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1. India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country to enhance customs cooperation through the exchange of pre-arrival information for faster clearance of goods and improved bilateral trade?

भारत ने वस्तुओं की तेज कस्टम क्लीयरेंस और द्विपक्षीय व्यापार को बेहतर बनाने के लिए पूर्व-आगमन जानकारी के आदान-प्रदान हेतु किस देश के साथ समझौता (MoU) किया?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) Kenya
- (c) Nigeria
- (d) Egypt
- (e) Brazil

Ans. b

Sol. India and Kenya Sign MoU to Enhance Customs Cooperation and Speed Up Trade Clearance

India and Kenya signed an MoU on the exchange of pre-arrival customs information to improve the clearance of goods and boost bilateral trade.

The agreement was signed between the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) during the 10th India–Kenya Joint Trade Committee meeting in Nairobi.

It enables electronic sharing of import data before cargo arrival (via iCMS), ensuring faster clearances, better risk management, and smoother trade cooperation.

2. Which companies jointly introduced biometric authentication for card payments on Flipkart?

फ्लिपकार्ट पर कार्ड भुगतान के लिए बायोमेट्रिक ऑथेंटिकेशन किस कंपनियों ने मिलकर शुरू किया?

- (a) Amazon, HDFC Bank, Razorpay
- (b) Flipkart, Axis Bank, PayU
- (c) Flipkart, SBI, Paytm
- (d) Amazon, ICICI Bank, PayU
- (e) Flipkart, Kotak Bank, PhonePe

Ans. b

Sol. Flipkart, Axis Bank & PayU Introduce Biometric Authentication for Card Payments, Replacing OTP System

Flipkart, Axis Bank, and PayU have introduced biometric authentication for card payments on the Flipkart platform.

Axis Bank cardholders can now approve transactions using fingerprint or Face ID, replacing the traditional OTP (One-Time Password) system.

Wibmo manages authentication, while PayU handles the payment infrastructure, ensuring a more secure and seamless payment experience.

3. Which public sector bank has launched Indian Sign Language (ISL) support through video calls at its contact centre to provide inclusive banking services for customers with hearing or speech impairments?

किस सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक ने सुनने या बोलने में अक्षम ग्राहकों को समावेशी बैंकिंग सेवाएं प्रदान करने के लिए अपने संपर्क केंद्र पर वीडियो कॉल के माध्यम से भारतीय सांकेतिक भाषा (ISL) सपोर्ट शुरू किया है?

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

Ans. c

Sol. Bank of Baroda Launches Indian Sign Language Video Call Support to Enhance Inclusive Banking Services

Bank of Baroda launched Indian Sign Language (ISL) support via video calls at its Contact Centre to assist customers with hearing or speech impairments.

The service is available across five platforms: website, mobile banking app, WhatsApp Banking, Phygital Branches, and ADI (GenAI-powered chatbot).

Customers can choose 'Video Call with Sign Language', where trained ISL interpreters provide real-time assistance, enhancing inclusive and accessible banking services.

4. Which country has announced its exit from OPEC and OPEC+ effective May 1?

किस देश ने 1 मई से OPEC और OPEC+ से बाहर निकलने की घोषणा की है?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) Iran
- (c) UAE
- (d) Kuwait
- (e) Iraq

Ans. c

Sol. UAE Announces Exit from OPEC and OPEC+ Effective May 1

The United Arab Emirates announced its exit from OPEC and OPEC+ effective May 1, reducing OPEC's membership to 11 countries.

The decision was driven by the UAE's concern over production quotas, which it felt limited its ability to fully utilise and monetise its oil production capacity.

5. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated six indoor cricket academies under the Board of Control for Cricket in India expansion programme in Northeast India. Which of the following is NOT a location of the newly inaugurated academies?

PM नरेंद्र मोदी ने पूर्वोत्तर भारत में भारतीय क्रिकेट कंट्रोल बोर्ड के विस्तार प्रोग्राम के तहत छह इनडोर क्रिकेट अकादमियों का उद्घाटन किया। इनमें से कौन सी नई शुरू की गई अकादमियों की जगह नहीं है?

- (a) Aizawl
- (b) Imphal
- (c) Dimapur
- (d) Guwahati
- (e) Rangpo

Ans. d

Sol. PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates Six BCCI Indoor Cricket Academies Across Northeast India

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated six indoor cricket academies under the Board of Control for Cricket in India expansion programme in Northeast India.

The academies are located in Rangpo (Sikkim), Doimukh (Arunachal Pradesh), Imphal (Manipur), Madan Kurkalang (Meghalaya), Aizawl (Mizoram), and Dimapur (Nagaland).

The initiative aims to strengthen cricket infrastructure and promote sports development in the Northeast region.

6. International Labour Day is observed on which date?

अंतरराष्ट्रीय श्रमिक दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

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

Ans. b

Sol. 1 May - International Labour Day

1 May is observed as International Labour Day to honour the contributions and rights of workers worldwide.

The day has its origin in the Haymarket Affair, which advocated for an 8-hour workday.

It highlights issues like fair wages, workers' rights, and safe working conditions, and is celebrated in India as 'Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas'.

7. 1 May is celebrated as Maharashtra Day, marking the formation of the state of Maharashtra. In which year was the state of Maharashtra formed?

1 मई को महाराष्ट्र दिवस के तौर पर मनाया जाता है, जो महाराष्ट्र राज्य के बनने की याद में मनाया जाता है। महाराष्ट्र राज्य किस साल बना था?

- (a) 1950
- (b) 1956
- (c) 1960
- (d) 1965
- (e) 1970

Ans. c

Sol. 1 May - Maharashtra Day

1 May is celebrated as Maharashtra Day, marking the formation of the state of Maharashtra in 1960.

The state was created after the division of the bilingual Bombay State into Maharashtra and Gujarat on linguistic basis.

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 594-km-long Ganga Expressway, the longest expressway in Uttar Pradesh, connecting Meerut to Prayagraj. Which organisation developed the Ganga Expressway?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने 594 km लंबे गंगा एक्सप्रेसवे का उद्घाटन किया, जो उत्तर प्रदेश का सबसे लंबा एक्सप्रेसवे है और मेरठ को प्रयागराज से जोड़ता है। गंगा एक्सप्रेसवे किस ऑर्गनाइज़ेशन ने बनाया है?

- (a) NHAI
- (b) DMRC
- (c) UPEIDA
- (d) UP Police Housing
- (e) IRCTC

Ans. c

Sol. PM Modi Inaugurates 594-km Ganga Expressway

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 594-km-long Ganga Expressway, the longest expressway in Uttar Pradesh, connecting Meerut to Prayagraj.

The expressway has been developed by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) to boost connectivity and regional development. It passes through 12 districts, including Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Budaun, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Rae Bareli, Pratapgarh, and Prayagraj.

A key strategic feature is a 3.5 km airstrip in Shahjahanpur, designed for Indian Air Force emergency landing and take-off operations.

9. After the approval for the creation of five new districts in Ladakh, what is the total number of districts in the Union Territory now?

पाँच नए जिलों के गठन की मंजूरी के बाद लद्दाख केंद्र शासित प्रदेश में कुल जिलों की संख्या अब कितनी हो गई है?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8
- (e) 9

Ans. c

Sol. Ladakh Expands to 7 Districts as LG Vinai Kumar Saxena Approves Creation of Five New Districts

Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena approved the creation of 5 new districts in Ladakh, increasing the total from 2 to 7 districts.

Earlier, Ladakh had only Leh and Kargil; the newly created districts are Nubra, Sham, Changthang, Zaskar, and Drass.

The proposal was cleared by the Ministry of Home Affairs under Amit Shah (August 2024); Ladakh became a Union Territory in 2019 after the bifurcation of Jammu & Kashmir.

10. The foundation stone for the Google Cloud India AI Hub, which involves a massive foreign direct investment and large-scale data centre development, has been laid in which city of Andhra Pradesh?

Google Cloud India AI Hub की नींव आंध्र प्रदेश के किस शहर में रखी गई है, जिसमें बहुत ज्यादा विदेशी निवेश और बड़े पैमाने पर डेटा सेंटर डेवलपमेंट शामिल है?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Visakhapatnam
- (d) Amaravati
- (e) Chennai

Ans. c

Sol. Google to Invest \$15 Billion in AI Hub at Visakhapatnam as Naidu and Vaishnav Lay Foundation Stone

N. Chandrababu Naidu and Ashwini Vaishnav laid the foundation stone for the Google Cloud India AI Hub in Visakhapatnam.

Google will invest \$15 billion, making it one of the largest FDI projects in India, with a 1 GW data centre capacity spread over ~600 acres.

The project will be developed in Tharluwada, Adavivaram, and Rambilli, and executed by AdaniConnex and Airtel Nxtra, with completion targeted by September 2028.

11. What is the name of the new digital platform launched by EPFO to track inactive PF accounts?

निष्क्रिय PF खातों को ट्रैक करने के लिए EPFO द्वारा शुरू किए जाने वाले नए डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म का नाम क्या है?

- (a) EPF Connect
- (b) E-PRAAPTI
- (c) PF Tracker
- (d) UAN Portal
- (e) EPFO Link

Ans. b

Sol. EPFO to Launch E-PRAAPTI Portal for Easy Tracking and Access of Inactive PF Accounts

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is set to launch E-PRAAPTI (EPF Aadhaar-Based Access Portal for Tracking Inoperative Accounts) to help users manage old and inactive PF accounts.

The portal will use Aadhaar-based verification, enabling secure and easy login for users to access their EPF details.

It will allow users to identify, track, and access inoperative EPF accounts, even if they are not linked with a UAN (Universal Account Number).

12. The 80th Round Health Survey, which highlights improvements in healthcare infrastructure and access across India, has been released by which organisation?

80वां राउंड हेल्थ सर्वे, जो पूरे भारत में हेल्थकेयर इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर और पहुंच में सुधार को दिखाता है, किस ऑर्गनाइज़ेशन ने जारी किया है?

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (c) National Statistical Office (NSO)
- (d) World Health Organization (WHO)
- (e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Ans. c

Sol. NSO 80th Health Survey Shows Major Improvement in Healthcare Access

The National Statistical Office (NSO) released the 80th Round Health Survey, highlighting significant improvements in healthcare facilities across India.

The survey covered 1,39,732 households nationwide, including 76,296 rural and 63,436 urban households.

The average out-of-pocket expenditure per hospitalisation in 2025 is reported at ₹11,285.

Institutional deliveries increased notably—rural areas from 90.5% to 95.6% and urban areas from 96.1% to 97.8%.

Public healthcare usage and insurance coverage improved, with rural usage of government hospitals rising from 28% (2014) to 35% (2025), and health insurance coverage increasing to 45.5% (rural) and 31.8% (urban).

13. The “Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) @2047” roadmap, aimed at accelerating India’s digital transformation and economic growth, has been launched by which organization?

भारत के डिजिटल परिवर्तन और आर्थिक विकास को गति देने के उद्देश्य से “Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) @2047” रोडमैप किस संगठन द्वारा लॉन्च किया गया है?

- (a) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- (b) NITI Aayog
- (c) Reserve Bank of India
- (d) Ministry of Finance
- (e) SEBI

Ans. b

Sol. NITI Aayog Launches DPI @2047 Roadmap to Drive India’s \$30 Trillion Viksit Bharat Vision

The NITI Aayog launched the “Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) @2047” roadmap to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

The roadmap was unveiled by Suman Bery and Ajay Kumar Sood.

Under Viksit Bharat 2047, India aims to become a \$30 trillion economy with a per capita income of \$18,000.

DPI initiatives already contribute around 1% of GDP, with the potential to rise to 4% by 2030, boosting digital-led economic growth.

The roadmap outlines a two-phase strategy—DPI 2.0 (2025–2035) for livelihood-led growth and DPI 3.0 (2035–2047) for broad-based prosperity, with current focus on DPI 2.0 across eight key sectors.

14. The 10th National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices will be held in which city?

अच्छी और दोहराने योग्य प्रथाओं पर 10वां राष्ट्रीय शिखर सम्मेलन किस शहर में आयोजित होगा

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai

- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Chandigarh
- (e) Jaipur

Ans. d

Sol. 10th National Public Health Summit to Be Held in Chandigarh

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will organise the 10th National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Health Systems in Chandigarh.

The summit will be inaugurated by JP Nadda.

15. The 15th Delhi International Film Festival (DIFF) 2026 will be held in which city?

15वां दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल फिल्म फेस्टिवल (DIFF) 2026 किस शहर में आयोजित होगा?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Chennai
- (e) Bengaluru

Ans. b

Sol. 15th Delhi International Film Festival 2026 to Be Held from May 4–8 in New Delhi

The 15th Delhi International Film Festival (DIFF) 2026 will be held from 4th to 8th May in New Delhi.

The event will take place at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Ambedkar International Centre with support from the Ministry of Culture.

Focus Countries for 2026 include China, Russia, and Africa, highlighting global cinematic collaboration.

16. Which Marathi films have been selected for the film market section of the Cannes Film Festival?

Cannes Film Festival के फिल्म मार्केट सेक्शन के लिए किन मराठी फिल्मों का चयन हुआ है?

- (a) Jeev - The Creature & April May 99
- (b) Sairat & Court
- (c) Tumbbad & KGF
- (d) Article 15 & Newton
- (e) Drishyam & Andhadhun

Ans. a

Sol. Marathi Films "Jeev - The Creature" and "April May 99" Selected for Cannes Film Festival Film Market

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

This selection highlights the growing global recognition of regional Indian cinema, especially Marathi films, on prestigious international platforms.

17. The Indian Army will host the first edition of the multilateral exercise "Pragati" at the Foreign Training Node, _____.

भारतीय सेना 'Pragati' बहुपक्षीय अभ्यास के पहले संस्करण की मेजबानी Foreign Training Node, _____ में करेगी।

- (a) Pune
- (b) Dehradun
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Umroi
- (e) Leh

Ans. d

Sol. Indian Army to Host First 'Pragati' Multilateral Military Exercise in Meghalaya
The Indian Army will host the first edition of the multilateral exercise "Pragati" at the Foreign Training Node, Umroi.

Military delegations from 11 friendly countries will participate, aiming to enhance regional defence cooperation and coordination.

"Pragati" stands for Partnership of Regional Armies for Growth and Transformation in the Indian Ocean Region, reflecting a focus on collective security in the Indian Ocean Region.

18. Vijay Kumar, who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?

हाल ही में निधन हुए विजय कुमार किस खेल से संबंधित थे?

- (a) Cricket
- (b) Hockey
- (c) Tennis
- (d) Badminton
- (e) Golf

Ans. e

Sol. Indian Golf Legend Vijay Kumar Passes Away at 57

Veteran Indian golfer Vijay Kumar passed away at the age of 57 in Lucknow due to a heart attack.

He was a 2002 Indian Open champion and a four-time Order of Merit winner, widely regarded as one of the most accomplished figures in Indian professional golf.

19. R. Rithika Sri, who recently made history, became the first transgender umpire from which state?

हाल ही में इतिहास रचने वाली आर. ऋथिका श्री किस राज्य की पहली ट्रांसजेंडर अंपायर बनीं?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Telangana

Ans. c

Sol. R. Rithika Sri Becomes Tamil Nadu's First Transgender Umpire

R. Rithika Sri became the first transgender umpire from Tamil Nadu, marking a significant step towards inclusivity in cricket.

The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association introduced an 'Other' gender option in its State Panel Umpire exam form, influenced by her efforts and determination.

A transwoman from Salem, she has been umpiring since 2021 in the Salem and Coimbatore circuit and holds a diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

20. Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana IV to boost rural connectivity and development. In which state was PMGSY-IV launched?

कृषि मंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान ने ग्रामीण कनेक्टिविटी और विकास को बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रधानमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना IV शुरू की है। PMGSY-IV किस राज्य में शुरू की गई?

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

Ans. d

Sol. Shivraj Singh Chouhan Launches Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana IV in Odisha

Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana IV in Rayagada to boost rural connectivity and development.

Under PMGSY-IV, 827 road projects covering about 1,701 km will be developed at a cost of over ₹1,698 crore, benefiting 898 habitations with all-weather road connectivity for the first time.

Odisha has already made significant progress under PMGSY, with over 17,000 roads and 700+ bridges sanctioned, improving access to essential services and supporting the vision of a Viksit Bharat.

21. The Defence Research and Development Organisation highlighted that BrahMos Aerospace achieved a revenue of over _____ crore in the financial year 2025–26, marking strong growth in India's defence production sector.

रक्षा अनुसंधान एवं विकास संगठन ने बताया कि ब्रह्मोस एयरोस्पेस ने वित्त वर्ष 2025–26 में _____ करोड़ से अधिक का राजस्व हासिल किया, जो भारत के रक्षा उत्पादन क्षेत्र में मजबूत वृद्धि को दर्शाता है।

- (a) 4200 crore
- (b) 4500 crore
- (c) 5200 crore
- (d) 6000 crore
- (e) 7000 crore

Ans. c

Sol. Defence Research and Development Organisation Reports ₹5200 Crore Revenue for BrahMos Aerospace in 2025–26

The Defence Research and Development Organisation highlighted that BrahMos Aerospace achieved a revenue of over ₹5200 crore in the financial year 2025–26, marking strong growth in India's defence production sector.

The new Lucknow facility of BrahMos Aerospace has begun production, rolling out its first batch of missiles within a year of starting operations, strengthening indigenous missile manufacturing capability.

BrahMos Aerospace has also expanded its global presence by securing two export orders worth ₹4000 crore in 2025–26, aligning with India's defence export targets set under the vision of Narendra Modi.

22. The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, has approved how many companies under the Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Critical Mineral Recycling, marking a key step towards strengthening India's critical mineral security and circular economy?

भारत सरकार के खान मंत्रालय ने क्रिटिकल मिनेरल रीसाइक्लिंग प्रोत्साहन योजना के तहत कितनी कंपनियों को मंजूरी दी है, जो भारत की क्रिटिकल मिनेरल सुरक्षा और सर्कुलर इकोनॉमी को मजबूत करने की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है?

- (a) 45 companies
- (b) 50 companies
- (c) 54 companies
- (d) 58 companies

(e) 75 companies

Ans. d

Sol. Ministry of Mines Approves 58 Companies Under ₹1500 Crore Critical Mineral Recycling Incentive Scheme

The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, has approved 58 companies under the Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Critical Mineral Recycling, marking a key step towards strengthening India's critical mineral security and circular economy.

The scheme, with an outlay of ₹1500 crore under the National Critical Mineral Mission, aims to develop domestic recycling capacity for critical minerals from lithium-ion batteries, e-waste, and industrial scrap.

The initiative will reduce import dependence and support clean energy and advanced manufacturing sectors, with the next phase focusing on project execution and financial support for eligible entities based on production and capacity development.

23. In which country has India deployed the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare infrastructure?

भारत ने Aarogya Maitri पोर्टेबल स्वास्थ्य ढांचा किस देश में तैनात किया है?

- (a) Kenya**
- (b) Sri Lanka**
- (c) Bangladesh**
- (d) Jamaica**
- (e) South Africa**

Ans. d

Sol. India Deploys Aarogya Maitri portable hospital in Jamaica to Strengthen India–CARICOM Health Cooperation

India has deployed its flagship Aarogya Maitri portable hospital in Jamaica, strengthening India–Caribbean relations and marking a major step in humanitarian diplomacy under India–CARICOM cooperation.

The initiative, coordinated under India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief framework and guided by the National Security Council Secretariat along with the Ministry of External Affairs, India, focuses on rapid and technology-enabled medical support to partner nations.

This deployment reflects India's growing outreach to CARICOM countries, with emphasis on healthcare cooperation, disaster resilience, and capacity building as key pillars of South–South collaboration.

24. Which organization under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Chamber India to strengthen India's startup ecosystem and promote innovation-led growth?

कॉमर्स और इंडस्ट्री मिनिस्ट्री के तहत किस ऑर्गनाइज़ेशन ने इंडिया के स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम को मज़बूत करने और इनोवेशन-लेड ग्रोथ को बढ़ावा देने के लिए चैंबर इंडिया के साथ एक मेमोरेंडम ऑफ़ अंडरस्टैंडिंग (MoU) साइन किया है?

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) RBI
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) DPIIT
- (e) DRDO

Ans. d

Sol. DPIIT Signs MoU with Chamber India to Boost Startup Ecosystem and Innovation-led Growth

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Chamber India to strengthen India's startup ecosystem and promote innovation-led growth across sectors.

The partnership aims to enhance collaboration between startups, corporates, investors, and global stakeholders, while also supporting international linkages and cross-border cooperation under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The initiative will boost entrepreneurship in key areas such as skilling, health, agriculture, and emerging technologies, aligning with national startup and innovation programmes.

25. Which company has officially become India's first commercial seaplane operator after receiving the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from DGCA?

DGCA से एयर ऑपरेटर सर्टिफिकेट (AOC) प्राप्त करने के बाद कौन सी कंपनी भारत की पहली वाणिज्यिक सीप्लेन ऑपरेटर बनी है?

- (a) IndiGo Airlines
- (b) Air India
- (c) SkyHop Aviation
- (d) SpiceJet
- (e) Akasa Air

Ans. c

Sol. India Launches First Commercial Seaplane Service as SkyHop Aviation Gets DGCA Approval

India is expanding its aviation sector from land to water with the launch of its first dedicated commercial seaplane services. SkyHop Aviation has received the Air

Operator Certificate (AOC) from the DGCA, officially clearing it for commercial operations in the country.

SkyHop Aviation had already demonstrated successful water take-offs and landings earlier in Rishikesh, and will now begin commercial operations using 19-seater seaplanes, marking a significant milestone in India's aviation history.

In the first phase, services will focus on Lakshadweep, connecting five islands internally as well as linking them to the Indian mainland, aiming to boost tourism and drastically reduce travel time in remote and water-bound regions.

26. Who inaugurated the Somnath Swabhiman Parv Yatra, which highlights India's cultural heritage and historical pride?

सोमनाथ स्वाभिमान पर्व यात्रा का उद्घाटन किसने किया, जो भारत की सांस्कृतिक विरासत और ऐतिहासिक गौरव को दर्शाती है?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- (d) Rajnath Singh
- (e) Smriti Irani

Ans. c

Sol. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Flags Off Somnath Swabhiman Parv Yatra from Delhi to Gujarat

Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the Somnath Swabhiman Parv Yatra, describing the Somnath Temple as a symbol of India's self-respect, resilience, and indomitable spirit.

As part of the yatra, a special train carrying around 1,300 devotees was flagged off from Safdarjung Railway Station, New Delhi to the Somnath Temple in Gujarat, marking a large-scale pilgrimage initiative.

The Somnath Swabhiman Parv commemorates 1,000 years since the first attack by Mahmud of Ghazni in 1026, highlighting the historical significance and cultural heritage of the Somnath Temple.

27. What is the name of the mobile-based disaster communication system to be launched by the Government of India?

भारत सरकार द्वारा लॉन्च की जाने वाली मोबाइल-आधारित आपदा संचार प्रणाली का नाम क्या है?

- (a) BHUVAN Alert System
- (b) SURAJ System
- (c) SURAKSHA Net

(d) SACHET System

(e) DISHA Alert

Ans. d

Sol. Government to Launch SACHET Mobile-Based Disaster Alert System for Nationwide Emergency Communication

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia will launch the mobile-based disaster communication system SACHET, aimed at strengthening real-time emergency alert dissemination across India.

The system has been developed by the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to improve disaster preparedness and response through technology.

Based on the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) recommended by the International Telecommunication Union, the system is already operational across all 36 States and Union Territories, enabling wide-scale disaster alerts through mobile platforms.

28. Which state became India's largest marine fish producing state in 2025, according to CMFRI report?

CMFRI रिपोर्ट के अनुसार 2025 में भारत का सबसे बड़ा समुद्री मछली उत्पादक राज्य कौन बना?

(a) Gujarat

(b) Kerala

(c) Maharashtra

(d) Tamil Nadu

(e) Karnataka

Ans. d

Sol. Tamil Nadu Becomes India's Top Marine Fish Producing State in 2025, Overtakes Gujarat: CMFRI Report

According to the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) report, Tamil Nadu has overtaken Gujarat to become India's largest marine fish-producing state in 2025, marking a significant shift in coastal fisheries production ranking.

Tamil Nadu topped the marine fish production chart with 6.85 lakh tonnes, reflecting strong growth in its fishing output and improved coastal productivity.

Kerala remained in third position, while overall India's marine fish production rose by nearly 3% to 3.57 million tonnes in 2025, indicating steady growth in the fisheries sector despite regional fluctuations.

29. Which organisation has operationalised the Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA)?

पास्ट रिस्क एंड रिटर्न वेरिफिकेशन एजेंसी (PaRRVA) को किस संगठन ने शुरू किया है?

- (a) RBI
- (b) SEBI
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) IRDAI
- (e) Ministry of Finance

Ans. b

Sol. SEBI Launches PaRRVA System to Boost Transparency and Investor Protection in Financial Markets

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has operationalised the Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA) to enhance transparency and strengthen investor protection in financial markets.

CARE Ratings Limited has been designated as the PaRRVA agency, while the National Stock Exchange of India Limited will function as the PaRRVA Data Centre (PDC) for verified financial performance data.

The system enables investment advisers and research analysts to showcase verified risk-return data, helping investors make informed decisions; its pilot phase began in December 2025, with full operations scheduled from May 4, 2026.

30. Which organisation has launched the Self-Help Group (SHG) Savings Account aimed at promoting financial inclusion in rural India?

ग्रामीण भारत में वित्तीय समावेशन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए स्वयं सहायता समूह (SHG) बचत खाता किस संगठन ने लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Reserve Bank of India
- (c) India Post Payments Bank
- (d) NABARD
- (e) LIC

Ans. c

Sol. IPPB Launches SHG Savings Account to Boost Financial Inclusion and Empower Women in Rural India

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has launched a Self-Help Group (SHG) Savings Account to promote financial inclusion and empower women-led SHGs in rural and semi-urban areas. India Post Payments Bank

The SHG savings account comes with key benefits such as zero balance requirement, no minimum balance, maximum balance limit of ₹2 lakh, free deposits and withdrawals, quarterly interest payout, and no account closure charges, making it a highly inclusive banking product for rural women.

31. Who has been appointed as the Festival Director for the 57th International Film Festival of India?

57वें International Film Festival of India के लिए फेस्टिवल डायरेक्टर किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Karan Johar
- (b) Ashutosh Gowariker
- (c) Sanjay Leela Bhansali
- (d) Rajkumar Hirani
- (e) Anurag Kashyap

Ans. b

Sol. Ashutosh Gowariker Appointed Festival Director for 57th International Film Festival of India

Ashutosh Gowariker has been appointed as the Festival Director for the 57th edition of the International Film Festival of India, to be held in Goa.

The International Film Festival of India, established in 1952, is South Asia's oldest film festival.

The festival is jointly organised by the National Film Development Corporation under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Entertainment Society of Goa.

32. Who has been appointed as the President of the National Company Law Tribunal?

राष्ट्रीय कंपनी विधि न्यायाधिकरण के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud
- (b) Anupinder Singh Grewal
- (c) Sharaddha Joshi Raj
- (d) Uday Umesh Lalit
- (e) Ranjan Gogoi

Ans. b

Sol. Anupinder Singh Grewal Appointed President of National Company Law Tribunal
Anupinder Singh Grewal has been appointed as the President of the National Company Law Tribunal for a 5-year term or until the age of 67, whichever is earlier. The National Company Law Tribunal is a quasi-judicial body under the Companies Act, 2013, dealing with corporate disputes, insolvency, and company law matters.

33. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the F1 programme in India?

भारत में F1 कार्यक्रम के लिए ब्रांड एंबेसडर किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Rohit Sharma

- (c) Shreyas Iyer
 (d) KL Rahul
 (e) Hardik Pandya

Ans. c

Sol. Shreyas Iyer Named Brand Ambassador for F1 Programme in India

Shreyas Iyer has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the F1 programme in India by Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited.

The announcement coincided with the launch of the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026, a national-level esports event aimed at identifying and nurturing digital racing talent.

Recent Brand Ambassador

- Carlos Alcaraz - Infosys
- Smriti Mandhana - Agilitas Sports for One8 Brand
- Blanka Vlašić - World 10K Bengaluru 2026
- A. R. Rahman - Yamaha Music India Private Ltd
- Jasprit Bumrah - Uniqlo (subsidiary of Fast Retailing Co., Ltd)

34. Nitin Gadkari has launched India's first MLFF barrier-less tolling system at Chorayasi Toll Plaza on the Surat-Bharuch section of NH-48 in which state?

नितिन गडकरी ने किस राज्य में NH-48 के सूरत-भरूच सेक्शन पर चोरयासी टोल प्लाजा पर भारत का पहला MLFF बैरियर-लेस टोलिंग सिस्टम लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Maharashtra
 (b) Rajasthan
 (c) Gujarat
 (d) Madhya Pradesh
 (e) Karnataka

Ans. c

Sol. Nitin Gadkari Launches India's First MLFF Barrier-Less Tolling System in Gujarat

Nitin Gadkari announced the launch of India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) barrier-less tolling system at Chorayasi Toll Plaza on the Surat-Bharuch section of NH-48 in Gujarat.

The MLFF system enables seamless toll collection without stopping, using technologies like Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and FASTag.

35. The Government of India will launch Prashast 2.0, an upgraded digital platform to identify 21 types of disabilities in children and support Children With Special Needs (CWSN). Prashast 2.0 is developed by which department?

भारत सरकार प्रशस्त 2.0 लॉन्च करेगी, जो बच्चों में 21 तरह की विकलांगताओं की पहचान करने और स्पेशल नीड्स वाले बच्चों (CWSN) को सपोर्ट करने के लिए एक अपग्रेडेड डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म है। प्रशस्त 2.0 किस डिपार्टमेंट ने डेवलप किया है?

- (a) Ministry of Education
- (b) Department of School Education and Literacy
- (c) NCERT
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) AICTE

Ans. b

Sol. Government to Launch Prashast 2.0 for Early Identification of Disabilities in Children

The Government of India will launch Prashast 2.0, an upgraded digital platform to identify 21 types of disabilities in children and support Children With Special Needs (CWSN).

The platform will enable early detection of disabilities at the school level by teachers and school heads, ensuring timely intervention and inclusive education.

Developed by the Department of School Education and Literacy, the platform is currently under User Acceptance Testing in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Delhi with participation from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

36. What was the total GST collection in India in April 2026?

अप्रैल 2026 में भारत में कुल GST संग्रह कितना रहा?

- (a) ₹1.82 lakh crore
- (b) ₹2.10 lakh crore
- (c) ₹2.49 lakh crore
- (d) ₹3.00 lakh crore
- (e) ₹2.42 lakh crore

Ans. e

Sol. GST collections in India hit a record ₹2.42 Lakh Crore in April 2026

India's Goods and Services Tax collections reached an all-time high of ₹2.42 lakh crore in April 2026, reflecting strong economic activity.

The collections recorded a Year-on-Year growth of 8.7% compared to April last year (₹2.33 lakh crore).

GST Collection of Previous Months

- *January 2026 – 1.93 lakh crore*
- *February 2026 - 1.83 Lakh Crore*
- *March 2026 – 2 lakh crore*

- **March 2025 – March 2026 → 22 lakh crore (8.3% increase over 20 lakh crore)**
- **April 2026 - ₹2.42 lakh crore**

37. India deployed the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare system in which country under its HADR framework?

भारत ने अपने HADR ढांचे के तहत Aarogya Maitri पोर्टेबल हेल्थकेयर सिस्टम को किस देश में तैनात किया?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Jamaica
- (d) Maldives
- (e) Mauritius

Ans. c

Sol. India Deploys Aarogya Maitri in Jamaica Under BHISHM Initiative to Boost HADR Outreach

India deployed the Aarogya Maitri in Jamaica under its Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) framework, strengthening ties with Caribbean nations.

The BHISHM Initiative (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri) is an emergency medical aid programme featuring portable hospital systems for disaster situations.

The BHISHM Cube (mobile hospital unit) includes medicines, ICU setup, and surgical equipment, capable of treating around 200 patients on the ground.

38. Which country launched the Pakistani satellite PRSC-EO3?

किस देश ने पाकिस्तानी उपग्रह PRSC-EO3 को लॉन्च किया?

- (a) India
- (b) Russia
- (c) China
- (d) USA
- (e) France

Ans. c

Sol. China Launches Pakistan's PRSC-EO3

China successfully launched the Pakistani satellite PRSC-EO3 from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre using a Long March-6 rocket on 26 April.

The satellite was placed into its planned orbit, marking another milestone in space cooperation between China and Pakistan.

39. World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on 3 May to highlight the importance of press freedom and freedom of expression. What is the theme of World Press Freedom Day 2026?

विश्व प्रेस स्वतंत्रता दिवस हर साल 3 मई को प्रेस की स्वतंत्रता और अभिव्यक्ति की स्वतंत्रता के महत्व को उजागर करने के लिए मनाया जाता है। विश्व प्रेस स्वतंत्रता दिवस 2026 का विषय (Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Freedom for All
- (b) Media for Democracy
- (c) Press for Peace
- (d) Shaping a Future of Peace
- (e) Journalism and Technology

Ans. d

Sol. 3 May - World Press Freedom Day

World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on 3 May to highlight the importance of press freedom and freedom of expression.

Theme 2026 - Shaping a Future of Peace: Promoting Press Freedom for Human Rights, Development, and Security

The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993, following a recommendation by UNESCO.

40. Which organisation signed an MoU with DTDC Express Limited to enhance logistics and e-commerce in India?

भारत में लॉजिस्टिक्स और ई-कॉमर्स को बढ़ाने के लिए DTDC Express Limited के साथ किस संगठन ने MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) India Post Payments Bank
- (b) Department of Posts
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (e) Railway Board

Ans. b

Sol. Department of Posts Signs MoU with DTDC Express Limited to Boost Logistics & E-commerce Delivery

The Department of Posts under the Ministry of Communications signed an MoU with DTDC Express Limited to strengthen India's logistics and e-commerce ecosystem.

The partnership aims to combine DoP's extensive nationwide network with DTDC's logistics expertise to enhance parcel delivery services, building on their collaboration that began in 2025.

41. The University of Oxford and Serum Institute of India have signed a licensing agreement to develop and manufacture the next-generation malaria vaccine candidate R78C. The vaccine candidate R78C is designed to target which parasite?

ऑक्सफ़ोर्ड विश्वविद्यालय और सीरम इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ़ इंडिया ने अगली पीढ़ी के मलेरिया वैक्सीन कैंडिडेट R78C को विकसित करने और बनाने के लिए एक लाइसेंसिंग समझौता किया है। वैक्सीन कैंडिडेट R78C को किस परजीवी को निशाना बनाने के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है?

- (a) Plasmodium vivax
- (b) Plasmodium malariae
- (c) Trypanosoma
- (d) Plasmodium ovale
- (e) Plasmodium falciparum

Ans. e

Sol. University of Oxford & Serum Institute of India Partner to Develop Next-Gen Malaria Vaccine R78C

The University of Oxford and Serum Institute of India have signed a licensing agreement to develop and manufacture the next-generation malaria vaccine candidate R78C.

The R78C targets Plasmodium falciparum and is designed to provide stronger, longer-lasting protection by acting at multiple stages of the parasite's lifecycle.

42. The technology transfer agreement between Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited and Naval Science & Technological Laboratory is related to which of the following advanced naval systems designed for infrared signature reduction?

भारत हेवी इलेक्ट्रिकल्स लिमिटेड और नौसैनिक प्रणाली से संबंधित है, जो जहाजों की इन्फ्रारेड सिग्नेचर को कम करने के लिए उपयोग की जाती है?

- (a) Radar Detection System
- (b) Missile Launch System
- (c) Gas Turbine–Infrared Suppression System
- (d) Naval Communication System
- (e) Unmanned Drone System

Ans. c

Sol. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited Signs Tech Transfer Pact with DRDO for Naval GT-IRSS System

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited signed a licensing agreement (LAToT) with Naval Science & Technological Laboratory, a lab under the Defence Research and Development Organisation, for technology transfer.

The agreement covers the Gas Turbine–Infrared Suppression System (GT-IRSS) for naval vessels, with BHEL responsible for fabrication, installation, and commissioning of the LM2500-based system developed by NSTL-DRDO.

43. INS Mahendragiri has been delivered to the Indian Navy at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai. INS Mahendragiri belongs to which class of ships?

INS महेंद्रगिरी को मुंबई के मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स लिमिटेड में इंडियन नेवी को डिलीवर कर दिया गया है। INS महेंद्रगिरी किस क्लास के जहाजों से जुड़ा है?

- (a) Kolkata-class destroyer
- (b) Shivalik-class frigate
- (c) Nilgiri-class
- (d) Talwar-class frigate
- (e) Vikrant-class aircraft carrier

Ans. c

Sol. INS Mahendragiri Delivered to Indian Navy

INS Mahendragiri, the sixth ship of the Nilgiri-class (Project 17A), has been delivered to the Indian Navy at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.

It is the fourth Nilgiri-class stealth frigate built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, enhancing India's indigenous naval capabilities.

44. World Tuna Day is observed every year on which date?

World Tuna Day हर वर्ष किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 1 May
- (b) 2 May
- (c) 3 May
- (d) 5 May
- (e) 6 May

Ans. b

Sol. 2 May - World Tuna Day

World Tuna Day is observed every year on 2 May to raise awareness about the importance of tuna fish and sustainable fishing practices.

Theme 2026 - Sustaining Tuna, Sustaining Nations and Advocating for Tuna Conservation

The day highlights the need for conservation of tuna species and maintaining a balanced marine ecosystem.

45. International Harry Potter Day is celebrated every year on which date?

इंटरनेशनल हैरी पॉटर डे हर साल किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 1 May
- (b) 2 May
- (c) 3 May
- (d) 5 May
- (e) 6 May

Ans. b

Sol. 2 May - International Harry Potter Day

International Harry Potter Day is celebrated every year on 2 May to honour the legacy of the Harry Potter series.

The day marks the anniversary of the Battle of Hogwarts, a key event symbolising the victory of good over evil.

It recognises the global impact of the Harry Potter books written by J. K. Rowling

46. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Rohit Jain as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Rohit Jain succeeded which former RBI Deputy Governor?

अपॉइंटमेंट्स कमिटी ऑफ़ द कैबिनेट (ACC) ने रोहित जैन को रिज़र्व बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया (RBI) का नया डिप्टी गवर्नर अपॉइंट किया है। रोहित जैन ने RBI के किस पुराने डिप्टी गवर्नर की जगह ली है?

- (a) Raghuram Rajan
- (b) Urjit Patel
- (c) Shaktikanta Das
- (d) T. Rabi Sankar
- (e) Bimal Jalan

Ans. d

Sol. Rohit Jain Appointed as RBI Deputy Governor for Three-Year Term

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Rohit Jain as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

His appointment is for a tenure of three years, and he succeeds T. Rabi Sankar.

Prior to this role, he was serving as an Executive Director (ED) at the RBI.

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
- **26th Governor** - Sanjay Malhotra; 26th (replace Shaktikanta Das)

- **RBI Deputy Governor (4) - 1. Rohit Jain**
 2. Swaminathan Janakiraman
 3. Poonam Gupta
 4. Shirish Chandra Murmu

47. The Ministry of Finance has allowed 100% FDI in the insurance sector under the automatic route, with approval and oversight by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India. The FDI limit was increased to 100% through which legislation?

वित्त मंत्रालय ने बीमा क्षेत्र में 'ऑटोमैटिक रूट' के तहत 100% FDI की अनुमति दे दी है, जिसका अनुमोदन और पर्यवेक्षण भारतीय बीमा विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण (IRDAI) द्वारा किया जाएगा। FDI की सीमा को किस कानून के माध्यम से बढ़ाकर 100% किया गया था?

- (a) Insurance Amendment Bill 2023
- (b) Finance Bill 2024
- (c) Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha Bill, 2025
- (d) Banking Regulation Bill
- (e) Economic Reform Bill

Ans. c

Sol. Finance Ministry Allows 100% FDI in Insurance Sector Under Automatic Route
The Ministry of Finance has allowed 100% FDI in the insurance sector under the automatic route, with approval and oversight by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.

The reform follows the passage of the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha Bill, 2025, which raised the FDI limit from 74% to 100%.

While insurance intermediaries can have 100% FDI, foreign investment in Life Insurance Corporation of India remains capped at 20% under existing provisions.

48. Which private sector bank in India has launched its first digital locker-focused branch to enhance secure banking services?

भारत के किस निजी क्षेत्र के बैंक ने सुरक्षित बैंकिंग सेवाओं को बढ़ावा देने के लिए अपनी पहली डिजिटल लॉकर-आधारित शाखा शुरू की है?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Ans. d

Sol. Axis Bank Launches First Digital Locker-Focused Branch in New Delhi

Axis Bank has inaugurated its first digital locker-focused branch at DLF Midtown Plaza, marking a new step in secure banking innovation. The branch integrates advanced automation, high-end security, and technology-enabled locker services to enhance customer convenience and privacy. This initiative strengthens the bank's presence in urban areas by offering a compact, tech-driven branch model with premium locker facilities for modern customers.

49. Consider the following statements regarding the 2026 World Press Freedom Index:

2026 विश्व प्रेस स्वतंत्रता सूचकांक के संदर्भ में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

- 1. India ranked 157th out of 180 countries.**
- 2. The index is released by World Press Reporter.**
- 3. India is placed in the "very serious" category.**

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only**
- (b) 1 and 3 only**
- (c) 2 and 3 only**
- (d) 1, 2 and 3**
- (e) None of the above**

Ans. b

Sol. India Ranks 157th in 2026 World Press Freedom Index, Falls Six Places
India ranked 157th out of 180 countries in the 2026 World Press Freedom Index, released by Reporters Without Borders, and was placed in the "very serious" category.

