rajasthan*
- *Tagline - Chalo Aage Badhein*

325. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of NASSCOM?

नैसकॉम के नए चेयरपर्सन के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Sindhu Gangadharan
- (b) Srikanth Velamakanni
- (c) Salil Parekh
- (d) Nandan Nilekani
- (e) Rajesh Gopinathan

Ans. b

Sol. Srikanth Velamakanni Appointed as NASSCOM Chairperson

NASSCOM has appointed Srikanth Velamakanni, Co-founder & Group CEO of Fractal, as its new Chairperson.

He succeeds Sindhu Gangadharan, whose tenure as NASSCOM Chairperson ended in April.

Kishor Patil, Co-founder, CEO & MD of KPIT, appointed as Vice Chairperson.

About National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)

- **Founded** - 1988
- **Headquarters** - Noida
- **Chairperson** - Srikanth Velamakanni

326. Rajneesh Karnatak, whose tenure was recently extended by 3 years, is associated with which bank?

हाल ही में जिनका कार्यकाल 3 वर्षों के लिए बढ़ाया गया, राजनेश कर्नाटक किस बैंक से संबंधित है?

- (a) Bank of Baroda
- (b) Punjab National Bank
- (c) Bank of India
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) Union Bank of India

Ans. c

Sol. Government Extends Tenure of Bank of Baroda & Bank of India MDs by 3 Years
 The Government of India has approved a 3-year extension for Debadatta Chand as MD & CEO of Bank of Baroda, ensuring leadership continuity.

Rajneesh Karnatak, MD of Bank of India, has also received a 3-year tenure extension from the government.

327. Who has been appointed as the interim CEO of Noida International Airport?

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के अंतरिम CEO के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Christoph Schnellmann
- (b) Nitu Sarma
- (c) Rajiv Bansal
- (d) Shraddha Joshi
- (e) Sanjeev Kapoor

Ans. b

Sol. Nitu Sarma Appointed Interim CEO of Noida International Airport
 Noida International Airport has appointed Nitu Sarma as the interim CEO, replacing Christoph Schnellmann after permission issues for the foreign national.

Nitu Sarma, previously the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), will lead the airport until a formal CEO selection process is completed.

Christoph Schnellmann, who served as CEO since August 2020, will now join the Board of Directors as Executive Vice Chairman to support the project.

328. The 'Fair Practice Code', recently seen in news, is associated with which sector?

हाल ही में खबरों में रहा 'Fair Practice Code' (निष्पक्ष आचरण संहिता) किस क्षेत्र से संबंधित है?

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Banking and financial services
- (c) Education
- (d) Telecom
- (e) Defence

Ans. b

Sol. RBI Imposes ₹80,000 Penalty on Muthoot Housing Finance for Fair Practice Code Violations

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of ₹80,000 on Muthoot Housing Finance Company for non-compliance with regulatory guidelines.

The penalty was due to violations of RBI's 'Fair Practice Code', which ensures transparency and fairness in lending practices.

329. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of ₹41.8 lakh on which bank for non-compliance with regulatory guidelines, including Know Your Customer (KYC) norms and failure in risk categorisation review?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) ने केवाईसी (KYC) नियमों के उल्लंघन और जोखिम वर्गीकरण की समीक्षा में विफलता सहित नियामकीय दिशानिर्देशों के अनुपालन न करने पर ₹41.8 लाख का जुर्माना किस बैंक पर लगाया?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Bandhan Bank
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) Yes Bank

Ans. c

Sol. RBI Imposes ₹41.8 Lakh Penalty on Bandhan Bank for KYC and Compliance Violations

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of ₹41.8 lakh on Bandhan Bank for non-compliance with regulatory norms, including Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines.

The bank was found guilty of failing to review risk categorisation of accounts and sanctioning loans related to directors, violating RBI directives.

330. Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India (CCIC) launched its first heritage designer collection, "Soul Threads", highlighting India's rich artisanal legacy. CCIC functions under which ministry?

सेंट्रल कौटिज इंडस्ट्रीज़ कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ़ इंडिया (CCIC) ने अपना पहला हेरिटेज डिज़ाइनर कलेक्शन, "सोल थ्रेड्स" लॉन्च किया, जो भारत की समृद्ध कारीगरी विरासत को उजागर करता है। CCIC किस मंत्रालय के तहत काम करता है?

- (a) Ministry of Commerce
- (b) Ministry of Culture
- (c) Ministry of Textiles
- (d) Ministry of MSME
- (e) Ministry of Tourism

Ans. c

Sol. CCIC Launches 'Soul Threads' Heritage Collection Showcasing India's Artisanal Excellence

Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India (CCIC) launched its first heritage designer collection "Soul Threads" under the Ministry of Textiles, highlighting India's rich artisanal legacy.

The exhibition is being held from April 24 to May 10, 2026 at CCIC's flagship showroom in Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan, featuring sarees, designer wear, jewellery, and home furnishings.

The collection blends traditional Indian textile heritage with modern aesthetics, and was showcased through a fashion show during the inaugural event.

331. International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private-sector arm of the World Bank Group, aims to increase its annual investments in India to \$10 billion by which year?

इंटरनेशनल फाइनेंस कॉर्पोरेशन (IFC), जो वर्ल्ड बैंक ग्रुप की निजी क्षेत्र की शाखा है, का लक्ष्य भारत में अपने वार्षिक निवेश को किस वर्ष तक बढ़ाकर \$10 बिलियन करना है?

- (a) 2029
- (b) 2030
- (c) 2031
- (d) 2031
- (e) 2034

Ans. b

Sol. IFC Targets \$10 Billion Annual Investment in India by 2030

International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private-sector arm of the World Bank Group, aims to increase its annual investments in India to \$10 billion by 2030. Currently, IFC's annual investment in India stands at around \$5.4 billion (2024–25), indicating a significant planned expansion.

About World Bank

- **Founded** – 4 July 1944
- **Headquarters** - Washington DC
- **President** - Ajay Banga (14th)
- **Member Countries** - 189 (Nauru 189th)
 - **World Bank Group** - 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID)
 1. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
 2. International Development Association (IDA)
 3. International Finance Corporation (IFC)
 4. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
 5. International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

332. Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) has agreed to provide a loan of how much to the Telangana government for the Hyderabad Metro takeover?

इंडियन रेलवे फाइनेंस कॉर्पोरेशन (IRFC) ने हैदराबाद मेट्रो के अधिग्रहण के लिए तेलंगाना सरकार को कितनी राशि का ऋण देने पर सहमति दी है?