India's rank fell from 151 in 2025 to 157 in 2026, though it improved compared to its 159th position in 2024.

Norway topped the index for the 10th consecutive year, while Eritrea ranked last for the third straight year.

The index evaluates countries based on factors like media independence, pluralism, legal framework, transparency, safety, and self-censorship.

Recent index

- World Happiness Report 2026** - India at 116th; Topped by Finland; Bottom most Afghanistan 147th
- Corruption Perceptions Index 2025** - India (91st); Denmark (1st), Finland (2nd), Singapore (3rd)
- Henley Passport Index 2026** - 1st Singapore; 2nd Japan and South Korea; 80th India

- **World's Strongest Passport for 2025** – 1st UAE, 2nd Singapore and Spain, 67th India

50. The Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2026 evaluated 929 universities across 36 countries, with China dominating the top positions. Which country has the highest number of institutions in the THE Asia University Rankings 2026?

टाइम्स हायर एजुकेशन (THE) एशिया यूनिवर्सिटी रैंकिंग 2026 में 36 देशों की 929 यूनिवर्सिटी को इवैल्यूएट किया गया, जिसमें चीन टॉप पोजीशन पर रहा। THE एशिया यूनिवर्सिटी रैंकिंग 2026 में किस देश में सबसे ज़्यादा इंस्टिट्यूशन हैं?

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) Turkey
- (d) India
- (e) South Korea

Ans. d

Sol. India Tops Representation in THE Asia University Rankings 2026; IISc Bengaluru Ranks 43rd

The Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2026 evaluated 929 universities across 36 countries, with China dominating the top positions.

India is the most-represented nation with 128 institutions, followed by Japan (115) and Turkey (109).

Indian Institute of Science (IISc Bengaluru) is the highest-ranked Indian institute, securing the 43rd position.

Times Higher Education: Asia University Rankings 2026				India's Top Institutions: THE Asia University Rankings 2026		
Rank	Institution	Country/Territory	Score	Asia Rank	Institution Name	Overall Score
1	Tsinghua University	China	93.6	=43	Indian Institute of Science (IISc Bengaluru)	65.1
2	Peking University	China	93.1	=128	Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences	52.0
3	National University of Singapore (NUS)	Singapore	91.1	=141	Indian Institute of Technology Indore	50.6
=4	Nanyang Technological University (NTU)	Singapore	85.1	=158	Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences	49.4
=4	The University of Tokyo	Japan	85.1	=160	Jamia Millia Islamia	49.3
6	University of Hong Kong (HKU)	Hong Kong	84.3	=169	KIIT University	48.0
7	Fudan University	China	82.9	=186	Aligarh Muslim University	46.7
8	Zhejiang University	China	82.6	=186	National Institute of Technology Rourkela	46.7
9	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	China	82.1	=197	Lovely Professional University	46.0
10	The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)	Hong Kong	81.1	=197	Manipal Academy of Higher Education	46.0
				=197	Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology	46.0

51. How many antiquities were officially returned by the United States to India as part of a cultural repatriation effort?

सांस्कृतिक पुनःप्राप्ति (repatriation) प्रयास के तहत संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका ने भारत को आधिकारिक रूप से कितनी पुरावशेष वस्तुएं लौटाईं?

- (a) 557
- (b) 600
- (c) 657
- (d) 720
- (e) 800

Ans. c

Sol. United States Returns 657 Antiquities Worth \$14 Million to India

The United States has returned 657 antiquities worth nearly USD 14 million to India, strengthening cultural heritage cooperation between the two countries.

The returned items include a sandstone figure of a dancing Lord Ganesha stolen from a temple in Madhya Pradesh in 2000.

Among the key artifacts is a USD 2 million bronze statue of Avalokiteshvara, originally part of a hoard discovered near the Lakshmana Temple and later housed in the Mahant Ghasidas Memorial Museum.

52. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Prasar Bharati?

प्रसार भारती के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Gulzar
- (b) Prasoon Joshi
- (c) Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (d) Javed Akhtar
- (e) Shankar Mahadevan

Ans. b

Sol. Prasoon Joshi Appointed Chairman of Prasar Bharati

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has appointed Prasoon Joshi as the Chairman of Prasar Bharati.

He has previously served as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

About Prasar Bharati

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

53. Which national team won the Uber Cup 2026, a prestigious women's team badminton championship?

महिला टीम बैडमिंटन की प्रतिष्ठित प्रतियोगिता Uber Cup 2026 किस राष्ट्रीय टीम ने जीती?

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) Thailand
- (d) South Korea
- (e) Indonesia

Ans. d

Sol. South Korea Defeats China 3-1 to Win Uber Cup 2026

South Korea national badminton team defeated defending champions China national badminton team by 3-1 to win the Uber Cup 2026, securing their third title in the tournament.

This victory marks South Korea's third Uber Cup triumph, strengthening its position in women's team badminton at the global level.

Earlier, South Korea had also won the title in 2010 (Kuala Lumpur) and 2022 (Bangkok), with both victories coming against China.

54. Which team won the Thomas Cup 2026 in men's team badminton?

पुरुष टीम बैडमिंटन में Thomas Cup 2026 किस टीम ने जीता?

- (a) France
- (b) Japan
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) China
- (e) India

Ans. d

Sol. China Retains Thomas Cup 2026 Title, Wins 13th Crown

China's national badminton team retained the Thomas Cup 2026 title in men's team badminton by defeating France national badminton team in the final.

This marks China's 13th Thomas Cup title and a back-to-back victory after winning in 2024 and 2026.

India national badminton team secured the bronze medal in Thomas Cup 2026 after losing 0-3 to France in the semi-final.

55. Which country won the Thomas Cup 2026 in men's team badminton?

पुरुष टीम बैडमिंटन में Thomas Cup 2026 किस देश ने जीता?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Denmark
- (d) China
- (e) India

Ans. d

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56. Who won the Madrid Open 2026 women's singles title?

Madrid Open 2026 महिला एकल खिताब किसने जीता?

- (a) Iga Swiatek
- (b) Aryna Sabalenka
- (c) Coco Gauff
- (d) Marta Kostyuk
- (e) Ons Jabeur

Ans. d

Sol. Marta Kostyuk Wins Madrid Open 2026, Defeats Mirra Andreeva to Claim Biggest Career Title

Marta Kostyuk won the Madrid Open 2026 (WTA 1000 title), defeating world No. 8 Mirra Andreeva 6–3, 7–5 in the women's singles final, marking the biggest title of her career.

With this victory, Kostyuk is set to rise from world No. 23 to a career-high No. 15 in the WTA rankings and has also strengthened her position ahead of the upcoming French Open 2026 in Paris.

57. Seven-year-old Ishank Singh became the youngest swimmer to cross the Palk Strait, covering a 29-km distance. Ishank Singh belongs to which state?

सात साल के इशांक सिंह 29 km की दूरी तय करके पाक स्ट्रेट पार करने वाले सबसे कम उम्र के तैराक बन गए। इशांक सिंह किस राज्य से हैं?

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

Ans. d

Sol. 7-Year-Old Ishank Singh Becomes Youngest to Cross Palk Strait

Seven-year-old Ishank Singh from Ranchi, Jharkhand became the youngest swimmer to cross the Palk Strait, covering a 29-km distance.

He completed the swim from Talaimannar to Dhanushkodi in 9 hours 50 minutes, setting a record for his age group.

His achievement under "Mission Samandar" was officially recognised by the Universal Records Forum.

58. Who won the Mutua Madrid Open 2026 men's singles title?

मट्टुआ मैड्रिड ओपन 2026 पुरुष एकल का खिताब किसने जीता?

- (a) Carlos Alcaraz
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Daniil Medvedev
- (d) Jannik Sinner
- (e) Alexander Zverev

Ans. d

Sol. Jannik Sinner Wins Madrid Open 2026

World No. 1 Jannik Sinner defeated Alexander Zverev to win the Mutua Madrid Open 2026 men's singles title with a dominant performance.

With this victory, Sinner created history by becoming the first player since 1990 to win five consecutive ATP Masters 1000 titles.

This win also marked his 9th ATP Masters 1000 title, further strengthening his dominance in men's tennis.

59. Which edition of the CINBAX exercise is being conducted in Cambodia in May 2026?

मई 2026 में कंबोडिया में CINBAX एक्सरसाइज का कौन सा एडिशन हो रहा है?

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fourth
- (e) Fifth

Ans. b

Sol. Indian Army Departs for CINBAX 2nd Edition Military Exercise in Cambodia

The Indian Army has departed for the second edition of the bilateral military exercise CINBAX, which will be conducted in Cambodia.

The exercise will be held at the Techo Sen Phnom Thom Mreas Training Centre (Camp Basil) located in Kampong Speu province, focusing on strengthening military cooperation between the two countries.

Recent Exercise

- 7th edition of **Joint Military Exercise 'DUSTLIK'** between India–Uzbekistan - Gurumsaray Training Area, Uzbekistan.
- 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.

60. Which company launched Mission Drishti, the world's first OptoSAR satellite?

Mission Drishti (OptoSAR उपग्रह) किस कंपनी ने लॉन्च किया?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) NASA
- (c) GalaxEye
- (d) SpaceX
- (e) Blue Origin

Ans. c

Sol. GalaxEye Launches Mission Drishti, India's First OptoSAR Satellite

GalaxEye launched Mission Drishti, the world's first OptoSAR satellite, making it India's largest privately developed Earth observation satellite.

The 190-kg satellite was launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base, enabling advanced Earth observation capabilities.

Mission Drishti uses OptoSAR technology, combining Electro-Optical (EO) and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) sensors for all-weather, day-and-night imaging used in mapping, agriculture, flood monitoring, and surveillance.

61. Who was the four-time Paralympic gold medallist and former Formula 1 driver who recently passed away?

हाल ही में निधन होने वाले चार बार के पैरालंपिक स्वर्ण पदक विजेता और पूर्व फॉर्मूला 1 ड्राइवर कौन थे?

- (a) Michael Schumacher
- (b) Lewis Hamilton
- (c) Sebastian Vettel
- (d) Alex Zanardi
- (e) Fernando Alonso

Ans. d

Sol. Four-Time Paralympic Champion and Former F1 Driver Alex Zanardi Passes Away

Alex Zanardi, a four-time Paralympic gold medallist and former Formula 1 driver, has passed away.

In para-cycling, he won four Paralympic gold medals—two at the London 2012 Paralympics and two at the Rio 2016 Paralympics.

He was born in Bologna and is remembered as an inspirational figure in both motorsport and para-sports.

62. Indian conservationist Parveen Shaikh has been honoured with the prestigious Whitley Award 2026 for her efforts to protect the endangered Indian skimmer through a community-led conservation model. The Whitley Award is commonly known by which nickname?

भारतीय कंजर्वेशनिस्ट परवीन शेख को कम्युनिटी के नेतृत्व वाले कंजर्वेशन मॉडल के ज़रिए खतरे में पड़े इंडियन स्कीमर को बचाने की उनकी कोशिशों के लिए मशहूर व्हिटली अवॉर्ड 2026 से सम्मानित किया गया है। व्हिटली अवॉर्ड को आमतौर पर किस निकनेम से जाना जाता है?

- (a) Blue Awards
- (b) Earth Prize
- (c) Green Oscars
- (d) Nature Medal
- (e) Eco Awards

Ans. c

Sol. Parveen Shaikh Wins Whitley Award 2026 for Protecting Indian skimmer
Indian conservationist Parveen Shaikh has been honoured with the prestigious Whitley Award 2026 for her efforts to protect the endangered Indian skimmer through a community-led conservation model.

The recognition highlights the growing importance of grassroots initiatives in safeguarding biodiversity, particularly along India's river ecosystems.

The Whitley Award, often referred to as the "Green Oscars," is conferred by a UK-based charity to individuals demonstrating outstanding work in wildlife conservation.

63. Which prestigious award was won by Indian journalists Anand RK and Suparna Sharma in May 2026?

भारतीय पत्रकार आनंद आरके और सुपर्णा शर्मा ने मई 2026 में कौन-सा प्रतिष्ठित पुरस्कार जीता?

- (a) Booker Prize
- (b) Pulitzer Prize
- (c) Oscar Award

(d) Ramon Magsaysay Award

(e) Nobel Prize

Ans. b

Sol. Indian Journalists Anand RK & Suparna Sharma Win Pulitzer Prize for Cybercrime Exposé

Indian journalists Anand RK and Suparna Sharma, along with Natalie Obiko Pearson, won the Pulitzer Prize in the Illustrated Reporting and Commentary category for a Bloomberg report exposing cybercrime in India.

Aniruddha Ghosal won in the International Reporting category for investigating the US Border Patrol's use of mass-surveillance tools developed in Silicon Valley and China.

The Pulitzer Prize, administered by Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, is regarded as the highest journalism honour in the United States.

Recent Awards

- **WWF National Award** - Kerala's N. Alim Yusuf (for AI App 'NeophyteID')
- **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)

64. Sudesh Kumar, who recently passed away, was known for his role in which film?

हाल ही में निधन हुए सुदेश कुमार किस फिल्म में अपनी भूमिका के लिए जाने जाते थे?

- (a) Singer
- (b) Actor
- (c) Director
- (d) Producer
- (e) Writer

Ans. b

Sol. Veteran Actor Sudesh Kumar, Known for Dosti, Passes Away

Veteran actor Sudesh Kumar, known for his role in the film Dosti, has passed away.

Dosti won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Hindi and is remembered for its emotional storytelling and music.

65. Which Indian Navy submarine arrived at Colombo port?

कोलंबो पोर्ट पर कौन-सी भारतीय नौसेना की पनडुब्बी पहुँची?

- (a) INS Arihant
- (b) INS Kalvari
- (c) INS Sindhukesari
- (d) INS Khanderi
- (e) INS Vela

Ans. c

Sol. INS Sindhukesari Arrives at Colombo for Operational Turnaround

INS Sindhukesari arrived at the port of Colombo for Operational Turnaround, strengthening India–Sri Lanka maritime cooperation.

INS Sindhukesari is a Sindhughosh-class diesel-electric submarine of the Indian Navy, known for its stealth and combat capabilities.

66. Which startup has partnered to build India's first orbital data centre satellite?

भारत के पहले ऑर्बिटल डेटा सेंटर सैटेलाइट के निर्माण के लिए किस स्टार्टअप ने साझेदारी की है?

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

Ans. b

Sol. Pixxel & Sarvam AI Partner to Launch India's First Orbital Data Centre Satellite 'Pathfinder' by 2026

India's space-tech startup Pixxel has partnered with AI firm Sarvam AI to develop the country's first orbital data centre satellite, "Pathfinder."

The ~200 kg satellite, expected to launch by end of 2026, will enable training and operation of AI models directly in space, marking a major step in space technology and AI integration.

67. Rajnath Singh inaugurated the North Tech Symposium in Prayagraj. The event is jointly organised by the Indian Army Northern Command, Indian Army Central Command, and the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers. What is the theme of the North Tech Symposium?

राजनाथ सिंह ने प्रयागराज में 'नॉर्थ टेक सिम्पोजियम' का उद्घाटन किया। इस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन भारतीय सेना की उत्तरी कमान, भारतीय सेना की मध्य कमान और 'सोसाइटी ऑफ

इंडियन डिफेंस मैनुफैक्चरर्स' द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से किया गया है। 'नॉर्थ टेक सिम्पोजियम' का विषय (थीम) क्या है?

- (a) Digital India
- (b) Atmanirbhar Bharat
- (c) Raksha Triveni Sangam
- (d) Make in India
- (e) None of above

Ans. c

Sol. Rajnath Singh Inaugurates North Tech Symposium in Prayagraj

Rajnath Singh inaugurated the North Tech Symposium in Prayagraj. The event is jointly organised by the Indian Army Northern Command, Indian Army Central Command, and the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers.

The symposium, themed "Raksha Triveni Sangam", features participation from 284 companies, including MSMEs, startups, and defence tech firms showcasing indigenous technologies.

68. Where was the "Icons of India" exhibition launched?

"आइकॉन्स ऑफ इंडिया" प्रदर्शनी कहाँ लॉन्च की गई?

- (a) Madame Tussauds London
- (b) Louvre Museum
- (c) British Museum
- (d) National Museum Delhi
- (e) Victoria Memorial

Ans. a

Sol. Madame Tussauds London Launches 'Icons of India' Exhibition Featuring Amitabh Bachchan & Sachin Tendulkar

Madame Tussauds London launched a special "Icons of India" exhibition at its headquarters, showcasing Indian cultural icons.

The exhibition features 13 wax figures of Indian celebrities from cinema and cricket, including Amitabh Bachchan and Sachin Tendulkar.

Some figures were brought from global locations, such as Virat Kohli (Bangkok) and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan (New York).

69. The United States of America launched Project Freedom to escort commercial ships and ensure freedom of navigation in the _____.

संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका ने वाणिज्यिक जहाजों को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने और _____ में नौवहन की स्वतंत्रता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए 'प्रोजेक्ट फ्रीडम' (Project Freedom) शुरू किया।

- (a) Suez Canal
- (b) Panama Canal
- (c) Bosphorus Strait
- (d) Malacca Strait
- (e) Strait of Hormuz

Ans. e

Sol. USA Launches 'Project Freedom' to Secure Navigation in Strait of Hormuz

The United States of America launched Project Freedom to escort commercial ships and ensure freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz.

The operation, led by United States Central Command, involves guided-missile destroyers, over 100 aircraft, unmanned systems, and around 15,000 personnel.

70. The Asian Development Bank announced a \$70 billion regional connectivity plan for electricity and digital infrastructure across the Asia-Pacific. By which year is the \$70 billion connectivity plan targeted to be completed?

एशियाई विकास बैंक ने एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र में बिजली और डिजिटल इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर के लिए \$70 बिलियन की क्षेत्रीय कनेक्टिविटी योजना की घोषणा की। इस \$70 बिलियन की कनेक्टिविटी योजना को किस वर्ष तक पूरा करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है?

- (a) 2030
- (b) 2032
- (c) 2035
- (d) 2040
- (e) 2045

Ans. c

Sol. ADB Unveils \$70 Billion Asia-Pacific Connectivity Plan for Power Grid and Digital Infrastructure by 2035

The Asian Development Bank announced a \$70 billion regional connectivity plan for electricity and digital infrastructure across Asia-Pacific by 2035.

The announcement was made by Masato Kanda at the 59th annual meeting held in Samarkand.

The plan includes two key components: \$50 billion Pan-Asia Power Grid Initiative and \$20 billion Asia-Pacific Digital Highway.

About Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- **Founded** - 19 December 1966
- **Headquarters** - Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- **President** - Masato Kanda
- **Member Countries** - 69 (Israel)

71. What was the total net direct tax collection in FY 2025–26?

FY 2025–26 में कुल नेट डायरेक्ट टैक्स कलेक्शन कितना था?

- (a) ₹21,40,406 crore
- (b) ₹22,50,000 crore
- (c) ₹23,40,406 crore
- (d) ₹24,00,060 crore
- (e) ₹25,10,000 crore

Ans. c

Sol. CBDT Reports 5.12% Growth in Net Direct Tax Collections to ₹23.4 Lakh Crore in FY26

India's net direct tax collections grew by 5.12% in FY 2025–26, reaching ₹23,40,406 crore, as per data released by the Central Board of Direct Taxes.

The gross direct tax collections stood at ₹28,11,936 crore, showing a 4.03% year-on-year increase compared to FY 2024–25.

72. National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) recovered ₹4,364 crore in FY 2025–26. The ₹4,364 crore recovery accounts for approximately what percentage of total recoveries?

नेशनल एसेट रिकंस्ट्रक्शन कंपनी लिमिटेड (NARCL) ने वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में ₹4,364 करोड़ की वसूली की। ₹4,364 करोड़ की यह वसूली, कुल वसूलियों का लगभग कितना प्रतिशत है?

- (a) 50%
- (b) 60%
- (c) 70%
- (d) 80%
- (e) 100%

Ans. c

Sol. NARCL recovers Rs 4,364 crore in FY26

National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) recovered ₹4,364 crore in FY 2025–26, contributing nearly 70% of its total recoveries so far.

As per the Finance Ministry, cumulative recoveries have reached ₹76,345 crore, showing a strong acceleration in bad loan resolution.

The government-backed "bad bank" has acquired 33 borrower entities with a total debt exposure of ₹1.65 lakh crore.

What is NARCL?

- NARCL is a government-backed "bad bank" in India, set up in 2021 to take over and resolve stressed assets (NPAs) from banks.
- Its main aim is to clean up bank balance sheets by acquiring bad loans and resolving them efficiently, helping improve credit flow in the economy.

- *NARCL purchases bad loans from banks and works with another entity, India Debt Resolution Company Limited (IDRCL), which handles the resolution and recovery process.*

73. Who has inaugurated the Coastal Atmospheric Research Testbed observatory at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam?

विशाखापत्तनम स्थित आंध्र विश्वविद्यालय में 'कोस्टल एटमॉस्फेरिक रिसर्च टेस्टबेड' वेधशाला का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) M. Ravichandran
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Rajnath Singh
- (e) Kiren Rijju

Ans. b

Sol. M. Ravichandran Inaugurates Coastal Atmospheric Research Testbed at Andhra University Under Mission Mausam

M. Ravichandran inaugurated the Coastal Atmospheric Research Testbed observatory at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.

The observatory, developed by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology under Mission Mausam, has been set up with an investment of ₹180 crore to strengthen atmospheric and coastal research.

74. Which state became the first in India to achieve a fully paperless judiciary?

भारत का पहला राज्य कौन सा है जिसने पूरी तरह से पेपरलेस ज्यूडिशियरी बनाई है?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Maharashtra

Ans. b

Sol. Sikkim Becomes India's First Fully Paperless Judiciary

Sikkim becomes the first state in India to achieve a fully paperless judiciary, announced by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant at a conclave in Gangtok.

A paperless judiciary system enables e-filing, virtual hearings, digital records, and real-time case tracking, ensuring faster, transparent, and efficient justice delivery.

About Sikkim

- **Capital** - Gangtok
- **Chief Minister** - Prem Singh Tamang

- **Governor** – Om Prakash Mathur

75. Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the appointment of R. Balasubramaniam and Joram Aniya as full-time members of NITI Aayog. Joram Aniya is the first woman from which community to earn a PhD?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने R. बालासुब्रमण्यम और जोरम अनिया को NITI आयोग के पूर्णकालिक सदस्य के रूप में नियुक्त करने की मंजूरी दे दी है। जोरम अनिया किस समुदाय की पहली महिला हैं जिन्होंने PhD की उपाधि प्राप्त की है?

- (a) Bodo
- (b) Nyishi
- (c) Mizo
- (d) Khasi
- (e) Naga

Ans. b

Sol. Govt Approves Appointment of R. Balasubramaniam and Joram Aniya as Full-Time NITI Aayog Members

Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the appointment of R. Balasubramaniam and Joram Aniya as full-time members of NITI Aayog.

Joram Aniya's appointment is historic, as she is the first woman from the Nyishi community to earn a PhD and the first person to obtain a doctorate in Hindi in Arunachal Pradesh.

About 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)

76. When is Coal Miners' Day observed?

कोयला खनिक दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 1 May
- (b) 3 May
- (c) 4 May
- (d) 5 May
- (e) 10 May

Ans. c

Sol. 4 May - Coal Miners' Day

Coal Miners' Day is observed every year on 4 May to honour the hard work, dedication, and sacrifices of coal miners across the world. The day recognises the important role of coal miners in industrial development and energy production, especially in countries like India.

77. When is World Laughter Day celebrated?

विश्व हास्य दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) First Sunday of May
- (b) First Monday of May
- (c) First Tuesday of May
- (d) First Thursday of May
- (e) First Friday of May

Ans. a

Sol. 3 May 2026 - World Laughter Day

World Laughter Day is celebrated every year on the first Sunday of May to promote happiness, peace, and overall well-being through laughter. This year was celebrated on 3 May.

It was started in 1998 by Dr Madan Kataria, the founder of the Laughter Yoga movement.

78. Which state has launched India's first state-led Centre of Excellence for Space Technology?

भारत का पहला राज्य-नेतृत्व वाला स्पेस टेक्नोलॉजी उत्कृष्टता केंद्र किस राज्य ने शुरू किया है?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Gujarat

Ans. c

Sol. Karnataka Launches India's First State-Led Centre of Excellence for Space Technology in Bengaluru

The Karnataka Government has launched India's first state-led Centre of Excellence for Space Technology (COE SpaceTech Foundation) in Bengaluru.

The centre has been established by the Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society in collaboration with the SatCom Industry Association of India.

About Karnataka

- **Capital** – Bengaluru

- **Chief Minister** –Siddaramaiah
- **Deputy Chief Minister** - DK Shivakumar
- **Governor** – Thawar Chand Gehlot

79. Larsen and Toubro has secured a ₹2,500–₹5,000 crore contract to develop a coal-to-ammonium nitrate project. The project will be set up in which state?
 लार्सन एंड टूब्रो को कोयले से अमोनियम नाइट्रेट बनाने का प्रोजेक्ट बनाने के लिए ₹2,500–₹5,000 करोड़ का कॉन्ट्रैक्ट मिला है। यह प्रोजेक्ट किस राज्य में लगाया जाएगा?

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

Ans. c

Sol. Larsen & Toubro Bags ₹2,500–₹5,000 Crore Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project in Odisha

Larsen and Toubro has secured a ₹2,500–₹5,000 crore contract to develop a coal-to-ammonium nitrate project in Odisha.

Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited, a joint venture of Coal India Limited and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, has awarded the project.

80. Which of the following organisations has recently launched Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) as a new financial instrument to facilitate transparent and efficient gold trading in India, along with enabling the dematerialisation of physical gold into electronic form?

निम्नलिखित में से किस संगठन ने हाल ही में भारत में पारदर्शी और कुशल सोने के व्यापार को बढ़ावा देने तथा भौतिक सोने को इलेक्ट्रॉनिक रूप में परिवर्तित करने के लिए इलेक्ट्रॉनिक गोल्ड रिसीट्स (EGRs) लॉन्च किए हैं?

- (a) Bombay Stock Exchange
- (b) Reserve Bank of India
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) SEBI
- (e) National Stock Exchange

Ans. e

Sol. NSE Launches Electronic Gold Receipts, Enables Dematerialisation of Physical Gold for Trading

The National Stock Exchange has launched Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) as a new instrument for gold trading in India.

EGRs are electronic records representing ownership of physical gold stored in approved vaults.

As part of the launch, NSE also successfully demonstrated the dematerialisation of a 1000-gram gold bar into an Electronic Gold Receipt.

81. As per the revised FDI rules under the Foreign Exchange Management Act in 2026, what is the maximum percentage of non-controlling ownership allowed for overseas investors from land-bordering countries (such as China) under the automatic route without prior government approval?

Foreign Exchange Management Act के तहत 2026 में संशोधित FDI नियमों के अनुसार, भूमि सीमा से जुड़े देशों (जैसे China) के निवेशकों के लिए बिना सरकारी मंजूरी के ऑटोमैटिक रूट के तहत अधिकतम कितनी गैर-नियंत्रण हिस्सेदारी की अनुमति है?

- (a) 5%
- (b) 8%
- (c) 10%
- (d) 15%
- (e) 20%

Ans. c

Sol. India Relaxes FDI Norms, Allows Up to 10% Investment from Bordering Countries via Automatic Route

The Government of India has amended FDI rules under Foreign Exchange Management Act, allowing overseas companies with up to 10% ownership from land-bordering countries (like China) to invest through the automatic route.

This marks a significant relaxation from the 2020 rules, where even 1% shareholding from neighbouring countries required government approval.

Under the new 2026 rule, non-controlling stakes up to 10% from such countries no longer need prior approval, simplifying foreign investment procedures.

82. The Union Cabinet has approved two new semiconductor projects worth ₹3,936 crore to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem and boost employment. The projects—Crystal Matrix Limited and Suchi Semicon Private Limited—have been cleared under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).

Suchi Semicon Private Limited will establish its facility in which city?

केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने भारत के सेमीकंडक्टर इकोसिस्टम को मज़बूत करने और रोज़गार को बढ़ावा देने के लिए ₹3,936 करोड़ की दो नई सेमीकंडक्टर परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दी है। ये परियोजनाएँ—क्रिस्टल मैट्रिक्स लिमिटेड और सुची सेमीकॉन प्राइवेट लिमिटेड—इंडिया सेमीकंडक्टर मिशन (ISM) के तहत स्वीकृत की गई हैं। सुची सेमीकॉन प्राइवेट लिमिटेड अपनी इकाई किस शहर में स्थापित करेगी?

- (a) Ahmedabad

- (b) Rajkot
- (c) Gandhinagar
- (d) Vadodara
- (e) Surat

Ans. e

Sol. Cabinet Approves ₹3,936 Crore Semiconductor Projects to Boost India's Chip Ecosystem

The Union Cabinet has approved two new semiconductor projects worth ₹3,936 crore to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem and boost employment.

The projects—Crystal Matrix Limited and Suchi Semicon Private Limited—have been cleared under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).

Crystal Matrix Limited will set up a facility in Dholera for compound semiconductor fabrication and ATMP, while Suchi Semicon will establish an OSAT facility in Surat.

With these approvals, total projects under ISM have reached 12, with cumulative investments of around ₹1.64 lakh crore.

83. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved ₹5,659.22 crore for the Mission for Cotton Productivity to address challenges in India's cotton sector. The Mission for Cotton Productivity will be implemented during which period?

नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय कैबिनेट ने भारत के कॉटन सेक्टर में चुनौतियों से निपटने के लिए कॉटन प्रोडक्टिविटी मिशन के लिए ₹5,659.22 करोड़ मंजूर किए। कॉटन प्रोडक्टिविटी मिशन किस समय के दौरान लागू किया जाएगा?

- (a) 2026–30
- (b) 2026–31
- (c) 2024–29
- (d) 2027–32
- (e) 2026-32

Ans. b

Sol. Cabinet Approves ₹5,659 Crore Mission for Cotton Productivity to Boost Output and Quality by 2031

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved ₹5,659.22 crore for the Mission for Cotton Productivity (2026–27 to 2030–31) to address challenges in India's cotton sector.

The mission aligns with the Government's 5F vision (Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign) to strengthen the textile value chain.

It will be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Ministry of Textiles, with support from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research,

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs) on Cotton.

The mission aims to boost cotton production to 498 lakh bales and increase productivity from 440 kg/ha to 755 kg/ha by 2031.

It also complements initiatives like Kasturi Cotton Bharat, a premium cotton branding and certification programme.

84. Which company has delivered the first of 1,200 electric freight locomotives to Indian Railways under a €3-billion contract signed in 2023?

2023 में हस्ताक्षरित €3-बिलियन के अनुबंध के तहत भारतीय रेलवे को 1,200 इलेक्ट्रिक मालवाहक लोकोमोटिव में से पहला किस कंपनी ने दिया?

- (a) Alstom
- (b) Siemens Mobility
- (c) BHEL
- (d) Tata Motors
- (e) Bombardier

Ans. b

Sol. Siemens Mobility Delivers First D9 Freight Locomotive to Indian Railways
Siemens Mobility has delivered the first of 1,200 electric freight locomotives to Indian Railways under a €3-billion contract signed in 2023.

The company also jointly inaugurated the first maintenance depot for the project at Visakhapatnam.

The D9 locomotives are India's most powerful (9,000 hp) six-axle electric freight engines, capable of speeds up to 120 km/h, and are the first Indian rolling stock tested to the EN 14363 European standard.

85. The Union Government will notify the South Coast Railway Zone (SCoR) on 1 June 2026, making it India's 18th railway zone. The headquarters of South Coast Railway Zone will be located at:

केंद्र सरकार 1 जून 2026 को साउथ कोस्ट रेलवे ज़ोन (SCoR) को नोटिफ़ाई करेगी, जिससे यह भारत का 18वां रेलवे ज़ोन बन जाएगा। साउथ कोस्ट रेलवे ज़ोन का हेडक्वार्टर यहाँ होगा:

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Bengaluru
- (e) Visakhapatnam

Ans. e

Sol. South Coast Railway Zone to Be Notified on June 1, 2026, as India's 18th Railway Zone with HQ in Visakhapatnam

The Union Government will notify the South Coast Railway Zone (SCoR) on 1 June 2026, making it India's 18th railway zone, with headquarters at Visakhapatnam.

The new zone will strengthen railway administration in Andhra Pradesh by reorganising divisions, including Guntakal, Guntur, Vijayawada, and a newly created Visakhapatnam division.

The project received Cabinet approval in February 2025, and the foundation stone for the headquarters was laid by Narendra Modi, with land allocated at Mudasarlova.

86. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands set a Guinness World Record by deploying the world's largest underwater national flag. The event of deploying the underwater national flag was held near which island?

अंडमान और निकोबार आइलैंड्स ने दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा अंडरवाटर नेशनल फ्लैग फहराकर गिनीज वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड बनाया। अंडरवाटर नेशनल फ्लैग फहराने का इवेंट किस आइलैंड के पास हुआ था?

- (a) Neil Island
- (b) Ross Island
- (c) Minicoy Island
- (d) Majuli Island
- (e) Havelock Island

Ans. e

Sol. Andaman & Nicobar Islands Set Guinness World Record with Largest Underwater National Flag Near Havelock Island

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands set a Guinness World Record by deploying the world's largest underwater national flag near Havelock Island.

The Indian national flag measured 60m × 40m, making it the largest underwater flag ever displayed.

The dive operation was led by D. K. Joshi, with participation from the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, police, and professional divers.

87. International No Diet Day is observed on which date?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नो डाइट डे किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 4 May
- (b) 5 May
- (c) 6 May
- (d) 7 May
- (e) 8 May

Ans. c

Sol. 6 May - International No Diet Day

International No Diet Day is observed every year on 6 May to promote body acceptance and challenge diet culture and unrealistic beauty standards.

The day was initiated by Mary Evans Young in 1992 to encourage self-confidence and raise awareness about the risks of extreme dieting.

It highlights the importance of healthy lifestyles, mental well-being, and embracing all body types without stigma or discrimination.

88. World Asthma Day is observed on which day every year?

विश्व अस्थमा दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) First Monday of May
- (b) 5 May every year
- (c) Second Tuesday of May
- (d) Third Tuesday of May
- (e) First Tuesday of May

Ans. e

Sol. 5 May 2026- World Asthma Day

World Asthma Day is observed every year on the first Tuesday of May to raise awareness about the chronic respiratory disease Asthma. This year was celebrated on 5 May.

Theme 2026 - Access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma – still an urgent need

The day is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma to promote better prevention, diagnosis, and management of asthma worldwide.

89. International Firefighters' Day is observed on which date?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अग्निशामक दिवस किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

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

Ans. d

Sol. 4 May - International Firefighters' Day

International Firefighters' Day is observed every year on 4 May to honour the bravery, sacrifice, and dedication of firefighters around the world.

The date is associated with Saint Florian's Day, as Saint Florian is regarded as the patron saint of firefighters.

90. Who has taken over as the Chairman of Vodafone Idea Ltd (Vi)?

वोडाफोन आइडिया लिमिटेड (Vi) के चेयरमैन के रूप में किसने कार्यभार संभाला है?

- (a) Sunil Bharti Mittal
- (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (c) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- (d) Ratan Tata
- (e) Gopal Vittal

Ans. b

Sol. Kumar Mangalam Birla Takes Charge as Vodafone Idea Chairman

Kumar Mangalam Birla has taken over as the Chairman of Vodafone Idea Ltd (Vi) after the resignation of former Chairman Ravinder Takkar.

Recent Appointments

- **Full-Time NITI Aayog Members** - R. Balasubramaniam and Joram Aniya
- **Chairman of Prasar Bharati** - Prasoon Joshi
- **President of National Company Law Tribunal** - Anupinder Singh Grewal
- **Director for 57th International Film Festival of India** - Ashutosh Gowariker

91. Which Bengaluru-based space startup has recently secured a contract from the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) of the United States for providing advanced commercial remote sensing capabilities, including hyperspectral data integration?

किस बेंगलुरु-आधारित स्पेस स्टार्टअप ने हाल ही में संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका के National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) से उन्नत वाणिज्यिक रिमोट सेंसिंग क्षमताओं, जिसमें हाइपरस्पेक्ट्रल डेटा का एकीकरण शामिल है, के लिए अनुबंध प्राप्त किया है?

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

Ans. a

Sol. Bengaluru-Based Pixxel Wins US NRO Contract for Advanced Remote Sensing Capabilities

Pixxel, a Bengaluru-based space startup, has secured a contract from the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) for advanced commercial remote sensing capabilities.

The contract was awarded under the Commercial Systems Program Office through the Strategic Commercial Enhancements Commercial Solutions Opening initiative. The deal supports the US government's efforts to integrate hyperspectral data from emerging commercial sources into its expanding remote sensing architecture.

92. Apaar Saxena, who recently earned the International Master (IM) title, is associated with which sport?

हाल ही में इंटरनेशनल मास्टर (IM) खिताब प्राप्त करने वाले अपार सक्सेना किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Cricket
- (b) Badminton
- (c) Chess
- (d) Tennis
- (e) Hockey

Ans. c

Sol. Apaar Saxena Earns International Master Title After Strong European Performances

Apaar Saxena has earned the prestigious International Master (IM) title after achieving all three required norms with strong performances across Europe. He hails from Karnataka.

93. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the development of a state-of-the-art ship repair facility at Vadinar, Gujarat. Which two organisations will jointly implement the project?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता वाली आर्थिक मामलों की कैबिनेट समिति (CCEA) ने गुजरात के वाडिनार में अत्याधुनिक जहाज़ मरम्मत सुविधा के विकास को मंजूरी दे दी है। इस परियोजना को संयुक्त रूप से कौन से दो संगठन लागू करेंगे?

- (a) Indian Navy and HAL
- (b) Deendayal Port Authority and Cochin Shipyard Limited
- (c) ONGC and GAIL
- (d) NTPC and BHEL
- (e) SCI and DRDO

Ans. b

Sol. CCEA Approves ₹1,570 Crore Ship Repair Facility at Vadinar, Gujarat Under Joint Development Model

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the development of a state-of-the-art ship repair facility at Vadinar, Gujarat.

The project involves a total investment of ₹1,570 crore and will be jointly implemented by Deendayal Port Authority and Cochin Shipyard Limited. It is planned as a brownfield development to strengthen India's maritime infrastructure and ship repair capabilities.

94. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification?

केंद्रीय फिल्म प्रमाणन बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Prasoon Joshi
- (b) Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- (c) Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (d) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- (e) Amitabh Kant

Ans. b

Sol. Shashi Shekhar Vempati Appointed CBFC Chairperson

Shashi Shekhar Vempati was appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification.

He replaced Prasoon Joshi, who was recently appointed Chairman of Prasar Bharati.

Shashi Shekhar Vempati served as the CEO of Prasar Bharati from 2017 to 2022.

Recent Appointments

- **Chairman of Vodafone Idea Ltd (Vi)** - Kumar Mangalam Birla (replace Ravinder Takkar)
- **Full-Time NITI Aayog Members** - R. Balasubramaniam and Joram Aniya
- **Chairman of Prasar Bharati** - Prasoon Joshi
- **President of National Company Law Tribunal** - Anupinder Singh Grewal
- **Director for 57th International Film Festival of India** - Ashutosh Gowariker

95. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved increasing the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court of India from 33 to 37 (excluding the Chief Justice of India). Which Article of the Constitution of India empowers Parliament to determine the number of Supreme Court judges?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने भारत के सर्वोच्च न्यायालय में न्यायाधीशों की स्वीकृत संख्या को 33 से बढ़ाकर 37 करने की मंजूरी दे दी है (भारत के मुख्य न्यायाधीश को छोड़कर)। भारत के संविधान का कौन सा अनुच्छेद संसद को सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के न्यायाधीशों की संख्या निर्धारित करने का अधिकार देता है?

- (a) Article 123
- (b) Article 124
- (c) Article 125
- (d) Article 126
- (e) Article 127

Ans. b

Sol. Union Cabinet Approves Increase in Supreme Court Judge Strength from 33 to 37

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved increasing the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court of India from 33 to 37 (excluding the Chief Justice of India).

The decision will enable the introduction of the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956. The move aligns with Article 124 of the Constitution and continues the gradual expansion of the Supreme Court's strength over the years to enhance judicial capacity.

The strength of the Supreme Court has been revised multiple times since Independence. Initially capped at eight (including the Chief Justice), the number was increased through successive amendments—from 10 judges in 1956 to 13 in 1960, 17 in 1977, and 25 in 1986. Further expansions raised the strength to 30 in 2008 and later to 33 in 2019. The current proposal seeks to take this number to 37.

96. Who virtually inaugurated the 100th N-Gen Post Office at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) in Shillong, Meghalaya?

मेघालय के शिलांग में स्थित नॉर्थ-ईस्टर्न हिल यूनिवर्सिटी (NEHU) में 100वें N-Gen डाकघर का वर्चुअल उद्घाटन किसने किया?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Jyotiraditya Scindia
- (d) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- (e) Piyush Goyal

Ans. c

Sol. Jyotiraditya Scindia Inaugurates 100th N-Gen Post Office at NEHU Shillong in Meghalaya

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia virtually inaugurated the 100th N-Gen Post Office at North-Eastern Hill University in Shillong, Meghalaya.

The upgraded facility is designed as a modern, youth-centric post office to serve students, faculty members, and campus residents.

97. The first International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit 2026 will be hosted by which country?

पहले अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बिग कैट एलायंस (IBCA) शिखर सम्मेलन 2026 की मेज़बानी कौन सा देश करेगा?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) South Africa
- (c) India
- (d) Kenya
- (e) Australia

Ans. c

Sol. India to Host First International Big Cat Alliance Summit 2026 in New Delhi
India will host the first International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit on 1–2 June 2026 in New Delhi, marking a major global conservation initiative focused on big cats. Theme - Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem.