- (a) ₹10,615 crore
- (b) ₹12,615 crore
- (c) ₹13,615 crore
- (d) ₹15,615 crore
- (e) ₹18,615 crore

Ans. c

Sol. IRFC to provide ₹13,615 Crore Loan for Telangana's Hyderabad Metro Takeover
 Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) will provide a ₹13,615 crore loan to the Telangana government for taking over the Hyderabad Metro Rail project.
 The Telangana government plans to acquire a 100% equity stake (Phase 1) in Hyderabad Metro Rail from L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad.

333. World Liver Day is observed every year on April 19 to raise awareness about liver health and related diseases. What is the theme of World Liver Day 2026?

लिवर की सेहत और उससे जुड़ी बीमारियों के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए हर साल 19 अप्रैल को वर्ल्ड लिवर डे मनाया जाता है। वर्ल्ड लिवर डे 2026 की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Healthy Liver, Healthy Life

- (b) Liver Care for All
- (c) Solid Habits, Strong Liver
- (d) Fight Liver Diseases
- (e) Save Your Liver

Ans. c

Sol. 19 April - World Liver Day

World Liver Day is observed every year on April 19 to raise awareness about liver health and related diseases.

Theme 2026- Solid Habits, Strong Liver

The day highlights the importance of early diagnosis, prevention, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle to protect the liver.

334. The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, a next-generation observatory designed to study exoplanets, dark matter, and dark energy, has been unveiled by which organisation?

नैन्सी ग्रेस रोमन स्पेस टेलीस्कोप, जो एक्सोप्लैनेट, डार्क मैटर और डार्क एनर्जी का अध्ययन करने के लिए विकसित एक आधुनिक वेधशाला है, किस संगठन द्वारा प्रस्तुत किया गया है?

- (a) ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)
- (b) ESA (European Space Agency)
- (c) SpaceX
- (d) NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
- (e) CNSA (China National Space Administration)

Ans. d

Sol. NASA Unveils Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope to Explore Exoplanets and Map the Universe

NASA has unveiled the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, a next-generation observatory aimed at studying exoplanets, dark matter, and dark energy.

The telescope is expected to discover tens of thousands of exoplanets and map billions of galaxies, stars, and cosmic structures across the universe.

Named after astronomer Nancy Grace Roman, the project has an estimated cost of over \$4 billion.

335. The Ministry of Home Affairs received an indigenous AI-based satellite imaging system, 'Prajna', to enhance real-time decision-making for security agencies. The 'Prajna' system has been developed by which organisation?

गृह मंत्रालय को सिक््योरिटी एजेंसियों के लिए रियल-टाइम फैसले लेने की क्षमता को बेहतर बनाने के लिए एक स्वदेशी AI-बेस्ड सैटेलाइट इमेजिंग सिस्टम, 'प्रज्ञा' मिला है। 'प्रज्ञा' सिस्टम किस ऑर्गनाइज़ेशन ने डेवलप किया है?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) DRDO
- (c) BEL
- (d) HAL
- (e) BARC

Ans. b

Sol. DRDO Hands Over AI-Based 'Prajna' System to Boost Internal Security

The Ministry of Home Affairs received an indigenous AI-based satellite imaging system, 'Prajna', developed by DRDO, to enhance real-time decision-making for security agencies.

Developed by DRDO's CAIR, the system will boost internal security, enabling monitoring of sensitive areas and supporting counter-terrorism operations.

Separately, DRDO and the Indian Navy successfully tested the Air Droppable Container (ADC-150), capable of delivering 150 kg payload to assist naval operations and emergency support at sea.

336. India has been selected by which organization for the Women's Development Programme (Commercial Strategy 2026)?

भारत को Women's Development Programme (Commercial Strategy 2026) के लिए किस संगठन ने चुना है?

- (a) IOC
- (b) FIFA
- (c) BCCI
- (d) UEFA
- (e) AIFF

Ans. b

Sol. India Selected by FIFA for Women's Development Programme 2026 to Boost Women's Football

India has been selected among 12 nations by FIFA for the Women's Development Programme (Commercial Strategy 2026), boosting women's football.

Under this initiative, FIFA will provide customised training and guidance to stakeholders to strengthen women's football development in the country.

337. Who won the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award 2026?

लॉरियस वर्ल्ड स्पोर्ट्समैन ऑफ द ईयर अवार्ड 2026 किसने जीता?

- (a) Novak Djokovic
- (b) Lionel Messi
- (c) Carlos Alcaraz

(d) Max Verstappen

(e) Kylian Mbappé

Ans. c

Sol. Alcaraz, Sabalenka Named Laureus Sports Persons of the Year; PSG Wins Best Team Award

Carlos Alcaraz and Aryna Sabalenka were named Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year at the Laureus World Sports Awards 2026 held in Madrid.

Paris Saint-Germain won the Laureus World Team of the Year after securing their first UEFA Champions League title in the 2024–25 season.

Nadia Comaneci received the Lifetime Achievement Award and is known for scoring the first perfect 10.0 in Olympic gymnastics.

Award Category	Winner
Laureus World Sportsman of the Year	Carlos Alcaraz
Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year	Aryna Sabalenka
Laureus World Team of the Year	Paris Saint-Germain
Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year	Lando Norris
Laureus World Comeback of the Year	Rory McIlroy
Laureus World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability	Gabriel Araújo
Laureus World Action Sportsperson of the Year	Chloe Kim
Laureus World Young Sportsperson of the Year	Lamine Yamal
Laureus Sporting Inspiration Award	Toni Kroos
Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award	Nadia Comăneci
Laureus Sport for Good Award	Fútbol Más

338. World Day for Animals in Laboratories is observed on which date?

प्रयोगशालाओं में पशुओं के लिए विश्व दिवस किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

(a) 22 April

(b) 23 April

(c) 24 April

(d) 25 April

(e) 26 April

Ans. c

Sol. 24 April - World Day for Animals in Laboratories

World Day for Animals in Laboratories is observed annually on 24 April to raise awareness about the use of animals in scientific research.

The day advocates for humane treatment of laboratory animals and promotes alternatives to animal testing.

It highlights the need for ethical practices and stricter regulations in scientific experiments involving animals.

339. INS Nireekshak reached which port during its visit to Sri Lanka?

श्रीलंका यात्रा के दौरान INS Nireekshak किस बंदरगाह पर पहुंचा?

- (a) Hambantota Port
- (b) Colombo Port
- (c) Galle Port
- (d) Trincomalee Port
- (e) Jaffna Port

Ans. b

Sol. INS Nireekshak Visits Sri Lanka for Joint Naval Training

INS Nireekshak arrived at Colombo, Sri Lanka, for an operational turnaround and training visit to strengthen India–Sri Lanka maritime cooperation.

INS Nireekshak is a diving support and submarine rescue vessel, used for underwater operations, salvage missions, and specialized naval diving tasks.

340. National Panchayati Raj Day is observed annually on 24 April to promote grassroots democracy in India. What is the theme of National Panchayati Raj Day 2026?