The summit will bring together Heads of State or Government from member and observer countries, along with over 400 conservationists, policymakers, scientists, and experts from around the world.

About International Big Cat Alliance

- *The International Big Cat Alliance is an intergovernmental organisation headquartered in New Delhi, India.*
- *It was established in 2023 for the conservation of seven big cat species: lion, tiger, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, and puma.*

98. India and the European Union have launched a joint initiative worth how much to boost EV battery recycling capacity?

भारत और यूरोपीय संघ ने EV बैटरी रीसाइक्लिंग क्षमता को बढ़ाने के लिए कितने मूल्य की एक संयुक्त पहल शुरू की है?

- (a) ₹100 crore
- (b) ₹159 crore
- (c) ₹160 crore
- (d) ₹169 crore
- (e) ₹250 crore

Ans. d

Sol. India–EU Launch ₹169 Crore Joint Initiative to Boost EV Battery Recycling Under TTC Framework

India and the European Union have launched a ₹169 crore (€15.2 million) joint initiative to enhance EV battery recycling capacity, strengthening sustainable mobility solutions.

The initiative is implemented under the India–EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) Working Group-2 to promote clean and green technology cooperation.

It will be funded through the EU's Horizon Europe programme, while the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) will support the Indian side of the project.

99. S&P Global has revised India's growth forecast for FY2026–27 to what level?

S&P Global ने वित्त वर्ष 2026–27 के लिए भारत के विकास अनुमान को किस स्तर तक संशोधित किया है?

- (a) 6.2%
- (b) 6.4%
- (c) 6.6%
- (d) 6.8%
- (e) 7.0%

Ans. c

Sol. S&P Global Cuts India FY2026–27 Growth Forecast to 6.6% Amid Global Economic Risks

S&P Global has lowered India's growth forecast for Financial Year 2026–27 by 50 basis points to 6.6%, reflecting a moderation in the economic outlook.

According to the "India Forward" report (jointly prepared by S&P Global and Crisil), India faces external economic risks such as energy supply disruptions, rising oil and gas prices, and currency volatility.

GDP Projection List 2026

- United Nations - 6.4% (CY2026); 6.6% (CY2027)
- 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)

100. Which Royal Netherlands Navy ship recently arrived at Kochi to strengthen maritime cooperation with India?

रॉयल नीदरलैंड्स नेवी का कौन सा जहाज़ हाल ही में भारत के साथ समुद्री सहयोग को मज़बूत करने के लिए कोच्चि पहुँचा?

- (a) HNLMS Holland
- (b) HNLMS Rotterdam

- (c) HNLMS Zeeland
- (d) HNLMS Friesland
- (e) HNLMS De Ruyter

Ans. e

Sol. HNLMS De Ruyter Arrives at Kochi to Boost India–Netherlands Maritime Cooperation

The Royal Netherlands Navy ship HNLMS De Ruyter (F804) arrived at Kochi, marking a key step in strengthening maritime cooperation between India and the Netherlands.

Before its departure from Kochi, the Dutch warship will conduct a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with an Indian Navy vessel to enhance naval interoperability and coordination.

101. Which Indian Navy ship recently arrived at Yangon Harbour in Myanmar?

भारतीय नौसेना का कौन-सा जहाज़ हाल ही में म्यांमार के यांगून बंदरगाह पर पहुँचा?

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

Ans. c

Sol. INS Sunayna Arrives in Myanmar During Indian Navy Chief Dinesh K Tripathi's Regional Visit

INS Sunayna arrived at Yangon Harbour in Myanmar as part of India's maritime engagement and regional cooperation efforts.

The visit coincided with the visit of Dinesh K Tripathi to Myanmar.

102. Who was the founder of CNN, who recently passed away at the age of 87?

CNN के संस्थापक कौन थे, जिनका हाल ही में 87 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया?

- (a) Rupert Murdoch
- (b) Ted Turner
- (c) Mark Thompson
- (d) Jeff Zucker
- (e) Bob Woodward

Ans. b CNN Founder Ted Turner Passes Away at 87

Ted Turner, founder of CNN, passed away at the age of 87 after suffering from Lewy Body Dementia.

Turner revolutionised television journalism by launching CNN in 1980 as the first 24-hour news network, transforming global breaking news coverage.

103. Which city will host the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship?
22वीं राष्ट्रमंडल टेबल टेनिस चैंपियनशिप की मेज़बानी कौन सा शहर करेगा?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Chennai
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Bengaluru
- (e) Hyderabad

Ans. c

Sol. New Delhi to Host 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship

New Delhi will host the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship from July 27 to August 2.

The championship will be jointly organised by the Table Tennis Federation of India and the Delhi government, with participation from 35 Commonwealth nations.

104. World Password Day is observed annually on which day?
विश्व पासवर्ड दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) First Monday of May
- (b) First Thursday of May
- (c) Second Tuesday of May
- (d) Last Friday of April
- (e) 7 May

Ans. b

Sol. 7 May 2026 - World Password Day

World Password Day is observed annually on the first Thursday of May to promote the importance of strong passwords and online security. This year is observed on 7 May.

The day encourages people to use complex passwords, enable two-factor authentication, and regularly update login credentials to protect digital accounts.

105. World Thalassaemia Day is observed every year on 8 May to raise awareness about Thalassemia, a hereditary blood disorder that affects the body's ability to produce healthy haemoglobin. What is the theme of World Thalassaemia Day 2026?

हर साल 8 मई को 'विश्व थैलेसीमिया दिवस' मनाया जाता है। इसका उद्देश्य थैलेसीमिया के बारे में जागरूकता फैलाना है। थैलेसीमिया एक आनुवंशिक रक्त विकार है, जो शरीर की स्वस्थ हीमोग्लोबिन बनाने की क्षमता को प्रभावित करता है। विश्व थैलेसीमिया दिवस 2026 का विषय (Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Health for All
- (b) Blood Donation Saves Lives
- (c) Hidden No More
- (d) Care for Every Child
- (e) Unite for Better Health

Ans. c

Sol. 8 May - World Thalassaemia Day

World Thalassaemia Day is observed every year on 8 May to raise awareness about Thalassaemia, a hereditary blood disorder that affects the body's ability to produce healthy haemoglobin.

Theme 2026 - Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen
The day was established by the Thalassaemia International Federation to support patients and encourage blood donation, genetic counselling, and improved healthcare facilities worldwide.

106. World Athletics Day is observed annually on 7 May to promote sports, fitness, and participation in athletics among youth across the world. What is the theme of World Athletics Day 2026?

विश्व एथलेटिक्स दिवस हर साल 7 मई को दुनिया भर के युवाओं के बीच खेल, फिटनेस और एथलेटिक्स में भागीदारी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए मनाया जाता है। विश्व एथलेटिक्स दिवस 2026 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Fitness for Future
- (b) Run for Health
- (c) Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers
- (d) Athletics for All
- (e) Healthy Youth, Healthy Nation

Ans. c

Sol. 7 May - World Athletics Day

World Athletics Day is observed annually on 7 May to promote sports, fitness, and participation in athletics among youth across the world.

Theme 2026 - Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers

The day aims to encourage young people to adopt a healthy lifestyle and increase awareness about the importance of physical activities and track-and-field sports.

107. World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed annually on May 8 to honour the humanitarian efforts of Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers worldwide. World Red Cross Day marks the birth anniversary of which personality?

विश्व रेड क्रॉस और रेड क्रिसेंट दिवस हर साल 8 मई को दुनिया भर में रेड क्रॉस और रेड क्रिसेंट के स्वयंसेवकों के मानवीय प्रयासों का सम्मान करने के लिए मनाया जाता है। विश्व रेड क्रॉस दिवस किस हस्ती की जयंती के रूप में मनाया जाता है?

- (a) Florence Nightingale
- (b) Henry Dunant
- (c) Alfred Nobel
- (d) Nelson Mandela
- (e) Mahatma Gandhi

Ans. b

Sol. 8 May - World Red Cross

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed annually on May 8 to honour the humanitarian efforts of Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers worldwide.

Theme 2026 - Keeping Humanity Alive

The day marks the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who founded the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and was the first Nobel Peace Prize winner.

World Red Cross Day promotes values of humanity, compassion, voluntary service, and support for people affected by disasters, conflicts, and health emergencies.

108. Akashvani organised a marathon in which city to celebrate its 90th anniversary?

आकाशवाणी ने अपनी 90वीं वर्षगांठ मनाने के लिए किस शहर में मैराथन का आयोजन किया?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Bengaluru
- (e) Chennai

Ans. a

Sol. Akashvani Organises Marathon in New Delhi to Celebrate 90th Anniversary

Akashvani organised a 3.5-km marathon in New Delhi to celebrate its 90th anniversary, with the run starting and ending at Akashvani Bhavan.

Employees of Doordarshan and Prasar Bharati, along with their family members, participated in the marathon in the presence of Gaurav Dwivedi and Rajeev Kumar Jain.

Established in 1936, Akashvani remains one of India's most trusted broadcasting platforms and used the marathon to promote fitness, unity, and public outreach.

109. India remained the world's top recipient of remittances in 2024, receiving over 137.67 billion US dollars from Indians living abroad. Which report revealed that India was the top recipient of remittances in 2024?

2024 में भारत दुनिया में रेमिटेंस (विदेशों से भेजी गई रकम) पाने वाला सबसे बड़ा देश बना रहा, जिसे विदेशों में रहने वाले भारतीयों से 137.67 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर से ज्यादा रकम मिली। किस रिपोर्ट से यह पता चला कि 2024 में भारत रेमिटेंस पाने वाला सबसे बड़ा देश था?

- (a) Human Development Report
- (b) Global Economic Outlook
- (c) World Migration Report
- (d) World Happiness Report
- (e) Global Finance Report

Ans. c

Sol. India Tops Global Remittance Inflows in 2024 with Record \$137.67 Billion Received

India remained the world's top recipient of remittances in 2024, receiving over 137.67 billion US dollars from Indians living abroad.

The data was revealed in the World Migration Report 2026, released by the International Organisation for Migration

Rank	Country (2020)	Country (2024)	Remittance Amount (2020)	Remittance Amount (2024)	Year	Remittance Inflow
1	India	India	\$83.15 billion	\$137.67 billion	2010	\$53.5 billion
2	Mexico	Mexico	\$43.98 billion	\$67.64 billion	2015	\$68.9 billion
3	Philippines	Philippines	\$34.88 billion	\$40.28 billion	2020	\$83.1 billion
4	France	France	\$29.98 billion	\$38.78 billion	2024	\$137+ billion
5	Egypt	Pakistan	\$29.60 billion	\$34.91 billion		
6	Pakistan	China	\$26.09 billion	\$31.41 billion		
7	Bangladesh	Egypt	\$21.75 billion	\$29.56 billion		
8	China	Bangladesh	\$18.88 billion	\$27.60 billion		
9	Germany	Guatemala	\$18.82 billion	\$21.64 billion		
10	Nigeria	Nigeria	\$17.21 billion	\$21.30 billion		

United States remained the world's largest source of remittances in 2024, sending more than 100 billion US dollars abroad.

Saudi Arabia ranked second in global remittance outflows with over 46 billion US dollars sent overseas.

Switzerland and Germany also recorded major remittance outflows of around 40 billion US dollars and nearly 24 billion US dollars, respectively.

110. Which organization has launched the Central Prabhari Officer Portal to strengthen real-time governance and improve coordination under the Aspirational Districts and Blocks Programme (ADP/ABP)?

रियल-टाइम गवर्नेंस को मजबूत करने और Aspirational Districts and Blocks Programme (ADP/ABP) के तहत समन्वय सुधारने के लिए सेंट्रल प्रभारी अधिकारी पोर्टल किस संगठन द्वारा लॉन्च किया गया है?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- (b) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- (e) Ministry of Rural and Development

Ans. c

Sol. NITI Aayog Launches Central Prabhari Officer Portal to Boost Real-Time Governance

NITI Aayog launched the Central Prabhari Officer Portal to strengthen real-time governance and improve coordination under the Aspirational Districts and Blocks Programme (ADP/ABP).

The Central Prabhari Officer Portal enables Central Prabhari Officers (CPOs) to submit field observations and recommendations in real time through mobile devices, helping policymakers take faster administrative action.

The portal will create a transparent and responsive governance ecosystem by connecting field-level insights directly with policy implementation and monitoring.

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

भारत के अगले चीफ ऑफ डिफेंस स्टाफ (CDS) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) General Shraddha Raj
- (b) Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani
- (c) General Manoj Pande
- (d) Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi
- (e) Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh

Ans. b

Sol. Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani Appointed as Next Chief of Defence Staff of India

Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani has been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs by the Government of India.

Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani will succeed General Anil Chauhan after the completion of his tenure on May 30, 2026.

Recent Appointments in Defence Sector

- **Vice Chief of Army Staff** - Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth (replace Pushpendra Pal Singh)

- **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

112. Which bank received RBI approval to increase its stake in AU Small Finance Bank and Federal Bank?

किस बैंक को AU स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक और फेडरल बैंक में अपनी हिस्सेदारी बढ़ाने के लिए RBI की मंजूरी मिली?

- (a) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) IndusInd Bank

Ans. a

Sol. RBI Approves Kotak Mahindra Bank to Raise Stake in AU SFB and Federal Bank
 The Reserve Bank of India has approved Kotak Mahindra Bank to raise its stake up to 9.99% each in AU Small Finance Bank and Federal Bank.

The approval will allow Kotak Mahindra Bank to strengthen its strategic investments in both private sector lenders while remaining within the regulatory limit.

About Kotak Mahindra Bank

- **Founded** – 21 November 1985
- **Founders** - Uday Kotak
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

113. Which bank has partnered with Ezeepay to strengthen rural and semi-urban banking services in India?

भारत में ग्रामीण और अर्ध-शहरी बैंकिंग सेवाओं को मजबूत करने के लिए किस बैंक ने Ezeepay के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Airtel Payments Bank
- (b) India Post Payments Bank
- (c) Paytm Payments Bank
- (d) Jio Payments Bank
- (e) Fino Payments Bank

Ans. d

Sol. Jio Payments Bank Partners with Ezeepay to Expand Rural Banking Services in India

Jio Payments Bank has partnered with Ezeepay to expand essential banking services across more than 12,000 semi-urban and underserved PIN codes in India.

Under the partnership, Ezeepay will use its merchant network as Business Correspondents to provide accessible banking facilities in rural and remote areas.

114. The Bihar Cabinet has approved a USD 500 million loan from which international financial institution to support urban development projects?

बिहार कैबिनेट ने शहरी विकास परियोजनाओं के लिए 500 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर का ऋण किस अंतरराष्ट्रीय वित्तीय संस्था से मंजूर किया है?

- (a) Asian Development Bank
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- (d) New Development Bank
- (e) World Bank

Ans. e

Sol. Bihar Cabinet Approves \$500 Million World Bank Loan for Urban Economic Development

Bihar Cabinet Approves \$500 Million World Bank Loan for Urban Economic Development
The Bihar Cabinet has approved a loan of 500 million U.S. dollars from the World Bank to develop integrated urban economic regions across the state.

The initiative aims to support planned urbanisation, infrastructure expansion, and the development of city-based economic growth hubs to strengthen Bihar's urban development framework.

About Bihar

- **Capital** – Patna
- **Chief Minister** – Samrat Choudhary
- **Governor** – Lieutenant General (Retired) Syed Ata Hasnain

115. Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff of India?

भारत के अगले नौसेना प्रमुख के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- (b) Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
- (c) Admiral Karambir Singh
- (d) Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru
- (e) Admiral Sunil Lanba

Ans. b

Sol. Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan Appointed as Next Chief of the Indian Navy
Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff and will succeed Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, who is set to retire on May 31, 2026.

Currently serving as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command, Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan will become the 26th Chief of the Naval Staff and the 34th head of the Indian Navy since Independence.

116. Which company has become India's first space-tech unicorn after achieving a valuation of around USD 1.1 billion?

कौन सी कंपनी लगभग 1.1 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर के मूल्यांकन के साथ भारत की पहली स्पेस-टेक यूनिर्कॉर्न बन गई है?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) Agnikul Cosmos
- (c) Skyroot Aerospace
- (d) Shraddha Aerospace
- (e) Bellatrix Aerospace

Ans. c

Sol. Skyroot Aerospace Becomes India's First Space-Tech Unicorn with \$1.1 Billion Valuation

Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace has become India's first space-tech unicorn after raising nearly USD 60 million in a new funding round, taking its valuation to USD 1.1 billion.

The funding round saw participation from major investors including Sherpalo Ventures, Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC Private Limited, Greenko Group founders, and Arkam Ventures, supporting the company's mission to build low-cost orbital launch capabilities.

117. In May 2026, which organization lifted restrictions on Belarusian athletes, allowing them to return to international competitions?

मई 2026 में, किस संगठन ने बेलारूसी एथलीटों पर लगी रोक हटा दी, जिससे उन्हें इंटरनेशनल कॉम्पिटिशन में लौटने की इजाज़त मिल गई?

- (a) FIFA
- (b) Commonwealth Games Federation
- (c) International Olympic Committee
- (d) World Athletics
- (e) Asian Games Federation

Ans. c

Sol. IOC Lifts Restrictions on Belarusian Athletes

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has lifted all restrictions on Belarusian athletes, allowing them to return to international competitions, including qualifiers for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

Earlier, since 2022, the IOC had recommended banning athletes and officials from Russia and Belarus due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with Belarus acting as a supporting base for the operation.

The latest decision marks a major shift in IOC policy, enabling Belarusian athletes to once again compete on the global sporting stage under international events.

118. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched JANANI, a QR-enabled digital platform designed to track maternal and child healthcare services across India. What does JANANI stand for in the context of the new digital healthcare platform?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय ने JANANI लॉन्च किया है, जो एक QR-इनेबल्ड डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म है जिसे पूरे भारत में मां और बच्चे की हेल्थकेयर सेवाओं को ट्रैक करने के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है। नए डिजिटल हेल्थकेयर प्लेटफॉर्म के संदर्भ में JANANI का क्या मतलब है?

- (a) Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care
- (b) Joint Antenatal Nutrition and Infant Care Initiative
- (c) Juvenile and Neonatal Integrated Network India
- (d) Joint Action for Newborn and Infant Health
- (e) National Antenatal and Neonatal Initiative

Ans. a

Sol. Health Ministry Launches JANANI Digital Platform to Strengthen Maternal and Child Healthcare Services in India

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched JANANI (Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care), a QR-enabled digital platform designed to track maternal and child healthcare services across India.

The platform will maintain comprehensive digital health records of women, covering antenatal care, delivery, postnatal care, newborn care, and family planning, ensuring continuity of care throughout the reproductive cycle.

JANANI is an upgraded version of the existing RCH portal and enables integration with national platforms like U-WIN and POSHAN, allowing seamless data sharing and better monitoring of beneficiaries across programmes.

The system supports beneficiary registration using ABHA ID, Aadhaar (OTP/biometric), and mobile numbers, and has already recorded 1.34 crore registrations, over 30 lakh pregnant women registrations, and more than 1 lakh biometric verifications.

119. IndiaAI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which organization to accelerate responsible adoption of Artificial Intelligence in the healthcare sector in India?

भारत में स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र में जिम्मेदार आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस (AI) को अपनाने में तेजी लाने के लिए IndiaAI ने किस संगठन के साथ MoU साइन किया?

- (a) World Health Organization
- (b) Indian Council of Medical Research
- (c) All India Institute of Medical Sciences
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) Department of Biotechnology

Ans. b

Sol. IndiaAI and ICMR Sign MoU to Boost Responsible AI Adoption in Healthcare Sector

IndiaAI and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi to promote responsible and scalable adoption of Artificial Intelligence in healthcare.

The partnership aims to improve healthcare outcomes by combining IndiaAI's technology infrastructure, compute systems, dataset platforms, and AI skilling initiatives with ICMR's expertise in biomedical research and public health systems. Under this collaboration, both institutions will also utilize the MIDAS (Medical Information Data for AI Solutions) framework to build a structured ecosystem for AI-driven medical research and innovation.

120. World Lupus Day is observed every year on which date?

विश्व ल्यूपस दिवस हर वर्ष किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) May 5
- (b) May 8
- (c) May 9
- (d) May 10
- (e) May 12

Ans. d

Sol. 10 May - World Lupus Day

World Lupus Day is observed every year on May 10 to raise global awareness about Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), a chronic autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks its own tissues and organs.

The day aims to educate people about the symptoms, early diagnosis, and treatment options of lupus, as it can affect multiple organs including the skin, joints, kidneys, and brain.

121. Mother's Day is celebrated every year on which Sunday of May?

मदर्स डे हर वर्ष मई के किस रविवार को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) First Sunday
- (b) Second Sunday
- (c) Third Sunday
- (d) Fourth Sunday
- (e) Last Sunday

Ans. b

Sol. 10 May 2026 - Mother's Day

Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May every year, and in 2026 it falls on May 10, to honour the love, care, and sacrifices of mothers worldwide. The day is dedicated to expressing gratitude and respect towards mothers and maternal figures for their role in nurturing families and society.

122. Who has been selected for the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by AIIMS for his outstanding contribution to the field of neurosurgery?

न्यूरोसर्जरी के क्षेत्र में उनके उत्कृष्ट योगदान के लिए AIIMS द्वारा 'लाइफटाइम अचीवमेंट अवार्ड' के लिए किसे चुना गया है?

- (a) Dr Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (b) Dr Naresh Trehan
- (c) Dr V S Mehta
- (d) Dr Randeep Guleria
- (e) Dr Soumya Swaminathan

Ans. c

Sol. Dr V S Mehta Selected for Lifetime Achievement Award by AIIMS

Delhi-NCR-based neurosurgeon and Padma Shri awardee Dr V S Mehta has been selected for the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by AIIMS.

The award was conferred during the 51st annual convocation of AIIMS at Bharat Mandapam, with the ceremony to be attended by C P Radhakrishnan as the chief guest.

Recent Awards

- **Pulitzer Prize (Illustrated Reporting and Commentary category)** - Indian journalists Anand RK and Suparna Sharma, along with Natalie Obiko Pearson; for a Bloomberg report exposing cybercrime in India.

- **Pulitzer Prize (International Reporting category)** - Aniruddha Ghosal; for investigating the US Border Patrol's use of mass-surveillance tools developed in Silicon Valley and China.
- **Whitley Award 2026 (Green Oscars)**- Indian conservationist Parveen Shaikh (for Protecting Indian skimmer)
- **UNIDO's GEM Award for Women Empowerment and Green Initiative** - Guntur Municipal Corporation

123. World Ovarian Cancer Day is observed every year on 8 May to raise awareness about ovarian cancer, its symptoms, and the importance of early detection. What is the theme of World Ovarian Cancer Day 2026?

विश्व ओवेरियन कैंसर दिवस हर साल 8 मई को ओवेरियन कैंसर, इसके लक्षणों और इसकी शुरुआती पहचान के महत्व के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए मनाया जाता है। विश्व ओवेरियन कैंसर दिवस 2026 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) #Early Detection Saves Lives
- (b) #Fight Cancer Together
- (c) #No Woman Left Behind
- (d) #Health for All Women
- (e) #Awareness for a Better Future

Ans. c

Sol. 8 May - World Ovarian Cancer Day

World Ovarian Cancer Day is observed every year on 8 May to raise awareness about ovarian cancer, its symptoms, and the importance of early detection.

Theme 2026 - #NoWomanLeftBehind

The day focuses on educating women about preventive care, regular health check-ups, and recognizing early warning signs of ovarian cancer.

124. Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War is observed on which dates every year?

द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के दौरान अपनी जान गंवाने वालों की याद और मेल-मिलाप का समय हर साल किन तारीखों को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 6–7 May
- (b) 7–8 May
- (c) 8–9 May
- (d) 9–10 May
- (e) 10–11 May

Ans. c

Sol. 8 - 9 May - Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War

Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War is observed globally on 8–9 May to honour and remember all those who lost their lives during the Second World War.

The observance focuses on promoting peace, remembrance, and reconciliation among nations affected by the Second World War, encouraging reflection on the consequences of conflict.

It is recognised by the United Nations to preserve historical memory and to strengthen international cooperation for preventing future global conflicts.

125. Who launched the Swasth Bharat Portal?

स्वस्थ भारत पोर्टल का शुभारंभ किसने किया?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- (d) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- (e) Dharmendra Pradhan

Ans. c

Sol. Jagat Prakash Nadda Launches Swasth Bharat Portal to Integrate Health Systems Across India

Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the Swasth Bharat Portal, a unified digital platform aimed at integrating multiple health programme systems across India.

The Swasth Bharat Portal has been developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to improve coordination and efficiency in healthcare services.

The portal was unveiled during the 10th National Summit on Innovation and Inclusivity: Best Practices Shaping India's Health Future.

126. Which institution has announced the establishment of its first centre in the United States to support deep-tech startups?

किस संस्थान ने डीप-टेक स्टार्टअप्स को समर्थन देने के लिए संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका में अपना पहला केंद्र स्थापित करने की घोषणा की है?

- (a) Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- (b) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- (c) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
- (d) Indian Institute of Science
- (e) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Ans. a

Sol. IIT Madras Launches First US Centre to Boost Deep-Tech Startups and Innovation Ecosystem

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras Global Research Foundation has announced the establishment of its first international centre in the United States, aimed at strengthening India's deep-tech ecosystem.

The centre will act as a launchpad for deep-tech start-ups, while also promoting research collaborations and innovation ecosystem development between India and the US.

The project will be developed with a planned investment of USD 7.5 million, and the announcement was made at Menlo Park, California during the SelectUSA Investment Summit in Maryland.

127. In May 2026, which two organizations successfully conducted the maiden flight trial of the Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA)?

मई 2026 में, किन दो संगठनों ने 'टैक्टिकल एडवांस्ड रेंज ऑगमेंटेशन' (TARA) का पहला उड़ान परीक्षण सफलतापूर्वक संपन्न किया?

- (a) ISRO and DRDO
- (b) Indian Navy and HAL
- (c) DRDO and Indian Air Force
- (d) BSF and Indian Army
- (e) NTRO and Coast Guard

Ans. c

Sol. DRDO, IAF successfully conduct maiden flight-trial of indigenous TARA glide weapon

Defence Research and Development Organisation and the Indian Air Force successfully conducted the maiden flight trial of the Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA) off the coast of Odisha.

Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA) is India's first indigenous glide weapon system designed to convert unguided warheads into precision-guided weapons with improved accuracy and lethality.

The system was developed by Research Centre Imarat along with other DRDO laboratories, while production activities have already started with Indian industry partners under the Development-cum-Production Partnership model.

128. Where will India host its first international ophthalmology research conference?

भारत अपनी पहली अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नेत्र विज्ञान अनुसंधान कॉन्फ्रेंस की मेज़बानी कहाँ करेगा?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Bengaluru

(d) New Delhi

(e) Hyderabad

Ans. d

Sol. India to Host First International Ophthalmology Research Conference in New Delhi

India will host its first international ophthalmology research conference at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi.

The conference, titled AIOS-Armed Forces Ophthalmology Update (AIOS-AFOU 2026), will be inaugurated by Sanjay Seth.

AIOS-Armed Forces Ophthalmology Update (AIOS-AFOU 2026) is being organised by the Department of Ophthalmology at Army Hospital (Research & Referral) in collaboration with All India Ophthalmological Society

129. Which country will host the inaugural World Yogasana Championship scheduled in June 2026?

जून 2026 में होने वाली पहली विश्व योगासन चैंपियनशिप की मेज़बानी कौन सा देश करेगा?

(a) China

(b) Japan

(c) India

(d) Nepal

(e) Russia

Ans. c

Sol. India to Host Inaugural World Yogasana Championship in Ahmedabad

India will host the inaugural World Yogasana Championship from June 4 to 8 in Ahmedabad with participation from more than 40 countries.

The World Yogasana Championship is being organised by Yogasana Bharat under the aegis of World Yogasana.

130. Who received the prestigious Erth Dubai Award under the category of Best Private Sector Entity?

'सर्वश्रेष्ठ निजी क्षेत्र इकाई' श्रेणी के अंतर्गत प्रतिष्ठित 'अर्थ दुबई पुरस्कार' किसे प्राप्त हुआ?

(a) Mukesh Ambani

(b) Ravi Pillai

(c) Deepak Bhatia

(d) Yusuf Ali

(e) Sunil Bharti Mittal

Ans. c

Sol. Deepak Bhatia Receives Prestigious Erth Dubai Award in Dubai

Deepak Bhatia received the prestigious Erth Dubai Award under the category of Best Private Sector Entity.

The award was presented by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in the presence of Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Uncle's Shop Building Material Trading was founded in 1922 by the late Uttamchand Bhatia and is regarded as one of the oldest Indian-origin enterprises in the UAE, currently led by the fourth generation of the family.

131. In May 2026, which technology company announced an investment of ₹100 crore in India's renewable energy infrastructure?

मई 2026 में, किस टेक्नोलॉजी कंपनी ने भारत के नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर में ₹100 करोड़ के निवेश की घोषणा की?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Google
- (c) Apple Inc.
- (d) Meta
- (e) Intel

Ans. c

Sol. Apple Inc. to Invest ₹100 Crore in India's Renewable Energy Infrastructure

Apple Inc. has announced an investment of ₹100 crore to strengthen renewable energy infrastructure in India.

In partnership with CleanMax, Apple will help develop more than 150 MW of renewable energy capacity across the country.

Apple Inc. is working with WWF-India on initiatives related to recycling, waste management, and reducing plastic leakage into ecosystems.

The company is also collaborating with Acumen to provide grants and mentorship support to green startups in India.

132. Which company has launched the 5th edition of the "Solve for Tomorrow" innovation and education programme in India?

किस कंपनी ने भारत में "Solve for Tomorrow" इनोवेशन और शिक्षा कार्यक्रम का 5वां संस्करण लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Samsung
- (b) LG Electronics
- (c) Sony
- (d) Panasonic
- (e) Xiaomi

Ans. a

Sol. Samsung Launches 5th Edition of 'Solve for Tomorrow' Innovation Programme in India

Samsung has launched the fifth edition of its flagship innovation and education programme, "Samsung Solve for Tomorrow," in India to encourage young innovators and problem-solvers.

Under the 2026 edition, the top four winning teams will receive incubation grants worth ₹2 crore along with incubation support at IIT Delhi to help develop and scale their ideas.

133. World Migratory Bird Day is observed twice every year, on the second Saturdays of May and October, to raise awareness about the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. This year was celebrated on 9 May. What is the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2026?

विश्व प्रवासी पक्षी दिवस हर साल दो बार—मई और अक्टूबर के दूसरे शनिवार को—प्रवासी पक्षियों और उनके आवासों के संरक्षण के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए मनाया जाता है। इस वर्ष यह 9 मई को मनाया गया। विश्व प्रवासी पक्षी दिवस 2026 का विषय (Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Protect Birds, Protect Nature
- (b) Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities
- (c) Forest Restoration for Wildlife
- (d) Save Wetlands, Save Earth
- (e) Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter

Ans. e

Sol. 9 May 2026 - World Migratory Bird Day

World Migratory Bird Day is observed twice every year, on the second Saturdays of May and October, to raise awareness about the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. This year was celebrated on 9 May.

Theme 2026 - Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter

The day is organised by global environmental organisations to encourage people, governments, and communities to reduce threats such as habitat loss, pollution, and climate change affecting migratory birds.

134. What amount of monetary penalty was imposed by the RBI on YES Bank for non-compliance with certain Know Your Customer (KYC) provisions?

RBI ने YES Bank पर 'अपने ग्राहक को जानें' (KYC) के कुछ प्रावधानों का पालन न करने के लिए कितने रुपए का मौद्रिक जुर्माना लगाया?

- (a) ₹10 lakh
- (b) ₹18.80 lakh
- (c) ₹25.80 lakh

(d) ₹31.80 lakh**(e) ₹50 lakh****Ans. d****Sol.** RBI Imposes Penalties on YES Bank and Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd

The Reserve Bank of India imposed a penalty of ₹31.80 lakh on YES Bank for non-compliance with certain 'Know Your Customer (KYC)' provisions.

Reserve Bank of India also imposed a penalty of ₹1.8 lakh on Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd for non-compliance with RBI directions related to governance norms.

Recent Penalties imposed on Financial Institution

- **Muthoot Housing Finance (₹80,000) by RBI** - for Fair Practice Code Violations
- **Bandhan Bank (₹41.8 Lakh) by RBI** - for non-compliance with regulatory norms, including Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines
- **Airtel Payments Bank Ltd (₹31.80 lakh) by RBI** - for non-compliance with financial disclosure norms.
- **Union Bank of India (₹95.40 lakh) by RBI** - for regulatory non-compliance.

135. During FY 2025-26, State Bank of India (SBI) reported what percentage growth in standalone net profit?

वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 के दौरान, भारतीय स्टेट बैंक (SBI) ने अपने स्टैंडअलोन शुद्ध लाभ में कितने प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्ज की?

- (a) 9%
- (b) 10%
- (c) 11%
- (d) 13%
- (e) 15%

Ans. d**Sol.** SBI Reports 13% Rise in FY26 Net Profit to ₹80,032 Crore

State Bank of India (SBI) reported a 6% year-on-year rise in standalone net profit to ₹19,684 crore in the fourth quarter of FY 2025-26, compared to ₹18,643 crore in the same quarter last year.

For the full Financial Year 2025-26, State Bank of India (SBI) posted a 13% year-on-year growth in standalone net profit at ₹80,032 crore, up from ₹70,901 crore in FY 2024-25.

136. Rumen Radev has been formally approved by Bulgaria's parliament as the country's new Prime Minister after contesting the 2026 parliamentary elections. Before becoming Prime Minister, Rumen Radev served as the:

2026 के संसदीय चुनाव लड़ने के बाद, रूमेन रादेव को बुल्गारिया की संसद द्वारा औपचारिक रूप से देश के नए प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में अनुमोदित किया गया है। प्रधानमंत्री बनने से पहले, रूमेन रादेव ने निम्नलिखित में से किस पद पर कार्य किया था:

- (a) Finance Minister
- (b) Defence Minister
- (c) Parliament Speaker
- (d) President
- (e) Foreign Minister

Ans. d

Sol. Bulgaria Parliament Approves Rumen Radev as New Prime Minister

Rumen Radev has been formally approved by Bulgaria's parliament as the country's new Prime Minister after contesting the 2026 parliamentary elections.

Formerly serving as President of Bulgaria and known as an ex-fighter pilot, Radev resigned from the largely ceremonial presidency in January 2026 to enter active politics.

About Bulgaria

- Capital- Sofia
- Currency - Euro
- Official language- Bulgarian

137. Who has been appointed as the Chief Minister of Puducherry for a record fifth term?

पुडुचेरी के मुख्यमंत्री के रूप में रिकॉर्ड पांचवीं बार किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) V. Narayanasamy
- (b) Shradha Joshi Raj
- (c) N. Rangasamy
- (d) N. Chandrababu Naidu
- (e) Annamalai

Ans. c

Sol. N Rangasamy Appointed Chief Minister of Puducherry for Record Fifth Term

Droupadi Murmu appointed N Rangasamy as the new Chief Minister of Puducherry.

N Rangasamy took the oath for a record fifth term after the AINRC-led NDA secured victory in the Assembly elections with the support of 18 MLAs in the 30-member Assembly.

The veteran leader won the recent elections from both the Thattanchavady and Mangalam constituencies and has previously served as Chief Minister under both the Congress and the All India NR Congress governments.

138. C. Joseph Vijay, popularly known as "Thalapathy", has taken oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. C. Joseph Vijay is the chief of which political party?

सी. जोसेफ विजय, जिन्हें "थलपति" के नाम से जाना जाता है, ने तमिलनाडु के मुख्यमंत्री के रूप में शपथ ली है। सी. जोसेफ विजय किस राजनीतिक दल के प्रमुख हैं?

- (a) DMK
- (b) AIADMK
- (c) BJP
- (d) Congress
- (e) Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam

Ans. e

Sol. C. Joseph Vijay Sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

C. Joseph Vijay, popularly known as "Thalapathy", has taken oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu after the victory of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK).

The swearing-in ceremony was held at Nehru Indoor Stadium in the presence of political leaders, party workers, and supporters.

Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the Oath of Office and Secrecy to Vijay as the new Chief Minister of the state.

About Tamil Nadu

- **Formation** – 26 January 1950
- **Capital** – Chennai
- **Chief Minister** – C. Joseph Vijay (Thalapathy)
- **Governor** – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

139. The first-ever Regional Cooperative Reform Conference in Mizoram was held in which city?

मिजोरम में पहला क्षेत्रीय सहकारी सुधार सम्मेलन किस शहर में आयोजित किया गया?

- (a) Imphal
- (b) Shillong
- (c) Aizawl
- (d) Agartala
- (e) Kohima

Ans. c

Sol. Aizawl Hosts First-Ever Regional Cooperative Reform Conference Under "Sahkar se Samriddhi" Vision

Aizawl hosted its first-ever Regional Cooperative Reform Conference under the vision of "Sahkar se Samriddhi", organised by the Ministry of Cooperation to strengthen cooperative-led development across the country.

Representatives from all North-Eastern states along with major organisations such as NABARD, NAFED, NCDC and NDDDB participated in the conference to discuss cooperative reforms and regional development initiatives.

140. Which organization organized the 35th Plenary and Working Groups meetings of ISO TC 20/SC 14 in India?

भारत में ISO TC 20/SC 14 की 35वीं पूर्ण बैठक और कार्य समूह बैठकों का आयोजन किस संगठन ने किया?

- (a) DRDO
- (b) ISRO
- (c) BIS
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) IN-SPACE

Ans. c

Sol. India Hosts ISO 'Space Systems and Operations' International Meetings for the First Time

Bureau of Indian Standards organised the 35th Plenary and Working Groups meetings of ISO TC 20/SC 14 on "Space Systems and Operations" in New Delhi, marking the first time India hosted these important international space standards meetings.

ISO TC 20/SC 14 develops global standards covering the complete lifecycle of space systems, including design, production, launch, operations, and space-based services to ensure safety, interoperability, and sustainability.

141. The three major Jan Suraksha Schemes launched by Narendra Modi on May 9, 2015, have completed 11 years of implementation in India. The schemes include Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY), aimed at providing affordable insurance and pension coverage. According to the Ministry of Finance, Jan Suraksha schemes have settled insurance claims worth around how much since 2015?

नरेंद्र मोदी ने 9 मई, 2015 को तीन बड़ी जन सुरक्षा स्कीम शुरू की थीं, जिन्हें भारत में लागू हुए 11 साल पूरे हो गए हैं। इन स्कीम में प्रधानमंत्री जीवन ज्योति बीमा योजना (PMJJBY), प्रधानमंत्री सुरक्षा बीमा योजना (PMSBY), और अटल पेंशन योजना (APY) शामिल हैं, जिनका मकसद सस्ता इंश्योरेंस और पेंशन कवरेज देना है। फाइनेंस मिनिस्ट्री के मुताबिक, जन सुरक्षा स्कीम ने 2015 से अब तक लगभग कितने रुपये के इंश्योरेंस क्लेम सेटल किए हैं?

- (a) ₹15,160 crore
- (b) ₹18,500 crore
- (c) ₹21,500 crore

(d) ₹25,160 crore

(e) ₹30,000 crore

Ans. d

Sol. Jan Suraksha Schemes Complete 11 Years with Insurance Claims Settlement of ₹25,160 Crore in India

The three major Jan Suraksha Schemes launched by Narendra Modi on May 9, 2015, have completed 11 years of implementation in India.

The schemes include Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY), aimed at providing affordable insurance and pension coverage.

According to the Ministry of Finance, Jan Suraksha schemes have settled insurance claims worth around ₹25,160 crore since their launch in 2015.

Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana alone settled claims worth over ₹21,500 crore, benefiting more than 10.7 lakh families, while Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana settled claims worth nearly ₹3,660 crore benefiting over 1.84 lakh families.

The total enrolments under the schemes have crossed major milestones, with over 27 crore subscribers under PMJJBY, 58 crore under PMSBY, and more than 9 crore under Atal Pension Yojana.

Scheme	Type	Premium	Age Limit	Benefit
Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)	Life Insurance	₹436/year	18–50 years	₹2 lakh
Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)	Accident Insurance	₹20/year	18–70 years	₹2 lakh
Atal Pension Yojana (APY)	Pension Scheme	Contribution-based	18–40 years	₹1,000–₹5,000 pension

141. Who inaugurated the AIOS-Armed Forces Ophthalmology Update 2026 in New Delhi?

नई दिल्ली में AIOS-Armed Forces Ophthalmology Update 2026 का उद्घाटन किसने किया?

(a) Rajnath Singh

(b) Mansukh Mandaviya

(c) Sanjay Seth

(d) Jitendra Singh

(e) Kiren Rijiju

Ans. c

Sol. Sanjay Seth Inaugurates AIOS-Armed Forces Ophthalmology Update 2026 in New Delhi

Sanjay Seth inaugurated the AIOS-Armed Forces Ophthalmology Update 2026 in New Delhi, a two-day conference jointly organised by the Department of Ophthalmology at Army Hospital and the All-India Ophthalmological Society. The conference brought together military ophthalmologists and leading civilian eye specialists from India and abroad to discuss advanced ophthalmic research, innovation, and clinical excellence in eye care.

142. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the European Central Bank (ECB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in the field of central banking. The renewed MoU between RBI and ECB updates the earlier agreement signed in:

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) और यूरोपीय सेंट्रल बैंक (ECB) ने सेंट्रल बैंकिंग के क्षेत्र में सहयोग को मज़बूत करने के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं। RBI और ECB के बीच यह नया MoU, पहले हस्ताक्षरित समझौते को अपडेट करता है, जो निम्नलिखित वर्ष में हस्ताक्षरित किया गया था:

- (a) 2010
- (b) 2012
- (c) 2015
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2020

Ans. (c)

Sol. RBI and ECB Sign MoU to Strengthen Central Banking Cooperation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the European Central Bank (ECB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in the field of central banking.