भारत में ज़मीनी स्तर के लोकतंत्र को बढ़ावा देने के लिए हर साल 24 अप्रैल को 'राष्ट्रीय पंचायती राज दिवस' मनाया जाता है। राष्ट्रीय पंचायती राज दिवस 2026 का विषय (Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Gram Vikas Mission
- (b) Digital Panchayat
- (c) Sashakt Panchayat, Sarvangeen Vikas
- (d) Rural Empowerment Drive
- (e) Sabka Gaon, Sabka Vikas

Ans. c

Sol. 24 April - National Panchayati Raj Day

National Panchayati Raj Day is observed annually on 24 April to promote grassroots democracy in India.

Theme 2026 - Sashakt Panchayat, Sarvangeen Vikas (Empowered Panchayats, Holistic Development)

The day marks the implementation of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, which established the Panchayati Raj system.

It highlights the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in rural development and local governance.

341. Which institution has extended a \$100 million loan to the Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) to support infrastructure development?

किस संस्था ने बुनियादी ढांचे के विकास के लिए अफ्रीका फाइनेंस कॉरपोरेशन (AFC) को \$100 मिलियन का ऋण प्रदान किया है?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India
- (b) World Bank
- (c) Export-Import Bank of India
- (d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- (e) International Monetary Fund

Ans. c

Sol. EXIM Bank Extends \$100 Million Loan to Africa Finance Corporation to Boost Infrastructure Development

Export-Import Bank of India has extended a \$100 million (approx ₹830 crore) loan to the Africa Finance Corporation (AFC).

The loan will support development of critical infrastructure and industrial projects across Africa.

342. In April 2026, India approved a withdrawal of ₹30 billion for which country under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework?

अप्रैल 2026 में, भारत ने SAARC करेंसी स्वैप फ्रेमवर्क के तहत किस देश के लिए ₹30 बिलियन की निकासी को मंजूरी दी?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Maldives
- (d) Bangladesh
- (e) Bhutan

Ans. c

Sol. India Approves ₹30 Billion Currency Swap Support for Maldives Under SAARC Framework

India has approved the first withdrawal of ₹30 billion for the Maldives under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework.

The funds are released following an agreement between the Reserve Bank of India and the Maldives during President Mohamed Muizzu's visit to New Delhi in October 2024.

This comes after the Maldives repaid an earlier \$400 million facility, reflecting its commitment to meeting financial obligations.

The swap facility underscores India's continued support under its Neighbourhood First Policy and Vision MAHASAGAR, helping maintain Maldives' financial stability.

343. World Malaria Day is observed on 25 April every year to raise awareness about malaria prevention, control, and eradication efforts worldwide. What is the theme of World Malaria Day 2026?

हर साल 25 अप्रैल को विश्व मलेरिया दिवस मनाया जाता है, ताकि दुनिया भर में मलेरिया की रोकथाम, नियंत्रण और उन्मूलन के प्रयासों के बारे में जागरूकता फैलाई जा सके। विश्व मलेरिया दिवस 2026 का विषय (Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Zero Malaria Starts with Me: Now We Can. Now We Must.
- (b) End Malaria for Good: Now We Can. Now We Must.
- (c) Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must.
- (d) Ready to Beat Malaria
- (e) Malaria-Free World: Now We Can. Now We Must.

Ans. c

Sol. 25 April - World Malaria Day

World Malaria Day is observed on 25 April every year to raise awareness about malaria prevention, control, and eradication efforts worldwide.

Theme 2026 - Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must.

The day was established by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2007 to highlight the global burden of malaria and promote coordinated action.

344. World Penguin Day is observed annually on which date?

विश्व पेंगुइन दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 22 April
- (b) 25 April
- (c) 23 April
- (d) 24 April
- (e) 26 April

Ans. b

Sol. 25 April - World Penguin Day

World Penguin Day is observed on 25 April every year to raise awareness about penguin species and their

The day coincides with the annual northward migration of penguins in Antarctica, especially the Adélie penguins.

345. World Intellectual Property Day is observed on 26 April every year to promote awareness about the role of intellectual property (IP) in innovation and creativity. What is the theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2026?

हर साल 26 अप्रैल को विश्व बौद्धिक संपदा दिवस मनाया जाता है, ताकि इनोवेशन और क्रिएटिविटी में बौद्धिक संपदा (IP) की भूमिका के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाई जा सके। विश्व बौद्धिक संपदा दिवस 2026 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Innovation for Future
- (b) IP and Technology
- (c) IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate
- (d) Creative Economy
- (e) Digital Innovation

Ans. c

Sol. 26 April - World Intellectual Property Day

World Intellectual Property Day is observed on 26 April every year to promote awareness about the role of intellectual property (IP) in innovation and creativity.

Theme 2026 - IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate

The day was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 to highlight the importance of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and designs.

346. Turkey has recently banned the use of social media for children below what age?

तुर्की ने हाल ही में किस उम्र से कम उम्र के बच्चों के लिए सोशल मीडिया के इस्तेमाल पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया है?

- (a) 13 years
- (b) 14 years
- (c) 15 years
- (d) 16 years
- (e) 18 years

Ans. c

Sol. Turkey Bans Social Media Use for Under-15s

Turkey has passed a law banning the use of social media for children below the age of 15.

Digital platforms are required to implement age verification measures and appoint a representative in Turkey if they have a large user base.

Game software platforms are now included under the regulation, with mandatory age-based classification of games.

About Turkey

- Capital- Ankara
- Currency- Turkish lira

• Official language- Turkish

347. Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi has been inducted into the International Hall of Fame of the US Army War College in Pennsylvania. He has become the _____ Chief of the Indian Army to receive this honour.

सेना प्रमुख जनरल उपेंद्र द्विवेदी को पेसिल्वेनिया स्थित US आर्मी वॉर कॉलेज के 'इंटरनेशनल हॉल ऑफ़ फ़ेम' में शामिल किया गया है। इस सम्मान को प्राप्त करने वाले वह भारतीय सेना के _____ प्रमुख बन गए हैं।

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fourth
- (e) Fifth

Ans. c

Sol. General Upendra Dwivedi Inducted into US Army War College International Hall of Fame

Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi has been inducted into the International Hall of Fame of the US Army War College in Pennsylvania.

He is only the third Indian Army Chief to receive this honour, after General V.K. Singh and General Bikram Singh.

348. Under which deployment did INS Sudarshini arrive in Spain?

INS सुदर्शनि किस तैनाती के तहत स्पेन पहुंची?