The agreement was signed by Sanjay Malhotra and Christine Lagarde on the sidelines of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) meetings held in Basel, Switzerland.

The renewed MoU updates the 2015 agreement and provides a framework for regular information exchange, policy dialogue, and technical cooperation on central banking practices and financial sector developments.

About European Central Bank (ECB)

- *Founded – 1 June 1998*
- *Headquarters- Frankfurt, Germany*
- *President - Christine Lagarde*

143. Which Indian bank has signed a \$500 million offshore loan agreement with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group?

किस भारतीय बैंक ने मित्सुबिशी UFJ फाइनेंशियल ग्रुप के साथ \$500 मिलियन के ऑफशोर ऋण समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Ans. d

Sol. Axis Bank Signs \$500 Million Offshore Loan Deal with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group

Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector lender, has signed a \$500 million offshore loan agreement with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG).

The three-year loan facility will be priced based on the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR), a global benchmark interest rate used in international financial markets. An offshore loan refers to a loan borrowed from a bank or financial institution located outside the borrower's home country, helping companies and banks access international funding sources.

144. India and Vietnam have set a target to increase bilateral trade by how much by 2030?

भारत और वियतनाम ने 2030 तक द्विपक्षीय व्यापार को कितना बढ़ाने का लक्ष्य रखा है?

- (a) \$15 billion
- (b) \$20 billion
- (c) \$22 billion
- (d) \$25 billion
- (e) \$30 billion

Ans. d

Sol. India and Vietnam Target \$25 Billion Bilateral Trade by 2030

India and Vietnam have set a target to increase bilateral trade to \$25 billion annually by 2030 from around \$16 billion recorded in the last financial year during talks between Narendra Modi and To Lam.

Reserve Bank of India and the State Bank of Vietnam signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in financial innovation and digital payments.

145. India successfully tested an advanced Agni Missile with MIRV (Multiple Independently Targeted Re-Entry Vehicle) capability from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island. The advanced Agni missile test was conducted under which mission?

भारत ने डॉ. ए.पी.जे. अब्दुल कलाम द्वीप से MIRV (मल्टीपल इंडिपेंडेंटली टारगेटेड री-एंट्री व्हीकल) क्षमता वाली एक उन्नत अग्नि मिसाइल का सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण किया। इस उन्नत अग्नि मिसाइल का परीक्षण किस मिशन के तहत किया गया था?

- (a) Mission Shakti
- (b) Mission Gaganyaan
- (c) Mission Divyastra
- (d) Mission Suraksha
- (e) Mission Prahar

Ans. c

Sol. India Conducts Successful Test of Advanced Agni Missile with MIRV Capability Under Mission Divyastra

India successfully tested an advanced Agni Missile with MIRV (Multiple Independently Targeted Re-Entry Vehicle) capability from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island under Mission Divyastra.

The missile was launched with multiple payloads targeting different locations across a wide geographical area in the Indian Ocean Region, showcasing India's advanced strategic strike capability.

Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the missile has a strike range of nearly 5,000 kilometres, while earlier Agni-1 to Agni-4 variants have ranges between 700 km and 3,500 km.

146. Indian Coast Guard commissioned the Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) ICGS Achal in Goa as part of efforts to strengthen maritime security and coastal surveillance. ICGS Achal is the fifth vessel in which class of Fast Patrol Vessels?

भारतीय तटरक्षक बल ने समुद्री सुरक्षा और तटीय निगरानी को मजबूत करने के प्रयासों के तहत गोवा में फास्ट पेट्रोल वेसल (FPV) ICGS अचल को कमीशन किया। ICGS अचल फास्ट पेट्रोल वेसल्स की किस श्रेणी का पाँचवाँ वेसल है?

- (a) Shakti-class
- (b) Vikrant-class
- (c) Suraksha-class
- (d) Prahar-class
- (e) Adanya-class

Ans. e

Sol. Indian Coast Guard Commissions Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Achal in Goa

Indian Coast Guard commissioned the Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) ICGS Achal in Goa as part of efforts to strengthen maritime security and coastal surveillance.

ICGS Achal is the fifth vessel in the series of eight Adanya-class Fast Patrol Vessels being built by Goa Shipyard Limited and will be stationed at Vadinar, Gujarat under the Coast Guard Region (North West).

147. D. Sudhakar, Karnataka's Planning and Statistics Minister, passed away.

Sudhakar belonged to which political party?

कर्नाटक के योजना और सांख्यिकी मंत्री डी. सुधाकर का निधन हो गया। सुधाकर किस राजनीतिक दल से संबंधित थे?

- (a) BJP
- (b) JD(S)
- (c) AAP
- (d) CPI(M)
- (e) Congress

Ans. e

Sol. Senior Congress Leader D. Sudhakar Passes Away

D. Sudhakar, Karnataka's Planning and Statistics Minister and a senior Congress leader, passed away.

D. Sudhakar was serving as the MLA from the Hiriyur constituency in Chitradurga district of Karnataka.

148. The International Day of Argania is observed annually on:

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अर्गोनिया दिवस प्रतिवर्ष मनाया जाता है:

- (a) 15 May
- (b) 8 May
- (c) 10 May
- (d) 12 May
- (e) 15 May

Ans. c

Sol. 10 May - International Day of Argania

The United Nations observes the International Day of Argania every year on 10 May to raise awareness about the importance of the argan tree ecosystem.

The day highlights the environmental, economic, and social significance of argan trees, particularly in supporting sustainable development and biodiversity conservation.

149. India observes National Technology Day every year on 11 May to celebrate the country's achievements in science and technology. What is the theme of National Technology Day 2026?

भारत हर साल 11 मई को विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी के क्षेत्र में देश की उपलब्धियों का जश्न मनाने के लिए 'राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी दिवस' मनाता है। राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी दिवस 2026 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Technology for Sustainable Future
- (b) Innovation for Digital India
- (c) Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth
- (d) Science for Global Development
- (e) Empowering India Through Technology

Ans. c

Sol. 11 May - National Technology Day

India observes National Technology Day every year on 11 May to celebrate the country's achievements in science and technology.

Theme 2026 - Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth"

The day commemorates the successful Pokhran-II nuclear tests conducted on 11 May 1998 under Pokhran-II, which marked India's emergence as a nuclear power.

National Technology Day also recognises the contributions of scientists, engineers, and innovators towards technological advancement and national development.

150. International Nurses Day is observed every year on 12 May to recognise the dedication, compassion, and contributions of nurses in healthcare services worldwide. International Nurses Day commemorates the birth anniversary of:

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नर्स दिवस हर साल 12 मई को दुनिया भर में स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं में नर्सों के समर्पण, करुणा और योगदान को सम्मानित करने के लिए मनाया जाता है। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नर्स दिवस किसकी जयंती के उपलक्ष्य में मनाया जाता है?

- (a) Annie Besant
- (b) Florence Nightingale
- (c) Mother Teresa
- (d) Marie Curie
- (e) Sarojini Naidu

Ans. b

Sol. 12 May - International Nurses Day

International Nurses Day is observed every year on 12 May to recognise the dedication, compassion, and contributions of nurses in healthcare services worldwide.

Theme 2026 - Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives

The day marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, who is regarded as the founder of modern nursing.

151. Who attended the swearing-in ceremony of Costa Rica's newly elected President Laura Fernandez?

किसने कोस्टा रिका की नवनिर्वाचित राष्ट्रपति लॉरा फर्नांडीज के शपथ ग्रहण समारोह में भाग लिया?

- (a) S. Jaishankar
- (b) Pabitra Margherita
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) Kiren Rijju
- (e) Rajnath Singh

Ans. b

Sol. Pabitra Margherita Attends Swearing-in Ceremony of Laura Fernandez in Costa Rica

Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita attended the swearing-in ceremony of Laura Fernandez as the new President of Costa Rica.

Laura Fernandez became the 50th President of Costa Rica and the country's second woman President, succeeding Rodrigo Chaves.

About Costa Rica

- Capital- San José
- Currency - Costa Rican Colón
- Official language - Spanish
- Continent - North America

152. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released two female cheetahs into the wild at which national park after they completed quarantine and adaptation?

मध्य प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री मोहन यादव ने क्वारंटाइन और अनुकूलन की प्रक्रिया पूरी होने के बाद, किस राष्ट्रीय उद्यान में दो मादा चीतों को जंगल में छोड़ा?

- (a) Kaziranga National Park
- (b) Ranthambore National Park
- (c) Kuno National Park
- (d) Jim Corbett National Park
- (e) Bandhavgarh National Park

Ans. c

Sol. Mohan Yadav Releases Two Female Cheetahs into Wild at Kuno National Park under Project Cheetah

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released two female cheetahs into the wild at Kuno National Park after they completed quarantine and adaptation.

The two cheetahs are part of a group of nine brought from Botswana in February 2026 under Project Cheetah, taking India's total cheetah population to 57.

Narendra Modi launched Project Cheetah in 2022, with earlier batches arriving from Namibia and South Africa to improve genetic diversity and strengthen India's cheetah population.

About Madhya Pradesh

- **Capital** – Bhopal
- **Chief Minister** – Dr Mohan Yadav
- **Deputy CM** - Jagdish Devda & Rajendra Shukla
- **Governor** – Mangubhai C. Patel

153. What is the name of the AI-powered chatbot launched for the Supreme Court website?

सुप्रीम कोर्ट वेबसाइट के लिए लॉन्च किए गए AI चैटबॉट का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Justice AI
- (b) Suvidha
- (c) Su Sahay
- (d) e-Court Helper
- (e) Nyay Mitra

Ans. c

Sol. Supreme Court launches 'One Case One Data' and 'Su Sahay' Surya Kant has launched the 'One Case One Data' digital initiative to integrate judicial administration from taluka courts to the Supreme Court of India into a unified system.

The initiative aims to create a comprehensive, interconnected database with details of High Courts, district courts, and taluka courts for efficient case management.

The Chief Justice also launched 'Su Sahay', an AI-powered chatbot integrated with the Supreme Court of India website, developed by the National Informatics Centre in collaboration with the Supreme Court Registry.

154. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first functional PM MITRA Park in which state?

PM नरेंद्र मोदी ने भारत के पहले कार्यरत PM MITRA पार्क का उद्घाटन किस राज्य में किया?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Telangana
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Ans. d

Sol. PM Modi Inaugurates India's First PM MITRA Park at Warangal, Telangana PM Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first functional PM MITRA Park at Warangal, Telangana.

The park has been developed at a cost of ₹1,695.54 crore, spread over 1,327 acres, and is located near the proposed Nagpur–Vijayawada Greenfield Expressway (NH-163G).

About PM MITRA

- PM MITRA Scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Textiles, with National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited acting as the Project Management Agency.
- The Government of India has approved 7 PM MITRA Parks in different states including Virudhnagar (Tamil Nadu), Warangal (Telangana), Navasari (Gujarat), Kalaburagi (Karnataka), Dhar (Madhya Pradesh), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), and Amravati (Maharashtra).
- The scheme has a total outlay of ₹4,445 crore and is planned for implementation over 7 years from 2021–22 to 2027–28.
- The main objective of the PM MITRA Scheme is to develop world-class integrated textile parks with complete facilities from raw material to finished textile products.

155. Consider the following statements about VB-G RAM G Act, 2025:

VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

1. It guarantees 125 days of wage employment in a financial year.
2. It replaces the MGNREGA, 2005.
3. It will be implemented from 1 July 2026.

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) None of the above

Ans. e

Sol. Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 Rolled Out Nationwide from 1 July

The Centre has notified the implementation of the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 (VB-G RAM G), which will be rolled out nationwide from 1 July 2026.

The Act guarantees 125 days of wage employment per financial year, replacing the earlier Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and enhancing employment support for rural households.

A budget provision of ₹95,692 crore has been allocated in the current financial year for implementing the new rural employment framework across India.

The Act focuses on timely wage payments, unemployment allowance if work is not provided, and includes special provisions such as childcare support for women workers at worksites to improve inclusivity.

156. Consider the following statements about India's renewable energy achievements:

भारत की नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा उपलब्धियों के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

1. India has become the world's third-largest country in installed renewable energy capacity as of December 2025.
2. India has overtaken Brazil in global ranking.
3. USA is the largest country in renewable energy capacity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- (e) None

Ans. a

Sol. India Becomes World's 3rd Largest in Renewable Energy Capacity

As of December 2025, India has become the world's third-largest country in terms of installed renewable energy capacity, overtaking Brazil in global rankings.

The "Renewable Energy Statistics 2026" report was released by the International Renewable Energy Agency.

India has achieved a total of 283.46 GW installed capacity from non-fossil fuel sources as on 31 March 2026.

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is targeting 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030.

Country	Capacity (GW)
China	2258.02
USA	467.92
India	250.52
Brazil	228.20
Germany	199.92
Japan	134.53

Canada	110.51
World	5149.28

157. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority facilitated the first-ever export of honey from which district of Assam?

एग्रीकल्चरल एंड प्रोसेस्ड फूड प्रोडक्ट्स एक्सपोर्ट डेवलपमेंट अथॉरिटी ने असम के किस ज़िले से पहली बार शहद एक्सपोर्ट किया?

- (a) Dibrugarh
- (b) Guwahati
- (c) Baksa
- (d) Jorhat
- (e) Silchar

Ans. c

Sol. APEDA India Facilitates First-Ever Export of Honey from Assam's Baksa to USA
 Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority facilitated the first-ever export of 20 Metric Tons of honey from Baksa district of Assam to the USA.

The initiative included infrastructure support such as testing and laboratory equipment at the processing facility to ensure compliance with international food safety and quality standards.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry stated that the export will benefit local beekeepers and farmers by enabling nearly 43% higher price realisation and improving rural livelihoods through global market access.

158. According to SBI Research, India's economy is projected to grow at what rate in FY 2026–27?

SBI रिसर्च के अनुसार, FY 2026–27 में भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था कितनी दर से बढ़ने का अनुमान है?

- (a) 5.8%
- (b) 6.0%
- (c) 6.3%
- (d) 6.6%
- (e) 7.0%

Ans. d

Sol. SBI Projects India's GDP Growth at 6.6% for 2026–27

According to the State Bank of India Research report, India's economy is projected to grow at 6.6% in FY 2026–27 despite global economic headwinds.

The report estimates real GDP growth at around 7.2% in the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal year, indicating continued economic resilience.

GDP Projection List 2026

- SBI – 6.6% (FY27)
- S&P Global Ratings – 6.6% (FY27);
- United Nations - 6.4% (CY2026); 6.6% (CY2027)
- IMF - 7.6% (FY26); 6.5% (FY27)
- ADB – 7.6% (FY26); 6.9%(FY27)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY27)

159. INS Sagardhwani recently completed a port visit to which country?

INS सागरध्वनि ने हाल ही में किस देश का पोर्ट विजिट पूरा किया?

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

Ans. c

Sol. INS Sudarshini Completes Port Call at Mindelo, Cape Verde

Indian Navy sail training ship INS Sudarshini successfully completed a port call at Mindelo, Cape Verde.

The visit was part of the Lokayan 26 expedition.

It has departed for Antigua and Barbuda for the next phase of deployment.

160. India will host the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 in which city?

भारत एशियन वेटलिफ्टिंग चैंपियनशिप 2026 की मेजबानी किस शहर में करेगा?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Pune
- (c) Gandhinagar
- (d) Jaipur
- (e) Bhopal

Ans. c

Sol. India to Host Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 in Gandhinagar After 44 Years

India is set to host the prestigious Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, marking its return after 44 years, with the last hosting in New Delhi in 1982.

The event highlights India's growing role in international sports, as it hosts the continental championship for the first time in decades.

World Athletics Day 2026 was celebrated on 7 May under the global body World Athletics (formerly IAAF), promoting athletics worldwide.

161. The books "The Bench, The Bar and The Bizarre" and "The Lawful and The Awful" are authored by whom?

“द बेंच, द बार एंड द बिज़ारे” और “द लॉफुल एंड द अवफुल” किताबें किसने लिखी हैं?

- (a) Shraddh Joshi Raj
- (b) Harish Salve
- (c) Tushar Mehta
- (d) K.K. Venugopal
- (e) Ranjit Kumar

Ans. c

Sol. Amit Shah Releases Books of Tushar Mehta Titled "The Bench, The Bar and The Bizarre" and "The Lawful and The Awful"

Amit Shah released books authored by Tushar Mehta titled "The Bench, The Bar and The Bizarre" and "The Lawful and The Awful".

The books highlight experiences and insights from the legal profession, reflecting aspects of the judiciary, legal practice, and notable courtroom observations.

162. Who has been appointed as Chairman & Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)?

स्टील अथॉरिटी ऑफ़ इंडिया लिमिटेड (SAIL) के चेयरमैन और मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर के तौर पर किसे अपॉइंट किया गया है?

- (a) Anil Kumar
- (b) Ashok Kumar Panda
- (c) Vivek Joshi
- (d) Sanjay Singh
- (e) Rajeev Kumar

Ans. b

Sol. Ashok Kumar Panda Takes Charge as Chairman & Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Limited

Ashok Kumar Panda has assumed charge as Chairman & Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Limited.

Before this appointment, he served as Director (Finance) and also held additional charge of Director (Commercial) in Steel Authority of India Limited for around nine months.

Recent Appointments

- **CM of Tamil Nadu** - C. Joseph Vijay Sworn (Thalapathy)
- **CM of Puducherry** - N Rangasamy; 5th
- **CM of West Bengal** - Suwendu Adhikari; 9th (for Nandigram and Bhabanipur Assembly constituencies)
- **Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification** - Shashi Shekhar Vempati (replace Prasoon Joshi)
- **Chairman of Vodafone Idea Ltd (Vi)** - Kumar Mangalam Birla (replace Ravinder Takkar)

163. Where is the Kimberley Process Intersessional Meeting 2026 being held?

किम्बरली प्रोसेस इंटरसेशनल मीटिंग 2026 कहाँ आयोजित हो रही है?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Mumbai
- (e) Bengaluru

Ans. d

Sol. India Hosts Kimberley Process Intersessional Meeting 2026 in Mumbai

India is hosting the Kimberley Process Intersessional Meeting 2026 in Mumbai from 11 to 14 May 2026 under its Chairship.

India assumed the Chairship of the Kimberley Process on 1 January 2026, focusing on the 3Cs — credibility, compliance, and consumer confidence in the natural diamond sector.

The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) is an international initiative under the United Nations framework aimed at preventing conflict diamonds from entering the global diamond trade.

164. Union Minister J.P. Nadda and Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'SEHAT Mission' in Delhi to strengthen the link between agriculture and public health.

What is the full form of SEHAT Mission?

केंद्रीय मंत्री जे.पी. नड्डा और शिवराज सिंह चौहान ने खेती और पब्लिक हेल्थ के बीच लिंक को मज़बूत करने के लिए दिल्ली में 'SEHAT मिशन' लॉन्च किया। SEHAT मिशन का पूरा नाम क्या है?

- (a) Science Education for Health and Agriculture Transformation
- (b) Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation
- (c) Sustainable Energy for Health and Agriculture Technology
- (d) System for Enhancing Health and Agricultural Trade
- (e) Scientific Expansion for Healthy Agriculture Trends

Ans. b

Sol. J.P. Nadda and Shivraj Singh Chouhan Launch 'SEHAT Mission' to Link Agriculture with Nutrition and Public Health

Union Minister J.P. Nadda and Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'SEHAT Mission' in Delhi to strengthen the link between agriculture and public health.

The mission stands for Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation and is a joint initiative of ICAR and ICMR.

The SEHAT Mission focuses on bio-fortified and nutrient-rich crops, traditional millets, and a "One Health" approach to improve nutrition, disease prevention, and farmer welfare in India.

165. Himanta Biswa Sarma took oath as the Chief Minister of Assam for the second consecutive term, with Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya administering the oath. He became the 15th Chief Minister of the state. How many seats were won by the Bharatiya Janata Party in the Assam Assembly elections?

हिमंत बिस्वा सरमा ने लगातार दूसरी बार असम के मुख्यमंत्री के रूप में शपथ ली; राज्यपाल लक्ष्मण प्रसाद आचार्य ने उन्हें शपथ दिलाई। वह राज्य के 15वें मुख्यमंत्री बने। असम विधानसभा चुनावों में भारतीय जनता पार्टी ने कितनी सीटें जीतीं?

- (a) 102
- (b) 76
- (c) 82
- (d) 88
- (e) 90

Ans. c

Sol. Himanta Biswa Sarma Sworn In as Assam CM for Second Consecutive Term
Himanta Biswa Sarma took oath as the Chief Minister of Assam for the second consecutive term, with Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya administering the oath. He became the 15th Chief Minister of the state.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) returned to power in Assam for the third straight term by winning 102 out of 126 seats in the Assam Legislative Assembly elections.

Bharatiya Janata Party emerged as the largest party with 82 seats, while its allies — Asom Gana Parishad and Bodoland People's Front — secured 10 seats each.

About Assam

- **Formation - 26 January 1950**
- **Capital – Dispur**
- **Chief Minister –Himanta Biswa Sarma; 2nd time**

- **Governor** – Lakshman Prasad Acharya
- **State Fruit** - Kaji Nemu

166. Prashant Pise has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to which country?

प्रशांत पिसे को किस देश में भारत का अगला राजदूत नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Qatar
- (b) Kuwait
- (c) Bahrain
- (d) Oman
- (e) Saudi Arabia

Ans. d

Sol. Prashant Pise Appointed as India's Next Ambassador to Oman

Prashant Pise, an Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1995 batch, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Oman. He will succeed Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas in Muscat.

Prashant Pise has served in several overseas postings, including Cairo (1997–2000) and Tripoli till 2004, besides handling Eurasia, Central Asia, CIS, and United Nations-related matters in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Recent Appointments in Foreign

- *India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh - Dinesh Trivedi Appointed*
- *India's High Commissioner to the UK - Periasamy Kumaran*
- *India's Ambassador to China - Vikram Doraiswami*
- *UK Home Secretary - Shabana Mahmood*
- *India Ambassador to UAE -Dr. Deepak Mittal*

167. Surya Kant recently announced the formation of a high-powered committee to prepare a roadmap for the modernisation of courts and judicial infrastructure across India. What is the name of this committee?

सूर्यकांत ने हाल ही में पूरे भारत में कोर्ट्स और ज्यूडिशियल इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर के मॉडर्नाइजेशन के लिए रोडमैप तैयार करने के लिए एक हाई-पावर्ड कमेटी बनाने की घोषणा की है। इस कमेटी का नाम क्या है?

- (a) National Judicial Reform Committee
- (b) Court Development Authority
- (c) Judicial Infrastructure Advisory Committee
- (d) Supreme Court Technology Panel
- (e) Legal Services Reform Commission

Ans. c

Sol. Surya Kant Announces High-Powered Panel for Modernisation of Courts in India
Surya Kant announced the formation of the 'Judicial Infrastructure Advisory Committee' to modernise courts across India and seek government funding of ₹40,000–50,000 crore for judicial infrastructure development.

The high-powered committee will be headed by Aravind Kumar and will include Justices Debangsu Basak, Ashwani Kumar Mishra, and Somasekhar Sundaresan, along with officials from the CPWD and the Supreme Court.

The committee has been directed to submit its recommendations to Sanjeev Sanyal by 31 August 2026, focusing on modern court complexes, e-courts, digital inclusion, improved facilities for litigants and lawyers, and faster disposal of cases through technology.

168. The "Swadeshi" marketplace launched by DigiHaat operates under which major initiative?

DigiHaat द्वारा लॉन्च किया गया "स्वदेशी" मार्केटप्लेस किस प्रमुख पहल के तहत संचालित होता है?

- (a) Digital India Mission
- (b) Make in India 2.0
- (c) Atmanirbhar Bharat
- (d) Skill India Mission
- (e) Startup India Mission

Ans. c

Sol. DigiHaat Launches "Swadeshi" Marketplace to Promote Made-in-Bharat Products under Atmanirbhar Bharat

Government-backed e-commerce platform DigiHaat has launched a new marketplace called "Swadeshi" to promote authentic Made-in-Bharat products and support local producers under the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The platform operates under the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) ecosystem and is designed to strengthen a decentralized digital commerce network in India.

DigiHaat functions as a wholly-owned subsidiary within ONDC and is part of Nirmal Bharat, working to promote inclusive digital trade.

The initiative aims to develop a national marketplace based on the principle of "Bharat Se, Bharat Tak," connecting local producers directly to consumers across India.

169. The Government of India launched the Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP) 2026–2033 in partnership with which international organisation?

भारत सरकार ने किस अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संगठन के साथ साझेदारी में 'कंट्री स्ट्रेटेजिक ऑपच्युनिटीज़ प्रोग्राम' (COSOP) 2026–2033 लॉन्च किया?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) International Fund for Agricultural Development
- (d) UNESCO
- (e) Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations

Ans. c

Sol. India Launches 8-Year COSOP 2026–2033 with International Fund for Agricultural Development

The Government of India, in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, launched the 8-year Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP) for 2026–2033 to improve rural incomes, resilience, and sustainable livelihoods.

The programme was announced at the IFAD–India Partnership for Rural Prosperity event held at Bharat Mandapam, with participation from senior government officials, development partners, and private sector stakeholders.

The COSOP 2026–2033 aligns with the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 and focuses on strengthening rural resilience (social, economic, climate) and improving knowledge systems to scale successful development models across India and the Global South.

170. The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) signed an MoU with which organisation to curb cyber-enabled financial frauds?

भारतीय साइबर अपराध समन्वय केंद्र (I4C) ने साइबर-सक्षम वित्तीय धोखाधड़ी पर अंकुश लगाने के लिए किस संगठन के साथ एक MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India
- (b) National Payments Corporation of India
- (c) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- (e) NITI Aayog

Ans. c

Sol. Cyber Crime Coordination sign MoU with RBI to curtail mule accounts

The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) signed an MoU with the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub to strengthen cooperation in combating cyber-enabled financial frauds and identifying mule accounts across the banking and digital payment ecosystem.

The agreement focuses on fraud-risk intelligence sharing, analytical support, and operational coordination, enabling AI-driven detection systems to identify hidden mule accounts and enhance proactive cyber fraud prevention across India.

171. India's retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index, stood at what percentage in April 2026?

उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक (CPI) द्वारा मापी गई भारत की खुदरा मुद्रास्फीति, अप्रैल 2026 में कितने प्रतिशत रही?

- (a) 3.11%
- (b) 3.40%
- (c) 3.48%
- (d) 3.63%
- (e) 3.74%

Ans. c

Sol. India's Retail Inflation Rises to 3.48% in April 2026

India's retail inflation (Consumer Price Index) rose to 3.48% in April 2026, up from 3.40% in March 2026, as per provisional data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, driven mainly by higher food inflation.

Rural inflation increased to 3.74% while urban inflation rose to 3.16%, indicating a broader upward trend in price levels across both rural and urban areas of India.

Previous Months CPI-based Retail inflation

- January 2026 – 2.75% (Base Year 2024 Start)
- February 2026 – 3.21%
- March 2026 – 3.4%
- April 2026 – 3.48%

172. The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a flagship credit-linked subsidy scheme of the Government of India aimed at promoting self-employment by setting up new micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector. It is implemented through which organization?

प्रधानमंत्री रोज़गार सृजन कार्यक्रम (PMEGP) भारत सरकार की एक प्रमुख ऋण-आधारित सब्सिडी योजना है, जिसका उद्देश्य गैर-कृषि क्षेत्र में नए सूक्ष्म-उद्यम स्थापित करके स्वरोज़गार को बढ़ावा देना है। इसे किस संगठन के माध्यम से लागू किया जाता है?

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) National Small Industries Corporation
- (c) Khadi and Village Industries Commission
- (d) Ministry of Finance
- (e) Small Industries Development Bank of India

Ans. c

Sol. PMEGP Exceeds Targets, Creates 36.33 Lakh Jobs with Full Budget Utilisation in 15th Finance Commission Cycle

The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a flagship Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to support new micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector.

During the 15th Finance Commission cycle (2021–22 to 2025–26), the scheme exceeded its target by establishing over 4,03,706 micro-enterprises against the target of 4,02,000 units.

The programme generated approximately 36.33 lakh employment opportunities, significantly contributing to rural and urban self-employment across India.

With an approved budgetary outlay of ₹13,554.42 crore, the scheme achieved full fund utilisation and was highlighted during the IFAD–India Partnership for Rural Prosperity event held at Bharat Mandapam.

173. The Government of India has approved the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool) to strengthen maritime trade and insurance security amid global uncertainties. What is the total estimated value of this initiative?

भारत सरकार ने वैश्विक अनिश्चितताओं के बीच समुद्री व्यापार और बीमा सुरक्षा को मज़बूत करने के लिए 'भारत समुद्री बीमा पूल' (Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool) को मंजूरी दी है। इस पहल का कुल अनुमानित मूल्य कितना है?

- (a) €50.8 billion
- (b) €89.2 billion
- (c) €129.8 billion
- (d) €150.5 billion
- (e) €200.0 billion

Ans. c

Sol. Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool Approved to Strengthen India's Shipping Trade Amid Global Geopolitical Risks

The Government of India has approved the €129.8 billion (about \$1.4 billion) Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool to ensure uninterrupted maritime trade and reduce dependence on foreign insurers amid rising global geopolitical tensions and sanctions affecting shipping insurance.

The initiative was announced by Ashwini Vaishnaw and will remain operational for 10 years, with a provision to extend it by another 5 years, where insurance policies will be issued collectively by member insurers using pooled underwriting capacity.

The total combined underwriting capacity of the pool is around ₹950 crore, meaning member insurance companies together can directly absorb and manage claims up to this limit, strengthening India's internal risk-handling system.

The pool has been created because global conflicts and sanctions have made foreign insurers either withdraw coverage or increase premiums sharply, creating uncertainty for Indian trade and shipping operations.

Its key objective is to ensure continuous, affordable, and reliable marine insurance coverage, reduce external dependency, and safeguard India's shipping and international trade ecosystem through a coordinated domestic insurance mechanism.

174. Under the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026, how many nursing professionals were selected and honoured for their exceptional contributions in the field of healthcare and patient service across India?

राष्ट्रीय फ्लोरेंस नाइटिंगेल पुरस्कार 2026 के तहत, पूरे भारत में स्वास्थ्य सेवा और रोगी सेवा के क्षेत्र में उनके असाधारण योगदान के लिए कितने नर्सिंग पेशेवरों को चुना गया और सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) 15 nursing professionals
- (b) 12 nursing professionals
- (c) 21 nursing professionals
- (d) 18 nursing professionals
- (e) 20 nursing professionals

Ans. a

Sol. Droupadi Murmu Confers National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026 to 15 Nursing Professionals at Rashtrapati Bhavan

President Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026 at Rashtrapati Bhavan to 15 nursing professionals for their outstanding contribution in the field of nursing and healthcare services.

The award, instituted in 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, recognizes Registered Nurses, Midwives, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, and Lady Health Visitors serving across government, UTs, and voluntary organisations, and includes a certificate, medal, and ₹1 lakh cash prize.

175. India will host the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 14–15 May 2026 under its chairship of the bloc, with participation from member and partner countries. What is the theme of the BRICS session held during the 2026 Foreign Ministers' Meeting?

भारत, इस समूह की अध्यक्षता करते हुए, 14-15 मई 2026 को BRICS विदेश मंत्रियों की बैठक की मेज़बानी करेगा, जिसमें सदस्य और साझेदार देश भाग लेंगे। 2026 की विदेश मंत्रियों की बैठक के दौरान आयोजित BRICS सत्र का विषय क्या है?

- (a) BRICS for Digital Economy Growth
- (b) BRICS@20: Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- (c) BRICS Climate Action 2030
- (d) BRICS Global Trade Expansion
- (e) BRICS Energy Security Mission

Ans. b

Sol. Ministry of External Affairs to Host BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting 2026
 India will host the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 14–15 May 2026 under its chairship of the bloc, with participation from member and partner countries. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will chair the meeting.

Key discussions will focus on global and regional issues, BRICS@20 theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability," and reforms in global governance and multilateral institutions to enhance representation of emerging economies.

About BRICS

- *Formation- 16 June 2009*
- *Founded at- Yekaterinburg, Russia (1st BRIC summit)*
- *Membership- Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, South Africa, United Arab Emirates*

176. The International Day of Plant Health is observed every year on 12 May to raise global awareness about the importance of protecting plant health for food security, biodiversity, and sustainable agriculture. What is the theme of International Day of Plant Health 2026?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पादप स्वास्थ्य दिवस हर साल 12 मई को मनाया जाता है, ताकि खाद्य सुरक्षा, जैव विविधता और सतत कृषि के लिए पौधों के स्वास्थ्य की रक्षा के महत्व के बारे में वैश्विक जागरूकता बढ़ाई जा सके। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पादप स्वास्थ्य दिवस 2026 का विषय (Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Green Earth, Clean Future
- (b) Save Plants, Save Life
- (c) Plant Biosecurity for Food Security and Nutrition
- (d) Sustainable Farming for All
- (e) Biodiversity and Climate Action

Ans. c

Sol. 12 May - International Day of Plant Health

The International Day of Plant Health is observed every year on 12 May to raise global awareness about the importance of protecting plant health for food security, biodiversity, and sustainable agriculture.

Theme 2026- Plant Biosecurity for Food Security and Nutrition

The day highlights the need to prevent the spread of pests and diseases in plants, which can severely impact agricultural productivity and global ecosystems.

177. Mal Anderson, who recently passed away at the age of 91, was the first unseeded player to win which Grand Slam title?

माल एंडरसन, जिनका हाल ही में 91 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया, वह कौन सा ग्रैंड स्लैम खिताब जीतने वाले पहले अनसीडेड खिलाड़ी थे?

- (a) Wimbledon Men's Singles
- (b) French Open Men's Singles
- (c) Australian Open Men's Singles
- (d) U.S. Open Men's Singles
- (e) US Open Mixed Doubles

Ans. d

Sol. Mal Anderson, First Unseeded U.S. Open Champion, Dies at 91

Mal Anderson, the first unseeded player to win the U.S. Open Men's Singles title in 1957, passed away at the age of 91, as confirmed by Tennis Australia.

Anderson rose from humble beginnings, starting his tennis career on a farm dirt court, and went on to become an Australian tennis great, winning the U.S.

Championship in 1957 along with three major doubles titles and two Davis Cup victories for Australia.

178. Who has received a one-year extension as Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation beyond May 24, 2026?

किसे 24 मई 2026 के बाद Central Bureau of Investigation के निदेशक के रूप में एक वर्ष का विस्तार मिला है?

- (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (b) Praveen Sood
- (c) Ajay Kumar
- (d) Tapan Kumar Deka
- (e) Vivek Johri

Ans. b

Sol. Centre grants one-year extension to CBI Director Praveen Sood

The Central Government has extended the tenure of Praveen Sood as Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation by one more year beyond May 24, 2026.

This is the second extension granted to Praveen Sood, who originally took charge as CBI Director on May 25, 2023, for a two-year term.

The decision was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet after recommendations from a selection panel headed by Narendra Modi, and including Surya Kant and Rahul Gandhi.

About Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

- *Founded - 1963*
- *Headquarters - New Delhi*
- *Motto - Industry, Impartiality, Integrity*
- *Director General - Praveen Sood*
- *Under – Ministry of Department of Personnel and Training*

179. The Somnath Amrut Parv celebrations, attended by PM Narendra Modi, were organised to commemorate how many years since the inauguration of the restored Somnath Temple in Gujarat?

सोमनाथ अमृत पर्व समारोह, जिसमें PM नरेंद्र मोदी शामिल हुए, गुजरात में पुनर्निर्मित सोमनाथ मंदिर के उद्घाटन के कितने साल पूरे होने के उपलक्ष्य में आयोजित किया गया था?

- (a) 150 years
- (b) 200 years
- (c) 500 years
- (d) 75 years
- (e) 100 years

Ans. d

Sol. PM Narendra Modi Participates in Somnath Amrut Parv, Marks 75 Years of Restored Somnath Temple

PM Narendra Modi offered prayers and performed puja at the Somnath Temple during the Somnath Amrut Parv celebrations in Gujarat.

The Mahapuja ceremony commemorated 75 years of the inauguration of the restored Somnath Temple, one of India's most revered Hindu pilgrimage sites.

The rebuilt Somnath Temple was inaugurated in 1951 by Rajendra Prasad after its reconstruction in post-independence India.

180. The Government of India has revised the import tax structure on gold and silver, increasing the effective tax rate to what percentage from May 13, 2026?

भारत सरकार ने सोने और चांदी पर आयात कर ढांचे में संशोधन करते हुए 13 मई 2026 से प्रभावी कर दर को बढ़ाकर कितना कर दिया है?

- (a) 9.2%
- (b) 12.5%

(c) 15.0%

(d) 18.4%

(e) 20.0%

Ans. d

Sol. India Doubles Import Tax on Gold and Silver to 18.4% Amid Forex Reserve Concerns

The Government of India has increased the effective import tax on gold and silver from 9.2% to 18.4%, effective from May 13, 2026, through two separate notifications issued on May 12.

Earlier, imports attracted 5% basic customs duty, 1% Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC), and 3% IGST, while the revised structure raises customs duty to 10% and AIDC to 5%, significantly increasing the total tax burden.

The move follows Narendra Modi's appeal to reduce gold purchases temporarily in order to help safeguard India's foreign exchange reserves and stabilize the rupee exchange rate.

181. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Narendra Modi, has approved the Ahmedabad (Sarkhej)–Dholera semi high-speed double-line railway project at a cost of ₹20,667 crore, marking the first such project in Indian Railways. What is the estimated cost of the Ahmedabad (Sarkhej)–Dholera semi high-speed railway project?

नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता वाली आर्थिक मामलों की कैबिनेट कमिटी ने ₹20,667 करोड़ की लागत से अहमदाबाद (सरखेज)–धोलेरा सेमी हाई-स्पीड डबल-लाइन रेलवे प्रोजेक्ट को मंजूरी दे दी है, जो भारतीय रेलवे में इस तरह का पहला प्रोजेक्ट है। अहमदाबाद (सरखेज)–धोलेरा सेमी हाई-स्पीड रेलवे प्रोजेक्ट की अनुमानित लागत क्या है?

(a) ₹10,500 crore

(b) ₹15,200 crore

(c) ₹18,000 crore

(d) ₹20,667 crore

(e) ₹25,000 crore

Ans. d

Sol. Cabinet Approves ₹20,667 Crore Ahmedabad–Dholera Semi High-Speed Rail Project Under PM Gati Shakti Plan

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Narendra Modi, has approved the Ahmedabad (Sarkhej)–Dholera semi high-speed double-line railway project at a cost of ₹20,667 crore, marking the first such project in Indian Railways.

The 134-km corridor, built under the vision of “Aatmanirbhar Bharat” and PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, will connect Ahmedabad with Dholera Special Investment Region, Dholera Airport, and Lothal National Maritime Heritage Complex. The project is targeted for completion by 2030–31 and is expected to significantly reduce travel time, improve regional connectivity, and enable same-day travel between Ahmedabad and Dholera.

182. Union Heavy Industries Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy launched the Unified Bharat e-Charge (UBC), a national platform described as the “UPI for EV charging” to enable seamless EV charging access across India. Which organisation developed the Unified Bharat e-Charge (UBC) platform?

यूनियन हेवी इंडस्ट्रीज़ मिनिस्टर एच. डी. कुमारस्वामी ने यूनिफाइड भारत ई-चार्ज (UBC) लॉन्च किया। यह एक नेशनल प्लेटफॉर्म है जिसे “UPI फॉर EV चार्जिंग” कहा जाता है। इससे पूरे भारत में EV चार्जिंग की आसान एक्सेस मिल सकेगी। किस ऑर्गनाइज़ेशन ने यूनिफाइड भारत ई-चार्ज (UBC) प्लेटफॉर्म डेवलप किया?

- (a) TATA
- (b) NTPC
- (c) BHEL
- (d) ONGC
- (e) DRDO

Ans. c

Sol. India Launches “Unified Bharat e-Charge” — UPI-Like Platform for EV Charging Across Networks

Union Heavy Industries Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy launched the Unified Bharat e-Charge (UBC), a national platform described as the “UPI for EV charging” to enable seamless EV charging access across India.

The platform allows users to locate, book, and pay for electric vehicle charging across networks of BPCL, Indian Oil, HPCL, state agencies, and private operators through a single interoperable system.

Developed by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited and supported by the Government of India and NPCI, the “one nation, one app” system provides real-time data on charger availability, ownership, location, and power output.

183. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) recorded a historic net profit of ₹1.98 lakh crore in FY 2025–26, marking their fourth consecutive year of strong financial performance driven by improved asset quality and credit growth. What was the Gross NPA level of PSBs as per the report?

पब्लिक सेक्टर बैंकों (PSBs) ने FY 2025–26 में ₹1.98 लाख करोड़ का ऐतिहासिक नेट प्रॉफ़िट दर्ज किया, जो बेहतर एसेट क्वालिटी और क्रेडिट ग्रोथ की वजह से उनके मज़बूत फ़ाइनेंशियल परफ़ॉर्मेंस का लगातार चौथा साल है। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार PSBs का ग्रॉस NPA लेवल क्या था?

- (a) 2.50%
- (b) 1.93%
- (c) 0.39%
- (d) 3.10%
- (e) 4.35%

Ans. b

Sol. PSBs Post Record ₹1.98 Lakh Crore Profit in FY26, Asset Quality Hits Multi-Year High

Public Sector Banks (PSBs) recorded a historic net profit of ₹1.98 lakh crore in FY 2025–26, marking their fourth consecutive year of strong financial performance driven by improved asset quality and credit growth.