- (a) Samudra Yatra
- (b) Lokayan 26
- (c) Ocean Mission 25
- (d) Varuna Deployment
- (e) Neer Sagar Mission

Ans. b

Sol. INS Sudarshini Arrives in Spain Under Lokayan 26, Marks Maiden Visit to Canary Islands

Indian Navy Sail Training Ship INS Sudarshini arrived at Las Palmas, Spain, under its transoceanic deployment Lokayan 26, marking the first-ever visit of an Indian naval ship to the Canary Islands.

The ship, which began its voyage from Kochi in January, has visited multiple countries, including Oman, Egypt, Malta, France, and Morocco, promoting the message of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam."

349. Project DANTAK is an initiative of which organisation?

प्रोजेक्ट DANTAK किस संगठन की एक पहल है?

- (a) Indian Railways
- (b) Border Security Force
- (c) Border Roads Organisation
- (d) National Highways Authority of India
- (e) DRDO

Ans. c

Sol. Project DANTAK Celebrates 66th Raising Day

Project DANTAK, an initiative of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), celebrated its 66th Raising Day on 24 April 2026, marking 65 years of service in Bhutan since its establishment in 1961.

The BRO continues its operations in Bhutan due to the strong India–Bhutan strategic partnership and mutual cooperation, supporting infrastructure and connectivity development.

350. Veteran Indian _____ Raghu Rai passed away at the age of 83.

अनुभवी भारतीय _____ रघु राय का 83 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया।

- (a) Painter
- (b) Photographer
- (c) Journalist
- (d) Writer
- (e) Director

Ans. b

Sol. Veteran Photographer Raghu Rai Dies at 83

Veteran Indian photographer Raghu Rai passed away at the age of 83 after battling cancer for two years; he was widely regarded as a “visual chronicler” of modern India. His awards include the Padma Shri (1972), US Photographer of the Year (1992), Académie des Beaux-Arts Photography Award (2019), and a Lifetime Achievement Award (2017) by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

351. The five-year biodiversity project launched by the Ministry of Environment will be implemented during which period?

पर्यावरण मंत्रालय द्वारा शुरू की गई पाँच वर्षीय जैव विविधता परियोजना किस अवधि के दौरान लागू की जाएगी?

- (a) 2024–2028
- (b) 2025–2030
- (c) 2023–2027

(d) 2026–2031

(e) 2022–2026

Ans. b

Sol. India Launches \$4.88 Million Biodiversity Project in Tamil Nadu and Meghalaya (2025–2030)

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the National Biodiversity Authority have launched a five-year project (2025–2030) to strengthen grassroots biodiversity governance in Tamil Nadu and Meghalaya, with funding of over \$4.88 million.

The project titled “Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Securing Biodiversity Conservation Commitments” is a joint initiative of the Government, Global Environment Facility (GEF) and UNDP, aiming to integrate biodiversity conservation into Gram Panchayat Development Plans.

It will focus on key ecological landscapes such as the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve region in Tamil Nadu and Garo Hills (including Nokrek Biosphere Reserve) in Meghalaya, aligning with India’s National Biodiversity Strategy, 30×30 global target, and Paris Agreement commitments.

352. World Tapir Day is observed annually on which date?

विश्व टैपिर दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

(a) 25 April

(b) 26 April

(c) 27 April

(d) 28 April

(e) 29 April

Ans. c

Sol. 27 April - World Tapir Day

World Tapir Day is observed on 27 April every year to raise awareness about tapirs and their conservation.

The day highlights the importance of protecting four species of tapirs found in Central and South America as well as Southeast Asia.

353. Who has been reappointed as MD & CEO of Karur Vysya Bank?

करूर वैश्य बैंक के MD & CEO के रूप में किसे पुनर्नियुक्त किया गया है?

(a) Shyam Srinivasan

(b) B. Ramesh Babu

(c) Amitabh Chaudhry

(d) Sandeep Bakhshi

(e) Uday Kotak

Ans. b

Sol. B. Ramesh Babu Reappointed as Karur Vysya Bank MD & CEO

The Reserve Bank of India approved the reappointment of B. Ramesh Babu as MD & CEO of Karur Vysya Bank for a third term of two years.

His new term will be effective from July 29, 2026, with RBI granting approval.

About Karur Vysya Bank

- *Founded- 1916*
- *Founders- M. A. Venkatarama Chettiar, Athi Krishna Chettiar*
- *Headquarters- Karur, Tamil Nadu*

354. Which of the following is NOT a newly appointed full-time member of NITI

Aayog?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन नीति आयोग का नया पूर्णकालिक सदस्य नहीं है?

- (a) K V Raju
- (b) Shraddha Joshi
- (c) Abhay Karandikar
- (d) M Srinivas
- (e) Gobardhan Das

Ans. b

Sol. PM Narendra Modi Reconstitutes NITI Aayog

PM Narendra Modi has reconstituted NITI Aayog, appointing Ashok Lahiri as the new Vice-Chairman, replacing Suman Bery.

The Prime Minister continues as the ex officio Chairman, while Rajiv Gauba has been retained as a full-time member.

Four new full-time members appointed are K V Raju, Gobardhan Das, Abhay Karandikar, and M Srinivas.

NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)

- **Founded** - 1st January 2015
- **Preceding** - Planning Commission (15th March 1950)
- **Headquarters** - New Delhi
- **Chairperson** - Narendra Modi
- **Vice Chairperson** - Ashok Lahiri (replace Suman K Bery)
- **CEO** - Nidhi Chhibber (replaec B. V. R. Subrahmanyam)
- **NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

355. What is "Mythos", recently seen in the news?

हाल ही में समाचारों में देखा गया "Mythos" क्या है?

- (a) A new digital payment system launched by the RBI
- (b) An AI platform posing potential risks to the banking sector
- (c) A cryptocurrency developed by SBI
- (d) A government AI chat bot for financial inclusion
- (e) A cybersecurity law introduced by Parliament

Ans. b

Sol. Govt Forms Panel Under SBI Chief C. S. Setty to Assess AI Platform 'Mythos' Risks
Nirmala Sitharaman announced the formation of a panel under C. S. Setty to assess risks arising from the AI platform "Mythos" and suggest mitigation measures. The panel will involve coordination among banks, led by the State Bank of India and the Indian Banks' Association, to evaluate threats and identify areas needing additional investment. Banks will focus on adopting advanced technologies and leveraging AI itself to counter emerging AI-driven risks in the financial sector.

356. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has proposed a draft notification to declare 408.7 sq km around Barasingha Wildlife Sanctuary as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ). It is located in which state?

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय ने बारासिंघा वन्यजीव अभयारण्य के आसपास 408.7 वर्ग किमी क्षेत्र को ईको-सेंसिटिव ज़ोन (ESZ) घोषित करने का प्रस्ताव दिया है। यह किस राज्य में स्थित है?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Uttarakhand

Ans. c

Sol. Centre Issues Draft Notification Declaring ESZ Around UP's Barasingha Wildlife Sanctuary

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has proposed a draft notification to declare 408.7 sq km around Barasingha Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).