The aggregate operating profit of PSBs stood at ₹3.21 lakh crore, while overall business rose 12.8% to ₹283.3 lakh crore, with deposits increasing 10.6% and gross advances surging 15.7% year-on-year.

Asset quality improved significantly, with gross NPA falling to 1.93% and net NPA to 0.39%, while provisioning coverage remained above 90%, reflecting strong risk management and balance sheet stability.

Fresh slippages declined to 0.7%, and total recoveries, including written-off accounts, reached ₹86,971 crore, indicating better recovery mechanisms and stronger credit discipline across PSBs.

184. The Government of India has revised the schedule for releasing Provisional Estimates of Annual GDP. As per the new arrangement, these estimates will now be released on:

भारत सरकार ने वार्षिक GDP के अस्थायी अनुमानों की रिलीज़ समय-सारणी में संशोधन किया है। नई व्यवस्था के अनुसार, ये अनुमान अब किस तिथि को जारी किए जाएंगे?

- (a) Last working day of May every year
- (b) 1st June every year
- (c) 7th June every year
- (d) 15th June every year
- (e) 20th June every year

Ans. c

Sol. GDP data release date fixed to the 7th of June every year

The Government has revised the release schedule of Provisional Estimates of Annual GDP and Q4 Quarterly GDP, shifting it from the last working day of May to 7th June every year (or the previous working day if it is a holiday).

The decision has been taken after consultation with the Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics (ACNAS) to ensure better coordination and accuracy in national accounts reporting.

The revision aims to strengthen data quality, coverage, and robustness in national accounts compilation, reflecting ongoing efforts by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

185. Uber has announced the establishment of its first data centre in India. This initiative is being undertaken in partnership with which of the following business groups?

उबर ने भारत में अपना पहला डेटा सेंटर स्थापित करने की घोषणा की है। यह पहल निम्नलिखित में से किस व्यावसायिक समूह के साथ साझेदारी में की जा रही है?

- (a) Tata Group
- (b) Shradha Group
- (c) Reliance Industries
- (d) Bharti Group
- (e) Adani Group

Ans. e

Sol. Uber Partners with Adani Group to Set Up First Data Centre in India

Uber will set up its first data centre in India in partnership with the Adani Group, strengthening its digital infrastructure presence in the country.

Earlier in January 2026, Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) announced plans to invest over ₹5,000 crore in a 100 MW renewable energy-powered data centre project, which is expected to generate around 600 direct and indirect jobs and involve collaboration with MSMEs and start-ups.

186. The IndiaAI Mission has recently signed an agreement with Karya to strengthen India's AI ecosystem. IndiaAI Mission operates under which of the following ministries?

इंडियाAI मिशन ने हाल ही में Karya के साथ समझौता किया है। इंडियाAI मिशन निम्नलिखित में से किस मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत कार्य करता है?

- (a) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (c) Ministry of Education
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs

(e) NITI Aayog**Ans. b****Sol.** IndiaAI Mission Partners with Karya to Strengthen Inclusive AI Ecosystem

The IndiaAI Mission (MeitY) has signed an agreement with Karya (a nonprofit organisation) to strengthen India's inclusive artificial intelligence ecosystem by enhancing collaboration in data, technology, and capacity building.

The partnership focuses on the development and sharing of high-quality language and multimodal datasets, along with strengthening AI infrastructure such as AI Kosh, model evaluation frameworks, and dataset quality standards.

It will also promote capacity building and ecosystem development through training programmes, workshops, technical consultations, and knowledge-sharing initiatives across government and partner institutions to build more inclusive and representative AI systems.

187. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a Minimum Support Price (MSP) increase for how many Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2026–27?

कैबिनेट कमिटी ऑन इकोनॉमिक अफेयर्स (CCEA) ने मार्केटिंग सीजन 2026–27 के लिए कितनी खरीफ फसलों के लिए मिनिमम सपोर्ट प्राइस (MSP) बढ़ाने को मंजूरी दी है?

- (a) 10 crops
- (b) 12 crops
- (c) 14 crops
- (d) 16 crops
- (e) 18 crops

Ans. c**Sol.** Cabinet approves MSP hike for Kharif crops for 2026–27 season

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved an increase in Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 14 Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2026–27, aiming to ensure remunerative prices for farmers and strengthen agricultural income.

The estimated MSP payout to farmers is around ₹2.60 lakh crore, with expected procurement of over 824 lakh metric tonnes of Kharif crops during the season, reflecting large-scale government procurement support.

The highest MSP increase has been announced for Sunflower Seed (₹622/quintal), followed by Cotton (₹557/quintal) and Sesamum (₹500/quintal), while key MSPs include Paddy (₹2,461/quintal), Bajra (₹2,900/quintal), and Tur (₹8,450/quintal).

188. The first instalment of ₹401.50 crore under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for District and Subordinate Courts was released for which financial year?

जिला एवं अधीनस्थ न्यायालयों के बुनियादी ढांचे के विकास हेतु CSS योजना के तहत ₹401.50 करोड़ की पहली किस्त किस वित्तीय वर्ष के लिए जारी की गई?

- (a) FY 2024–25
- (b) FY 2025–26
- (c) FY 2026–27
- (d) FY 2027–28
- (e) FY 2028–29

Ans. c

Sol. Centre releases first instalment of Rs 401.50 crore for court infrastructure scheme Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal released the first instalment of ₹401.50 crore (FY 2026–27) under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for the development of infrastructure facilities in district and subordinate courts across States and Union Territories via the PFMS system.

The scheme aims to strengthen judicial infrastructure and improve “ease of justice”, with proposals including a new component of “Waiting Hall for Litigants”, while also extending the scheme’s tenure up to 2030–31 and a temporary extension granted till September 30, 2026.

Since inception, the scheme has released ₹12,844.72 crore, leading to construction of 6,345 court halls and 4,023 residential units, with additional infrastructure currently under development to enhance judicial capacity nationwide.

189. India’s wholesale inflation accelerated to what percentage in April 2026?

भारत की थोक मुद्रास्फीति अप्रैल 2026 में बढ़कर कितने प्रतिशत हो गई?

- (a) 6.8%
- (b) 7.1%
- (c) 8.3%
- (d) 9.5%
- (e) 10.2%

Ans. c

Sol. India’s Wholesale Inflation Surges to 8.3%, Highest in Three-and-a-Half Years India’s wholesale inflation rose to 8.3% in April 2026, marking the fastest increase in nearly 3.5 years and indicating rising price pressure in the economy.

Wholesale inflation in India is measured through the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), which tracks changes in prices of goods at the wholesale level.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) releases the WPI data on the 14th of every month, and the current base year for WPI is 2011-12.

Recent WPI-based Wholesale inflation in India

- **January 2026** – 1.81%
- **February 2026** – 2.13%
- **March 2026** – 3.9%

189. State-owned National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) recently raised ₹4,000 crore through bonds of which tenure?

राज्य के स्वामित्व वाले नेशनल बैंक फॉर फाइनेंसिंग इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर एंड डेवलपमेंट (NaBFID) ने हाल ही में किस अवधि के बॉन्ड्स के माध्यम से ₹4,000 करोड़ जुटाए?

- (a) 3-year bonds
- (b) 5-year bonds
- (c) 7-year bonds
- (d) 10-year bonds
- (e) 15-year bonds

Ans. d

Sol. NaBFID raises 14,000 crore through 10-year bonds at 7.74%

State-owned National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) raised ₹4,000 crore through 10-year bonds at a cut-off yield of 7.74%.

The bond issuance is considered significant because most issuers recently preferred short-term borrowings (2–3 years) amid global uncertainty, yield volatility, and investor caution due to the West Asia crisis.

NaBFID successfully accepted the entire issue, including the greenshoe option, while several State Development Loans (SDLs) of states like Tamil Nadu were offering yields in the 7.73%–7.85% range.

190. The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) recently signed an MoU with which organisation to strengthen investor awareness initiatives?

निवेशक शिक्षा और संरक्षण निधि प्राधिकरण (IEPFA) ने निवेशक जागरूकता पहल को मजबूत करने के लिए हाल ही में किस संगठन के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) Press Information Bureau
- (b) All India Radio
- (c) Prasar Bharati
- (d) SEBI
- (e) NITI Aayog

Ans. c

Sol. IEPFA Signs MoU with Prasar Bharati to Boost Nationwide Investor Awareness Campaigns

Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, signed an MoU with Prasar Bharati to enhance investor awareness through informative messages on Doordarshan's national and regional channels. The initiative aims to improve financial literacy and educate citizens about investor-related services such as the Search Facility and filing claims through Form IEPF-5. The awareness campaign will also focus on promoting safe investment practices, spreading awareness against financial frauds, and empowering investors with accurate and timely information.

191. Which of the following companies were added to the MSCI Global Standard Index in the May 2026 review?

मई 2026 समीक्षा में MSCI ग्लोबल स्टैंडर्ड इंडेक्स में निम्न में से किन कंपनियों को जोड़ा गया?

- (a) Infosys, TCS, Wipro, HCL Tech
- (b) Federal Bank, Indian Bank, MCX, Nalco
- (c) SBI, PNB, BHEL, NTPC
- (d) Reliance, ONGC, IOC, BPCL
- (e) HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Bank

Ans. b

Sol. MSCI Adds Federal Bank, Indian Bank, MCX & Nalco to Global Standard Index in May Review

Global index provider MSCI added Federal Bank, Indian Bank, Multi-Commodity Exchange of India (MCX), and National Aluminium Company (Nalco) to its Global Standard Index in the May 2026 review.

The inclusion of these four companies is expected to attract nearly \$1.38 billion in passive fund inflows, while stocks such as Hyundai Motor India, Kalyan Jewellers India, Rail Vikas Nigam, and Jubilant FoodWorks will face estimated outflows of about \$715 million after exclusion.

Adani Energy Solutions became ineligible for inclusion because it is under the NSE's Additional Surveillance Measure (ASM) framework, while MSCI also added 14 companies to its India Small Cap Index.

192. The Union Cabinet has approved a ₹37,500 crore incentive scheme to promote surface coal and lignite gasification projects in India. The main objective of the coal gasification scheme is to promote the production of which fuel?

यूनियन कैबिनेट ने भारत में सरफेस कोल और लिग्नाइट गैसीफिकेशन प्रोजेक्ट्स को बढ़ावा देने के लिए ₹37,500 करोड़ की इंसेंटिव स्कीम को मंजूरी दी है। कोल गैसीफिकेशन स्कीम का मुख्य मकसद किस फ्यूल के प्रोडक्शन को बढ़ावा देना है?

- (a) LPG
- (b) Hydrogen only
- (c) Ethanol
- (d) Syngas
- (e) CNG

Ans. d

Sol. Union Cabinet Approves ₹37,500 Crore Scheme to Boost Coal and Lignite Gasification in India

The Union Cabinet approved a ₹37,500 crore incentive scheme to promote surface coal and lignite gasification projects in India, aiming to boost domestic syngas production.

The scheme focuses on developing a coal-to-chemical ecosystem and enhancing energy security by encouraging large-scale coal and lignite gasification.

The government targets gasification of around 75 million tonnes (MT) of coal and lignite, contributing to the broader national goal of 100 MT coal gasification by 2030.

About Coal Gasification

- *Coal gasification is a thermo-chemical process that converts coal or lignite into synthesis gas, commonly known as syngas, a mixture primarily composed of carbon monoxide (CO) and hydrogen (H₂).*
- *Unlike direct combustion, gasification allows controlled conversion of coal into a clean and versatile industrial feedstock.*

193. India has recently entered into a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the development of its first Mega Greenfield Shipyard, which is expected to significantly enhance the country's shipbuilding ecosystem. In which state is this project being established?

भारत ने हाल ही में अपने पहले मेगा ग्रीनफील्ड शिपयार्ड के विकास के लिए त्रिपक्षीय MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं, जिसका उद्देश्य देश के जहाज निर्माण क्षेत्र को मजबूत करना है। यह परियोजना किस राज्य में स्थापित की जा रही है?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Ans. c

Sol. India Signs Tripartite MoU to Develop First Mega Greenfield Shipyard in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi Under Maritime Vision 2047

India signed a tripartite MoU to develop its first Mega Greenfield Shipyard at Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, marking a major step in strengthening India's shipbuilding infrastructure.

The proposed shipyard will have an annual shipbuilding capacity of 2.5 million Gross Tonnage (GT), significantly boosting domestic maritime manufacturing capabilities.

The MoU was signed between HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering (HD KSOE), NSHIP-TN, and Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL) under the India-South Korea maritime cooperation framework VOYAGES.

Under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, India aims to become a top five global shipbuilding nation, targeting a production capacity of 4.5 million GT annually by 2047.

194. IM Faustino Oro recently created history by becoming the second-youngest Grandmaster (GM) ever in chess. He belongs to which country?

हाल ही में IM फॉस्टिनो ओरो ने इतिहास रचते हुए शतरंज में दूसरे सबसे युवा ग्रैंडमास्टर बनने का रिकॉर्ड बनाया। वह किस देश से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Spain
- (b) Russia
- (c) Argentina
- (d) USA
- (e) Italy

Ans. c

Sol. Faustino Oro Becomes Second Youngest Grandmaster in Chess History at Just 12 Years of Age

IM Faustino Oro of Argentina created history by securing his final Grandmaster (GM) norm with a round to spare at the Sardinia World Chess Festival in Italy, becoming the second-youngest GM ever.

At just 12 years, 6 months, and 26 days, he achieved the prestigious chess title, earning his third and final GM norm and marking a major milestone in chess history. Known as the "Messi of Chess", Oro secured the norm after defeating IM Bartłomiej Niedbała, converting a seemingly drawn endgame into a victory with strong queenside play.

195. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has elected R Mukundan as its President for the term 2026–27. He is associated with which company?

भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ (CII) ने R मुकुंदन को 2026–27 के लिए अपना अध्यक्ष चुना है। वे किस कंपनी से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Tata Steel
- (b) Tata Motors
- (c) Tata Consultancy Services
- (d) Tata Power
- (e) Tata Chemicals

Ans. e

Sol. CII Elects Tata Chemicals CEO R Mukundan as President for 2026–27

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) elected R Mukundan, MD & CEO of Tata Chemicals, as its President for 2026–27, succeeding Rajiv Memani after the formation of the new National Council.

Dr Suchitra K Ella, Co-founder and MD of Bharat Biotech International, was appointed as President-Designate, while Shashwat Goenka of RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group became the Vice-President for 2026–27.

196. International Day of Families is observed every year on 15 May to highlight the importance of families as the basic unit of society and to promote awareness about social, economic, and demographic issues affecting families worldwide. What is the theme of International Day of Families 2026?

इंटरनेशनल डे ऑफ़ फ़ैमिलीज़ हर साल 15 मई को मनाया जाता है ताकि समाज की बेसिक यूनिट के तौर पर परिवारों की अहमियत को दिखाया जा सके और दुनिया भर में परिवारों को प्रभावित करने वाले सोशल, इकोनॉमिक और डेमोग्राफिक मुद्दों के बारे में अवेयरनेस बढ़ाई जा सके। इंटरनेशनल डे ऑफ़ फ़ैमिलीज़ 2026 की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Strong Families, Strong Nations
- (b) Families for Peace and Development
- (c) Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing
- (d) Unity in Diversity
- (e) Family First for Sustainable Growth

Ans. c

Sol. 15 May - International Day of Families

International Day of Families is observed every year on 15 May to highlight the importance of families as the basic unit of society and to promote awareness about social, economic, and demographic issues affecting families worldwide.

Theme 2026 - Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing

The day encourages governments and organisations to support family-oriented policies, focusing on areas such as education, health, gender equality, and sustainable development.

197. National Endangered Species Day is observed on which day every year?

राष्ट्रीय लुप्तप्राय प्रजाति दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) First Monday of May
- (b) Second Friday of May
- (c) Third Friday of May
- (d) Last Sunday of May
- (e) 15 May fixed date

Ans. c

Sol. 15 May - National Endangered Species Day

National Endangered Species Day is observed on the third Friday of May each year, and in 2026, it was celebrated on 15 May, to raise awareness about endangered and threatened species worldwide.

The day highlights the importance of wildlife conservation and biodiversity protection, encouraging efforts to prevent the extinction of rare animal and plant species.

198. With reference to the LEADS 2025 classification system, consider the following statements:

LEADS 2025 वर्गीकरण प्रणाली के संदर्भ में, निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

1. LEADS 2025 introduces a four-tier performance structure replacing the earlier three-tier system.
2. The four categories include Exemplars, High Performers, Accelerators, and Growth Seekers.
3. Accelerators represent States and UTs at the highest level of logistics performance.
4. Growth Seekers represent States and UTs that are at a foundational stage of logistics system development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans. a

Sol. Piyush Goyal Releases LEADS 2025 Report

The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal released the LEADS 2025 Report in New Delhi and also felicitated winners of the LEAPS 2025 Awards, highlighting India's logistics sector performance across States and UTs.

LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) is published by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and serves as an annual benchmarking framework to assess logistics efficiency based on infrastructure, policy framework, service reliability, and operating environment.

The LEADS 2025 edition is the seventh report and introduces a four-tier classification system—Exemplars, High Performers, Accelerators, and Growth Seekers—replacing the earlier three-tier system.

The new four-tier categorization is as follows:

- **Exemplars:** Exemplars represent the top-performing States and Union Territories, demonstrating sustained excellence across policy, infrastructure, service delivery, and regulatory dimensions.
 - **Coastal States:** Tamil Nadu
 - **Landlocked States:** Uttar Pradesh
 - **North- Eastern States:** Mizoram
 - **Union Territories:** Delhi
- **High Performers:** High Performers comprise States and Union Territories that demonstrate strong and consistent outcomes across the majority of performance indicators.
 - **Coastal States:** Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra
 - **Landlocked States:** Haryana, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Bihar
 - **North- Eastern States:** Tripura, Meghalaya
 - **Union Territories:** Jammu & Kashmir, Puducherry
- **Accelerators:** Accelerators comprise States and Union Territories that have demonstrated notable improvement momentum and a clear reform orientation in recent years.
 - **Coastal States:** Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Goa, Karnataka
 - **Landlocked States:** Punjab, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh
 - **North- Eastern States:** Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Assam
 - **Union Territories:** Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Chandigarh, Ladakh, Lakshadweep
- **Growth-Seekers:** Growth Seekers represent States and Union Territories that are at a foundational stage of logistics system development and institutional strengthening.
 - **Coastal States:** West Bengal
 - **Landlocked States:** Rajasthan
 - **North- Eastern States:** Sikkim

- **Union Territories:** Andaman & Nicobar Islands

199. India has been nominated as the Chair of which international cybersecurity body for the period 2026–2028?

भारत को 2026–2028 की अवधि के लिए किस अंतरराष्ट्रीय साइबर सुरक्षा निकाय का अध्यक्ष नामित किया गया है?

- (a) ITU Security Council
- (b) Global Cyber Alliance
- (c) Common Criteria Development Board
- (d) OECD Cyber Task Force
- (e) UN Cyber Committee

Ans. c

Sol. India to Chair Common Criteria Development Board (CCDB) from 2026–2028 at Global Cyber security Forum in Tokyo

India has been nominated as the Chair of the Common Criteria Development Board (CCDB) for the term April 2026 to April 2028, strengthening its role in global IT security standards.

The decision was confirmed during the 1st Quarter Meeting of the Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA), held in Tokyo, Japan (April 14–16, 2026), which facilitates the mutual recognition of IT security certifications across countries.

200. International Day of Light is observed every year on which date?

अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रकाश दिवस हर वर्ष किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 14 May
- (b) 15 May
- (c) 16 May
- (d) 17 May
- (e) 18 May

Ans. c

Sol. 16 May - International Day of Light

International Day of Light is observed every year on 16 May to highlight the importance of light and light-based technologies in science, culture, education, sustainable development, and everyday life.

The day commemorates the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist Theodore Maiman, marking a major breakthrough in modern science and technology.

201. Armed Forces Day is observed on which day every year?

सशस्त्र सेना दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) First Saturday of May
- (b) Second Sunday of May
- (c) Third Friday of May
- (d) Third Saturday of May
- (e) 16 May fixed date

Ans. d

Sol. 16 May 2026 -Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day is observed on the third Saturday of May every year, and in 2026 it falls on 16 May, to honour the service and sacrifices of active-duty military personnel. The day recognizes the contribution of all branches of the armed forces, highlighting their role in national security, peacekeeping, and humanitarian missions across the world.

It also aims to promote public respect and awareness about the armed forces, encouraging citizens to appreciate the commitment and dedication of military personnel.

202. Who has been sworn in for a historic seventh term as the President of Uganda?

युगांडा के राष्ट्रपति के रूप में ऐतिहासिक सातवें कार्यकाल के लिए किसने शपथ ली है?

- (a) Paul Kagame
- (b) William Ruto
- (c) Yoweri Museveni
- (d) Cyril Ramaphosa
- (e) Bobi Wine

Ans. c

Sol. Uganda's Yoweri Museveni Sworn In for Historic Seventh Presidential Term

Yoweri Museveni was sworn in for a historic seventh term as President of Uganda, extending his rule to nearly 40 years after winning over 71% votes in the January 2026 election.

Opposition leader Bobi Wine secured nearly 25% votes, while the election drew criticism due to reports of internet blackout, intimidation, and abductions of opposition members.

About Uganda

- **Capital** - Kampala
- **Currency** - Ugandan shilling
- **Official languages**- Swahili, English
- **President** - Yoweri Museveni

203. What was India's overall unemployment rate (UR) for persons aged 15 years and above in April 2026?

अप्रैल 2026 में 15 वर्ष और उससे अधिक आयु के व्यक्तियों के लिए भारत की कुल बेरोजगारी दर (UR) क्या रही?

- (a) 4.3%
- (b) 5.2%
- (c) 5.5%
- (d) 5.8%
- (e) 6.6%

Ans. b

Sol. India's Unemployment Rate Remains Stable at 5.2% in April 2026

India's overall unemployment rate (UR) for persons aged 15 years and above remained largely stable at 5.2% in April 2026, slightly higher than 5.1% recorded in March 2026.

Rural unemployment increased to 4.6% in April from 4.3% in March, while urban unemployment declined marginally to 6.6%, indicating relatively better employment conditions in urban areas.

The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) dropped to 55%, and the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) declined to 52.2% in April 2026, reflecting a slight reduction in workforce participation and employment levels.

204. Which Taiwanese bank recently opened a branch at GIFT City in Gujarat to strengthen cross-border financing and financial connectivity between India and global markets?

भारत और वैश्विक बाजारों के बीच सीमा-पार वित्तपोषण और वित्तीय संपर्क को मजबूत करने के लिए गुजरात के GIFT City में हाल ही में किस ताइवानी बैंक ने शाखा खोली है?

- (a) Mega International Commercial Bank
- (b) Taipei Fubon Bank
- (c) CTBC Bank
- (d) Bank SinoPac
- (e) Hua Nan Commercial Bank

Ans. c

Sol. CTBC Bank of Taiwan Opens First Branch at GIFT City in Gujarat

CTBC Bank has opened a new branch at GIFT City to strengthen cross-border financing and financial connectivity between India, Taiwan, Asia, and global markets.

CTBC Bank became the first Taiwanese lender to establish a presence at GIFT City and is currently the only Taiwanese bank operating a branch in India.

The new branch will support trade, investment flows, treasury solutions, and international banking services, further boosting economic cooperation between India and Taiwan.

205. Which Indian bank has received regulatory and government approvals for a proposed \$3 billion strategic investment from a foreign banking group?

किस भारतीय बैंक को एक विदेशी बैंक समूह द्वारा \$3 अरब के प्रस्तावित रणनीतिक निवेश के लिए नियामक और सरकारी मंजूरी प्राप्त हुई है?

- (a) RBL Bank
- (b) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (c) Federal Bank
- (d) Bandhan Bank
- (e) IndusInd Bank

Ans. a

Sol. Emirates NBD Gets Approval for \$3 Billion Strategic Investment in RBL Bank

RBL Bank has received regulatory and government approvals for a proposed strategic investment of nearly \$3 billion (₹26,850 crore) from Emirates NBD, clearing the way for completion of the deal.

As part of the deal, Emirates NBD will subscribe to about 959 million equity shares of RBL Bank at ₹280 per share via a preferential issue, giving it around 60% post-issue stake.

206. The Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) developed by ELCINA was inaugurated in which of the following locations in India, aimed at boosting electronics manufacturing infrastructure?

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स मैनुफैक्चरिंग इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर को बढ़ावा देने के मकसद से ELCINA द्वारा डेवलप किया गया इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स मैनुफैक्चरिंग क्लस्टर (EMC) भारत में इनमें से किस जगह पर शुरू किया गया?

- (a) Gurugram, Haryana
- (b) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- (d) Pune, Maharashtra
- (e) Bhiwadi, Rajasthan

Ans. e

Sol. Ashwini Vaishnav Inaugurates Electronics Manufacturing Cluster and India's First SME Semiconductor Facility in Rajasthan

Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnav virtually inaugurated the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) developed by ELCINA at

Salarpur, Khushkhera, Bhiwadi in Rajasthan, along with Sahasra Semiconductors' ATMP/OSAT facility.

The Electronics Manufacturing Cluster in Bhiwadi has been developed over 50.3 acres with an investment of ₹46.09 crore, aimed at strengthening India's electronics manufacturing ecosystem.

The Sahasra Semiconductors facility, with an investment of over ₹150 crore, is India's first SME to begin commercial production of semiconductor chips, marking a major milestone in the semiconductor sector.

207. Which court delivered the ruling stating that the Bhojshala complex and Kamal Maula Mosque site in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh is a temple dedicated to Goddess Vagdevi (Saraswati)?

किस न्यायालय ने यह निर्णय दिया कि मध्य प्रदेश के धार जिले में स्थित भोजशाला परिसर और कमाल मौला मस्जिद स्थल देवी वाग्देवी (सरस्वती) को समर्पित एक मंदिर है?

- (a) Supreme Court of India
- (b) Delhi High Court
- (c) Madhya Pradesh High Court
- (d) Bombay High Court
- (e) Allahabad High Court

Ans. c

Sol. MP High Court Declares Bhojshala Complex as Temple of Goddess Vagdevi

The Madhya Pradesh High Court ruled that the disputed Bhojshala complex and Kamal Maula Mosque site in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh is a temple dedicated to Goddess Vagdevi (Saraswati).

The court permitted the Hindu community to continue worship at the site while dismissing the claims made by the Muslim community over the disputed structure.

The court also quashed a 2003 order of the Archaeological Survey of India that had allowed the Muslim community to offer Friday prayers at the site.

208. With which division did the Ministry of Ayush sign an MoU to improve multilingual access to digital services?

बहुभाषी डिजिटल सेवाओं को बेहतर बनाने के लिए आयुष मंत्रालय ने किस डिवीजन के साथ MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) Digital India UIDAI Division
- (b) MyGov India
- (c) Digital India BHASHINI Division
- (d) NIC India
- (e) MeitY Startup Hub

Ans. c

Sol. Ministry of Ayush Signs MoU with BHASHINI to Boost Multilingual Access to Digital Ayush Services

The Ministry of Ayush signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) to enhance multilingual access to Ayush digital services using AI-powered language technologies.

The initiative, launched under "BHASHINI Rajyam – A BHASHINI Sahayogi Program," aims to make traditional healthcare information and services more accessible in multiple Indian languages through digital platforms.

209. Which family retained the top position as the UK's richest family in the 2026 'Sunday Times Rich List'?

2026 'Sunday Times Rich List' में यूके के सबसे अमीर परिवार का शीर्ष स्थान किसने बरकरार रखा?

- (a) Mittal Family
- (b) Ambani Family
- (c) Hinduja family
- (d) Tata Family
- (e) Birla Family

Ans. c

Sol. Hinduja Family Retains UK's Richest Spot in 2026 Sunday Times Rich List for Fifth Consecutive Year

The Hinduja family, led by Sanjay Hinduja and Dheeraj Hinduja, retained their position as the UK's richest family in the 2026 'Sunday Times Rich List' for the fifth consecutive year with an estimated wealth of £38 billion.

The Hinduja Group operates in 38 countries across key sectors such as banking, mobility, energy, healthcare, digital technology, and infrastructure, maintaining strong global expansion despite economic headwinds.

Other prominent rankings include Indian-origin billionaires David and Simon Reuben at second place with £27.97 billion, along with Prakash Lohia and Anil Agarwal, featuring in the top list with notable changes in their wealth positions.

210. The International Day of Living Together in Peace is observed globally on 16 May to promote peace, unity, and harmony among different communities and nations. What is the theme of the International Day of Living Together in Peace for 2026?

अलग-अलग समुदायों और देशों के बीच शांति, एकता और सद्भाव को बढ़ावा देने के लिए 16 मई को दुनिया भर में शांति से साथ रहने का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस मनाया जाता है। 2026 के लिए शांति से साथ रहने के अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Peace for Sustainable Development
- (b) Unity in Diversity
- (c) Building Trust through Dialogue, Inclusion and Reconciliation
- (d) Global Harmony and Justice
- (e) Together for Future

Ans. c

Sol. 16 May - International Day of Living Together in Peace

The International Day of Living Together in Peace is observed globally on 16 May to promote peace, unity, and harmony among different communities and nations.

Theme 2026 - Building Trust through Dialogue, Inclusion and Reconciliation

211. Which UAE-based energy company signed a strategic collaboration agreement with Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited to strengthen India's energy security through cooperation in petroleum reserves and possible LNG and LPG storage facilities?

UAE की किस एनर्जी कंपनी ने पेट्रोलियम रिज़र्व और संभावित LNG और LPG स्टोरेज सुविधाओं में सहयोग के ज़रिए भारत की एनर्जी सिक्योरिटी को मज़बूत करने के लिए इंडियन स्ट्रेटेजिक पेट्रोलियम रिज़र्व लिमिटेड के साथ एक स्ट्रेटेजिक कोलैबोरेशन एग्रीमेंट साइन किया?

- (a) Emirates National Oil Company (ENOC)
- (b) Dubai Petroleum Corporation
- (c) Abu Dhabi National Oil Company
- (d) Mubadala Energy
- (e) Sharjah National Oil Corporation

Ans. c

Sol. India-UAE Sign Major Agreements on Energy Reserves, Investment and Defence Cooperation

India and the UAE signed multiple key agreements in Abu Dhabi after talks between Narendra Modi and Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan amid the ongoing West Asia conflict.

A strategic collaboration agreement was signed between Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company to strengthen India's energy security through petroleum reserves and possible LNG and LPG storage cooperation. The UAE announced investments worth 5 billion US dollars in India, further deepening bilateral economic and energy ties between the two nations.

India and the UAE also signed a strategic defence partnership framework focusing on defence manufacturing collaboration, technology sharing, innovation, and regional security cooperation.

212. Which state government has declared St Cruz village as “No Development Zones”?

किस राज्य सरकार ने सेंट क्रूज़ गांव को “नो डेवलपमेंट ज़ोन” घोषित किया है?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Goa
- (e) Tamil Nadu

Ans. d

Sol. Goa Declares Ecologically Sensitive Areas Near Old Goa as ‘No Development Zones’

The Goa government declared around 4 lakh square metres of ecologically sensitive land near Old Goa and mangrove areas in St Cruz village as “No Development Zones” to prevent construction and protect the environment.

The Town and Country Planning (TCP) Board specifically notified nearly 102,000 square metres of land around Old Goa, including orchards and an archaeological park, under the protected category.

Old Goa, the former Portuguese colonial capital of Goa, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its historic churches and Portuguese-era structures.

About Goa

- **Formation** – 30 May 1987
- **Capital** – Panaji
- **Chief Minister** – Pramod Sawant
- **Governor** – Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju

213. National Dengue Day is observed every year on May 16 in India to spread awareness about dengue prevention, control, and early treatment. What is the theme of National Dengue Day for the year 2026?

भारत में हर साल 16 मई को नेशनल डेंगू डे मनाया जाता है ताकि डेंगू से बचाव, कंट्रोल और जल्दी इलाज के बारे में जागरूकता फैलाई जा सके। साल 2026 के लिए नेशनल डेंगू डे की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Stop Mosquitoes, Save Lives
- (b) Healthy Nation, Healthy Future
- (c) Fight Dengue Together
- (d) Unite. Act. Eliminate

(e) Prevent, Protect, Prosper

Ans. d

Sol. 16 May - National Dengue Day

National Dengue Day is observed every year on May 16 in India to spread awareness about dengue prevention, control, and early treatment.

Theme 2026 - Unite. Act. Eliminate

The day is organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to encourage people to maintain cleanliness and prevent mosquito breeding in the surrounding areas.

Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral disease transmitted mainly by the Aedes mosquito, and common symptoms include high fever, headache, body pain, and skin rashes.

214. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed every year on 17 May to highlight the importance of communication technologies and the internet in social and economic development. What is the theme of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day for the year 2026?

वर्ल्ड टेलीकम्युनिकेशन एंड इन्फॉर्मेशन सोसाइटी डे हर साल 17 मई को सोशल और इकोनॉमिक डेवलपमेंट में कम्युनिकेशन टेक्नोलॉजी और इंटरनेट के महत्व को बताने के लिए मनाया जाता है। साल 2026 के लिए वर्ल्ड टेलीकम्युनिकेशन एंड इन्फॉर्मेशन सोसाइटी डे की थीम क्या है?

(a) Digital India for All

(b) Connect the Future

(c) Smart Communication World

(d) Digital lifelines: Strengthening resilience in a connected world

(e) Internet for Sustainable Growth

Ans. d

Sol. 17 May - World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed every year on 17 May to highlight the importance of communication technologies and the internet in social and economic development.

Theme 2026 - Digital lifelines: Strengthening resilience in a connected world

The day marks the founding anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), which was established on 17 May 1865.

215. World Hypertension Day is observed every year on which date?

विश्व उच्च रक्तचाप दिवस हर वर्ष किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

(a) 15 May

(b) 16 May

- (c) 17 May
- (d) 18 May
- (e) 19 May

Ans. c

Sol. 17 May - World Hypertension Day

World Hypertension Day is observed every year on 17 May to raise awareness about high blood pressure (hypertension) and its prevention.

Theme 2026 - Controlling Hypertension Together

The day aims to encourage regular blood pressure checks, early diagnosis, and lifestyle changes such as a healthy diet, exercise, and reduced salt intake.

Hypertension is often called a "silent killer" because it may not show symptoms but significantly increases the risk of heart disease, stroke, and kidney failure.

216. The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Ordinance, 2026 increases the number of judges (excluding CJI) from:

सुप्रीम कोर्ट (न्यायाधीशों की संख्या) संशोधन अध्यादेश, 2026 के तहत CJI को छोड़कर न्यायाधीशों की संख्या कितनी से कितनी की गई?

- (a) 30 to 34
- (b) 31 to 35
- (c) 32 to 36
- (d) 33 to 37
- (e) 34 to 38

Ans. d

Sol. President approves increase in sanctioned strength of judges in Supreme Court from 33 to 37

Droupadi Murmu approved the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Ordinance, 2026, increasing the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court of India from 33 to 37 (excluding the Chief Justice of India).

With this amendment to the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956, the total strength of the apex court, including the Chief Justice of India, will rise to 38 judges.

The move aims to strengthen the judicial capacity and improve the efficiency of case disposal in the Supreme Court of India amid rising pendency of cases.

217. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has made the study of how many languages compulsory for Class 9 students from 1 July?

केंद्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड (CBSE) ने 1 जुलाई से कक्षा 9 के छात्रों के लिए कितनी भाषाएँ पढ़ना अनिवार्य किया है?

- (a) One language

- (b) Two languages
- (c) Three languages
- (d) Four languages
- (e) Five languages

Ans. c

Sol. CBSE Makes Three-Language Study Compulsory for Class 9 Under NEP 2020 Guidelines

The Central Board of Secondary Education has made it compulsory for Class 9 students to study three languages from 1 July, in alignment with the National Education Policy 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023.

As per the new rule, at least two of the three languages must be Indian native languages to promote multilingual learning and cultural integration.

CBSE clarified that the third language (R3) will not have a Board exam in Class 10; instead, it will be assessed internally at the school level, and no student will be barred from Class 10 Board Exams due to R3 performance.

218. India finished with how many total medals at the Asian Boxing U-15 Championships 2026?

एशियन बॉक्सिंग U-15 चैंपियनशिप 2026 में भारत ने कुल कितने पदक जीते?

- (a) 21
- (b) 23
- (c) 25
- (d) 27
- (e) 29

Ans. d

Sol. India Wins 27 Medals, Including 9 Gold, at Asian Boxing U-15 Championships 2026

India delivered a strong performance at the Asian Boxing U15 Championships 2026, finishing with a total of 27 medals, including 9 gold, showcasing the rise of young boxing talent at the international level.

The U-15 girls team emerged as the top contributor with 7 gold medals, along with 2 silver and 5 bronze, dominating multiple weight categories in the championship.

The U-15 boys team also performed well, adding 2 gold, 4 silver, and 7 bronze medals, helping India achieve an overall medal tally of 9 gold, 6 silver, and 12 bronze.

219. Who has become the owner of the Dublin franchise in the European T20 Premier League (ETPL)?

यूरोपीय T20 प्रीमियर लीग (ETPL) में डबलिन फ्रेंचाइज़ का मालिक कौन बना है?

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar
- (b) Rahul Dravid
- (c) Virat Kohli
- (d) Rohit Sharma
- (e) MS Dhoni

Ans. b

Sol. Rahul Dravid Becomes Owner of Dublin Franchise in Europe's First ICC-Approved ETPL T20 League

India's former cricketer Rahul Dravid has become the owner of the Dublin franchise in the European T-20 Premier League (ETPL), Europe's first ICC-approved multi-country franchise T20 league.

The European T20 Premier League will be launched this year and aims to bring together top international cricket talent across European franchise teams.

The launch event was attended by ETPL co-founders and stakeholders, and the league is expected to feature several international stars such as Mitchell Marsh, Tim David, Mitchell Santner, Glenn Maxwell, Faf du Plessis, and Heinrich Klaasen.

220. India's former cricketer Rahul Dravid has become the owner of which franchise in the European T-20 Premier League (ETPL)?

भारतीय पूर्व क्रिकेटर राहुल द्रविड़ यूरोपीय T20 प्रीमियर लीग (ETPL) में किस फ्रेंचाइज़ी के मालिक बने हैं?

- (a) London franchise
- (b) Manchester franchise
- (c) Dublin franchise
- (d) Paris franchise
- (e) Berlin franchise

Ans. c

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The launch event was attended by ETPL co-founders and stakeholders, and the league is expected to feature several international stars such as Mitchell Marsh, Tim David, Mitchell Santner, Glenn Maxwell, Faf du Plessis, and Heinrich Klaasen.

221. The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) has launched a dedicated startup incubation centre in which city?

भारतीय उष्णकटिबंधीय मौसम विज्ञान संस्थान (IITM) ने स्टार्टअप इनक्यूबेशन सेंटर किस शहर में लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Pune
- (e) Mumbai

Ans. d

Sol. IITM Pune Launches Climate Startup Incubation Centre Under NEAT and Mission Mausam Initiative

The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune has launched a dedicated startup incubation centre focused on weather and climate innovation, inaugurated alongside the WISE 2026 (Weather and Climate Innovation Meet for Startups and Entrepreneurs).

The incubation centre aims to support startups working in weather technology, climate analytics, forecasting applications, and climate resilience tools to boost innovation in the sector.

The initiative is developed under the National Enterprise for Atmospheric Technology (NEAT) and the Ministry of Earth Sciences Mission Mausam, promoting collaboration between scientists, startups, entrepreneurs, and public institutions.

222. Sikkim Statehood Day is celebrated every year on which date?

सिक्किम राज्यत्व दिवस हर वर्ष किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 14 May
- (b) 15 May
- (c) 16 May
- (d) 17 May
- (e) 18 May

Ans. c

Sol. 16 May - Sikkim Statehood Day

Sikkim Statehood Day is celebrated every year on 16 May to mark Sikkim's full integration as the 22nd state of India in 1975.

The day commemorates the historic decision that led to the abolition of the monarchy in Sikkim and its merger with the Indian Union through a democratic process.

223. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has constituted the Committee on Empowerment of Women to strengthen parliamentary oversight on women-related issues. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Committee on Empowerment of Women?

लोकसभा स्पीकर ओम बिरला ने महिलाओं से जुड़े मुद्दों पर पार्लियामेंटी निगरानी को मज़बूत करने के लिए महिला सशक्तिकरण समिति बनाई है। महिला सशक्तिकरण समिति का चेयरपर्सन किसे बनाया गया है?

- (a) Harsimrat Kaur Badal
- (b) Dr. Daggubati Purandeswari
- (c) Hema Malini
- (d) Swati Maliwal
- (e) Sudha Murty

Ans. b

Sol. Committee on Empowerment of Women Constituted; Dr. Daggubati Purandeswari Appointed as Chairperson

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has constituted the Committee on Empowerment of Women to strengthen parliamentary oversight on women-related issues.

BJP Lok Sabha MP Dr. Daggubati Purandeswari has been appointed as the Chairperson of the committee, which consists of 28 members (18 from Lok Sabha and 10 from Rajya Sabha).

Prominent members of the committee include Hema Malini, Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Iqra Choudhary, Sudha Murty, P. T. Usha and Swati Maliwal.

224. Who has been nominated as the next Prime Minister of Latvia?

लातविया के अगले प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में किसे नामित किया गया है?

- (a) Evika Silina
- (b) Andris Kulbergs
- (c) Edgars Rinkevics
- (d) Kaja Kallas
- (e) Gitanas Nauseda

Ans. b

Sol. Andris Kulbergs Nominated as New Prime Minister of Latvia by President Edgars Rinkevics

Edgars Rinkevics has nominated opposition MP Andris Kulbergs as the next Prime Minister of Latvia.