Eco-Sensitive Zones act as "shock absorbers" around protected areas, regulating human activities to protect biodiversity and the ecosystem.

The sanctuary is spread across five districts of Uttar Pradesh—Muzaffarnagar, Meerut, Hapur, Bijnor, and Amroha.

357. Which state government has launched the CM-INSPIRE Scheme to provide financial support to youth preparing for the UPSC Civil Services Examination?

किस राज्य सरकार ने UPSC सिविल सेवा परीक्षा की तैयारी कर रहे युवाओं को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए 'CM-INSPIRE' योजना शुरू की है?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Tripura
- (e) Nagaland

Ans. b

Sol. Meghalaya Launches CM-INSPIRE Scheme to Support UPSC Aspirants

The Meghalaya Government has launched the CM-INSPIRE Scheme to provide financial support to youth preparing for the UPSC Civil Services Examination. The scheme aims to encourage and assist aspirants in pursuing careers in civil services by reducing financial barriers.

About Meghalaya

- **Capital** – Shillong
- **Chief Minister** - Conrad Kongkal Sangma
- **Governor** - C. H. Vijayashankar

358. Who has inaugurated an Adani Vikas Kendra in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh, to empower women through garment production and skill development?

मध्य प्रदेश के शिवपुरी में गारमेंट प्रोडक्शन और स्किल डेवलपमेंट के ज़रिए महिलाओं को मज़बूत बनाने के लिए अडानी विकास केंद्र का उद्घाटन किसने किया?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Jyotiraditya Scindia
- (d) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- (e) Gautam Adani

Ans. c

Sol. Scindia Inaugurates Adani Vikas Kendra in MP to Empower Women Through Skill Development

Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated an Adani Vikas Kendra in Shivpuri to empower women through garment production and skill development.

The 48,000 sq ft facility at Badarwas is equipped with 600 modern sewing machines and will function as both a training and production centre.

Backed by Adani Foundation under the Swabhimaan programme, the initiative aims to provide sustainable livelihoods, with around 1,500 women expected to earn steady income.

359. Who released the commemorative postage stamp for Shri Ram College of Commerce?

श्री राम कॉलेज ऑफ कॉमर्स के लिए स्मारक डाक टिकट किसने जारी किया?

- (a) Droupadi Murmu
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (e) Arvind Kejriwal

Ans. b

Sol. PM Narendra Modi Releases Commemorative Stamp for Shri Ram College of Commerce

Narendra Modi released a commemorative postage stamp for Shri Ram College of Commerce, marking a significant milestone for the institution.

Shri Ram College of Commerce is one of India's premier commerce colleges under University of Delhi.

360. Gopalrao Patil, noted paediatrician and former Rajya Sabha MP (1994–2000), has passed away. Patil was associated with which political party?

गोपालराव पाटिल, जाने-माने बच्चों के डॉक्टर और पूर्व राज्यसभा MP (1994–2000) का निधन हो गया है। पाटिल किस पॉलिटिकल पार्टी से जुड़े थे?

- (a) Indian National Congress
- (b) Bharatiya Janata Party
- (c) Samajwadi Party
- (d) Bahujan Samaj Party
- (e) Aam Aadmi Party

Ans. b

Sol. Former Rajya Sabha MP and Paediatrician Gopalrao Patil Passes Away

Gopalrao Patil, noted paediatrician and former Rajya Sabha MP (1994–2000), has passed away.

He was associated with the Bharatiya Janata Party.

361. Who became the first man in history to complete an official marathon in under two hours, achieving this remarkable feat at the London Marathon 2026?

इतिहास में पहली बार आधिकारिक मैराथन को 2 घंटे से कम समय में पूरा करने वाले, और यह उपलब्धि लंदन मैराथन 2026 में हासिल करने वाले खिलाड़ी कौन बने?

- (a) Eliud Kipchoge
- (b) Kenenisa Bekele
- (c) Sabastian Sawe
- (d) Mo Farah

(e) Wilson Kipsang

Ans. c

Sol. Sabastian Sawe Becomes First Athlete to Break 2-Hour Marathon Barrier at London Marathon 2026

Sabastian Sawe created history by becoming the first man to run an official marathon in under two hours.

He achieved this milestone at the London Marathon 2026 with a record time of 1 hour 59 minutes 30 seconds.

With this feat, he became the first athlete to break the 2-hour barrier in an official marathon race.

362. Punjab National Bank (PNB) has partnered with which company to enable credit-based UPI payments?

पंजाब नेशनल बैंक (PNB) ने क्रेडिट-आधारित UPI भुगतान सक्षम करने के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Paytm
- (b) Kiwi
- (c) Phonepe
- (d) Razorpay
- (e) BharatPe

Ans. b

Sol. PNB Partners with Kiwi to Launch RuPay-Based Credit Card for UPI Payments
Punjab National Bank has partnered with Kiwi to enable credit-based UPI payments for its customers.

A new PNB Kiwi Credit Card has been launched under this collaboration, issued on the RuPay network.

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector

- *'CheQ and AU Small Finance Bank Launch **India's First LED-Powered Co-Branded Credit Card 'CheQ AU Credit Card'***
- *Life Insurance Corporation of India Launches **MyLIC & Super Sales Saathi Apps** to Boost Digital Services*
- *Visa & HDFC Bank Launch **FIFA World Cup 2026 Pixel Credit Card** with 'Spend & Win' Campaign*
- *CSB Bank Launches **'Smart Save Account'** to Boost Retail Banking Portfolio*

363. Which institute has launched Asia's first UNESCO Chair on Gender Inclusion and Skill Development, strengthening India's role in global gender and skilling initiatives?

किस संस्थान ने जेंडर इंकलूजन और स्किल डेवलपमेंट पर एशिया की पहली यूनेस्को चेयर शुरू की है?

- (a) University of Delhi
- (b) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- (c) Symbiosis Skills and Professional University
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- (e) Banaras Hindu University

Ans. c

Sol. Symbiosis Launches Asia's First UNESCO Chair on Gender Inclusion and Skill Development

Symbiosis Skills and Professional University has launched Asia's first UNESCO Chair on Gender Inclusion and Skill Development, strengthening India's role in global gender and skilling initiatives.

Jayant Chaudhary inaugurated the Chair during an international conference held in collaboration with UNESCO.

The initiative has already trained over 10,000 underprivileged girls in advanced sectors like robotics and semiconductor technology, enhancing employability and income opportunities.

364. Who has authored the book "The Curious and the Classified: Unearthing Military Myths and Mysteries"?

"The Curious and the Classified: Unearthing Military Myths and Mysteries"
पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?