Andris Kulbergs, a member of the opposition United List, has been tasked with forming a new government after the resignation announcement of outgoing PM Evika Silina.

Newly Appointed Prime Ministers & Presidents

- *President of Uganda - Yoweri Museveni (7th Term)*
- *Prime Minister of Bulgaria - Rumen Radev*
- *President of Djibouti - Ismail Omar Guelleh*
- *President of Iraq - Kurdish Leader Nizar Amedi*

225. Which organization has launched the special mission "To Reach the Unreached" to reconnect out-of-school children with the formal education system in India?

किस संगठन ने भारत में स्कूल न जाने वाले बच्चों को फॉर्मल एजुकेशन सिस्टम से फिर से जोड़ने के लिए स्पेशल मिशन "टू रीच द अनरीचड" शुरू किया है?

- (a) CBSE
- (b) NCERT
- (c) NIOS
- (d) UGC
- (e) AICTE

Ans. c

Sol. NIOS Launches "To Reach the Unreached" Mission to Re-enroll Out-of-School Children

National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has launched a major initiative to reconnect out-of-school children with the formal education system across India. Under its mission "To Reach the Unreached," National Institute of Open Schooling aims to bring nearly two crore out-of-school children back into the education system.

226. GeM SPV (Government e-Marketplace Special Purpose Vehicle) was incorporated as a Section 8 company under which of the following Ministries, responsible for developing and managing India's digital public procurement platform?

GeM SPV (Government e Marketplace Special Purpose Vehicle) निम्नलिखित में से किस मंत्रालय के तहत सेक्शन 8 कंपनी के रूप में स्थापित किया गया था, जो भारत के डिजिटल सार्वजनिक खरीद प्लेटफॉर्म के विकास और प्रबंधन के लिए जिम्मेदार है?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (d) Ministry of Defence

(e) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**Ans. c****Sol.** Government e Marketplace Celebrates Incorporation Day 2026

Government e Marketplace (GeM) celebrated its Incorporation Day 2026 on 16 May, highlighting its role in making public procurement more transparent, efficient and inclusive.

GeM SPV, a Section 8 company under the Ministry of Commerce, was incorporated on 17 May 2017 to manage India's digital procurement platform and promote ease of doing business through technology-driven governance.

The platform aligns with national initiatives like Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Vocal for Local and Viksit Bharat 2047, supporting domestic enterprises including MSEs, startups, women-led and SC/ST entrepreneurs.

227. In which city was India's first AI-powered 'phygital' banking branch of Slice Small Finance Bank launched, combining advanced digital banking with physical service infrastructure?

स्लाइस स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक की भारत की पहली AI-संचालित 'फिजिटल' बैंकिंग शाखा, जो डिजिटल और भौतिक बैंकिंग सेवाओं का संयोजन करती है, किस शहर में लॉन्च की गई?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Guwahati
- (e) Hyderabad

Ans. d**Sol.** Himanta Biswa Sarma Inaugurates India's First AI-Powered 'Phygital' Banking Branch in Guwahati

Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated India's first AI-powered 'phygital' banking branch of Slice Small Finance Bank in Guwahati, marking a major step in digital-first banking innovation.

The new branch combines physical and digital banking services through AI-enabled self-service kiosks, paperless cash deposits and withdrawals, and fully digital onboarding processes.

The initiative aims to improve financial inclusion by providing access to credit, savings, and payment services for individuals and small businesses, especially in underserved communities across Assam.

About Assam

- **Formation - 26 January 1950**
- **Capital – Dispur**
- **Chief Minister –Himanta Biswa Sarma; 2nd time**

• **Governor** – Lakshman Prasad Acharya

228. Which country has conferred the Royal Order of the Polar Star on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को रॉयल ऑर्डर ऑफ द पोलर स्टार किस देश ने प्रदान किया है?

- (a) Norway
- (b) Finland
- (c) Sweden
- (d) Denmark
- (e) Switzerland

Ans. c

Sol. Narendra Modi Receives Sweden's Highest Honour – Royal Order of the Polar Star (Commander Grand Cross)

Narendra Modi has been conferred Sweden's Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander Grand Cross, which is the highest honour awarded by Sweden to a Head of Government.

This prestigious recognition marks the 31st international honour received by Narendra Modi, highlighting his global diplomatic recognition.

229. During his official visit to the Netherlands, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was presented with the historic Chola Copper Plates by which institution?

नीदरलैंड्स की आधिकारिक यात्रा के दौरान प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को चोल ताम्रपत्र किस संस्था द्वारा भेंट किए गए?

- (a) University of Oxford
- (b) Harvard University
- (c) Leiden University
- (d) University of Cambridge
- (e) Stanford University

Ans. c

Sol. Narendra Modi Receives Historic 11th-Century Chola Copper Plates from Leiden University During Netherlands Visit

Narendra Modi was presented with the historic 11th-century Chola Copper Plates by Leiden University during his official visit to the Netherlands, marking a key moment in cultural cooperation and heritage restitution.

The Leiden Copper Plates, preserved for over a century, include 21 large and 3 small copper plates linked to Chola kings Rajendra Chola I and Kulottunga Chola I, with inscriptions in Sanskrit and Tamil detailing administration, taxation, and governance systems.

230. Tata Electronics has partnered with ASML to support semiconductor manufacturing in India. ASML is based in which country?

टाटा इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स ने भारत में सेमीकंडक्टर निर्माण के लिए ASML के साथ साझेदारी की है। ASML किस देश की कंपनी है?

- (a) USA
- (b) Germany
- (c) Netherlands
- (d) Japan
- (e) South Korea

Ans. c

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231. Kami Rita Sherpa recently created history by climbing Mount Everest for the 32nd time. He belongs to which country?

कामि रीता शेरपा ने हाल ही में माउंट एवरेस्ट पर 32वीं बार चढ़कर इतिहास बनाया। वे किस देश से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Nepal
- (b) China
- (c) India
- (d) Bhutan
- (e) Myanmar

Ans. a

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inscriptions in Sanskrit and Tamil detailing administration, taxation, and governance systems.

232. Shriyanshi Valishetty won the silver medal in which event at the Baoji China Masters?

श्रीयांशी वालिशेट्टी ने बाओजी चाइना मास्टर्स में किस इवेंट में सिल्वर मेडल जीता?

- (a) Women's Doubles
- (b) Mixed Doubles
- (c) Women's Singles
- (d) Men's Singles
- (e) Team Event

Ans. c

Sol. Shriyanshi Valishetty Wins Silver Medal at Baoji China Masters 2026 in Women's Singles

India's Shriyanshi Valishetty won the silver medal in the women's singles event at the Baoji China Masters (Super 100 tournament) held in China.

In the final match at Baoji City Gymnasium, she lost to local player An Qi Yuan in straight sets, 14–21, 6–21.

The Baoji China Masters is a BWF Super 100 level badminton tournament, where Shriyanshi Valishetty delivered a strong performance to secure the runner-up position

233. World AIDS Vaccine Day is observed every year on 18 May to raise awareness about the urgent need for a safe and effective vaccine to prevent HIV infection. What is the theme of World AIDS Vaccine Day 2026?

विश्व एड्स वैक्सीन दिवस हर वर्ष 18 मई को HIV संक्रमण को रोकने के लिए सुरक्षित और प्रभावी वैक्सीन की आवश्यकता के प्रति जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए मनाया जाता है। विश्व एड्स वैक्सीन दिवस 2026 की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Ending HIV/AIDS by 2030
- (b) Vaccine for All
- (c) Global Action for HIV Prevention
- (d) Rethink. Rebuild. Rise
- (e) Together for Health Security

Ans. d

Sol. 18 May - World AIDS Vaccine Day

World AIDS Vaccine Day is observed every year on 18 May to raise awareness about the urgent need for a safe and effective vaccine to prevent HIV infection.

Theme 2026 - Rethink. Rebuild. Rise

The day commemorates the efforts of scientists, healthcare workers, and volunteers who are working towards developing an AIDS vaccine to combat the global HIV/AIDS epidemic.

234. International Museum Day is observed every year on which date?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संग्रहालय दिवस हर वर्ष किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 16 May
- (b) 17 May
- (c) 18 May
- (d) 19 May
- (e) 20 May

Ans. c

Sol. 18 May - International Museum Day

International Museum Day is observed every year on 18 May to raise awareness about the important role museums play in cultural exchange, education, and preserving heritage.

Theme 2026 - Museums Uniting a Divided World

The day highlights how museums contribute to promoting history, art, science, and cultural diversity among people across the world.

235. Who was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Kerala?

केरल के मुख्यमंत्री के रूप में किसने शपथ ली?

- (a) Pinarayi Vijayan
- (b) V. D. Satheesan
- (c) Oommen Chandy
- (d) K. Sudhakaran
- (e) M. K. Stalin

Ans. b

Sol. V. D. Satheesan to be Sworn in as Chief Minister of Kerala

V. D. Satheesan was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Kerala today, with Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administering the oath of office and secrecy in Thiruvananthapuram.

The Congress-led UDF ministry has unveiled a 21-member cabinet ahead of the swearing-in ceremony, marking its return to power in Kerala after a gap of 10 years.

Recent Appointments

- **CM of Assam** - Himanta Biswa Sarma
- **CM of Tamil Nadu** - C. Joseph Vijay Sworn (Thalapathy)
- **CM of Puducherry** - N Rangasamy; 5th

- **CM of West Bengal - Suvendu Adhikari**

236. Jannik Sinner won the Italian Open 2026 title by defeating which player in the final?

जैनिक सिनर ने इटैलियन ओपन 2026 का खिताब फाइनल में किस खिलाड़ी को हराकर जीता?

- (a) Daniil Medvedev
- (b) Carlos Alcaraz
- (c) Casper Ruud
- (d) Alexander Zverev
- (e) Stefanos Tsitsipas

Ans. c

Sol. Jannik Sinner Wins Italian Open 2026, Creates History by Completing Career Golden Masters

Jannik Sinner won the Italian Open title in Rome by defeating Norway's Casper Ruud 6–4, 6–4 in the final, becoming the first Italian man to win the tournament since 1976. With this victory, World No. 1 Jannik Sinner became only the second player after Novak Djokovic to complete the Career Golden Masters, winning all nine ATP Masters 1000 titles.

This was Sinner's 6th consecutive Masters 1000 title and 10th overall, as he delivered a dominant performance throughout the tournament, including a strong win in the final after a tough semifinal against Daniil Medvedev.

237. Who has won the women's singles title at the Italian Open 2026?

इटैलियन ओपन 2026 में महिला एकल का खिताब किसने जीता है?

- (a) Iga Swiatek
- (b) Coco Gauff
- (c) Elena Rybakina
- (d) Aryna Sabalenka
- (e) Elina Svitolina

Ans. e

Sol. Elina Svitolina Wins Italian Open 2026 Women's Title After Defeating Coco Gauff in Thrilling Final

Elina Svitolina won the women's singles title at the Italian Open by defeating World No. 4 Coco Gauff in a three-set thriller 6–4, 6–7 (3–7), 6–2.

During her title run, Elina Svitolina defeated top-ranked players including World No. 2 Elena Rybakina and World No. 3 Iga Swiatek, showcasing a strong comeback performance throughout the tournament.

238. In May 2026, who assumed charge as the new CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

मई 2026 में, यूनिक आइडेंटिफिकेशन अथॉरिटी ऑफ़ इंडिया (UIDAI) के नए CEO के तौर पर किसने पदभार संभाला?

- (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (b) Saurabh Garg
- (c) Saurabh Vijay
- (d) Amit Agrawal
- (e) Sanjay Malhotra

Ans. c

Sol. Saurabh Vijay Takes Charge as CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

Saurabh Vijay has assumed charge as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). He is a 1998-batch IAS officer from the Maharashtra cadre.

Before joining UIDAI, Saurabh Vijay served as Principal Secretary (Expenditure) in the Finance Department of the Government of Maharashtra and earlier held key positions in planning, tourism, medical education, and higher & technical education departments.

He has also served in important national and international roles, including Director at the President's Secretariat in New Delhi and Advisor to the Executive Director representing Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Sri Lanka at the World Bank

About Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

- UIDAI is a statutory authority established by the Government of India to issue Aadhaar, a 12-digit unique identification number to residents of India.
- It functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- Headquarters - New Delhi
- CEO – Saurabh Vijay

239. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has extended the free online Aadhaar document update facility available on the myAadhaar portal till which date?

भारतीय विशिष्ट पहचान प्राधिकरण (UIDAI) ने myAadhaar पोर्टल पर उपलब्ध मुफ्त ऑनलाइन आधार दस्तावेज़ अपडेट सुविधा को किस तारीख तक बढ़ा दिया है?

- (a) March 31, 2027
- (b) June 14, 2026
- (c) January 1, 2027

(d) December 31, 2026

(e) June 14, 2027

Ans. b

Sol. UIDAI Extends Free Aadhaar Document Update Service Till June 2027

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has extended the free online document update service on the myAadhaar portal for one more year.

Aadhaar users can now update their identity proof and address proof documents online free of cost till June 14, 2027.

The initiative aims to encourage Aadhaar holders to keep their demographic details updated for better authentication and service delivery.

240. Which state government has approved the "Annapurna Bhandar" scheme, providing monthly assistance to women?

किस राज्य सरकार ने "अन्नपूर्णा भंडार" योजना को मंजूरी दी है, जो महिलाओं को मासिक सहायता प्रदान करती है?

(a) Odisha

(b) Bihar

(c) Assam

(d) West Bengal

(e) Jharkhand

Ans. d

Sol. West Bengal Govt. Approves 'Annapurna Bhandar' Scheme and Clears Formation of 7th Pay Commission

The Government of West Bengal cabinet approved the "Annapurna Bhandar" scheme, under which eligible women will receive monthly financial assistance of ₹3,000 starting from June 1.

The state cabinet also gave in-principle approval for the formation of the 7th Pay Commission for state government employees to review salary and pension structures.

The government decided to discontinue several religion-based direct benefit transfer schemes from June 1, including honorariums provided earlier to imams, muezzins, and purohits.

About West Bengal

- **Capital** – Kolkata
- **Chief Minister** – Suvendu Adhikari
- **Governor** – RN Ravi

241. Which highest civilian honour was conferred by Norway on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

नॉर्वे द्वारा प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को कौन-सा सर्वोच्च नागरिक सम्मान प्रदान किया गया?

- (a) Order of St. Olav
- (b) Legion of Honour
- (c) Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit
- (d) Order of Merit of Italy
- (e) Freedom of Oslo Award

Ans. c

Sol. Narendra Modi Conferred Norway's Highest Civilian Honour During Historic Visit
'Norway conferred its highest civilian honour, the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit, on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Oslo, marking his 32nd international honour from a foreign nation.

The visit of PM Modi to Norway is the first by a sitting Indian Prime Minister in 43 years, highlighting a significant milestone in India–Norway diplomatic relations. PM Modi is also participating in the 3rd India–Nordic Summit in Oslo along with leaders of Norway, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, and Sweden; the summit was earlier held in Stockholm (2018) and Copenhagen (2022).

242. The TVS Venu Group acquired what percentage stake in Jana Small Finance Bank?

TVS वेणु ग्रुप ने Jana Small Finance Bank में कितने प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी हासिल की?

- (a) 5.5%
- (b) 7.5%
- (c) 8.9%
- (d) 9.9%
- (e) 10.5%

Ans. d

Sol. TVS Venu Group Acquires 9.9% Stake in Jana Small Finance Bank for ₹193.3 Crore

The TVS Venu Group has acquired a 9.9% stake in Jana Small Finance Bank for ₹193.3 crore, marking a significant strategic investment in the banking sector.

The stake acquisition will be completed through a mix of primary warrant subscription and secondary share purchase, including a 4.9% direct holding by TVS Motor Company.

243. Which bank has partnered with Visa to launch India's first USD-denominated debit card for NRIs?

किस बैंक ने NRI के लिए भारत का पहला USD-मूल्यवर्गित डेबिट कार्ड लॉन्च करने के लिए Visa के साथ साझेदारी की है?

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

Ans. d

Sol. ICICI Bank and Visa Launch India's First USD-Denominated Debit Card for NRIs at GIFT City

ICICI Bank, in partnership with Visa, has launched India's first USD-denominated debit card for NRI customers from its IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City, Gujarat. The card is linked to ICICI Bank's USD Global Savings Account and is built on Visa's premium Infinite platform, enabling seamless global transactions across ATMs, POS terminals, and e-commerce platforms.

A key feature of the card is zero markup on USD transactions worldwide, allowing NRIs to avoid currency conversion charges and supporting cost-efficient international payments.

244. Which company has agreed to acquire a 75% stake in Bharti Life Insurance Company Ltd in a major insurance sector deal after the government's 100% FDI approval?

सरकार द्वारा 100% FDI की मंजूरी के बाद, बीमा क्षेत्र के एक बड़े सौदे में, किस कंपनी ने भारती लाइफ इंश्योरेंस कंपनी लिमिटेड में 75% हिस्सेदारी खरीदने पर सहमति जताई है?

- (a) Allianz SE
- (b) AXA Group
- (c) MetLife Inc.
- (d) Prudential plc
- (e) Generali Group

Ans. d

Sol. Prudential plc to Acquire 75% Stake in Bharti Life Insurance Company Ltd in Major Insurance Sector Deal After 100% FDI Approval

In the first major insurance sector deal after the government allowed 100% FDI in insurance, Bharti Enterprises announced that Prudential plc will acquire a 75% stake in Bharti Life Insurance Company Ltd for an initial ₹3,500 crore.

The deal also includes a potential additional payment of up to ₹700 crore based on the fulfilment of certain conditions, highlighting a significant cross-border investment in India's insurance sector.

With this transaction, Bharti Life Insurance becomes the fifth insurance company to have 75% FDI participation, marking a key development following the liberalisation of the sector.

245. Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 'Lion' Species Spotlight Event at Sasan Gir, Gujarat. The 'Lion' Species Spotlight Event was organised as part of which summit initiative?

केंद्रीय पर्यावरण मंत्री भूपेंद्र यादव ने गुजरात के सासन गिर में 'शेर' प्रजाति स्पॉटलाइट कार्यक्रम का उद्घाटन किया। 'शेर' प्रजाति स्पॉटलाइट कार्यक्रम किस शिखर सम्मेलन की पहल के तहत आयोजित किया गया था?

- (a) COP29 Summit 2026
- (b) G20 Summit 2026
- (c) BRICS Summit 2026
- (d) IBCA Summit 2026
- (e) ASEAN Summit 2026

Ans. d

Sol. Bhupender Yadav Inaugurates 'Lion' Species Spotlight Event at Sasan Gir Ahead of IBCA Summit 2026

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 'Lion' Species Spotlight Event at Sasan Gir, Gujarat, as part of the Pre-Summit activities for the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit 2026.

The event highlighted India's successful lion conservation model and focused on global cooperation among lion-range countries, along with discussions on challenges like habitat loss, climate change, and human-wildlife conflict.

During the programme, a 'Lion Conservation Brochure' was launched, along with presentations and educational films showcasing conservation efforts for big cats, with participation from students and other stakeholders.

246. The International Day of Living Together in Peace is observed annually on 16 May, promoting harmony, unity, and peaceful coexistence among communities worldwide. What is the theme of the International Day of Living Together in Peace (2026)?

'शांतिपूर्वक एक साथ रहने का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस' हर साल 16 मई को मनाया जाता है, जो दुनिया भर के समुदायों के बीच सद्भाव, एकता और शांतिपूर्ण सह-अस्तित्व को बढ़ावा देता है। 'शांतिपूर्वक एक साथ रहने के अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस' (2026) का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Peace and Development for All Nations
- (b) Unity Through Education and Equality
- (c) Living Together in Peace

(d) Global Harmony Through Trade and Economy

(e) Ending Violence Through Technology

Ans. c

Sol. 16 May - International Day of Living Together in Peace

The International Day of Living Together in Peace is observed annually on 16 May, promoting harmony, unity, and peaceful coexistence among communities worldwide. Theme 2026 - Living Together in Peace: Building Trust through Dialogue, Inclusion and Reconciliation

The observance is linked to UN initiatives such as the International Year for a Culture of Peace (2000) and the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for Children of the World (2001–2010), declared by the United Nations General Assembly.

247. On which date is International HR Day observed every year?

हर साल अंतर्राष्ट्रीय HR दिवस किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 18 May
- (b) 19 May
- (c) 20 May
- (d) 21 May
- (e) 22 May

Ans. c

Sol. 20 May - International HR Day

International HR Day is observed on 20 May every year to recognise and appreciate the role of Human Resources professionals in organisations worldwide.

The day highlights the importance of HR in talent management, employee well-being, workplace culture, and organisational growth.

248. Viyona Fintech has secured NPCI certification for its technology framework across key payment systems, including UPI Acquirer, UPI Issuer, IMPS, and IBMB integrations. Viyona Fintech is based in which Indian city?

Viyona Fintech ने UPI Acquirer, UPI Issuer, IMPS और IBMB इंटीग्रेशन सहित प्रमुख भुगतान प्रणालियों में अपने तकनीकी ढांचे के लिए NPCI प्रमाणन प्राप्त कर लिया है। Viyona Fintech भारत के किस शहर में स्थित है?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) Pune

Ans. d

Sol. Viyona Fintech Secures NPCI Certification for End-to-End UPI, IMPS and Mobile Banking Infrastructure

Viyona Fintech has secured NPCI certification for its technology framework across key payment systems, including UPI Acquirer, UPI Issuer, IMPS, and IBMB integrations. With this achievement, the Hyderabad-based company joins a select group of fintech infrastructure firms building end-to-end payment orchestration systems aligned with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) standards.

The certification enables Viyona Fintech to operate across the full UPI ecosystem, including merchant acceptance (QR acquiring) and customer-side issuance infrastructure, strengthening its role in digital payments.

249. India has signed a triangular development cooperation agreement with which country to support the Global South?

भारत ने 'ग्लोबल साउथ' का समर्थन करने के लिए किस देश के साथ एक त्रिपक्षीय विकास सहयोग समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) USA
- (b) France
- (c) Germany
- (d) Norway
- (e) Australia

Ans. d

Sol. Narendra Modi Announces India–Norway Triangular Development Cooperation Pact for Global South Development

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that India and Norway have signed a triangular development cooperation agreement aimed at supporting human development initiatives across the Global South.

The agreement strengthens international collaboration for development assistance, focusing on capacity building and welfare-oriented projects in developing countries.

250. In May 2026, which company announced a fresh investment of ₹100 crore in its Pune manufacturing facility?

मई 2026 में, किस कंपनी ने अपनी पुणे मैन्युफैक्चरिंग फ़ैसिलिटी में ₹100 करोड़ के नए निवेश की घोषणा की?

- (a) Boeing
- (b) Airbus
- (c) Lockheed Martin
- (d) Rolls-Royce

(e) GE Aerospace**Ans. e****Sol.** GE Aerospace Invests ₹100 Crore in Pune Facility

GE Aerospace has announced a fresh investment of ₹100 crore in its manufacturing facility located in Pune, strengthening its aerospace production capabilities in India. With this new investment, the total investment in the Pune facility has crossed ₹510 crore, highlighting the company's continued expansion in the Indian aerospace sector.

GE Aerospace also operates a Technology Centre in Bengaluru, supporting engineering and innovation activities in India.

251. World Bee Day is observed every year on 20 May to raise awareness about the importance of bees and other pollinators in maintaining ecological balance and global food security. What is the theme of World Bee Day 2025?

हर साल 20 मई को 'विश्व मधुमक्खी दिवस' मनाया जाता है, जिसका उद्देश्य पारिस्थितिक संतुलन और वैश्विक खाद्य सुरक्षा को बनाए रखने में मधुमक्खियों और अन्य परागणकों के महत्व के प्रति जागरूकता बढ़ाना है। विश्व मधुमक्खी दिवस 2025 का विषय (Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Save Bees, Save Earth
- (b) Bees for Sustainable Agriculture
- (c) Bee Together for People and the Planet
- (d) Protect Pollinators for Future
- (e) Harmony with Nature

Ans. c**Sol.** 20 May - World Bee Day

World Bee Day is observed every year on 20 May to raise awareness about the importance of bees and other pollinators in maintaining ecological balance and global food security.

Theme 2025 - Bee Together for People and the Planet – A partnership that sustains us all.

The day highlights the crucial role of bees in pollinating crops, supporting biodiversity, and ensuring sustainable agriculture and food production systems. It also aims to promote conservation of bees by addressing threats such as habitat loss, pesticide use, climate change, and declining bee populations worldwide.

252. Former _____ Test captain MJK Smith (Mike Smith) passed away at the age of 92.

_____ के पूर्व टेस्ट कप्तान MJK स्मिथ (माइक स्मिथ) का 92 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया।

- (a) Australia

- (b) India
- (c) South Africa
- (d) England
- (e) New Zealand

Ans. d

Sol. Former England Test Captain MJK Smith Passes Away at 92

Former England Test captain MJK Smith (Mike Smith) passed away at the age of 92. He played 50 Test matches for England and captained the team in 25 of them. MJK Smith made his Test debut against New Zealand in 1958 and played his final Test against Australia in 1972. He was also a dual-sport athlete, representing England in rugby union with one international cap in 1956.

253. Who was appointed as Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May 2026?

मई 2026 में भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) के कार्यकारी निदेशक (ED) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया था?

- (a) Shaktikanta Das
- (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (c) Ajay Kumar Choudhary
- (d) Gunveer Singh
- (e) Rajiv Ranjan

Ans. d

Sol. RBI Appoints Gunveer Singh as ED to Head Payment and Settlement Systems

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Shri Gunveer Singh as Executive Director (ED).

Before his promotion, he served as Chief General Manager-in-Charge of the Department of Payment and Settlement Systems and had over three decades of experience in areas like banking supervision, risk monitoring, and government banking.

Shri Gunveer Singh will now head the Department of Payment and Settlement Systems and has also worked as a payment systems expert at the Central Bank of Oman.

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

- **26th Governor** - Sanjay Malhotra; 26th

254. What is the total amount of the dollar-rupee buy/sell swap auction announced by the RBI to support liquidity in the banking sector?

बैंकिंग क्षेत्र में लिक्विडिटी को सपोर्ट करने के लिए RBI द्वारा घोषित डॉलर-रुपया खरीद/बिक्री स्वेप नीलामी की कुल राशि कितनी है?

- (a) \$2 billion
- (b) \$3 billion
- (c) \$4 billion
- (d) \$5 billion
- (e) \$10 billion

Ans. d

Sol. RBI Announces \$5 Billion Dollar-Rupee Swap Auction to Boost Banking Liquidity
Reserve Bank of India announced a \$5 billion dollar-rupee buy/sell swap auction for a three-year tenor to inject durable liquidity into the banking system amid tight liquidity conditions.

The swap auction, scheduled for May 26, aims to support the rupee, which has weakened beyond the 96-mark against the US dollar due to global uncertainties, geopolitical tensions, and strong dollar demand.

Under the arrangement, banks will sell US dollars to the RBI and repurchase them after three years, allowing banks to receive immediate rupee liquidity without permanently impacting India's foreign exchange reserves.

255. Which two organisations have partnered to launch India's first sustainability-linked dealer financing programme in the automotive sector?

ऑटोमोटिव सेक्टर में भारत का पहला सस्टेनेबिलिटी-लिंक्ड डीलर फाइनेंसिंग प्रोग्राम लॉन्च करने के लिए किन दो संगठनों ने पार्टनरशिप की है?

- (a) Mahindra & Mahindra and DBS Bank India
- (b) Tata Motors and HDFC Bank
- (c) Maruti Suzuki and ICICI Bank
- (d) Ashok Leyland and Axis Bank
- (e) Hyundai Motor India and State Bank of India

Ans. a

Sol. Mahindra & DBS Bank India launch sustainability-linked dealer financing programme

Mahindra & Mahindra and DBS Bank India signed an MoU to launch India's first sustainability-linked dealer financing programme in the automotive sector.

Under the initiative, authorised Mahindra dealers will receive preferential or lower interest rates on vehicle financing based on their environmental performance and sustainability practices.

The programme will evaluate dealers on key Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) parameters, promoting sustainable business operations across the automobile dealership network.

Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

- *Karnataka Bank Partners with Pine Labs to Boost Digital Payment and PoS Solutions for Customers*
- *Reliance Jio and Bank of Baroda have partnered to launch 'bob World Lite' available on the JioPhone Prima 4G.*
- *PNB Partners with GeM to Provide Collateral-Free Loans to Sellers via GeM Sahay Portal*
- *Razorpay Partners with OpenAI to Enable Seamless Payment Integration in AI App*
- *Paisalo Digital Partners with Indian Overseas Bank as Business Correspondent (BC)*

256. According to the revised forecast by the United Nations, India's economy is expected to grow at what rate in 2026?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र के संशोधित पूर्वानुमान के अनुसार, 2026 में भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था किस दर से बढ़ने की उम्मीद है?

- (a) 5.8%
- (b) 6.0%
- (c) 6.2%
- (d) 6.4%
- (e) 6.8%

Ans. d

Sol. United Nations Cuts India's 2026 Growth Forecast to 6.4%

The United Nations has lowered India's economic growth forecast for 2026 to 6.4% from its earlier estimate of 6.6%, citing global economic uncertainties.

According to the revised outlook released by United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), India's economy is projected to grow by 6.6% in 2027.

257. Which digital payments application recorded a 301% surge in transaction volumes during Financial Year 2025-26?

वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 के दौरान किस डिजिटल भुगतान एप्लिकेशन के लेनदेन की मात्रा में 301% की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई?

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

Ans. d

Sol. BHIM Records 301% Surge in Transactions During FY 2025-26

BHIM recorded a massive 301% growth in transaction volumes during Financial Year 2025-26, highlighting the rapid rise in digital payment adoption in India.

According to data released by NPCI BHIM Services Limited, monthly transactions on the BHIM app increased from 5.93 crore in April 2025 to 21.6 crore in March 2026.

In April 2026 alone, the BHIM app processed 22.49 crore transactions with a total transaction value of ₹26,040 crore.

258. Which organisation organised the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Annual Felicitation Programme in New Delhi to recognise outstanding performance in APY enrolment and implementation?

APY नामांकन और कार्यान्वयन में उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन को मान्यता देने के लिए नई दिल्ली में अटल पेंशन योजना (APY) वार्षिक सम्मान समारोह का आयोजन किस संगठन ने किया?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India
- (b) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- (c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- (d) National Payments Corporation of India
- (e) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Ans. b

Sol. Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Holds APY Annual Felicitation Programme

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority organised the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Annual Felicitation Programme in New Delhi to recognise outstanding performance in APY enrolment and implementation.

Among Public Sector Banks, State Bank of India achieved 116% of its target, followed by Union Bank of India and UCO Bank.

In the Regional Rural Banks category, Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank topped with 288% achievement, while IDBI Bank achieved 156% of its target in the Major Private Bank category.

259. Which Indian state received the prestigious World No Tobacco Day Award 2026 for outstanding tobacco control efforts?

तंबाकू नियंत्रण के उत्कृष्ट प्रयासों के लिए किस भारतीय राज्य को प्रतिष्ठित 'विश्व तंबाकू निषेध दिवस पुरस्कार 2026' प्राप्त हुआ?

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

Ans. c

Sol. Rajasthan Receives World No Tobacco Day Award 2026 for Outstanding Tobacco Control Efforts

Rajasthan received the prestigious World No Tobacco Day Award 2026 from the World Health Organisation for its outstanding tobacco control initiatives during 2025-26 in the South-East Asia region.

The honour reflects the state government's strong commitment towards public health and its vision of creating a "Tobacco-Free Rajasthan.

Rajasthan has expanded tobacco cessation treatment and counselling services through more than 500 centres operating up to the block level, with geo-tagged digital access to help people easily locate nearby facilities.

About Rajasthan

- **Capital** – Jaipur
- **Chief Minister** – Bhajan Lal Sharma
- **Deputy Chief Minister** – Diya Kumari and Premchand Bairwa
- **Governor** – Haribhau Bagade

260. Who was conferred the prestigious Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome?

रोम में खाद्य और कृषि संगठन (FAO) द्वारा प्रतिष्ठित 'एग्रीकोला मेडल' से किसे सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Shradha Joshi Raj
- (c) Droupadi Murmu
- (d) S Jaishankar
- (e) Arvind Kejriwal

Ans. a

Sol. PM Modi Receives Prestigious Agricola Medal from Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome

PM Narendra Modi was conferred the prestigious Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organisation at its headquarters in Rome, Italy.

The award was presented by FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu, and Prime Minister Modi dedicated the honour to India's farmers, livestock rearers, fish farmers, agricultural scientists, and agricultural workers.

The Agricola Medal is the highest honour conferred by the FAO Director-General and is awarded to global leaders for exceptional contributions to food security, sustainable agriculture, poverty reduction, and improved nutrition.

261. How many Microsoft shares did the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation sell in its final exit?

बिल एंड मेलिंडा गेट्स फाउंडेशन ने अपनी अंतिम निकासी में Microsoft के कितने शेयर बेचे?

- (a) 5.7 million
- (b) 6.7 million
- (c) 7.7 million
- (d) 8.7 million
- (e) 9.7 million

Ans. c

Sol. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Exits Entire Stake in Microsoft After Selling \$3.2 Billion Worth Shares in 2026

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has completely exited its investment in Microsoft after selling its remaining shares in Q1 2026.

The foundation sold around 7.7 million Microsoft shares worth approximately \$3.2 billion (about ₹26,500 crore), ending its long-standing equity holding in the company.

Earlier, the foundation held nearly 28.5 million Microsoft shares before gradually reducing its stake over time, marking a significant shift in its investment portfolio.

262. Which organisation has partnered with Zambia to adapt India's Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) platform?

किस संगठन ने भारत के इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वैक्सीन इंटेलिजेंस नेटवर्क (eVIN) प्लेटफॉर्म को अपनाने के लिए ज़ाम्बिया के साथ साझेदारी की?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) United Nations Development Programme
- (c) World Health Organisation
- (d) UNICEF
- (e) Asian Development Bank

Ans. b

Sol. UNDP Partners with Zambia to Adapt India's eVIN Platform for Medicines Track and Trace System

The United Nations Development Programme and Zambia have launched a joint initiative in Lusaka to adapt India's Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) for an Essential Medicines "Track and Trace" system.

The eVIN platform, originally developed in India, is designed to improve vaccine logistics and ensure real-time visibility of stock levels across the supply chain.

The system enables real-time inventory management, temperature monitoring, and efficient distribution of medicines and vaccines to strengthen healthcare delivery.

263. How many total medals did India win at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026, and what was the composition of those medals?

एशियाई वेटलिफ्टिंग चैंपियनशिप 2026 में भारत ने कुल कितने पदक जीते, और उन पदकों की संरचना क्या थी?

(a) 8 medals – 2 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze

(b) 9 medals – 1 silver, 8 bronze

(c) 10 medals – 1 silver, 9 bronze

(d) 12 medals – 2 silver, 10 bronze

(e) 15 medals – 3 silver, 12 bronze

Ans. c

Sol. Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 Held in Gujarat

The Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 was held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, and organised by the Indian Weightlifting Federation, marking only the second time India has hosted the event since 1982.

India finished third in the women's team standings (487 points) and fifth in the men's team standings (379 points), while China dominated both categories as well as the overall medal tally.

India won a total of 10 medals (1 silver and 9 bronze), with Gyaneshwari Yadav securing the only silver in the women's 53kg snatch event and Komal Kohar opening the medal account with bronze in the 48kg category.

China topped the overall medal tally with 21 gold medals, while standout performers included Ri Sul (women's best lifter, 63kg) and HE Yueji (men's best lifter, 65kg).

264. Defence Research and Development Organisation has successfully completed final development trials of the ULPGM-V3 (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Launched Precision Guided Missile), marking a major milestone in India's

indigenous defence capability. The ULPGM-V3 missile trials were conducted in which modes?

रक्षा अनुसंधान और विकास संगठन (DRDO) ने ULPGM-V3 (मानव रहित हवाई वाहन से प्रक्षेपित सटीक निर्देशित मिसाइल) के अंतिम विकास परीक्षण सफलतापूर्वक पूरे कर लिए हैं, जो भारत की स्वदेशी रक्षा क्षमता में एक प्रमुख मील का पत्थर है। ULPGM-V3 मिसाइल के परीक्षण किन मोड में किए गए थे?

- (a) Sea-to-sea and sea-to-air
- (b) Land-to-land and land-to-sea
- (c) Air-to-ground and air-to-air
- (d) Space-to-ground and air-to-space
- (e) Ground-to-air and submarine launch

Ans. c

Sol. DRDO Successfully Completes ULPGM-V3 Final Trials, Paving Way for Indigenous Missile Production

Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully completed final development trials of the ULPGM-V3 (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Launched Precision Guided Missile), marking a major milestone in India's indigenous defence capability. The trials were conducted in air-to-ground and air-to-air modes at the DRDO test range near Kurnool, demonstrating high precision strike capability, reliability, and operational effectiveness using an advanced integrated Ground Control System. For production, DRDO has partnered with Bharat Dynamics Limited and Adani Defence and Aerospace, with successful trials clearing the path for serial production of the system.

265. Which organisation launched the Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) "Sanghmitra"?

किस संगठन ने अगली पीढ़ी के ऑफशोर पेट्रोल वेसल (NGOPV) "संघमित्रा" को लॉन्च किया?

- (a) Indian Air Force
- (b) Indian Navy
- (c) Indian Coast Guard
- (d) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- (e) Border Security Force

Ans. b

Sol. Indian Navy Launches Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel "Sanghmitra" at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, Kolkata

Indian Navy launched Yard 3039 (Sanghmitra), a Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV), at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers in Kolkata.

The construction of 11 NGOPVs is being carried out simultaneously at two shipyards—Goa Shipyard Limited and GRSE Kolkata—strengthening India's naval modernisation efforts.

266. International Tea Day is observed every year on which date?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय चाय दिवस हर साल किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 20 May
- (b) 21 May
- (c) 22 May
- (d) 23 May
- (e) 24 May

Ans. b

Sol. 21 May - International Tea Day

International Tea Day is observed every year on 21 May to highlight the global importance of tea in culture, economy, and sustainable livelihoods.

Theme 2026 - "Sustaining Tea, Supporting Communities" and "Fostering Growth and Inclusion"

The day recognises the contribution of tea growers, workers, and small farmers, especially in major tea-producing countries like India, China, Sri Lanka, and Kenya.

267. National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed in India every year on which date?

भारत में हर साल राष्ट्रीय आतंकवाद विरोधी दिवस किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 19 May
- (b) 20 May
- (c) 21 May
- (d) 22 May
- (e) 23 May

Ans. c

Sol. 21 May - National Anti-Terrorism Day

National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed every year on 21 May in India to spread awareness about the threat of terrorism and promote peace, unity, and harmony among citizens.

The day commemorates the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991 and reinforces the nation's commitment to fight terrorism in all its forms.

268. World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed every year on which date?

संवाद और विकास के लिए सांस्कृतिक विविधता का विश्व दिवस हर साल किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 19 May
- (b) 20 May
- (c) 21 May
- (d) 22 May
- (e) 23 May

Ans. c

Sol. 21 May - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed every year on 21 May to promote the value of cultural diversity and its role in strengthening peace and mutual understanding among nations.
The day highlights the importance of dialogue between different cultures to support social cohesion, tolerance, and sustainable development worldwide.

269. The "Hauslon Ki Udaan 2026-27" scheme was launched in which city?

"हौसलों की उड़ान 2026-27" स्कीम किस शहर में शुरू की गई?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Lucknow
- (e) Chandigarh

Ans. c

Sol. Rekha Gupta Launches 'Hauslon Ki Udaan 2026-27' Talent Hunt Scheme in Delhi
Delhi CM Rekha Gupta launched the "Talent Hunt Scheme - Hauslon Ki Udaan 2026-27" to identify and nurture young talent across Delhi.

The scheme will provide a platform for participants to showcase skills in Classical Music, Folk Music, Classical Dance, Folk Dance, Contemporary Dance, Fine Arts, Sculpture, Pottery, and Theatre.

270. Jitendra Singh dedicated the UMMID Programme for Rare Genetic Disorders to the nation in New Delhi, emphasising the future of genome-based and precision-driven healthcare in India. What does "UMMID" stands for?

जितेंद्र सिंह ने नई दिल्ली में दुर्लभ आनुवंशिक विकारों के लिए 'UMMID' कार्यक्रम राष्ट्र को समर्पित किया, और भारत में जीनोम-आधारित तथा सटीक-संचालित स्वास्थ्य सेवा के भविष्य पर ज़ोर दिया। "UMMID" का पूरा नाम क्या है?

- (a) Unique Management Model for Inherited Diseases
- (b) Unique Methods of Management of Inherited Disorders
- (c) Unified Mechanism for Medical Inherited Disorders

(d) Universal Model for Managing Inherited Diseases

(e) Unique Medical Mission for Inherited Disorders

Ans. b

Sol. Jitendra Singh Dedicates UMMID Programme for Rare Genetic Disorders to the Nation

Jitendra Singh dedicated the UMMID (Unique Methods of Management of Inherited Disorders) Programme for Rare Genetic Disorders to the nation in New Delhi, emphasising the future of genome-based and precision-driven healthcare in India. The Minister also launched the UMMID Compendium and UMMID Dashboard to improve nationwide access to genetic diagnostics, counselling, screening, outreach, and programme monitoring for inherited disorders.

Under the UMMID programme, nearly three lakh individuals have benefited through screening and diagnostic services, while around 30 NIDAN Kendras have been established across India to provide advanced diagnostics and counselling services.

271. India's flagship global textile event, Bharat Tex 2026, is scheduled to be organised from 14th to 17th July 2026 in which city?

भारत का प्रमुख वैश्विक टेक्सटाइल आयोजन, भारत टेक्स 2026, 14 से 17 जुलाई 2026 तक किस शहर में आयोजित किया जाएगा?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Chennai
- (e) Jaipur

Ans. c

Sol. Bharat Tex 2026 to Showcase India's Textile Strength with AI-Powered Innovation
India's flagship global textile event, Bharat Tex 2026, will be held in New Delhi from 14th to 17th July, showcasing India's textile strength, sustainability initiatives, recycling capabilities, and advanced technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Textile Secretary Neelam Shami Rao launched the Bharat Tex Mobile App, featuring AI-enabled search to help buyers and exhibitors easily find products, suppliers, and stall locations.

The Bharat Tex App will act as a unified digital platform for exhibitors, buyers, delegates, and partners, while the expo will also feature a dedicated AI Zone for textile manufacturers; over 72 countries have already registered for the event.

272. The combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) recorded what percentage growth in April 2026 on a year-on-year basis?

संयुक्त आठ प्रमुख उद्योग सूचकांक (ICI) ने अप्रैल 2026 में वार्षिक आधार पर कितनी वृद्धि दर्ज की?

- (a) 1.2%
- (b) 1.5%
- (c) 1.7%
- (d) 2.1%
- (e) 3.2%

Ans. c

Sol. Eight Core Industries Growth Rises to 1.7% in April 2026 Led by Cement and Steel Output

The combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) recorded a growth of 1.7% in April 2026 on a year-on-year basis, improving from the revised growth rate of 1.2% in March, according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Among the major sectors, cement production registered the highest growth at 9.4%, followed by steel production at 6.2% and electricity generation at 4.1% during April 2026.

Several sectors witnessed a decline in output, including coal production (-8.7%), fertiliser production (-8.6%), natural gas (-4.3%), crude oil (-3.9%), and petroleum refinery products (-0.5%); the eight core industries together account for over 40% weight in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

Eight Core Industries: Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement and Electricity

The eight core industries together account for 40.27% weight in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

273. According to ICRA, India's GDP is projected to grow at what rate in FY 2026-27?

ICRA के अनुसार, वित्त वर्ष 2026-27 में भारत की GDP वृद्धि दर कितनी रहने का अनुमान है?

- (a) 5.8%
- (b) 6.2%
- (c) 6.6%
- (d) 6.5%
- (e) 7.2%

Ans. b

Sol. ICRA Cuts India's FY2026-27 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.2% Amid Rising Crude Oil Prices

Rating agency ICRA has projected India's GDP growth at 6.2% for the Financial Year 2026–27, lower than its earlier estimate of 6.5%.

The downward revision in GDP growth forecast is mainly attributed to elevated crude oil prices caused by the ongoing West Asia crisis.

GDP Projection List 2025

- SBI – 6.6% (FY27)
- S&P Global Ratings – 6.6% (FY27)
- United Nations - 6.4% (CY2026); 6.6% (CY2027)
- IMF - 7.6% (FY26); 6.5% (FY27)
- ADB – 7.6% (FY26); 6.9%(FY27)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY27)

274. Which Greek bank has recently set up a representative office in India?

हाल ही में किस ग्रीक बैंक ने भारत में प्रतिनिधि कार्यालय स्थापित किया है?

- (a) Alpha Bank
- (b) Piraeus Bank
- (c) Eurobank
- (d) National Bank of Greece
- (e) Attica Bank

Ans. c

Sol. Greece's Eurobank Opens Representative Office in Mumbai Ahead of India–Cyprus Diplomatic Milestone

Eurobank of Greece has established a representative office in India, further strengthening financial and economic cooperation between the two countries.

The new office in Mumbai was inaugurated by Nikos Christodoulides, while India and Cyprus are set to celebrate 65 years of diplomatic relations in February 2027.

275. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of The Yashwant Co-operative Bank due to inadequate capital and poor earning prospects. The Yashwant Co-operative Bank is located in which state?

रिज़र्व बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया (RBI) ने कम कैपिटल और कमाई की खराब उम्मीदों की वजह से यशवंत को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक का लाइसेंस कैंसिल कर दिया है। यशवंत को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक किस राज्य में है?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Rajasthan

Ans. c

Sol. RBI Cancels Licence of Yashwant Co-operative Bank Over Weak Capital and Earnings

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of The Yashwant Co-operative Bank, Maharashtra, due to inadequate capital and poor earning prospects. Following the cancellation, the bank is no longer permitted to carry out normal banking operations as per RBI regulations.

The decision highlights RBI's strict supervisory action to ensure financial stability and protect depositors' interests in the banking system.

276. Which organisations signed an MoU to strengthen corporate governance and capital markets in India?

भारत में कॉर्पोरेट गवर्नेंस और कैपिटल मार्केट को मजबूत करने के लिए किस-किस संगठन ने MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) RBI and SEBI
- (b) SEBI and BSE
- (c) NISM and IICA
- (d) NITI Aayog and SEBI
- (e) IRDAI and IICA

Ans. c

Sol. NISM and IICA sign Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen corporate governance and ESG ecosystem

NISM and IICA signed an MoU in Mumbai to strengthen corporate governance, ESG frameworks, and India's capital markets.

The partnership will focus on capacity building, research, policy development, and training, including jointly designed certification courses, executive education modules, and specialised programmes for SEBI officials and financial sector professionals.

The collaboration also aims to improve MSME access to capital markets, enhance sustainability disclosures, strengthen investor education, and promote evidence-based regulatory research for a more transparent financial ecosystem.

277. India and Italy will celebrate 2027 as which initiative?

भारत और इटली 2027 को किस रूप में मनाएंगे?

- (a) Year of Innovation and Trade
- (b) Year of Science and Technology
- (c) Year of Sustainable Development
- (d) Year of Culture and Tourism
- (e) Year of Education and Research

Ans. d

Sol. India and Italy to Celebrate 2027 as “Year of Culture and Tourism” to Boost Cultural and Economic Ties

India and Italy will celebrate 2027 as the “Year of Culture and Tourism” to enhance cultural exchanges, strengthen people-to-people ties, and deepen cultural diplomacy between the two ancient civilisations.

Both countries also agreed to advance the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), aimed at boosting trade, investment, supply-chain resilience, and regional connectivity across Europe, the Middle East, and India.

278. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted two culturally symbolic stoles to Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, which primarily represent the rich heritage of which region of India?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने इटली की प्रधानमंत्री जियोर्जिया मेलोनी को दो सांस्कृतिक स्टोल भेंट किए, जो भारत के किस क्षेत्र की समृद्ध विरासत का प्रतिनिधित्व करते हैं?

- (a) Western India
- (b) Southern India
- (c) Northeastern India
- (d) Central India
- (e) Northern India

Ans. c

Sol. PM Modi Gifts Giorgia Meloni Assam Muga Silk and Manipur Shirui Lily Stoles
Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni two culturally significant stoles from India's Northeast, showcasing the rich heritage of the region.

The gifts included a Muga Silk Stole from Assam, known as “Golden Silk,” and a Shirui Lily Stole from Manipur, inspired by the rare Shirui Lily found only at Shirui Kashong Peak.

279. With which state government did Bharat Forge Limited sign an MoU to set up India's first private-sector Marine Gas Turbine (MGT) facility?

भारत फोर्ज लिमिटेड ने भारत की पहली निजी क्षेत्र की मरीन गैस टरबाइन सुविधा स्थापित करने के लिए किस राज्य सरकार के साथ MoU साइन किया?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Ans. e

Sol. Bharat Forge Signs MoU with Andhra Pradesh to Set Up India's First Private Marine Gas Turbine Facility in Visakhapatnam

Bharat Forge Limited signed an MoU with the Government of Andhra Pradesh to set up India's first private-sector Marine Gas Turbine (MGT) Repair, Overhaul and indigenous development complex at Visakhapatnam, within an 80-acre site in the Defence Manufacturing Corridor.

The facility, located near key naval infrastructure including the Naval Dockyard, INS Eksila, and Eastern Naval Command Headquarters, will provide advanced propulsion maintenance capabilities such as hot section restoration, component manufacturing, NDE lab services, and rapid 72-hour turnaround support.

In its second phase, the project will develop India's first private-sector Marine Gas Turbine development and assembly hall with full testing facilities, enabling indigenous GT development, while also serving friendly foreign navies and generating around 750 direct and indirect jobs.

280. According to the latest mountaineering record, how many climbers successfully reached the summit of Mount Everest in a single day, creating a world record for the highest number of ascents?

नवीनतम पर्वतारोहण रिकॉर्ड के अनुसार, एक ही दिन में कितने पर्वतारोहियों ने माउंट एवरेस्ट के शिखर तक पहुंचकर सर्वाधिक चढ़ाई का विश्व रिकॉर्ड बनाया?

- (a) 174 climbers
- (b) 224 climbers
- (c) 274 climbers
- (d) 314 climbers
- (e) 215 climbers

Ans. c

Sol. Everest Sets New Record: 274 Climbers Summit in a Day, Three Indians Included

A total of 274 climbers successfully summited Mount Everest from the Nepal side, setting a new world record for the highest number of ascents in a single day.

Among them, three Indian mountaineers — Tulasi Reddi Palpunoori, Sandeep Are, and Ajay Pal Singh Dhaliwal — were part of the record-setting Everest expedition.

281. Which Indian defence company successfully tested the indigenous loitering munition system "Vayu Astra-1"?

किस भारतीय रक्षा कंपनी ने स्वदेशी लॉइटरिंग म्यूनिशन सिस्टम "Vayu Astra-1" का सफल परीक्षण किया?

- (a) HAL

- (b) BEL
- (c) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- (d) Nibe Limited
- (e) DRDO

Ans. d

Sol. Nibe Limited Successfully Tests Indigenous Loitering Munition 'Vayu Astra-1' with High Precision Strike Capability

Pune-based defence firm Nibe Limited successfully conducted no-cost, no-commitment trials of its indigenous loitering munition system "Vayu Astra-1" for the Indian Army at Pokhran (Rajasthan) and Joshimath (Uttarakhand) in April 2026.

The anti-personnel variant of Vayu Astra-1, tested at the Pokhran Range on April 18–19, carried a 10-kg warhead and successfully hit its target at a 100 km range in a single attempt.

The system demonstrated high precision with less than 1 metre Circular Error Probable (CEP), along with advanced features like abort attack and reattack capability during the trial.

282. International Day for Biological Diversity is observed every year on 22 May to raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity and the need to protect ecosystems, species, and genetic diversity. What is the theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2026?

जैव विविधता के महत्व और पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र, प्रजातियों तथा आनुवंशिक विविधता की रक्षा की आवश्यकता के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए हर साल 22 मई को 'अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस' मनाया जाता है। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस 2026 का विषय (Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Protecting Nature for Future Generations
- (b) Biodiversity and Climate Action
- (c) Acting locally for global impact
- (d) Save Earth, Save Life
- (e) Nature for Sustainable Growth

Ans. c

Sol. 22 May - International Day for Biological Diversity

International Day for Biological Diversity is observed every year on 22 May to raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity and the need to protect ecosystems, species, and genetic diversity.

Theme 2026 - Acting locally for global impact

The day highlights global concerns such as habitat loss, climate change, pollution, and overexploitation of natural resources that threaten biodiversity worldwide.

283. On which date is the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula observed every year?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रसूति फिस्टुला उन्मूलन दिवस हर वर्ष किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 21 May
- (b) 22 May
- (c) 23 May
- (d) 24 May
- (e) 25 May

Ans. c

Sol. 23 May - International Day to End Obstetric Fistula

The International Day to End Obstetric Fistula is observed annually on 23 May, as designated by the United Nations, to raise global awareness about this severe childbirth injury affecting women and girls.

Theme 2026 - Her Health Is a Right: Invest to End Fistula and Childbirth Injuries

The day focuses on mobilising support for treatment, prevention, and rehabilitation of affected women while addressing systemic inequalities in maternal healthcare worldwide.

284. India and Ethiopia signed the bilateral accession protocol related to Ethiopia's membership in which organization?

भारत और इथियोपिया ने किस संगठन की सदस्यता से संबंधित द्विपक्षीय प्रवेश प्रोटोकॉल पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) IMF
- (b) World Bank
- (c) WTO
- (d) BRICS
- (e) SAARC

Ans. c

Sol. India & Ethiopia Sign WTO Accession Protocol to Strengthen Trade and Strategic Ties

India and Ethiopia signed a bilateral accession protocol in Geneva to support Ethiopia's accession to the World Trade Organisation.

India reiterated its support for the inclusion of developing and Least Developed Countries in the global trading system, with the agreement being fast-tracked under the guidance of Piyush Goyal.

India is Ethiopia's second-largest trading partner, and bilateral ties were elevated to a Strategic Partnership during the visit of Narendra Modi to Ethiopia in December 2025.

285. The Library Man of India: The Story of P.N. Panicker was authored by whom?

'द लाइब्रेरी मैन ऑफ़ इंडिया: द स्टोरी ऑफ़ पी.एन. पणिकर' के लेखक कौन हैं?

- (a) Shashi Tharoor
- (b) P. P. Sathyan
- (c) M. T. Vasudevan Nair
- (d) Bibek Debroy
- (e) Amish Tripathi

Ans. b

Sol. Vice President Releases Book on P.N. Panicker

Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the book The Library Man of India: The Story of P.N. Panicker, authored by P. P. Sathyan, at Uprashtrapati Bhavan.

The Vice President described P. N. Panicker as a champion of universal access to knowledge and stressed the need to revive reading culture in society.

286. The Department of Posts signed an agreement for last-mile parcel delivery services with which company?

डाक विभाग ने 'लास्ट माइल पार्सल डिलीवरी' सेवाओं के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ समझौता किया है?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Meesho
- (c) Flipkart
- (d) Myntra
- (e) Reliance Retail

Ans. c

Sol. Department of Posts and Flipkart Partner for Nationwide Last Mile Parcel Delivery Services

The Department of Posts and Flipkart signed an agreement for last-mile parcel delivery services across India.

The partnership will combine the extensive postal delivery network of the Department of Posts with Flipkart's strong e-commerce presence to provide efficient and customer-centric parcel delivery solutions.

Under the agreement, the Department of Posts will handle last-mile delivery for Flipkart shipments using its vast network of over 1.6 lakh post offices across the country.

287. Which ministry launched the "JEEVAN" (Joint Elderly Empowerment & Virtual Assistance Network) mobile application and the "SHATAYU" (Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training For Your Utility) dashboard for senior citizens?

किस मंत्रालय ने वरिष्ठ नागरिकों के लिए "JEEVAN" (Joint Elderly Empowerment & Virtual Assistance Network) मोबाइल एप्लिकेशन और "SHATAYU" (Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training For Your Utility) डैशबोर्ड लॉन्च किया?

- (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- (d) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (e) Ministry of Rural Development

Ans. c

Sol. Ministry of Social Justice Launches 'JEEVAN' App and 'SHATAYU' Dashboard for Senior Citizens' Care and Support

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the "JEEVAN" mobile application and "SHATAYU" dashboard to strengthen safety, care, dignity, and empowerment of senior citizens through technology-based support services.

The JEEVAN app provides information on government welfare schemes, emergency assistance services, and senior citizen homes supported by the ministry, with a user-friendly and accessible interface designed for elderly users.

The SHATAYU dashboard was launched to strengthen the elderly caregiving ecosystem by providing information on the availability of geriatric caregivers across districts and states during the National Workshop on "Creating a Well-Functioning Care Economy."

288. The 68th Session of the Governing Body Meeting (GBM) of the Asian Productivity Organisation (APO) was held in which city?

एशियन प्रोडक्टिविटी ऑर्गनाइज़ेशन (APO) की गवर्निंग बॉडी मीटिंग (GBM) का 68वां सत्र किस शहर में आयोजित किया गया था?

- (a) Colombo
- (b) Bangkok
- (c) London
- (d) Kathmandu
- (e) New Delhi

Ans. e

Sol. New Delhi Hosts 68th Asian Productivity Organisation Governing Body Meeting Successfully

The 68th Governing Body Meeting of the Asian Productivity Organisation was held in New Delhi from 20–22 May 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, focusing on regional cooperation, productivity, and strategic collaboration among member economies. The meeting was hosted by the National Productivity Council under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

During the session, Cambodia received the APO-AB Accreditation Certificate, while it was announced that the 69th GBM will be hosted in Laos in 2027 and the 67th Summit Meeting of Heads of APO Economies will be held in Sri Lanka in 2027.

289. ZikZuk Technologies has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) Issuer under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007. ZikZuk Technologies is headquartered in which city?

ज़िकज़ुक टेक्नोलॉजीज़ को पेमेंट एंड सेटलमेंट सिस्टम्स एक्ट, 2007 के तहत प्रीपेड पेमेंट इंस्ट्रुमेंट (PPI) जारीकर्ता के रूप में काम करने के लिए भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक से अंतिम मंजूरी मिल गई है। ज़िकज़ुक टेक्नोलॉजीज़ का मुख्यालय किस शहर में है?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Pune
- (e) Chennai

Ans. c

Sol. ZikZuk Technologies Receives RBI Approval to Operate as Prepaid Payment Instrument Issuer

ZikZuk Technologies has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) Issuer under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

The approval allows ZikZuk to offer regulated payment solutions, including digital wallets, prepaid cards, stored-value solutions, and services linked to UPI and cross-border financial systems.

PPIs enable users to load money in advance for transactions and include services such as gift cards, transit payments, and UPI One World solutions for foreign nationals and NRIs visiting India.

290. Chandrayaan-3 was honoured with the 2026 Goddard Astronautics Award by which international organisation for its outstanding achievement in space exploration?

अंतरिक्ष अन्वेषण में अपनी उत्कृष्ट उपलब्धि के लिए, चंद्रयान-3 को किस अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संगठन द्वारा 2026 के 'गॉडार्ड एस्ट्रोनॉटिक्स पुरस्कार' से सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- (b) European Space Agency (ESA)
- (c) American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)
- (d) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- (e) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Ans. c

Sol. Chandrayaan-3 Wins 2026 AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award for Historic Lunar South Pole Landing

The Indian Space Research Organisation's Chandrayaan-3 was awarded the 2026 Goddard Astronautics Award by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Washington, D.C., for its landmark achievements in lunar exploration. Chandrayaan-3 created history on 23 August 2023 by becoming the first spacecraft to achieve a soft landing near the Moon's south pole, a region of high scientific and strategic importance.

The mission provided crucial lunar surface data and confirmed the presence of key chemical elements, while the award was accepted on behalf of ISRO by India's Ambassador to the United States, Vinay Kwatra.

Recent Awards

- **Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organisation** - PM Narendra Modi
- **Lifetime Achievement Award by AIIMS** - Dr V S Mehta
- **Pulitzer Prize (Illustrated Reporting and Commentary category)** - Indian journalists Anand RK and Suparna Sharma, along with Natalie Obiko Pearson; for a Bloomberg report exposing cybercrime in India.
- **Pulitzer Prize (International Reporting category)** - Aniruddha Ghosal; for investigating the US Border Patrol's use of mass-surveillance tools developed in Silicon Valley and China.

291. Which two Indian-origin scientists were recently awarded South Africa's highest civilian honour, the Order of Mapungubwe, for their outstanding contributions in public health and medical research?

हाल ही में किन दो भारतीय मूल के वैज्ञानिकों को सार्वजनिक स्वास्थ्य और चिकित्सा अनुसंधान में उनके उत्कृष्ट योगदान के लिए दक्षिण अफ्रीका के सर्वोच्च नागरिक सम्मान, 'ऑर्डर ऑफ़ मपुंगुब्वे' से सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) Dr. Shraddha Joshi and Dr. Raj
- (b) Salim Abdool Karim and Keertan Dheda

- (c) Raghuram Rajan and Abhijit Banerjee
(d) Dr. Vikram Sarabhai and Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
(e) Dr. K. Sivan and Dr. S. Somanath

Ans. b

Sol. Indian-Origin Scientists Salim Abdool Karim and Keertan Dheda Honoured with South Africa's Highest Civilian Award

Indian-origin public health scientists Salim Abdool Karim and Keertan Dheda were among 38 individuals awarded South Africa's highest civilian honour.

They were conferred the prestigious Order of Mapungubwe by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa at a ceremony held in Pretoria.

The award recognises exceptional contributions in public health and global research that benefit both South Africa and the international community.

292. The Madhya Pradesh government has partnered with which company for AI-based management of Simhastha Kumbh 2028?

मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने सिंहस्थ कुंभ 2028 के AI-आधारित प्रबंधन के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Microsoft
(b) Amazon Web Services
(c) Google Cloud India
(d) Infosys
(e) IBM

Ans. c

Sol. Madhya Pradesh Partners with Google Cloud to Use AI for Simhastha Kumbh 2028 Management

The Madhya Pradesh government has partnered with Google Cloud to use AI-based solutions for the management of Simhastha Kumbh 2028 to be held in Ujjain.

As part of the collaboration, a Centre for Excellence will be established in Indore, and AI solutions will also support sectors like agriculture, education, health, forestry, and women & child development.

293. Bharat Singh Chauhan has been re-elected as Chairman of which organisation?

भारत सिंह चौहान को किस संगठन का अध्यक्ष पुनः चुना गया है?

- (a) FIDE
(b) Asian Chess Federation
(c) Indian Chess Federation
(d) International Chess Federation

(e) Commonwealth Chess Association**Ans. e****Sol.** Bharat Singh Chauhan Re-Elected as Chairman of Commonwealth Chess Association

Bharat Singh Chauhan has been unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the Commonwealth Chess Association for the term 2026–2030, recognising his decades-long contribution to chess development.

The election process was conducted under the supervision of Hon'ble Santiago Pushpa Kumara Ekaratne, a retired High Court Judge, who served as the Returning Officer for the election.

294. World Turtle Day is observed every year on which date?**विश्व कछुआ दिवस हर साल किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 21 May
- (b) 22 May
- (c) 23 May
- (d) 24 May
- (e) 25 May

Ans. c**Sol.** 23 May - World Turtle Day

World Turtle Day is observed every year on 23 May to raise awareness about the conservation and protection of turtles and tortoises across the world.

Theme 2026 - Dancing Turtles Rock!

The day highlights the importance of preserving natural habitats and addressing threats such as pollution, climate change, illegal trade, and habitat destruction affecting turtle species.

295. National Brother's Day is observed every year on which date?**राष्ट्रीय भाई दिवस हर साल किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 22 May
- (b) 23 May
- (c) 26 May
- (d) 25 May
- (e) 24 May

Ans. e**Sol.** 24 May - National Brother's Day

National Brother's Day is observed every year on 24 May to celebrate the bond of love, care, and friendship shared between brothers.

The day highlights the importance of sibling relationships and acknowledges the support, protection, and companionship brothers provide in life.

296. ICICI Bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to reappoint Sandeep Bakhshi as its Chief Executive Officer. Sandeep Bakhshi has been reappointed as Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Bank for how long?

ICICI Bank को भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक से संदीप बख्शी को उसके मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी के रूप में फिर से नियुक्त करने की मंजूरी मिल गई है। संदीप बख्शी को ICICI Bank के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी के रूप में कितने समय के लिए फिर से नियुक्त किया गया है?

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

Ans. b

Sol. ICICI Bank Gets RBI Approval to Reappoint Sandeep Bakhshi as CEO Till October 2028

ICICI Bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to reappoint Sandeep Bakhshi as its Chief Executive Officer.

His tenure has been extended for a further two years, allowing him to continue in the role until 3 October 2028.

Recent Appointments in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Deputy Governor of RBI** - Rohit Jain (replace T. Rabi Sankar); for Three-Year
- **MD & CEO of Karur Vysya Bank** - B. Ramesh Babu (for 2 years)
- **MD & CEO of Bank of Baroda** - Debadatta Chand (extend for 3 years)
- **MD of Bank of India** - Rajneesh Karnatak (extend for 3 years)

297. The Reserve Bank of India approved a record surplus transfer of ₹2.86 lakh crore to which entity for FY 2025–26?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 के लिए किस संस्था को ₹2.86 लाख करोड़ के रिकॉर्ड अधिशेष हस्तांतरण को मंजूरी दी?

- (a) State Governments
- (b) Public Sector Banks
- (c) Central Government
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) SEBI

Ans. c

Sol. RBI Approves Record ₹2.86 Lakh Crore Surplus Transfer to Government for FY 2025–26

The Reserve Bank of India approved a record surplus transfer of ₹2.86 lakh crore to the Central Government for FY 2025–26, marking one of its highest dividend payouts. The decision was taken during the 623rd meeting of the RBI Central Board in Mumbai, chaired by Governor Sanjay Malhotra, where the bank also reviewed the economic outlook and annual accounts.

RBI reported a 26.42% rise in gross income and a 27.60% increase in expenditure before risk provisions, with net income reaching ₹3.95 lakh crore in FY26 compared to ₹3.13 lakh crore in FY25.

The central bank also transferred ₹1.09 lakh crore to the Contingent Risk Buffer and maintained it at 6.5% of the balance sheet under the revised Economic Capital Framework.

298. How much penalty was imposed on City Union Bank for violations such as levying charges on certain agriculture advances under priority sector lending norms and failing to report self-help group member-level data to credit information companies?

प्रायोरिटी सेक्टर लेंडिंग नियमों के तहत कुछ कृषि ऋणों पर शुल्क लगाने और स्वयं सहायता समूह के सदस्यों से जुड़ा डेटा क्रेडिट इन्फॉर्मेशन कंपनियों को रिपोर्ट न करने जैसे उल्लंघनों के लिए सिटी यूनियन बैंक पर कितना जुर्माना लगाया गया?

- (a) ₹5.10 lakh
- (b) ₹7.25 lakh
- (c) ₹10.10 lakh
- (d) ₹12.50 lakh
- (e) ₹15.00 lakh

Ans. c

Sol. RBI Imposes Penalties on City Union Bank, Mintifi Finserve and Newa Investments for Regulatory Non-Compliance

The Reserve Bank of India imposed monetary penalties on City Union Bank, Mintifi Finserve, and Newa Investments for non-compliance with regulatory directions.

City Union Bank was fined ₹10.10 lakh for levying loan-related charges on certain agriculture advances under priority sector lending norms and for not reporting self-help group member-level data to credit information companies.

The RBI also imposed penalties of ₹3.10 lakh on Mintifi Finserve and ₹2.70 lakh on Newa Investments for regulatory non-compliance.

299. Which company became the first Indian company to cross the \$120 billion revenue mark in FY 2025-26?

वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में \$120 बिलियन के राजस्व के आंकड़े को पार करने वाली पहली भारतीय कंपनी कौन सी बनी?

- (a) Tata Consultancy Services
- (b) Infosys
- (c) Reliance Industries Limited
- (d) Adani Enterprises
- (e) Wipro

Ans. c

Sol. Reliance Industries Limited Becomes First Indian Company to Cross \$120 Billion Revenue Mark in FY26

Reliance Industries Limited has become the first Indian company to cross the \$120 billion revenue mark in the financial year 2025–26, achieving a historic corporate milestone.

Earlier, the company had also become the first Indian firm to surpass \$10 billion in annual net profit, further strengthening its position among the world's leading businesses

299. Which company signed an MoU with Druk Green Power Corporation for clean energy skill development in Bhutan?

भूटान में स्वच्छ ऊर्जा कौशल विकास के लिए किस कंपनी ने द्रुक ग्रीन पावर कॉर्पोरेशन के साथ MoU पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) NTPC
- (b) Adani Green Energy
- (c) Tata Power
- (d) Power Grid Corporation
- (e) NHPC

Ans. c

Sol. Tata Power Signs MoU with Druk Green Power Corporation for Clean Energy Skill Development in Bhutan

Tata Power has signed an MoU with Druk Green Power Corporation to develop a skill development framework supporting Bhutan's 5,000 MW clean energy capacity expansion.

Under the agreement, specialised training programmes will be conducted through the Tata Power Skill Development Institute (TPSDI) to enhance workforce capabilities in the clean energy sector.

Recent MoU

- *IEPFA Signs MoU with Prasar Bharati to Boost Nationwide Investor Awareness Campaign*
- *Health Ministry Launches JANANI Digital Platform to Strengthen Maternal and Child Healthcare Services in India*
- *Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited Signs Tech Transfer Pact with DRDO for Naval GT-IRSS System*
- *ISRO SAC and ATREE Sign MoU to Advance Sustainable Land Management and Grassland Mapping in India*
- *FIU-PFRDA Sign MoU to Strengthen AML & Counter Terror Financing Efforts*

300. Who became the first Indian test pilot to be elected as a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots?

सोसाइटी ऑफ़ एक्सपेरिमेंटल टेस्ट पायलट्स के फेलो के रूप में चुने जाने वाले पहले भारतीय टेस्ट पायलट कौन बने?

- (a) Rakesh Sharma
- (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (c) K. K. Venugopal
- (d) G. Madhavan Nair
- (e) Air Marshal Tejinder Singh

Ans. c

Sol. K. K. Venugopal Becomes First Indian Elected Fellow of Society of Experimental Test Pilots

K. K. Venugopal has become the first Indian test pilot to be elected as a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.

Venugopal is currently serving at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), India's leading aerospace and defence manufacturer.

The Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP) is a prestigious global organisation comprising renowned test pilots and aerospace professionals from across the world.

Recent Appointments

- **Chairman of Commonwealth Chess Association** - Bharat Singh Chauhan (for term 2026–2030)
- **CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** - Saurabh Vijay
- **MD & CEO of Tata Chemicals for 2026–27** - R Mukundan
- **CM of Assam** - Himanta Biswa Sarma (2nd Consecutive Term)

301. Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) project at Puttaparthi in the presence of N. Chandrababu

Naidu. The AMCA project is being developed by the Aeronautical Development Agency under which organisation?

राजनाथ सिंह ने पुट्टपर्थी में एन. चंद्रबाबू नायडू की उपस्थिति में एडवांस्ड मीडियम कॉम्बैट एयरक्राफ्ट (AMCA) परियोजना की आधारशिला रखी। AMCA परियोजना का विकास एयरोनॉटिकल डेवलपमेंट एजेंसी द्वारा किया जा रहा है; यह एजेंसी किस संगठन के अंतर्गत कार्य करती है?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) HAL
- (c) BEL
- (d) Indian Air Force
- (e) DRDO

Ans. e

Sol. Rajnath Singh Lays Foundation Stone for AMCA Fifth-Generation Fighter Aircraft Project in Andhra Pradesh

Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) project at Puttaparthi in the presence of N. Chandrababu Naidu.

The AMCA project is being developed by the Aeronautical Development Agency under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to build a fifth-generation stealth fighter aircraft and advanced flight testing systems.

The Central Government has announced an investment of nearly ₹15,000 crore for the ambitious AMCA programme aimed at strengthening India's indigenous defence and aerospace capabilities.

302. Vijay Shankar announced his retirement from domestic and IPL cricket after a 15-year career. Vijay Shankar represented India in how many One Day Internationals (ODIs)?

विजय शंकर ने 15 साल के करियर के बाद घरेलू और IPL क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा कर दी। विजय शंकर ने भारत की ओर से कितने एक दिवसीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय (ODI) मैच खेले?

- (a) 8
- (b) 10
- (c) 12
- (d) 15
- (e) 18

Ans. c

Sol. Vijay Shankar Announces Retirement from Domestic and IPL Cricket After 15-Year Career

Vijay Shankar announced his retirement from domestic and IPL cricket after a 15-year career, having represented India in 12 ODIs and 9 T20Is, including the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup.

Vijay Shankar played 77 First-Class matches, scoring 4,253 runs and taking 43 wickets, while also featuring in 78 IPL matches for teams including Chennai Super Kings, Delhi Capitals, Sunrisers Hyderabad, and Gujarat Titans.

As captain, Vijay Shankar led Tamil Nadu cricket team to titles in the Vijay Hazare Trophy and Deodhar Trophy in 2017, and the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in 2021-22.

Recently Retired Players

- *Rubel Hossain (Bangladesh) - International Cricket*
- *Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) - Professional Badminton*
- *Rassie van der Dussen (South Africa) - International cricket*
- *Carolina Marín (Spain) - professional badminton*
- *Gurjant Singh - International Hockey*

303. Africa Day is observed every year on which date?

अफ्रीका दिवस हर साल किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 21 May
- (b) 23 May
- (c) 25 May
- (d) 27 May
- (e) 30 May

Ans. c

Sol. 25 May - Africa Day

Africa Day is observed every year on 25 May to commemorate the founding of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) in 1963, which later became the African Union (AU).

The day celebrates African unity, cultural diversity, economic progress, and the continent's efforts towards peace, development, and regional cooperation.

304. Memorial Day is observed every year on:

मेमोरियल डे हर साल मनाया जाता है:

- (a) First Monday of May
- (b) Second Sunday of May
- (c) First Sunday of June
- (d) 25 May only
- (e) Last Monday of May

Ans. e

Sol. 25 May 2026 - Memorial Day

Memorial Day is observed in the United States on the last Monday of May every year to honour military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. In 2026, it falls on 25 May.

The day is marked with ceremonies, parades, visits to cemeteries and memorials, and the decoration of soldiers' graves with flags and flowers.

Memorial Day originally began after the American Civil War and later evolved into a national holiday dedicated to remembering all fallen U.S. service members.

305. Rajnath Singh inaugurated a private defence manufacturing complex in Shirdi, developed by NIBE Limited and flagged off India's first 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System. What is the name of India's first 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System flagged off in Shirdi?

राजनाथ सिंह ने शिरडी में NIBE लिमिटेड द्वारा विकसित एक निजी रक्षा निर्माण परिसर का उद्घाटन किया और भारत के पहले 300-किमी यूनिवर्सल रॉकेट लॉन्चिंग सिस्टम को हरी झंडी दिखाई। शिरडी में हरी झंडी दिखाए गए भारत के पहले 300-किमी यूनिवर्सल रॉकेट लॉन्चिंग सिस्टम का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Agni
- (b) Prithvi
- (c) BrahMos
- (d) Suryastra
- (e) Astra

Ans. d

Sol. Rajnath Singh Inaugurates Defence Complex in Shirdi

Rajnath Singh inaugurated a private defence manufacturing complex in Shirdi developed by NIBE Limited and flagged off India's first 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System 'Suryastra', highlighting India's growing self-reliance in defence production.

The complex will focus on advanced artillery systems, missile and space technologies, rocket systems, energetic materials, and autonomous defence platforms, along with indigenous technologies such as TNT, RDX, and bio-energy systems.

The event emphasised strengthening India's defence ecosystem under initiatives like Make in India, iDEX, ADITI, and the Technology Development Fund.

306. World Thyroid Day is observed every year on 25 May to raise awareness about thyroid-related diseases and their impact on overall health. The theme of World Thyroid Day for 2026 is:

विश्व थायरॉइड दिवस हर साल 25 मई को थायरॉइड से जुड़ी बीमारियों और समग्र स्वास्थ्य पर उनके प्रभाव के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए मनाया जाता है। 2026 के लिए विश्व थायरॉइड दिवस का विषय है:

- (a) Thyroid and Lifestyle
- (b) Thyroid and Fitness

- (c) Thyroid and Nutrition
- (d) Thyroid and Yoga
- (e) Thyroid and Awareness

Ans. c

Sol. 25 May - World Thyroid Day

World Thyroid Day is observed every year on 25 May to raise awareness about thyroid-related diseases and their impact on overall health.

Theme 2026 - Thyroid and Nutrition

The day highlights common thyroid disorders such as hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, goitre, and thyroid cancer, along with the importance of early diagnosis and treatment.

307. International Missing Children's Day is observed every year on which date?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय लापता बाल दिवस हर साल किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 21 May
- (b) 23 May
- (c) 24 May
- (d) 25 May
- (e) 27 May

Ans. d

Sol. 25 May - International Missing Children's Day

International Missing Children's Day is observed every year on 25 May to raise awareness about missing children and to support efforts for their safe recovery.

The day highlights the importance of child safety, prevention of child abduction, and the strengthening child protection systems across countries.

308. Who has been appointed as India's Chef de Mission for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow?

ग्लासगो में राष्ट्रमंडल खेलों के लिए भारत के शोफ डी मिशन के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (b) Rohit Rajpal
- (c) Gagan Narang
- (d) Leander Paes
- (e) Abhinav Bindra

Ans. b

Sol. Rohit Rajpal Appointed as India's Chef de Mission for Commonwealth Games, Glasgow

Rohit Rajpal has been appointed as India's Chef de Mission for the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Indian Olympic Association has also named Ravi Bengani as Deputy Chef de Mission, while Vandana Rao and Rahul Swami will serve as general team managers for the Indian contingent.

309. Who became the fastest ever Indian sprinter by clocking an impressive 10.09 seconds in the men's 100m final at the Federation Cup in Ranchi?

रांची में फेडरेशन कप के पुरुषों की 100 मीटर फ़ाइनल दौड़ में 10.09 सेकंड का शानदार समय निकालकर अब तक के सबसे तेज़ भारतीय स्प्रींटर कौन बने?

- (a) Hima Das
- (b) Neeraj Chopra
- (c) Gurindervir Singh
- (d) Animesh Kujur
- (e) Mohammad Anas

Ans. c

Sol. Gurindervir Singh Becomes Fastest Indian Sprinter

Gurindervir Singh became the fastest Indian sprinter ever by clocking 10.09 seconds in the men's 100m final at the Federation Cup held in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

With this performance, he became the first Indian athlete to break into the 10.0-second range in the 100m sprint, creating a new milestone in Indian athletics history. In the same event, strong competition was seen from fellow sprinter Animesh Kujur, but Gurindervir Singh clinched the title with his record-breaking finish.

310. Who has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society for his contributions to theoretical computer science?

सैद्धांतिक कंप्यूटर विज्ञान में अपने योगदान के लिए रॉयल सोसाइटी के फेलो के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?

- (a) C.N.R. Rao
- (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj
- (c) Raghunath Anant Mashelkar
- (d) Manindra Agrawal
- (e) K. Sivan

Ans. d

Sol. Manindra Agrawal Elected Fellow of Royal Society for Groundbreaking Work in Theoretical Computer Science

Manindra Agrawal, Director of IIT Kanpur, has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society, one of the world's most prestigious scientific honours.

This recognition places him among an elite group of scientists whose contributions have shaped modern science, including legendary figures like Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein.

Recent Awards

- **2026 AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award** - Chandrayaan-3 (for Historic Lunar South Pole Landing)
- **Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organisation** - PM Narendra Modi
- **Lifetime Achievement Award by AIIMS** - Dr V S Mehta
- **Pulitzer Prize (Illustrated Reporting and Commentary category)** - Indian journalists Anand RK and Suparna Sharma, along with Natalie Obiko Pearson; for a Bloomberg report exposing cybercrime in India.

311. The Centre has extended the tenure of NCB chief Anurag Garg till which date?

केंद्र सरकार ने NCB प्रमुख अनुराग गर्ग का कार्यकाल किस तारीख तक बढ़ा दिया है?

- (a) May 2026
- (b) July 2027
- (c) December 2028
- (d) January 2029
- (e) March 2027

Ans. b

Sol. Centre Extends NCB Chief Anurag Garg's Tenure Till July 2027

The Centre has extended the tenure of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Director General Anurag Garg till 31 July 2027, according to a Personnel Ministry order.

Mr. Garg, a 1993-batch IPS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre, was appointed DG of the Narcotics Control Bureau in September 2024, and his tenure was earlier scheduled to end on 23 May 2026.

Under his leadership, the NCB recently cracked multiple drug trafficking syndicates and carried out India's first-ever seizure of Captagon, also known as the "Jihadi Drug".

About Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

- *The agency is tasked with combating drug trafficking and the use of illegal substances.*
- *It is under the Ministry of Home Affairs*
- *Formed- 17 March 1986*
- *Headquarters- New Delhi*

312. The Reserve Bank of India approved a surplus transfer of how much to the Central Government for FY 2025-26?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 के लिए केंद्र सरकार को कितने अधिशेष हस्तांतरण को मंजूरी दी?

- (a) ₹1.50 lakh crore
- (b) ₹2.10 lakh crore
- (c) ₹2.86 lakh crore
- (d) ₹3.25 lakh crore
- (e) ₹4.00 lakh crore

Ans. c

Sol. RBI Approves Record ₹2.86 Lakh Crore Surplus Transfer to Centre for FY26

The Reserve Bank of India approved a record surplus transfer of ₹2.86 lakh crore to the Central Government for FY 2025-26, marking one of the highest dividend payouts by the central bank.

The decision was taken during the 623rd meeting of the RBI Central Board in Mumbai, chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.

RBI stated that its gross income rose by 26.42% in FY26, while net income before risk provisions increased to ₹3.95 lakh crore from ₹3.13 lakh crore in FY25.

The RBI's balance sheet expanded by 20.61% to ₹91.97 lakh crore as of March 31, while ₹1.09 lakh crore was transferred to the Contingent Risk Buffer under the revised Economic Capital Framework.

313. SBI Mutual Fund increased its stake in which bank above 5%?

SBI म्यूचुअल फंड ने किस बैंक में अपनी हिस्सेदारी 5% से अधिक बढ़ाई है?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Bandhan Bank
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Ans. c

Sol. SBI Mutual Fund Raises Stake in Bandhan Bank Above 5%

SBI Mutual Fund has increased its stake in Bandhan Bank to 5.0432% of the bank's paid-up share capital.

As of May 20, 2026, SBI Mutual Fund held 8,12,46,734 shares of Bandhan Bank under its various schemes, according to a regulatory filing.

The mutual fund bought an additional 16,98,478 shares from the open market on May 20, while Bandhan Bank shares closed at ₹192.2 on the BSE that day.

314. jUMPP is primarily known as which type of platform?

jUMPP मुख्य रूप से किस प्रकार के प्लेटफॉर्म के रूप में जाना जाता है?