- (a) Bipin Rawat
- (b) Manoj Mukund Naravane
- (c) Dalbir Singh Suhag
- (d) Deepak Kapoor
- (e) V. K. Singh

Ans. b

Sol. Former Army Chief Manoj Naravane Releases New Book 'The Curious and the Classified'

Manoj Mukund Naravane has released a new non-fiction book titled The Curious and the Classified: Unearthing Military Myths and Mysteries.

The release comes after earlier controversy over his unpublished memoir Four Stars of Destiny.

365. Which municipal body in India won the 4th Gender Equality Mobilisation (GEM) Award presented by UNIDO for its initiative promoting women empowerment and environmental sustainability?

भारत में किस नगर निगम ने महिलाओं के सशक्तिकरण और पर्यावरणीय स्थिरता को बढ़ावा देने वाली पहल के लिए UNIDO द्वारा प्रदान किया गया चौथा जेंडर इकालिटी मोबिलाइजेशन (GEM) अवॉर्ड जीता?

- (a) Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation
- (b) Guntur Municipal Corporation
- (c) Vijayawada Municipal Corporation
- (d) Chennai Corporation
- (e) Pune Municipal Corporation

Ans. b

Sol. Guntur Municipal Corporation Wins UNIDO's GEM Award for Women Empowerment and Green Initiative

Guntur Municipal Corporation won the 4th Gender Equality Mobilisation (GEM) Award by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation at the International Day of Women in Industry 2026 in Vienna.

The award recognises GMC's initiative integrating women empowerment with environmental sustainability by training over 200 women as electric auto drivers for waste collection.

The project is implemented under the UNIDO-supported Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Pilot (SCIAP), promoting zero-emission waste management and inclusion of women in the green economy.

366. When is International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day observed?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय चेर्नोबिल आपदा स्मृति दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 24 April
- (b) 25 April
- (c) 26 April
- (d) 27 April
- (e) 28 April

Ans. c

Sol. 26 April - International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day

International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day is observed on 26 April to honour the victims and survivors of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster, one of the worst nuclear accidents in history.

The day raises awareness about the long-term environmental, health, and social impacts caused by nuclear radiation and highlights the importance of nuclear safety.

367. When is World Design Day observed every year?

विश्व डिज़ाइन दिवस हर वर्ष कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 25 April
- (b) 26 April
- (c) 27 April
- (d) 28 April
- (e) 29 April

Ans. c

Sol. 27 April - World Design Day

World Design Day is observed every year on 27 April to celebrate the importance of design in improving the quality of life and solving global challenges.

The day highlights the role of designers in innovation, sustainability, and creating user-friendly solutions across industries.

368. When is World Day for Safety and Health at Work observed?

कार्यस्थल पर सुरक्षा और स्वास्थ्य का विश्व दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 26 April
- (b) 27 April
- (c) 30 April
- (d) 29 April
- (e) 28 April

Ans. e

Sol. 28 April - World Day for Safety and Health at Work

World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed on 28 April every year to promote safe, healthy, and decent working conditions across workplaces globally.

The day is supported by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and focuses on preventing occupational accidents, injuries, and diseases.

369. Who has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Bangladesh?

भारत के अगले बांग्लादेश में उच्चायुक्त के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Piyush Goyal
- (b) Shraddha Joshi
- (c) Dinesh Trivedi
- (d) Nisha Singh
- (e) Amit Shah

Ans. c

Sol. Dinesh Trivedi Appointed as India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh

Former Union Minister Dinesh Trivedi has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Bangladesh.

A veteran politician and former Railway Minister, Trivedi brings extensive parliamentary and administrative experience.

About Bangladesh

- **Capital**- Dhaka
- **Currency** – Taka
- **President** – Mohammed Shahabuddin Chuppu
- **Prime Minister** - Tarique Rahman

370. India and New Zealand have signed a historic Free Trade Agreement (FTA), marking a significant boost to bilateral economic relations. Under the FTA, India will get what kind of access for exports to New Zealand?

भारत और न्यूज़ीलैंड ने एक ऐतिहासिक मुक्त व्यापार समझौता (FTA) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं, जिससे द्विपक्षीय आर्थिक संबंधों को काफ़ी बढ़ावा मिला है। इस FTA के तहत, भारत को न्यूज़ीलैंड में अपने निर्यात के लिए किस तरह की पहुँच मिलेगी?

- (a) 50% duty-free access
- (b) 75% duty-free access
- (c) 100% duty-free access
- (d) No duty benefit
- (e) Limited sectoral access

Ans. c

Sol. India–New Zealand Sign Historic FTA; 100% Duty-Free Access and \$20 Billion Investment Boost Ties

India and New Zealand have signed a historic Free Trade Agreement (FTA), marking a significant boost to bilateral economic relations.

The agreement was signed at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi in the presence of Union Minister Piyush Goyal and New Zealand's Trade Minister Todd McClay.

Under the deal, India will receive 100% duty-free access for exports, while New Zealand has committed an investment of \$20 billion in India.

371. Recently, which Indian fintech company received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), enabling it to expand its lending business?

हाल ही में किस भारतीय फिनटेक कंपनी को भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) से नॉन-बैंकिंग फाइनेंशियल कंपनी (NBFC) के रूप में कार्य करने की मंजूरी मिली है, जिससे वह अपने लेंडिंग व्यवसाय का विस्तार कर सके?

- (a) Paytm Payments Bank
- (b) PhonePe Pvt Ltd
- (c) One MobiKwik Systems Limited
- (d) Razorpay Software Pvt Ltd
- (e) BharatPe Fintech Pvt Ltd

Ans. c

Sol. MobiKwik Gets RBI NBFC License

Indian fintech firm One MobiKwik Systems has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for an NBFC license, enabling it to enter the regulated lending space.

The license will allow the company to launch Mobikwik Financial Services, offering secured and unsecured loans to consumers and small businesses, especially in underserved segments.

372. P. V. Sindhu has been appointed as a member of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council with voting rights. What is the tenure of P.V. Sindhu as Chair of the BWF Athletes' Commission?

पी. वी. सिंधु को बैडमिंटन वर्ल्ड फेडरेशन (BWF) काउंसिल का वोटिंग राइट्स के साथ मेंबर बनाया गया है। BWF एथलीट्स कमीशन की चेयर के तौर पर पी. वी. सिंधु का टर्म क्या है?

- (a) 2024–2026
- (b) 2025–2028
- (c) 2026–2029
- (d) 2023–2027
- (e) 2026–2030

Ans. c

Sol. P.V. Sindhu Joins BWF Council with Voting Rights After Becoming Athletes' Commission Chair

P. V. Sindhu has been appointed as a member of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council with voting rights.

She secured this position after being elected as the Chair of the BWF Athletes' Commission for the term 2026–2029.