- (a) E-commerce platform
- (b) AI-powered fintech platform
- (c) Social media platform
- (d) Gaming platform
- (e) Edtech platform

Ans. b

Sol. AI Fintech Platform jUMPP Gets IRDAI Approval to Distribute Insurance Products

AI-powered fintech platform jUMPP has received approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to distribute insurance products through its platform.

jUMPP offers users a single digital application to manage banking, savings, payments, investments, borrowing, and insurance services.

315. Skydo has received PSP approval at which international financial services hub of India?

Skydo को भारत के किस अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्तीय सेवा केंद्र पर PSP की मंजूरी मिली है?

- (a) IFSC Hyderabad
- (b) Mumbai Financial Centre
- (c) GIFT City
- (d) Bengaluru Tech Park
- (e) NSE Financial Hub

Ans. c

Sol. FinTech Firm Skydo Gets PSP Approval at GIFT City

Skydo has received approval to operate as a Payment Service Provider (PSP) at GIFT City, India's international financial services hub.

With this approval, Skydo can offer services including multi-currency payments, international money transfers, global payment collections, and e-money accounts.

316. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), implemented by the National Health Authority, has crossed the milestone of linking over 100 crore health records with Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA). What is the length of the unique health ID provided under ABHA?

नेशनल हेल्थ अथॉरिटी द्वारा लागू किए गए आयुष्मान भारत डिजिटल मिशन (ABDM) ने 100 करोड़ से ज़्यादा हेल्थ रिकॉर्ड को आयुष्मान भारत हेल्थ अकाउंट (ABHA) से जोड़ने का मील का पत्थर पार कर लिया है। ABHA के तहत दी जाने वाली यूनिक हेल्थ ID कितने अंकों की होती है?

- (a) 10-digit

(b) 12-digit

(c) 13-digit

(d) 14-digit

(e) 16-digit

Ans. d

Sol. ABDM Crosses 100 Crore ABHA-Linked Health Records Milestone in India
 Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), implemented by the National Health Authority, has crossed the milestone of linking over 100 crore health records with Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA).

Among states, Uttar Pradesh led with more than 15.03 crore ABHA-linked health records, followed by Andhra Pradesh with over 11.95 crore linked records.

About Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)

- *Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is India's national digital healthcare mission launched on 27 September 2021 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to create a paperless, connected healthcare ecosystem.*
- *The mission is implemented by the National Health Authority under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and provides every citizen a unique 14-digit health ID called ABHA.*
- *ABHA enables citizens to digitally store, access, and share medical records, including prescriptions, lab reports, and hospital records in one unified digital account.*

317. Dr Virendra Kumar launched the JEEVAN Mobile Application and SHATAYU Dashboard to strengthen support systems for senior citizens across India.

JEEVAN stands for:

डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार ने पूरे भारत में वरिष्ठ नागरिकों के लिए सहायता प्रणालियों को मज़बूत करने के उद्देश्य से 'JEEVAN' मोबाइल एप्लिकेशन और 'SHATAYU' डैशबोर्ड लॉन्च किया।

JEEVAN का पूरा नाम है:

- Joint Elderly Empowerment and Virtual Assistance Network**
- Joint Education and Employment Virtual Assistance Network**
- Junior Elderly Empowerment and Vision Assistance Network**
- Joint Elderly Engagement and Value Assistance Network**
- Justice Elderly Empowerment and Virtual Aid Network**

Ans. a

Sol. Dr Virendra Kumar Launches JEEVAN App and SHATAYU Dashboard for Senior Citizens

Dr Virendra Kumar launched the JEEVAN Mobile Application and SHATAYU Dashboard to strengthen support systems for senior citizens across India.

JEEVAN (Joint Elderly Empowerment and Virtual Assistance Network) is designed to provide information on government schemes, welfare programmes, emergency assistance, and senior citizen facilities.

The platform also helps elderly citizens access details of old-age homes and other support services, improving digital inclusion for senior care.

The Minister also launched Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility (SHATAYU) Dashboard to support and strengthen caregiving services for senior citizens. The platform is designed to enhance the safety, welfare, healthcare access and social inclusion of senior citizens across the country

318. The "Mango Mania" festival has been launched by LuLu Hypermarket in partnership with which organisation?

"मैंगो मेनिया" उत्सव, लुलु हाइपरमार्केट द्वारा किस संगठन के साथ साझेदारी में शुरू किया गया है?

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) FSSAI
- (c) APEDA
- (d) NABARD
- (e) SEBI

Ans. c

Sol. LuLu Hypermarket Launches 23rd Mango Mania Festival Across GCC in Partnership with APEDA

LuLu Hypermarket, in partnership with APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority), launched the 23rd edition of the "Mango Mania" festival across GCC countries.

The festival was inaugurated in Abu Dhabi by India's Ambassador to UAE, Dr. Deepak Mittal.

The Dubai and Sharjah editions were inaugurated by Consul General of India in Dubai, Satish Kumar Sivan, highlighting promotion of Indian mango exports abroad.

319. Which country recently joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in May 2026?

मई 2026 में हाल ही में कौन सा देश इंटरनेशनल बिग कैट अलायंस (IBCA) में शामिल हुआ?

- (a) UAE
- (b) Qatar
- (c) Saudi Arabia
- (d) Oman
- (e) Kuwait

Ans. c

Sol. Saudi Arabia Joins International Big Cat Alliance as New Member

Saudi Arabia became the newest member of the International Big Cat Alliance, taking the total membership to 26 countries, along with five observer nations.

The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) is an India-led global initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2023 and approved by the Union Cabinet in February 2024.

The alliance focuses on conservation of seven big cat species including tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, and puma.

About Saudi Arabia

- **Capital**- Riyadh
- **Currency**- Saudi riyal
- **Prime minister**- Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud

320. Indian Army officer Major Abhilasha Barak, serving in the UN peacekeeping mission, has been awarded the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025. Major Abhilasha Barak is serving in which UN peacekeeping mission?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र शांति मिशन में सेवारत भारतीय सेना की अधिकारी मेजर अभिलाषा बराक को 'संयुक्त राष्ट्र मिलिट्री जेंडर एडवोकेट ऑफ द ईयर अवार्ड 2025' से सम्मानित किया गया है। मेजर अभिलाषा बराक किस संयुक्त राष्ट्र शांति मिशन में सेवारत हैं?

- (a) UNMISS (South Sudan)
- (b) MONUSCO (DR Congo)
- (c) MINUSMA (Mali)
- (d) UNDOF (Golan Heights)
- (e) UNIFIL (Lebanon)

Ans. e

Sol. Major Abhilasha Barak Wins UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025

Indian Army officer Major Abhilasha Barak, serving in the UN peacekeeping mission in Lebanon, has been awarded the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025.

She is currently posted with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) as Commander of the Female Engagement Team and is also India's first woman combat helicopter pilot.

With this honour, she becomes the third Indian peacekeeper to receive the award after Suman Gawani (2019) and Radhika Sen (2023), highlighting India's strong contribution to UN peacekeeping missions.

Recent Awards

- **Fellow of Royal Society for Groundbreaking Work in Theoretical Computer Science** - Manindra Agrawal
- **2026 AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award** - Chandrayaan-3 (for Historic Lunar South Pole Landing)
- **Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organisation** - PM Narendra Modi
- **Lifetime Achievement Award by AIIMS** - Dr V S Mehta
- **Pulitzer Prize (Illustrated Reporting and Commentary category)** - Indian journalists Anand RK and Suparna Sharma, along with Natalie Obiko Pearson; for a Bloomberg report exposing cybercrime in India.

321. Which organisation completed its first-ever all-women international mountaineering expedition to Mount Everest?

किस संगठन ने माउंट एवरेस्ट पर अपना पहला पूर्ण-महिला अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पर्वतारोहण अभियान पूरा किया?

- (a) Indian Navy
- (b) CRPF
- (c) ITBP
- (d) Indian Army
- (e) NDRF

Ans. c

Sol. ITBP Completes First-Ever All-Women Everest Expedition

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP) successfully completed its first-ever all-women international mountaineering expedition to Mount Everest (8,848 m).

As part of the "Clean Himalaya – Save Glacier" campaign, the team also conducted environmental awareness activities during the expedition.

With this achievement, ITBP has completed 232 mountaineering expeditions, including five successful Everest summits and ascents of six of the world's 14 peaks above 8,000 metres.

322. The Border Security Force (BSF) created history by successfully completing its first-ever all-women mountaineering expedition to Mount Everest during its Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Under which mission was the BSF all-women Everest expedition carried out?

सीमा सुरक्षा बल (BSF) ने अपने हीरक जयंती समारोहों के दौरान माउंट एवरेस्ट के लिए अपना पहला पूर्ण-महिला पर्वतारोहण अभियान सफलतापूर्वक पूरा करके इतिहास रच दिया। BSF का यह पूर्ण-महिला एवरेस्ट अभियान किस मिशन के तहत चलाया गया था?

- (a) Mission Shakti
- (b) Mission Vande Mataram

- (c) Mission Himalaya
- (d) Mission Everest
- (e) Mission Parvat

Ans. b

Sol. BSF Creates History with First-Ever All-Women Everest Summit under Mission Vande Mataram

The Border Security Force (BSF) created history by successfully completing its first-ever all-women mountaineering expedition to Mount Everest during its Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The expedition was conducted under "Mission Vande Mataram," marking a significant milestone in promoting women empowerment in adventure and high-altitude operations.

323. The RBI has approved the appointment of Elias George as part-time chairman of which bank?

RBI ने किस बैंक के अंशकालिक अध्यक्ष के रूप में एलियास जॉर्ज की नियुक्ति को मंजूरी दी है?

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

Ans. d

Sol. RBI Approves Elias George as Part-Time Chairman of Federal Bank for 3-Year Term

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Elias George as the bank's part-time chairman of Federal Bank for a three-year term, effective May 23, 2026.

Elias George, who was earlier serving as an independent director on the bank's board, has already assumed charge as part-time chairma.

324. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted an eight-member expert committee named Q-SAFE to study quantum technology risks, benefits, and challenges in the financial sector. What is the full form of Q-SAFE?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) ने वित्तीय क्षेत्र में क्वांटम टेक्नोलॉजी के जोखिमों, लाभों और चुनौतियों का अध्ययन करने के लिए Q-SAFE नामक आठ-सदस्यीय विशेषज्ञ समिति का गठन किया है। Q-SAFE का पूर्ण रूप क्या है?

- (a) Quantum Security and Financial Ecosystem
- (b) Quantum Secure and Adaptive Financial Ecosystem

(c) Quantum System for Advanced Financial Engineering

(d) Quality Secure Financial Ecosystem

(e) Quantum Software and Finance Environment

Ans. b

Sol. RBI Forms Q-SAFE Committee to Study Quantum Technology Impact on Financial Sector

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted an eight-member expert committee named Q-SAFE (Quantum Secure and Adaptive Financial Ecosystem) to study quantum technology risks, benefits, and challenges in the financial sector.

The committee will focus on quantum-related cyber threats and applications such as portfolio optimisation, risk assessment, and impacts on banking cryptographic systems.

The panel is chaired by Prof. Anil Prabhakar of IIT Madras as convener, with members from RBI, SBI, NPCI, MeitY, DST, and industry experts including former IBM Quantum India head L. Venkata Subramaniam.

325. ZikZuk Technologies Private Limited has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) issuer. The PPI authorisation was granted under which Act?

ZikZuk Technologies Private Limited को भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) से एक प्रीपेड पेमेंट इंस्ट्रूमेंट (PPI) जारीकर्ता के रूप में काम करने के लिए अंतिम मंजूरी मिल गई है। यह PPI मंजूरी किस अधिनियम के तहत दी गई थी?

(a) RBI Act, 1934

(b) Banking Regulation Act, 1949

(c) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007

(d) Companies Act, 2013

(e) IT Act, 2000

Ans. c

Sol. ZikZuk Technologies Gets RBI Approval to Operate as PPI Issuer in India

ZikZuk Technologies Private Limited has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) issuer under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

The PPI licence enables ZikZuk to operate across digital payments, UPI infrastructure, and cross-border financial services, including wallets, prepaid cards, and stored-value solutions under RBI regulation.

PPIs allow users to load money in advance for transactions and include categories such as General Purpose PPIs, Gift PPIs, Transit PPIs, and solutions for foreign nationals and NRIs under the UPI One World framework.

326. National Paper Airplane Day is celebrated on which date every year?

हर साल 'नेशनल पेपर एयरप्लेन डे' किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 24 May
- (b) 25 May
- (c) 26 May
- (d) 27 May
- (e) 28 May

Ans. c

Sol. 26 May - National Paper Airplane Day

National Paper Airplane Day is an unofficial observance celebrated every year on 26 May in the United States to honour the simple aeronautical toy.

The day highlights creativity and fun through the making and flying of paper airplanes, often as part of social gatherings.

327. The Union Government has constituted a High-Level Committee to study demographic changes caused by illegal immigration and other abnormal factors, with a focus on population trends and national impact. Who has been appointed as the head of the High-Level Committee on demographic changes?

केंद्र सरकार ने अवैध प्रवासन और अन्य असामान्य कारकों के कारण होने वाले जनसांख्यिकीय परिवर्तनों का अध्ययन करने के लिए एक उच्च-स्तरीय समिति का गठन किया है, जिसमें जनसंख्या प्रवृत्तियों और राष्ट्रीय प्रभाव पर विशेष ध्यान दिया गया है। जनसांख्यिकीय परिवर्तनों पर गठित इस उच्च-स्तरीय समिति का प्रमुख किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Justice N.V. Ramana
- (b) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
- (c) Justice Shradha Joshi Raj
- (d) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- (e) Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navlekar

Ans. c

Sol. Government Forms High-Level Committee to Study Demographic Changes and Population Stabilisation

The Union Government has constituted a High-Level Committee to study demographic changes caused by illegal immigration and other abnormal factors, with a focus on population trends and national impact.

The committee will also recommend an appropriate institutional mechanism for population stabilisation and has been asked to submit its report within one year, extendable by six months if required.

The panel will be headed by retired Supreme Court Judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navlekar and includes former IAS officer Durga Shanker Mishra, retired IPS officer Balaji Srivastava, Census officials, and economist Dr. Shamika Ravi.

According to recent demographic data, India's birth rate declined from 21 in 2014 to 18.3 in 2024, while the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) dropped to 2.0, below the replacement level of 2.1.

329. Union Minister Dr Virendra Kumar launched the PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App to improve the implementation and monitoring of Scheduled Caste welfare schemes. PM-AJAY stands for:

केंद्रीय मंत्री डॉ वीरेंद्र कुमार ने अनुसूचित जाति कल्याण योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन और निगरानी में सुधार के लिए PM-AJAY पोर्टल और AJAY मोबाइल ऐप लॉन्च किया। PM-AJAY का अर्थ है:

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Aarthik Janhit Yojana
- (b) Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana
- (c) Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Jan Yojana
- (d) Pradhan Mantri Arthik Jagrukta Yojana
- (e) Pradhan Mantri Awas Jan Abhiyan Yojana

Ans. b

Sol. Dr. Virendra Kumar Launches PM-AJAY Portal and Mobile App for Scheduled Caste Welfare

Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App to improve the implementation and monitoring of Scheduled Caste welfare schemes.

PM-AJAY stands for Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana, a Central Government scheme aimed at the socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes (SCs).

The scheme focuses on poverty reduction, education improvement, skill development, self-employment, income generation, and infrastructure development in SC-dominated villages.

Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) is a merger of three earlier Centrally Sponsored Schemes — Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP), and Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY).

330. Who launched the SIDBI initiatives including MachFin Mart, RRB Co-Lending Portal and MoRE initiative?

SIDBI के MachFin Mart, RRB Co-Lending Portal और MoRE पहल को किसने लॉन्च किया?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (c) Narendra Modi

(d) Piyush Goyal

(e) Shaktikanta Das

Ans. b

Sol. Nirmala Sitharaman Launches SIDBI MachFin Mart, RRB Co-Lending Portal and MoRE Initiative to Strengthen MSME Ecosystem

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched multiple SIDBI initiatives in Mumbai during the 37th Foundation Day celebration of SIDBI to strengthen the MSME ecosystem.

SIDBI launched the MachFin Mart, a digital platform that enables MSMEs to access machinery through a structured marketplace supporting price discovery, standardisation, and technology adoption.

The RRB Co-Lending Portal was introduced to strengthen partnerships between SIDBI and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), improving credit flow to rural and underserved areas.

SIDBI also launched the MoRE (Modernisation of Rural Enterprises) initiative to support 10,000 rural micro and artisanal units over the next three years through cluster-based interventions.

About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

- **Founded** - 2 April 1990
- **Jurisdiction** – Ministry of Finance
- **Headquarters** - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- **Chairman & MD** - Manoj Mittal (replace Siva S Ramann)

331. Reserve Bank of India has introduced a mandatory 3-year cooling-off period for directors of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) and Rural Co-operative Banks (RCBs) after completing 10 continuous years on the board. After completing how many continuous years on the board, must a director undergo the cooling-off period?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने शहरी सहकारी बैंकों (UCBs) और ग्रामीण सहकारी बैंकों (RCBs) के निदेशकों के लिए, बोर्ड में लगातार 10 वर्ष पूरे करने के बाद, 3 वर्ष की अनिवार्य 'कूलिंग-ऑफ' अवधि लागू की है। बोर्ड में लगातार कितने वर्ष पूरे करने के बाद, किसी निदेशक को इस 'कूलिंग-ऑफ' अवधि से गुज़रना अनिवार्य है?

- (a) 5 years
- (b) 7 years
- (c) 8 years
- (d) 10 years
- (e) 12 years

Ans. d

Sol. RBI Tightens Co-operative Bank Governance: Introduces 3-Year Cooling-Off Period for Directors After 10-Year Tenure

Reserve Bank of India has introduced a mandatory 3-year cooling-off period for directors of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) and Rural Co-operative Banks (RCBs) after completing 10 continuous years on the board.

During the cooling-off period, directors are not barred from joining the board of another bank, provided they are otherwise eligible as per the RBI (UCBs & RCBs Governance) Amendment Directions, 2026.

The rule has been introduced to strengthen governance and prevent circumvention of provisions under the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020.

332. How many total eminent personalities received Padma Awards in the first Civil Investiture Ceremony 2026?

वर्ष 2026 के पहले नागरिक अलंकरण समारोह में कुल कितने प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्तियों को पद्म पुरस्कार प्राप्त हुए?

- (a) 58
- (b) 66
- (c) 113
- (d) 131
- (e) 151

Ans. b

Sol. Droupadi Murmu Confers Padma Awards 2026 to 66 Eminent Personalities at Rashtrapati Bhavan Civil Investiture Ceremony

Droupadi Murmu conferred Padma Awards 2026 to 66 eminent personalities at the first Civil Investiture Ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, including Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri awards.

Out of 66 awardees, 2 were awarded Padma Vibhushan, 6 received Padma Bhushan, and 58 were conferred Padma Shri for distinguished contributions across various fields.

Film actor Dharmendra Singh Deol was awarded Padma Vibhushan (posthumously), with the honour received by his wife and MP Hema Malini.

Renowned violin maestro Dr. N. Rajam was also honoured with Padma Vibhushan for her exceptional contribution to Indian classical music.

Padma Bhushan recipients included Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Shatavadhani Dr R Ganesh, industrialist Uday Kotak, and Dr. Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaiswamy for their contributions in public affairs, art, trade, and medicine.

The remaining Padma Shri awardees include personalities like Harmanpreet Kaur Bhuller and Tanya Ram Bheel, with the awards recognising excellence across fields such as sports, arts, science, and social service.

For the year 2026, the President has approved conferment of 131 Padma awards including five Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri awards. The remaining Padma awardees will be conferred in the second round of the ceremony to be held later.

333. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a multilateral development bank headquartered in Beijing, has launched a USD 10-billion fund facility aimed at supporting economic resilience, energy security, and food security in which region?

एशियाई इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर इन्वेस्टमेंट बैंक (AIIB), जिसका मुख्यालय बीजिंग में है और जो एक बहुपक्षीय विकास बैंक है, ने आर्थिक लचीलेपन, ऊर्जा सुरक्षा और खाद्य सुरक्षा को समर्थन देने के उद्देश्य से 10 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर की एक फंड सुविधा शुरू की है। यह सुविधा किस क्षेत्र के लिए है?

- (a) Southeast Asia
- (b) Europe
- (c) West Asia
- (d) South America
- (e) Central Asia

Ans. c

Sol. AIIB Launches USD 10 Billion Facility to Support Member Nations Affected by West Asia Conflict

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), where India is the second-largest shareholder after China, has launched a USD 10-billion fund facility to support member countries affected by the West Asia conflict.

The facility, named Energy, Food Security and Economic Resilience Facility, provides time-bound financing over two years to address energy shortages, food security challenges, and economic instability.

AIIB, established in 2016 with over 100 member countries, aims to strengthen resilience in developing economies by supplementing its regular financing instruments through this special support package.

334. Cristian Mungiu won the Palme d'Or 2026 for which film?

क्रिस्टियन मुंगियू ने किस फ़िल्म के लिए पाल्म डी'ओर 2026 जीता?

- (a) Minotaur
- (b) Fjord
- (c) Northern Lights

(d) Echoes of Time

(e) The Last Frame

Ans. b

Sol. Cristian Mungiu Wins Palme d'Or 2026 for Norwegian Drama Fjord at Cannes Film Festival

Cristian Mungiu won the Palme d'Or top prize at the Cannes Film Festival for the Norwegian drama Fjord, marking his second Palme d'Or victory.

Mungiu previously won the Cannes top honour in 2007 for 4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days and has now become the 10th filmmaker to win the Palme d'Or twice.

The Grand Prix second prize was awarded to political thriller Minotaur, directed by Andrey Zvyagintsev, while this year's jury was headed by South Korean director Park Chan-wook.

335. Who released the book "India's First Olympic Gold"?

यह पुस्तक "India's First Olympic Gold" किसने जारी की?

(a) Narendra Modi

(b) PT Usha

(c) Sachin Tendulkar

(d) Khelo India Committee

(e) Kapil Dev

Ans. b

Sol. PT Usha Releases "India's First Olympic Gold" Book Celebrating Historic 1928 Hockey Triumph

The book India's First Olympic Gold was released by PT Usha, President of the Indian Olympic Association, and it highlights India's historic Olympic achievement in hockey. It commemorates India's first-ever Olympic gold medal, won by the men's field hockey team at the 1928 Amsterdam Summer Olympics.

The 1928 team, then representing British India, defeated the host nation Netherlands to secure the historic gold medal.

336. What historic achievement did Gurindervir Singh accomplish in Indian athletics?

गुरिंदरवीर सिंह ने भारतीय एथलेटिक्स में कौन सा ऐतिहासिक कारनामा किया?

(a) First Indian to run 200m under 20 seconds

(b) First Indian to win Olympic medal in sprinting

(c) First Indian to run 100m in under 10.1 seconds

(d) First Indian to break 9.90 seconds barrier

(e) First Indian to qualify for 400m final

Ans. c

Sol. Gurindervir Singh Creates History with 10.09s 100m Run

Gurindervir Singh created history by becoming the fastest Indian ever, clocking 10.09 seconds in the 100m, and becoming the first Indian to break the 10.1-second barrier. His performance also bettered the 2026 Commonwealth Games qualifying mark (10.16s) set by the Athletics Federation of India and is currently the second-fastest time in Asia this season.

In the same event, Vishal TK also made history by becoming the first Indian to run the 400m under 45 seconds, marking a double national record breakthrough in a single day.

337. The International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories is observed every year during which period?

गैर-स्वशासित क्षेत्रों के लोगों के साथ एकजुटता का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सप्ताह हर वर्ष किस अवधि में मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 11–17 May
- (b) 10–16 May
- (c) 15–21 May
- (d) 25–31 May
- (e) 5–11 May

Ans. d

Sol. 25 - 31 May - The International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories (25–31 May) is observed annually by the UN General Assembly to support the rights of people living in remaining colonial territories.

It focuses on 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories, promoting their right to self-determination and encouraging their political, economic, and social development.

338. World Football Day is observed every year on which date?

विश्व फुटबॉल दिवस हर वर्ष किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 15 May
- (b) 20 May
- (c) 25 May
- (d) 30 May
- (e) 10 May

Ans. c

Sol. 25 May - World Football Day

World Football Day is observed globally on 25 May to celebrate the sport of football and its role in promoting unity, peace, and international cooperation among nations.

The day marks the historic first international football tournament held on 25 May 1924 in Paris during the Olympic Games, involving teams from all regions. In 2024, the UN General Assembly officially declared 25 May as World Football Day through Resolution A/RES/78/281, recognizing football's global cultural and developmental importance.

339. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions?

राज्यसभा की याचिका समिति का अध्यक्ष किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Shradha Joshi Raj
- (b) Raghav Chadha
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) Anand Sharma
- (e) Kapil Sibal

Ans. b

Sol. Raghav Chadha Appointed Chairman of Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions After Panel Reconstitution

Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha has been appointed as the Chairman of the Committee on Petitions in the Upper House after its reconstitution.

The committee was restructured by Rajya Sabha Chairman C.P. Radhakrishnan, who nominated 10 members, including Raghav Chadha and other MPs from different parties.

Separately, the Rajya Sabha Secretariat also announced the nomination of Dr. Menaka Guruswamy to the Joint Committee on the Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

Recent Appointments

- **Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau - Anurag Garg; till 31 July 2027**
- **First Indian Elected Fellow of Society of Experimental Test Pilots - K. K. Venugopal**
- **Chairman of Commonwealth Chess Association - Bharat Singh Chauhan (for term 2026–2030)**
- **CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) - Saurabh Vijay**
- **MD & CEO of Tata Chemicals for 2026–27- R Mukundan**

340. World Otter Day is observed every year on which occasion?

विश्व ऊदबिलाव दिवस हर वर्ष किस अवसर पर मनाया जाता है?

- (a) First Monday of May

- (b) Second Friday of May
- (c) Last Wednesday of May
- (d) 27 May every year
- (e) 30 May every year

Ans. d

Sol. 27 May 2026 - World Otter Day

World Otter Day is observed on the last Wednesday of May every year to raise awareness about otters and the need for their conservation worldwide. In 2026, it was celebrated on 27 May.

The day highlights the importance of protecting otter habitats, as many otter species are threatened due to pollution, habitat loss, and illegal hunting.

341. Who authored the book "Apnapan: Narendra Modi sang mere anubhav"?

"Apnapan: Narendra Modi संग मेरे अनुभव" पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?

- (a) Shraddha Joshi
- (b) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- (c) Giorgia Meloni
- (d) Nitin Gadkari
- (e) Mamta Banrjee

Ans. b

Sol. Venkaiah Naidu and H.D. Deve Gowda Launch Shivraj Singh Chouhan's Book "Apnapan" on Governance and Public Welfare

The book "Apnapan: Narendra Modi sang mere anubhav", written by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, was launched in New Delhi by former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu and former Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda. The book highlights the collaborative governance approach and experiences of working together for resolving state-level issues and public welfare initiatives.

Recent Books

- ***Apnapan: Narendra Modi sang mere anubhav*** - Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- ***The Library Man of India: The Story of P.N. Panicker*** - P. P. Sathyan; released by VP
- ***A Man for All Seasons: The Life of K.M. Panikkar*** – Narayani Basu
- ***The Bench, The Bar and The Bizarre*** - Tushar Mehta; released by Amit Shah
- ***The Lawful and The Awful*** - Tushar Mehta; released by Amit Shah

342. In which city will the 1st World Yogasana Championship be held?

पहली विश्व योगासन चैंपियनशिप किस शहर में आयोजित होगी?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi

(c) Ahmedabad

(d) Pune

(e) Varanasi

Ans. c

Sol. Ahmedabad to Host 1st World Yogasana Championship 2026

Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced that the 1st World Yogasana Championship in Ahmedabad marks a major step in promoting India's traditional yoga practice as a global sporting discipline.

He highlighted that Yogasana reflects India's soft power, promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, and healthy living, with participation expected from around 75 countries and over 500 participants.

The Minister emphasised global acceptance of yoga, noting its origin in India, and also launched the official mascot, jersey, and championship film for the 2026 event, aiming to boost international recognition.

343. Which state became the first in North East India to pass the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill?

कौन-सा राज्य उत्तर-पूर्व भारत का पहला राज्य बना जिसने यूनिफॉर्म सिविल कोड (UCC) विधेयक पारित किया?

(a) Assam

(b) Manipur

(c) Meghalaya

(d) Tripura

(e) Nagaland

Ans. a

Sol. Assam Becomes First Northeast State to Pass Uniform Civil Code Bill, 2026

Assam Legislative Assembly passed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill, 2026, making Assam the first North-Eastern state and the third state in India to adopt such legislation.

The UCC Bill aims to create a common civil legal framework for matters like marriage, divorce, succession, and live-in relationships, while excluding Scheduled Tribes to protect constitutional safeguards and customary practices.

About Assam

- **Formation** - 26 January 1950
- **Capital** – Dispur
- **Chief Minister** –Himanta Biswa Sarma; 2nd time
- **Governor** – Lakshman Prasad Acharya

344. Who won the Canadian Grand Prix for his fourth consecutive Formula One victory?

कनाडियन ग्रां प्री जीतकर लगातार चौथी F1 जीत दर्ज करने वाले ड्राइवर कौन हैं?

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

Ans. c

Sol. Kimi Antonelli Wins Canadian Grand Prix

Kimi Antonelli won the Canadian Grand Prix, securing his fourth consecutive Formula One victory and extending his championship lead to 43 points over teammate George Russell.

The 19-year-old Mercedes driver finished over 10 seconds ahead of Lewis Hamilton of Ferrari, while George Russell retired from the race due to engine failure after an intense battle for the lead.

2026 F1 Grand Prix Winner

- *Miami Grand Prix - Mercedes's Kimi Antonelli (Italy)*
- *Japanese Grand Prix - Mercedes's Kimi Antonelli (Italy)*
- *Chinese Grand Prix - Mercedes's Kimi Antonelli (Italy)*
- *Australian Grand Prix - Mercedes's George Russell (Britian)*

345. Which state has been declared a fully literate state under the ULLAS initiative?

ULLAS पहल के तहत किस राज्य को पूर्ण साक्षर राज्य घोषित किया गया है?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Tripura
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Mizoram
- (e) Himachal Pradesh

Ans. c

Sol. Sikkim Declared Fully Literate State Under ULLAS Initiative

Sikkim has been declared a fully literate state under the ULLAS initiative, becoming the third state in Northeast India and the fifth state in the country to achieve full literacy.

The ULLAS initiative, launched by the Ministry of Education under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, focuses on adult education, functional literacy, and lifelong learning for people aged 15 years and above.

About Sikkim

- **Capital** - Gangtok
- **Chief Minister** - Prem Singh Tamang (2nd time)
- **Governor** – Om Prakash Mathur (replace Lakshman Prasad Acharya)

346. The main celebration of International Day of Yoga 2026 will be held in Kolkata on June 21, as announced by Union Minister of State for Ayush Prataprao Jadhav. What is the theme of the International Day of Yoga 2026?

केंद्रीय आयुष राज्य मंत्री प्रतापराव जाधव ने घोषणा की है कि इंटरनेशनल योग दिवस 2026 का मुख्य समारोह 21 जून को कोलकाता में होगा। इंटरनेशनल योग दिवस 2026 की थीम क्या है?

- (a) Yoga for Humanity
- (b) Yoga for Peace
- (c) Yoga for Wellness
- (d) Yoga for Healthy Ageing
- (e) Yoga for Climate Action

Ans. d

Sol. Kolkata to Host Main Celebration of International Day of Yoga 2026

The main celebration of International Day of Yoga 2026 will be held in Kolkata on June 21, as announced by Union Minister of State for Ayush Prataprao Jadhav.

The theme for this year's observance is "Yoga for Healthy Ageing," emphasizing yoga's importance in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, preventive healthcare, and balanced living.

The announcement was made during Yoga Mahotsav 2026 at Khajuraho Group of Monuments, where thousands of participants joined a mass demonstration of the Common Yoga Protocol.

347. The Ministry of Railways has approved the introduction of a 10-car Hydrogen Fuel Cell-based DEMU train on the Northern Railway Jind–Sonipat section, marking a major step towards green mobility in Indian Railways. The approved Hydrogen Fuel Cell-based DEMU train is powered by how much capacity?

रेल मंत्रालय ने नॉर्डन रेलवे जींद-सोनीपत सेक्शन पर 10-कार हाइड्रोजन फ्यूल सेल-बेस्ड DEMU ट्रेन शुरू करने को मंजूरी दे दी है, जो इंडियन रेलवे में ग्रीन मोबिलिटी की दिशा में एक बड़ा कदम है। मंजूर हाइड्रोजन फ्यूल सेल-बेस्ड DEMU ट्रेन कितनी कैपेसिटी से चलती है?

- (a) 500 KW
- (b) 800 KW
- (c) 1000 KW
- (d) 1200 KW
- (e) 1500 KW

Ans. d

Sol. Indian Railways Approves First 10-Car Hydrogen Fuel Cell DEMU Train on Jind–Sonipat Route

The Ministry of Railways has approved the introduction of a 10-car Hydrogen Fuel Cell-based DEMU train on the Northern Railway Jind–Sonipat section, marking a major step towards green mobility in Indian Railways.

The approved trainset is a 1200 KW Hydrogen Fuel Cell-based DPRS DEMU with a maximum operational speed of 75 kmph, aimed at promoting eco-friendly rail transport.

This initiative is part of Indian Railways' broader infrastructure push, which includes sanctioning 100 railway projects in FY 2025–26 with an investment of ₹1.53 lakh crore.

348. Who broke the world record in the Women's 25m pistol event at the ISSF World Cup?

ISSF वर्ल्ड कप में महिलाओं की 25 मीटर पिस्टल स्पर्धा में विश्व रिकॉर्ड किसने तोड़ा?

- (a) Manu Bhaker
- (b) Elavenil Valarivan
- (c) Esha Singh
- (d) Heena Sidhu
- (e) Rahi Sarnobat

Ans. c

Sol. Esha Singh Breaks World Record to Win Gold in ISSF World Cup Women's 25m Pistol Event

Indian shooter Esha Singh created history by breaking the world record in the Women's 25-metre pistol event at the ISSF World Cup in Munich.

She scored 43 out of 50 in the final, surpassing the previous world record of 42 points held by South Korea's Kim Yeji, and clinched the gold medal.

349. Chess player Swara Lakshmi Nair has become the second player from the state to achieve the Women's International Master (WIM) title. Swara Lakshmi Nair belongs to which state?

चेस प्लेयर स्वरा लक्ष्मी नायर विमेंस इंटरनेशनल मास्टर (WIM) टाइटल हासिल करने वाली राज्य की दूसरी प्लेयर बन गई हैं। स्वरा लक्ष्मी नायर किस राज्य से हैं?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Telangana

Ans. c

Sol. Swara Lakshmi Nair Becomes Women's International Master, First from Bengaluru

Karnataka chess player Swara Lakshmi Nair has become the second player from the state to achieve the Women's International Master (WIM) title, and the first from Bengaluru.

She earned her WIM norms across multiple international tournaments, including the Sardinia World Chess Festival (Italy), Grand Hotel Kielce Open (Poland), and Ptuj IM Tournament (Slovenia).

A multiple-time state champion and Commonwealth U-20 bronze medallist, Swara Lakshmi Nair now holds a live FIDE rating of 2219.

350. Which Indian city will host the Asian Relays in 2027?

2027 में एशियन रिले की मेजबानी कौन-सा भारतीय शहर करेगा?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Chandigarh
- (d) Bhopal
- (e) Jaipur

Ans. c

Sol. Chandigarh and Bhubaneswar to Host Major Asian Athletics Events in 2027 and 2028

Chandigarh and Bhubaneswar have been awarded hosting rights for major Asian athletics events by the Asian Athletics Association (AAA) during its executive council meeting in Hong Kong.

Chandigarh will host the Asian Relays in 2027, while Bhubaneswar will host the Asian Indoor Championships in 2028, strengthening India's role in international athletics. The decision follows bids submitted by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), with confirmation announced by World Athletics Vice-President Adille Sumariwalla.

351. Who among the following passed away, who was a five-time Olympian and shooter?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन पाँच बार के ओलंपियन और शूटर का निधन हुआ?

- (a) Abhinav Bindra
- (b) Gagan Narang
- (c) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
- (d) Raja Randhir Singh
- (e) Randhir Singh Sodhi

Ans. d

Sol. Five-Time Olympian and Asian Games Gold Medallist Raja Randhir Singh Passes Away

Renowned Indian shooter and five-time Olympian Raja Randhir Singh passed away, marking a major loss for the Indian sports community.

He was an Asian Games gold medallist, Arjuna Awardee, and also served as a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), later becoming its honorary member.

352. Who released the second edition of the novel "Bazaar"?

"Bazaar" का दूसरा संस्करण किसने जारी किया?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Bhagwant Mann
- (e) Pushkar Singh Dhami

Ans. b

Sol. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu Releases Second Edition of Novel "Bazaar" in Himachal Pradesh

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu Releases Second Edition of Novel "Bazaar" in Himachal Pradesh Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu released the second edition of the novel "Bazaar".

The book is authored by Niranjana Dev Sharma and highlights key social and political events from 1971 to 1992.

353. The 79th World Health Assembly concluded in Geneva after six days, where member states adopted over 20 decisions and 13 resolutions on global health issues. What was the theme of the 79th World Health Assembly?

79वीं वर्ल्ड हेल्थ असेंबली छह दिनों के बाद जिनेवा में खत्म हुई, जहाँ सदस्य देशों ने ग्लोबल हेल्थ के मुद्दों पर 20 से ज्यादा फैसले और 13 प्रस्ताव पास किए। 79वीं वर्ल्ड हेल्थ असेंबली की थीम क्या थी?

- (a) Health for All
- (b) Global Wellness Mission
- (c) Reshaping global health: a shared responsibility
- (d) One World One Health
- (e) Healthy Future Initiative

Ans. c

Sol. 79th World Health Assembly Concludes in Geneva

The 79th World Health Assembly concluded in Geneva after six days, where member states adopted over 20 decisions and 13 resolutions on global health issues.

The assembly, held under the theme "Reshaping global health: a shared responsibility," focused on key areas such as tuberculosis, antimicrobial resistance, stroke, emergency care, and precision medicine.

354. Which Chinese space mission successfully carried the first astronaut from Hong Kong into space as part of its crew?

कौन-सा चीनी अंतरिक्ष मिशन पहली बार हांगकांग के एक अंतरिक्ष यात्री को चालक दल के सदस्य के रूप में अंतरिक्ष में ले गया?

- (a) Shenzhou-20
- (b) Shenzhou-21
- (c) Shenzhou-22
- (d) Shenzhou-23
- (e) Chang'e-6

Ans. d

Sol. First Hong Kong Astronaut Shenzhou-23 Launches to Tiangong space station on Historic Space Mission

China launched its latest space mission, Shenzhou-23, carrying a three-member crew to the Tiangong space station, marking the first time a Hong Kong astronaut has gone to space.

The crew includes Li Jiaying, a 43-year-old police officer and payload scientist, along with two other astronauts, to conduct experiments on microgravity and human health in orbit.

The mission is part of China's broader space programme aiming for a crewed Moon landing by 2030, amid growing competition with the United States in space exploration.

355. Before the latest share acquisition, what was the earlier percentage stake held by LIC in Central Bank of India?

नवीनतम शेयर अधिग्रहण से पहले सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया में LIC की पूर्व हिस्सेदारी कितनी थी?

- (a) 2.16%
- (b) 3.16%
- (c) 4.16%
- (d) 5.16%
- (e) 6.16%

Ans. b

Sol. LIC Increases Stake in Central Bank of India to 6.06%

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its stake in Central Bank of India from 3.16% to 6.06% after acquiring 26.26 crore equity shares (2.901%) through market purchases.

Following the transaction, LIC's total shareholding rose to 6.06%, while promoter group continues to hold the majority stake of 89.27% in the bank.

356. World Schizophrenia Awareness Day is observed every year on which date?

विश्व सिज़ोफ्रेनिया जागरूकता दिवस हर वर्ष किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 22 May
- (b) 23 May
- (c) 24 May
- (d) 25 May
- (e) 26 May

Ans. c

Sol. 24 May -World Schizophrenia Awareness Day

World Schizophrenia Awareness Day is observed every year on 24 May to spread awareness about schizophrenia, a severe mental health disorder affecting thinking, emotions, and behaviour.

The day aims to reduce stigma, promote early diagnosis, and encourage access to proper mental health treatment and support for patients and their families.

357. International Day of Action for Women's Health is observed every year on 28 May to advocate for women's rights and equitable access to healthcare services worldwide. What is the theme of the International Day of Action for Women's Health 2026?

महिलाओं के स्वास्थ्य के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कार्रवाई दिवस हर साल 28 मई को मनाया जाता है, ताकि दुनिया भर में महिलाओं के अधिकारों और स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं तक समान पहुँच की वकालत की जा सके। महिलाओं के स्वास्थ्य के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कार्रवाई दिवस 2026 का विषय

(Theme) क्या है?

- (a) Health for All Women
- (b) Women's Empowerment in Healthcare
- (c) Essential, Not Optional
- (d) Global Health Equality
- (e) Safe Motherhood Initiative

Ans. c

Sol. 28 May - International Day of Action for Women's Health

International Day of Action for Women's Health is observed every year on 28 May to advocate for women's rights and equitable access to healthcare services worldwide.

Theme 2026 - Essential, Not Optional: Strengthening Health Systems to Uphold Health Rights and SRHRJ in Times of Polycrisis

The day focuses on promoting bodily autonomy, reproductive rights, and comprehensive healthcare access for women and girls across all regions.