The BWF Council is the highest decision-making body of world badminton, responsible for key policy and governance decisions.

373. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the National Biodiversity Authority launched a biodiversity project in Tamil Nadu and Meghalaya. The project will be implemented during which period?

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय तथा राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता प्राधिकरण ने तमिलनाडु और मेघालय में एक जैव विविधता परियोजना शुरू की। यह परियोजना किस अवधि में लागू की जाएगी?

- (a) 2024–2028
- (b) 2025–2030
- (c) 2023–2027
- (d) 2026–2031
- (e) 2025–2029

Ans. b

Sol. India Launches 5-Year Biodiversity Project to Strengthen Grassroots Governance in Tamil Nadu and Meghalaya

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and National Biodiversity Authority launched a 5-year biodiversity project (2025–2030) with a grant of over \$4.88 million.

The project aims to strengthen grassroots biodiversity governance by integrating conservation into Gram Panchayat Development Plans and empowering local communities with innovative financing mechanisms.

It will be implemented in Tamil Nadu (Sathyamangalam & Mudumalai Tiger Reserves) and Meghalaya (Garo Hills, including Nokrek Biosphere Reserve, Balpakram National Park, Siju Wildlife Sanctuary), aligning with India's biodiversity and climate goals.

374. India's industrial output growth slowed to what percentage in March 2026?

मार्च 2026 में भारत की औद्योगिक उत्पादन वृद्धि दर कितने प्रतिशत पर आ गई?

- (a) 3.5%
- (b) 4.1%
- (c) 5.1%
- (d) 6.0%
- (e) 4.8%

Ans. b

Sol. India's Industrial Growth Slows to 4.1% in March 2026

India's industrial output growth slowed to a 5-month low of 4.1% in March 2026, indicating moderation in economic activity.

Industrial growth is measured by the Index of Industrial Production, which tracks factory output across sectors.

As per National Statistics Office (NSO), February 2026 growth was revised to 5.1% from the earlier estimate of 5.2%.

375. International Jazz Day is celebrated on which date?

अंतरराष्ट्रीय जैज़ दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 28 April
- (b) 29 April
- (c) 30 April
- (d) 1 May
- (e) 2 May

Ans. c

Sol. 30 April - International Jazz Day

International Jazz Day is celebrated every year on 30 April to highlight jazz as a powerful form of cultural expression and unity.

The day was proclaimed by UNESCO to promote peace, dialogue, and cooperation through music.

It recognises the role of jazz in bringing people together, fostering creativity, and promoting cultural diversity worldwide.

376. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the nationwide investor awareness initiative 'Mission Jagrook' during the Foundation Day celebration of which organisation?

केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने किस संगठन के स्थापना दिवस समारोह के दौरान देश भर में निवेशक जागरूकता पहल 'मिशन जागरूकता' शुरू की है?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (c) National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- (d) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- (e) Ministry of Finance

Ans. b

Sol. Nirmala Sitharaman Launches 'Mission Jagrook' at SEBI's 38th Foundation Day to Boost Investor Awareness

Nirmala Sitharaman delivered the keynote address at the 38th Foundation Day of the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

She launched a nationwide investor awareness initiative, 'Mission Jagrook' to promote financial literacy and investor protection.

The initiative focuses on safeguarding investors from fake investment apps, deepfake videos, and fraud by "fin-fluencers."

377. 'Mission SAKSHAM', launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), is a nationwide capacity-building initiative designed to strengthen which of the following sectors in India?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) द्वारा शुरू किया गया 'मिशन सक्षम' एक राष्ट्रव्यापी क्षमता निर्माण पहल है, जिसका उद्देश्य भारत के किस क्षेत्र को मजबूत करना है?

- (a) Commercial Banking Sector
- (b) Rural Banking Sector
- (c) Urban Cooperative Banking Sector
- (d) Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)
- (e) Insurance Sector

Ans. c

Sol. RBI Launches 'Mission SAKSHAM' to Strengthen Urban Cooperative Banks Through Nationwide Capacity Building

Reserve Bank of India launched 'Mission SAKSHAM' (Sahkari Bank Kshamta Nirman) to strengthen the Urban Cooperative Banking (UCB) sector.

It is a nationwide training and capacity-building programme, targeting around 1.4 lakh participants from UCBs.

The initiative will deliver training through a hybrid mode, including physical (in-person) programmes and e-learning platforms.

378. UNESCO has added 12 new sites to its Global Geoparks Network, strengthening efforts to protect geological heritage and promote sustainable development. After the latest expansion, how many UNESCO Global Geopark sites are there worldwide?

UNESCO ने अपने ग्लोबल जियोपार्क नेटवर्क में 12 नई साइटें जोड़ी हैं, जिससे जियोलॉजिकल विरासत की रक्षा करने और सस्टेनेबल डेवलपमेंट को बढ़ावा देने की कोशिशों को मजबूती मिली है। हाल के विस्तार के बाद, दुनिया भर में कितने UNESCO ग्लोबल जियोपार्क साइटें हैं?

- (a) 210
- (b) 225
- (c) 230
- (d) 241
- (e) 250

Ans. d

Sol. UNESCO Expands Global Geoparks Network with 12 New Sites, Total Reaches 241 Worldwide

UNESCO has added 12 new sites to its Global Geoparks Network, strengthening efforts to protect geological heritage and promote sustainable development.

The newly designated geoparks are spread across countries like China, France, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Portugal, Russia, Tunisia, and Uruguay, highlighting global participation.

With this expansion, the total number of UNESCO Global Geoparks has reached 241 sites in 51 countries, covering over 882,000 sq km worldwide.

12 New UNESCO Global Geoparks

1. Changshan UNESCO Global Geopark - China
2. Mt. Siguniang UNESCO Global Geopark - China
3. Terres d'Hérault UNESCO Global Geopark - France
4. Nisyros UNESCO Global Geopark - Greece
5. Joyce Country and Western Lakes Global Geopark - Ireland
6. Lenggong UNESCO Global Geopark - Malaysia
7. Sarawak Delta UNESCO Global Geopark - Malaysia
8. Algarvensis UNESCO Global Geopark - Portugal
9. Mine-Akiyoshidai Karst Plateau UNESCO Global Geopark - Japan
10. Toratau UNESCO Global Geopark - Russian Federation
11. Dahar UNESCO Global Geopark - Tunisia
12. Manantiales Serranos UNESCO Global Geopark - Uruguay

379. International Sculpture Day is celebrated on which date?

अंतरराष्ट्रीय मूर्तिकला दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 27 April
- (b) 28 April
- (c) 29 April
- (d) 30 April
- (e) 1 May

Ans. c**Sol.** 29 April - International Sculpture Day

International Sculpture Day is celebrated on 29 April to promote the art of sculpture and recognize sculptors worldwide.

The day is organized by the International Sculpture Center (ISC) to raise awareness about three-dimensional art and its cultural importance.

380. International Dance Day is celebrated on which date?

अंतरराष्ट्रीय नृत्य दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 27 April
- (b) 28 April
- (c) 30 April
- (d) 29 April
- (e) 26 April

Ans. d**Sol.** 29 April - International Dance Day

International Dance Day is celebrated every year on 29 April to promote the art of dance and its cultural significance worldwide.

The day was established by the International Theatre Institute (ITI), a partner of UNESCO, to encourage participation and awareness of dance.

It commemorates the birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre, the creator of modern ballet, highlighting the importance of dance as a universal language.

381. Which organization inaugurated the X-band Doppler Weather Radar at Mahabaleshwar?

महाबलेश्वर में X-बैंड डॉप्लर वेदर रडार का उद्घाटन किस संगठन ने किया?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) IMD
- (c) IITM Pune
- (d) DRDO
- (e) Ministry of Earth Sciences

Ans. c

Sol. IITM Pune Installs X-Band Doppler Weather Radar at Mahabaleshwar to Boost Forecasting Under Mission Mausam

The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, inaugurated an X-band Doppler Weather Radar at Mahabaleshwar under Mission Mausam to enhance weather monitoring.

Installed at about 1,400 metres in the Western Ghats, the radar can track rainfall, storms, fog, and winds in real time, improving short-term weather forecasts (up to 3 hours) for regions like Pune, Mumbai, Konkan, and Satara.

IITM also signed an MoU with ISRO's Space Applications Centre (SAC) to develop advanced satellite-based weather products, aiding disaster management, agriculture, aviation safety, and climate studies.

382. Which state will host the SAFF Women's Championship 2026 for the first time?

SAFF महिला चैंपियनशिप 2026 की पहली बार मेजबानी कौन सा राज्य करेगा?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Goa
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Tamil Nadu

Ans. b

Sol. Goa to Host SAFF Women's Championship 2026 for the First Time

Goa will host the SAFF Women's Championship 2026 for the first time, scheduled from May 25 to June 7, 2026, marking a historic milestone for the state. All matches will be held at PJN Stadium, Fatorda, making it the first SAFF tournament in Goa since the Men's Championship in 1999. A total of six nations—India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan—will participate, with matches played across group stages, semi-finals, and the final.

383. Renowned spiritual leader Muni Narayana Prasad passed away in Thiruvananthapuram at the age of 87. Muni Narayana Prasad was the head of which organisation?

जाने-माने आध्यात्मिक गुरु मुनि नारायण प्रसाद का 87 साल की उम्र में तिरुवनंतपुरम में निधन हो गया। मुनि नारायण प्रसाद किस संगठन के प्रमुख थे?

- (a) Ramakrishna Mission
- (b) Chinmaya Mission
- (c) ISKCON
- (d) Art of Living
- (e) Narayana Gurukulam

Ans. e

Sol. Spiritual Leader Muni Narayana Prasad Passes Away at 87 in Thiruvananthapuram
Renowned spiritual leader Muni Narayana Prasad, head of Narayana Gurukulam, passed away in Thiruvananthapuram at the age of 87.

Originally a civil engineer, he joined the Gurukulam in 1968 and became its head in 1999, carrying forward the vision of Sree Narayana Guru.

A prolific philosopher and author of over 100 books, he was honoured with awards like the Padma Shri and Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award.

384. World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed on which date?

कार्यस्थल पर सुरक्षा और स्वास्थ्य के लिए विश्व दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 26 April
- (b) 27 April
- (c) 28 April
- (d) 29 April
- (e) 30 April

Ans. c

Sol. 28 April - World Day for Safety and Health at Work

World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed every year on 28 April to promote safe and healthy working conditions.

The day is organised by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to raise awareness about workplace hazards and prevention of occupational accidents.

385. DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V. Kamat unveiled Advanced Armoured Platforms (Tracked and Wheeled) at a DRDO laboratory in Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra. These platforms have been developed by which organisation?

DRDO के चेयरमैन डॉ. समीर वी. कामत ने महाराष्ट्र के अहिल्यानगर में DRDO लैब में एडवांस्ड आर्मर्ड प्लेटफॉर्म (ट्रैक और व्हील्ड) का अनावरण किया। ये प्लेटफॉर्म किस ऑर्गनाइज़ेशन ने डेवलप किए हैं?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) HAL
- (c) DRDO
- (d) BEL
- (e) BDL

Ans. c

Sol. DRDO Unveils Indigenous Advanced Armoured Platforms to Boost Defence Capabilities

DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V. Kamat unveiled Advanced Armoured Platforms (Tracked and Wheeled) at a DRDO laboratory in Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra.

These platforms have been developed to meet the emerging operational requirements of the Indian Defence Forces, enhancing mobility, firepower, and protection.

The systems feature indigenously designed advanced technologies and were manufactured by TATA Advanced Systems Limited and Bharat Forge Limited, boosting defence self-reliance.

386. India will host the _____ India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-IV) in New Delhi, marking its return after a 10-year gap.

भारत _____ भारत-अफ्रीका फोरम शिखर सम्मेलन (IAFS-IV) की मेजबानी नई दिल्ली में करेगा, जो 10 वर्षों के अंतराल के बाद हो रहा है।

- (a) Second
- (b) Third
- (c) Fourth
- (d) Fifth
- (e) Sixth

Ans. c

Sol. India to Host 4th India-Africa Forum Summit in New Delhi After 10-Year Gap

India will host the Fourth India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-IV) in New Delhi, marking its return after a 10-year gap, highlighting renewed engagement with Africa.

The summit will be organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in collaboration with the African Union.

The event aims to strengthen India–Africa relations, focusing on cooperation in areas like trade, investment, development, and strategic partnerships.

387. Who has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog?

नीति आयोग के उपाध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Arvind Panagariya
- (b) Rajiv Kumar
- (c) Ashok Lahiri
- (d) Bibek Debroy
- (e) Ramesh Chand

Ans. c

Sol. Ashok Lahiri Appointed NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman

Economist Ashok Lahiri will become the Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog, while scientist Gobardhan Das will be appointed as a member.

Ashok Lahiri is a former Chief Economic Advisor and has also served as a member of the 15th Finance Commission.

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- ***Founded*** - 1st January 2015
- ***Preceding*** - Planning Commission (15th March 1950)
- ***Headquarters*** - New Delhi
- ***Chairperson*** - Narendra Modi
- ***Vice Chairperson*** - Ashok Lahiri (replace Suman K Bery)
- ***CEO*** - Nidhi Chhibber (replaec B. V. R. Subrahmanyam)
- *NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry*